Child Care in
Spokane County

August 2015

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 Spokane County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 441 with capacity for 13,436 children in 2008, to 277 providers with capacity for 10,724 children in June of 2015.*

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)

Spokane County is served locally by

Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington

A program of Community-Minded Enterprises

25 W Main Ste 310
Spokane, WA 99201

http://community-minded.org/child-care
800.446.2229

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 Spokane 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

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<tr>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Child Care Centers</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
<th>Head Start &amp; State</th>
<th>Preschool Sites</th>
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<td>134</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>22</td>
<td>25</td>
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Start Date

Enrollment as of

7/1/12
8/26/15

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.

85%
15%

Acceptance of State Subsidy

Centers
Family Child Care
School Age Only

43%
44%
13%

Number of Child Care Providers

0 100 200 300 400 500

Total Child Care Capacity

0 5,000 10,000 15,000 20,000
## Demographics

**Population**

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<th>Description</th>
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<td>Total Population in 2014</td>
<td>484,500</td>
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<td>Change since 2010</td>
<td>13,279</td>
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<td>Children under 5 yrs</td>
<td>30,087</td>
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<td>Children under 15 yrs</td>
<td>91,364</td>
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<td>K-12 Enrollment</td>
<td>73,479</td>
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## Economics

- **% of children under 18 living in poverty**: 20.2%
- **% of children under 6 w/ all parents working**: 58.2 to 63%
- **Median Household Income**: $50,228
- **Unemployment Rate**: 6.3%

## Compensation in 2012

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<th>Position</th>
<th>Salary/Income</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$29,988</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider</td>
<td>$26,732</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher</td>
<td>$53,399</td>
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## Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2015

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<th>Center</th>
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<td>$689</td>
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<td>$628</td>
<td>$724</td>
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<td>$451</td>
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## Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

1551 Broadway, Ste 300
Tacoma, WA 98402
866.416.4321

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
- 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
  - Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Spokane County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or., Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.
- 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)