Trends in Child Care

In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers has dropped over the past few years while the total capacity for children has been relatively stable since June 2014.

In Franklin County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 227 with capacity for 3212 children in 2008, to 151 providers with capacity for 2800 children in June of 2015.*

Early Achievers

Early Achievers is Washington's Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS), which gives training, technical assistance, coaching, awards, scholarships, and other benefits to child care providers to improve the quality of their care.

Statewide, 2,758 child care providers have joined since July 2012.

Approximately 57% of licensed child care providers in Franklin County are enrolled in Early Achievers. Early Achievers will provide families with valuable child care program quality information so they can make informed child care choices.

Child Care Provider Type

- Centers
- Family Child Care
- School Age Only

Acceptance of State Subsidy

- Accept
- Do not accept

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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<th>Total</th>
<th>Child Care Centers</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
<th>Head Start &amp; State Preschool Sites</th>
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<td>90</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>74</td>
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Start Date | Enrollment as of
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1/1/13 | 8/26/15
Helping Families Find Child Care in 2015

In FY2015, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 16,027 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Franklin County alone, we helped 289 families with 477 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 420 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

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<td>Demand</td>
<td>17%</td>
<td>15%</td>
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Children Using Financial Aid

71%

Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income

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<th>Position</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
<td>$26,016</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
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Median Household Income

$58,188

Unemployment Rate

6.1%

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Data Sources:
Most data is from Child Care Aware of Washington. More data and full citations are available at [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org).


2 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2014-2015

3 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2013

4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013


6 Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2012 Child Care Survey

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Franklin County is in DEL Region 2 which includes: Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Yakima.

7 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, K-12 Data and Reports Builder, 2012-2013

For more information, go to [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org)