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 Washington State, the number of child care providers has dropped from 7,196 with capacity for 174,300 children in 2011, to 5,617 providers with capacity for 165,404 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 71% of licensed child care providers in WA are enrolled in Early Achievers, serving over 74,000 children*. Early Achievers provides families with valuable child care program quality rating information so they can make informed child care choices.
Demographics
Population
Total Population in 2015 7,061,410
Change since 2011 293,510
Children under 5 yrs 440,331
Children under 15 yrs 1,333,992
K-12 Enrollment 1,088,959

Economics
% of children under 18 living in poverty 17.5%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working 58.8 to 60.2%
Median Household Income $60,153
Unemployment Rate 5.5%

Compensation in 2014
Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income

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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 Washington State, we helped 16,723 families with 23,756 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 23,061 times.

Children Using Subsidies
Referral Demand by Child Age

Children Using Financial Aid 58%

Infants 21%
Pre-schoolers 21%
Toddlers 30%
School-Age 28%

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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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.

*Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only
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