Child Care in
Jefferson 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)

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is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Olympic Peninsula

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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 Jefferson County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 13 with capacity for 244 children in 2011, to 12 providers with capacity for 311 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 67% of licensed child care providers in Jefferson 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.

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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<td>Child Care Centers</td>
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<td>Family Child Care</td>
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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
# Child Care Aware of Washington County Profiles

## Demographics

### Population

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<th>2015</th>
<th>2011</th>
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<td>Total Population</td>
<td>30,880</td>
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<td>Change since 2011</td>
<td>830</td>
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<td>Children under 5 yrs</td>
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<td>Children under 15 yrs</td>
<td>3,328</td>
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<td>K-12 Enrollment</td>
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## Economics

### Unemployment Rate


### Median Household Income

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<td>Median Household Income</td>
<td>$50,161</td>
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### Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2015-2016

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.

## Compensation in 2014

### Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income

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<th>Position</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
<td>$24,900</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$30,288</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$42,191</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$53,746</td>
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## Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

### Children Using Subsidies

- Infants: 4%
- Toddlers: 39%
- Preschoolers: 31%
- School-Age: 26%

### Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 83%
- Toddlers: 17%
- Preschoolers: 9%
- School-Age: 8%

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

### In Jefferson County alone, we helped 19 families with 24 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 24 times.

### Children Using Financial Aid

- 83%

### 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


2 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2015-2016

3 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2014

4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2014

5 Washington State Employment Security Department; U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2016 (not seasonally-adjusted)

6 Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey

7 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)