Child Care in
Franklin 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)

Franklin County
is served locally by
Child Care Aware of
Eastern Washington
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Trends in Child Care
In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers declined from 2011-
2013, but the number of providers and total capacity for children has stabilized in the
last few years.

In Franklin County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 233 with
capacity for 3226 children in 2011, to 145 providers with capacity for 2707 children in
June of 2016.*

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, 4,011 child care providers have joined since July 2012.

Approximately 91% of licensed child care providers in
Franklin County are enrolled in Early Achievers. Early
Achievers provides families with valuable child care
program quality information so they can make informed
child care choices.

Child Care Provider
Type

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Type</th>
<th>Percentage</th>
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<tr>
<td>Centers</td>
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<tr>
<td>Family Child Care</td>
<td>87%</td>
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<td>School Age Only</td>
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Acceptance of State
Subsidy

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<td>92%</td>
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Early Achievers (QRIS)
Participation

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<td>Head Start &amp; State</td>
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<td>Preschool Sites</td>
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Enrollment as of 8/10/16
Helping Families Find Child Care in 2016

In FY2016, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 16,723 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Franklin County alone, we helped 234 families with 384 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 325 times.

### Children Using Subsidies

- 68% using financial aid

### Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 18%
- Toddlers: 27%
- Preschoolers: 21%
- School-Age: 34%

### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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<th>Centers</th>
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<th>State Subsidy Rate</th>
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<td>Infant</td>
<td>$901</td>
<td>$938</td>
<td>$703</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$702</td>
<td>$802</td>
<td>$586</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$607</td>
<td>$672</td>
<td>$544</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](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, 2015-2016
- U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2014
- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2014
- Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey
  - Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Franklin County is in DEL Region 2 which includes: Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Yakima.
- Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2015-2016

For more information, go to [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org)