Child Care in
Stevens 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 Stevens County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 19 with capacity for 305 children in 2012, to 12 providers with capacity for 251 children in December of 2016.*

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<th>Number of Child Care Providers</th>
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<th>Total Child Care Capacity</th>
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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 73% of licensed child care providers in Stevens 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: 44,100
Change since 2012: 400
Children under 5 yrs: 2,230
Children under 15 yrs: 7,475
K-12 Enrollment: 5,821

Economics

% of children under 18 living in poverty: 27.2%
% of children under 6 with all parents working: 39.4 to 53.6%
Median Household Income: $45,683
Unemployment Rate: 7.6%

Compensation in 2014

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
<td>$23,712</td>
<td>$791</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$30,804</td>
<td>$676</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$34,966</td>
<td>$676</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 Stevens County alone, we helped 17 families with 28 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 19 times.

Children Using Subsidies

86%

Referral Demand by Child Age

Infants: 11%
Toddlers: 36%
Preschoolers: 21%
School-Age: 32%

Monetary Cost of Child Care in 2016

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<td>Median Cost</td>
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<td>75th Percentile Cost</td>
<td>$553</td>
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<td>State Subsidy Rate</td>
<td>$458</td>
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<td>Median Cost as a % of Median Income</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

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

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