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 Walla Walla County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 57 with capacity for 1418 children in 2012, to 56 providers with capacity for 1282 children in December of 2016.*

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)

Walla Walla County

is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington

a program of Community-Minded Enterprises

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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 82% of licensed child care providers in Walla Walla 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.

Child Care Provider Type

- Centers 13%
- Family Child Care 21%
- School Age Only 66%

State Subsidy

- Accept all ages 30%
- Do not accept 18%
- Accept school age only 52%

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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### Demographics

**Population**
- Total Population in 2016: 60,730
- Change since 2012: 1,630
- Children under 5 yrs: 3,410
- Children under 15 yrs: 10,889
- K-12 Enrollment: 8,733

### Economics

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 20.9%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 63.8 to 75.2%
- Median Household Income: $50,835
- Unemployment Rate: 5.2%

### Compensation in 2014

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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
<td>$24,900</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$32,604</td>
<td>$36,079</td>
<td>$39,629</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$30,022</td>
<td>$32,773</td>
<td>$35,599</td>
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<td>16%</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$57,822</td>
<td>$61,800</td>
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### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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<td>Infant</td>
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<td>$542</td>
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### Contact Child Care Aware of Washington

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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
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)