Child Care in
Spokane 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 Spokane County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 357 with capacity for 12,264 children in 2012, to 281 providers with capacity for 11,906 children in December of 2016.*

Child Care Provider Type

- 13% Centers
- 39% Family Child Care
- 48% School Age Only

State Subsidy

- 26% Accept all ages
- 22% Do not accept
- 52% Accept school age only

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 66% of licensed child care providers in Spokane 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 191
Child Care Centers 106
Family Child Care 57
Head Start & State Preschool Sites 28
Enrollment as of 2/28/17
Demographics

Population
- Total Population in 2016: 492,530
- Change since 2012: 16,930
- Children under 5 yrs: 30,228
- Children under 15 yrs: 92,421
- K-12 Enrollment: 75,627

Economics

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 19.6%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 56.3 to 61.1%
- Median Household Income: $50,856
- Unemployment Rate: 5.6%

Compensation in 2014

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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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>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$57,822</td>
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Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

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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 Spokane County alone, we helped 933 families with 1346 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 1226 times.

Children Using Subsidies

72%

Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 21%
- Toddlers: 30%
- Preschoolers: 21%
- School-Age: 28%

Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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<td>Infant</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$650</td>
<td>$737</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$563</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
<td>$520</td>
<td>$567</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.

*Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only

2Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2016-2017
3U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015
4U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015
5Washington State Employment Security Department; U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2016 (not seasonally-adjusted)
6Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Spokane County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or., Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.

7Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2015-2016

For more information, go to http://wa.childcareaware.org