Child Care in
Skagit County

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Child Care Aware of Washington

Child Care Aware of Washington provides thorough and independent information and support:
- For families seeking quality child care
- For child care programs seeking to improve quality and
- For effective policymaking

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)

Skagit County is served locally by Child Care Aware of Northwest Washington, a program of The Opportunity Council.

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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 Skagit County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 171 with capacity for 3073 children in 2012, to 105 providers with capacity for 2561 children in December of 2016.*

The Opportunity Council
Statewide, 3,998 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 88% of licensed child care providers in Skagit 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>Total</td>
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<td>Child Care Centers</td>
<td>19</td>
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<td>Family Child Care</td>
<td>66</td>
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<td>Head Start &amp; State Preschool Sites</td>
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Enrollment as of 2/28/17
Child Care Aware of Washington County Profiles

Demographics

Population

Total Population in 2016: 122,270
Change since 2012: 4,320
Children under 5 yrs: 7,286
Children under 15 yrs: 22,787
K-12 Enrollment: 18,951

Economics

% of children under 18 living in poverty: 20.4%
% of children under 6 with all parents working: 56 to 64.6%
Median Household Income: $54,852
Unemployment Rate: 6.5%

Compensation in 2014

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<tr>
<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
<th>Centers</th>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
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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 Skagit County alone, we helped 180 families with 271 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 245 times.

Children Using Subsidies

Referral Demand by Child Age

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$693</td>
<td>$750</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
<td>$542</td>
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Family Child Care

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<td>$615</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


2 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2016-2017

3 U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015

4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015

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. Skagit County is in DEL Region 3 which includes: Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Whatcom.

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)