Child Care in
Yakima County

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 Yakima County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 539 with capacity for 9559 children in 2011, to 372 providers with capacity for 8675 children in June of 2016.*

Child Care Provider Type

Acceptance of State Subsidy

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 86% of licensed child care providers in Yakima 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 Aware of Washington County Profiles
August 2016

Demographics
Population
Total Population in 2015 249,970
Change since 2011 5,270
Children under 5 yrs 22,576
Children under 15 yrs 65,386
K-12 Enrollment 53,547

Economics
% of children under 18 living in poverty 30.3%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working 60 to 66.2%
Median Household Income $43,050
Unemployment Rate 7.7%

Compensation in 2014
Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income
Child Care Center Teacher $24,900
Child Care Center Director $32,604
Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings) $30,022
K-12 Teacher (Statewide) $53,746

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 Yakima County alone, we helped 609 families with 992 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 796 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

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
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
   Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Yakima County is in DEL Region 2 which includes: Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Yakima.
7 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2015-2016

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