

# Child Care in Franklin County



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## Child Care Aware of Washington

Our mission is to **support families and caregivers, shape policy, and build communities** that promote the **learning and development of children and youth** throughout Washington State through a strong statewide network of local child care resource and referral programs.

Since 1989, our regional member programs and statewide Family Center have enhanced the quality of child care and helped families by:

- Delivering training, technical assistance, & consultation to child care providers
- Supplying families with consumer education & referrals for child care

(formerly the Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network)

### Franklin County

is served locally by

### Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington

a program of

Community-Minded Enterprises

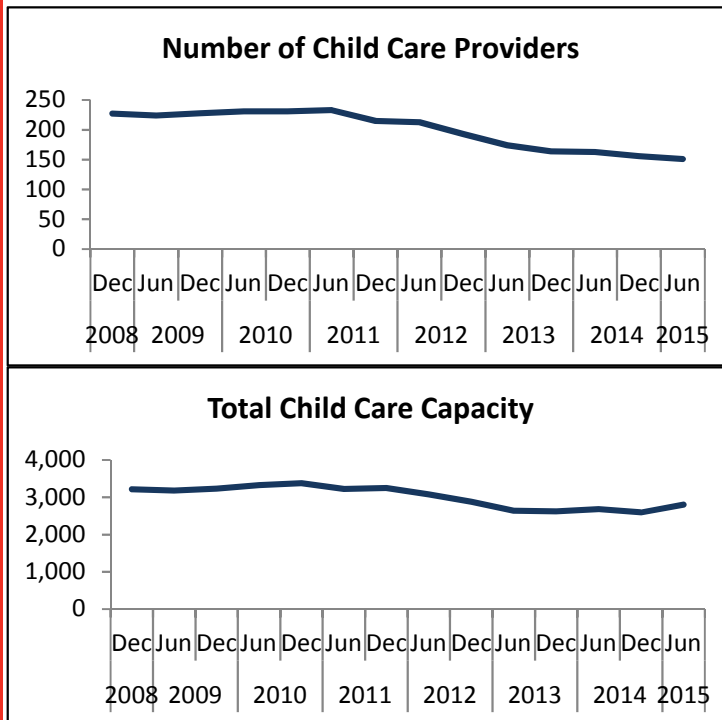
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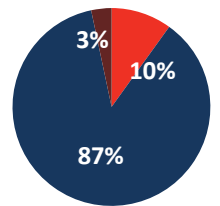
## Trends in Child Care

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.\*

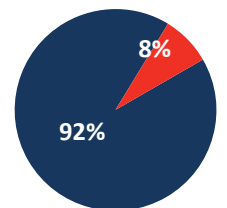


### Child Care Provider Type



- Centers
- Family Child Care
- School Age Only

### Acceptance of State Subsidy



- Accept
- Do not accept

## 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.

### Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

Total	90
Child Care Centers	10
Family Child Care	74
Head Start & State Preschool Sites	6
Start Date	1/1/13
Enrollment as of	8/26/15

**Demographics**

**Population<sup>1</sup>**

Total Population in 2014	86,600
Change since 2010	8,437
Children under 5 yrs	8,308
Children under 15 yrs	24,634
K-12 Enrollment <sup>2</sup>	19,118

**Economics**

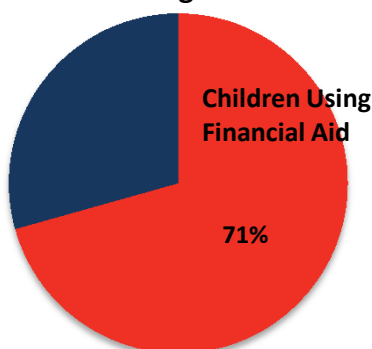
% of children under 18 living in poverty <sup>3</sup>	24%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working <sup>4</sup>	55.9 to 65.7%
Median Household Income <sup>1</sup>	\$58,188
Unemployment Rate <sup>5</sup>	6.1%

**Helping Families Find Child Care in 2015**

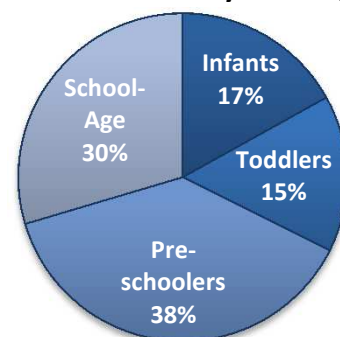
In FY2015, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 16,027 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

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**



**Compensation in 2012**

Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income <sup>6</sup>	
Child Care Center Teacher	\$26,016
Child Care Center Director	\$27,312
Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)	\$25,674
K-12 Teacher <sup>7</sup>	\$50,057

**Contact Child Care Aware of Washington**

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**Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2015**

Centers	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	\$901	\$938	\$689	19%
Toddler	\$702	\$823	\$575	14%
Preschool	\$609	\$681	\$533	13%
School Age	\$490	\$542	\$471	10%

Family Child Care	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	\$650	\$758	\$613	13%
Toddler	\$628	\$693	\$533	13%
Preschool	\$542	\$612	\$477	11%
School Age	\$477	\$542	\$477	10%

**Data Sources:**

Most data is from Child Care Aware of Washington. More data and full citations are available at <http://wa.childcareaware.org>.

\*Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only

<sup>1</sup> Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2014

<sup>2</sup> Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2014-2015

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2013

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013

<sup>5</sup> Washington State Employment Security Department; U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2015 (not seasonally-adjusted)

<sup>6</sup> 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.

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

**For more information, go to <http://wa.childcareaware.org>**