Child Care in
Ferry County

January 2017

Trends in Child Care

In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers and capacity for children declined several years ago, but since 2013 the number of providers has become more stable.

In Ferry County, the number of child care providers has stayed the same at 1 provider with capacity for 22 children in 2012, to 2 providers with capacity for 24 children in December 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, 3,998 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 100% of licensed child care providers in Ferry 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.
### Demographics

#### Population
- Total Population in 2016: 7,700
- Change since 2012: 50
- Children under 5 yrs: 355
- Children under 15 yrs: 1,141
- K-12 Enrollment: 870

#### Economics
- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 30.5%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 64.3 to 84.9%
- Median Household Income: $41,343
- Unemployment Rate: 10.3%

### Compensation in 2014

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<tr>
<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
<td>$23,712</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>$696</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$30,804</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$34,966</td>
<td>N/A</td>
<td>N/A</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$57,822</td>
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### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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<td>Infant</td>
<td>$611</td>
<td>$626</td>
<td>$642</td>
<td>18%</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$568</td>
<td>$598</td>
<td>$558</td>
<td>16%</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$542</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
<td>$401</td>
<td>$489</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, 2016-2017
- U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015
- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015
- Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey
- Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Ferry County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or., Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.

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