Child Care in
Island County

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 Island County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 74 with capacity for 1619 children in 2008, to 51 providers with capacity for 1382 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 43% of licensed child care providers in Island 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
- 61% Centers
- 31% Family Child Care
- 8% School Age Only

Acceptance of State Subsidy
- 75% Accept
- 25% Do not accept

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
- Total: 21
- Child Care Centers: 4
- Family Child Care: 14
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 3
- Start Date: 7/1/13
- Enrollment as of: 8/26/15
Child Care Aware of Washington County Profiles August 2015

Demographics
Population
- Total Population in 2014: 80,000
- Change since 2010: 1,494
- Children under 5 yrs: 5,103
- Children under 15 yrs: 13,726
- K-12 Enrollment²: 7,930

Economics
- % of children under 18 living in poverty³: 15.1%
- % of children under 6 w/ all parents working⁴: 50 to 60.4%
- Median Household Income¹: $56,710
- Unemployment Rate⁵: 6.1%

Compensation in 2012

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<th>Salary/Income</th>
<th>Child Care Center Teacher</th>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$37,107</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher⁷</td>
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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 Island County alone, we helped 82 families with 110 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 97 times.

Children Using Subsidies

| Children Using Financial Aid | 60% |

Referral Demand by Child Age

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<th>Pre-schoolers</th>
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<td>17%</td>
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<td>School-Age</td>
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Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2015

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<th>Centers</th>
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<td>$732</td>
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<td>$676</td>
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<td>$299</td>
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<td>$368</td>
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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.
*Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only
²Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2014-2015
³U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2013
⁴U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013
⁶Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2012 Child Care Survey
  Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Island County is in DEL Region 3 which includes: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom.
⁷Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, K-12 Data and Reports Builder, 2012-2013

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