Child Care in Snohomish 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 Snohomish County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 753 with capacity for 18,192 children in 2008, to 566 providers with capacity for 15,876 children in June of 2015.*

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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)

Snohomish County is served locally by Child Care Aware of Northwest Washington

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Child Care Provider Type
8%
24%
68%

Acceptance of State Subsidy
26%
74%

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
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Child Care Centers 83
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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 Snohomish County alone, we helped 1262 families with 1739 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 1878 times.

**Demographics**

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<th>Population</th>
<th>Total Population in 2014</th>
<th>741,000</th>
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<td>Change since 2010</td>
<td>27,665</td>
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<td>Children under 5 yrs</td>
<td>46,377</td>
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<td>Children under 15 yrs</td>
<td>142,855</td>
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<td>K-12 Enrollment(^2)</td>
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**Economics**

- % of children under 18 living in poverty\(^3\) | 14.5%
- % of children under 6 w/all parents working\(^4\) | 56.8 to 61.2%
- Median Household Income\(^1\) | $65,454
- Unemployment Rate\(^5\) | 4.2%

**Compensation in 2012**

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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$33,960</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider</td>
<td>$37,107</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher(^7)</td>
<td>$53,274</td>
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**Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2015**

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<th>Centers</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
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<td>$1,166</td>
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<td>$912</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$910</td>
<td>$1,105</td>
<td>$760</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$780</td>
<td>$975</td>
<td>$657</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
<td>$498</td>
<td>$663</td>
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**Family Child Care**

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<td>$867</td>
<td>$917</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$780</td>
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<td>$693</td>
<td>$758</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
<td>$433</td>
<td>$588</td>
<td>$561</td>
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**Referral Demand by Child Age**

- Infants 20%
- Toddlers 29%
- Preschoolers 31%
- School-Age 29%

**Children Using Subsidies**

- 57%

**Note:**
- Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Snohomish County is in DEL Region 3 which includes: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom.
- 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
- Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2014-2015
- U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2013
- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2013
- Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2012 Child Care Survey
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- Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, K-12 Data and Reports Builder, 2012-2013

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