Child Care in Skamania County

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 Skamania County, the number of child care providers has stayed the same from 5 with capacity for 93 children in 2012, to 5 providers with capacity for 93 children in December of 2016.*

Child Care Provider Type
- Centers
- Family Child Care
- School Age Only

State Subsidy
- Accept all ages
- Do not accept
- Accept school age only

Number of Child Care Providers

Total Child Care Capacity

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 80% of licensed child care providers in Skamania 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
- Total: 5
- Child Care Centers: 1
- Family Child Care: 3
- Head Start & State: 1
- Preschool Sites: 1

Enrollment as of: 2/28/17
**Demographics**

**Population**

Total Population in 2016: 11,500  
Change since 2012: 225  
Children under 5 yrs: 517  
Children under 15 yrs: 1,836  
K-12 Enrollment: 1,034

**Economics**

% of children under 18 living in poverty: 20.5%  
% of children under 6 with all parents working: 38.6 to 64.6%  
Median Household Income: $51,429  
Unemployment Rate: 7.1%

**Compensation in 2014**

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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$42,191</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
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**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 Skamania County alone, we helped 5 families with 7 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 5 times.

**Children Using Subsidies**

| Children Using Financial Aid | 71% |

**Referral Demand by Child Age**

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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. Skamania County is in DEL Region 6 which includes: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Hbr, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum.  
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)