Child Care in
Pierce 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)

Pierce County
is served locally by Child Care Aware of Tacoma-Pierce County
a program of Child Care Resources

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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 Pierce County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 772 with capacity for 20,679 children in 2008, to 577 providers with capacity for 18,824 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 41% of licensed child care providers in Pierce 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

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<tr>
<th>Center</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
<th>School Age Only</th>
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<td>10%</td>
<td>33%</td>
<td>57%</td>
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Acceptance of State Subsidy

- Accept: 76%
- Do not accept: 24%

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Count</th>
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<tr>
<td>Total</td>
<td>252</td>
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<tr>
<td>Child Care Centers</td>
<td>104</td>
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<tr>
<td>Family Child Care</td>
<td>109</td>
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<td>Head Start &amp; State Preschool Sites</td>
<td>39</td>
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<td>Start Date</td>
<td>7/1/12</td>
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<td>Enrollment as of</td>
<td>8/26/15</td>
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Demographics

Population

Population in 2014: 821,300
Change since 2010: 26,075
Children under 5 yrs: 56,983
Children under 15 yrs: 166,728
K-12 Enrollment: 128,111

Economics

% of children under 18 living in poverty: 19.3%
% of children under 6 with all parents working: 55.2 to 59%
Median Household Income: $58,526
Unemployment Rate: 6.3%

Compensation in 2012

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<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
<th>75th Percentile Cost</th>
<th>State Subsidy Rate</th>
<th>Median Cost as a % of Median Income</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
<td>$23,952</td>
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<td>$27,888</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider</td>
<td>$32,866</td>
<td>$711</td>
<td>$589</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
<td>$477</td>
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Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

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

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
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. Pierce County is in DEL Region 5 which includes: Kitsap, Pierce.

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