Child Care in
Jefferson County

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)

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is served locally by
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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 Jefferson County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 20 with capacity for 296 children in 2008, to 12 providers with capacity for 303 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 18% of licensed child care providers in Jefferson 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: 50%
- Family Child Care: 42%
- School Age Only: 8%

Acceptance of State Subsidy
- Accept: 67%
- Do not accept: 33%

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
- Total: 2
- Child Care Centers: 2
- Family Child Care: 0
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 0
- Start Date: 7/1/12
- Enrollment as of: 8/26/15
### Demographics

#### Population

- Total Population in 2014: 30,700
- Change since 2010: 828
- Children under 5 yrs: 998
- Children under 15 yrs: 3,388
- K-12 Enrollment: 2,663

#### Economics

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 23.8%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 47.4 to 74%
- Median Household Income: $48,189
- Unemployment Rate: 6.9%

### Compromise in 2012

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<th>Salary/Income</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$32,951</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher</td>
<td>$52,778</td>
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### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2015

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<td>$687</td>
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### Referral Demand by Child Age

- 15% Infants
- 31% School-Age
- 27% Toddlers
- 27% Preschoolers

### Children Using Subsidies

- 70% receiving financial aid

### 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).

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


Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Jefferson County is in DEL Region 6 which includes: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Hbr, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum.

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)