Child Care in Franklin 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 Franklin County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 213 with capacity for 3075 children in 2012, to 139 providers with capacity for 2704 children in December of 2016.*

Child Care Provider Type

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 90% 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.
### Demographics

**Population**

- Total Population in 2016: 88,670
- Change since 2012: 6,170
- Children under 5 yrs: 8,274
- Children under 15 yrs: 24,838

**K-12 Enrollment**

- 19,932

### Economics

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 21.3%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 52.6 to 64%
- Median Household Income: $58,538
- Unemployment Rate: 7.5%

### Compensation in 2014

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
<th>Centers</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
<th>75th Percentile Cost</th>
<th>State Subsidy Rate</th>
<th>Median Cost as a % of Median Income</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
<td>$24,900</td>
<td>$901</td>
<td>$938</td>
<td>$703</td>
<td>18%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$32,604</td>
<td>$758</td>
<td>$802</td>
<td>$586</td>
<td>16%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$30,022</td>
<td>$650</td>
<td>$681</td>
<td>$544</td>
<td>13%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$57,822</td>
<td>$542</td>
<td>$650</td>
<td>$481</td>
<td>11%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

### Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

1551 Broadway, Ste 300
Tacoma, WA 98402
866.416.4321

### Helping Families Find Child Care in 2016

In 2016, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 15,753 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Franklin County alone, we helped 230 families with 380 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 330 times.

### Children Using Subsidies

- 72%

### Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 19%
- Toddlers: 29%
- Pre-schoolers: 20%
- School-Age: 32%

### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
<th>75th Percentile Cost</th>
<th>State Subsidy Cost</th>
<th>Median Cost as a % of Median Income</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Infant</td>
<td>$715</td>
<td>$758</td>
<td>$664</td>
<td>15%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$650</td>
<td>$758</td>
<td>$578</td>
<td>13%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$563</td>
<td>$650</td>
<td>$530</td>
<td>12%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>School Age</td>
<td>$542</td>
<td>$607</td>
<td>$487</td>
<td>11%</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**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, 2016-2017
   
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.

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)