**Child Care in**

**Yakima 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 Yakima County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 481 with capacity for 9180 children in 2012, to 363 providers with capacity for 8316 children in December of 2016.*

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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 86% of licensed child care providers in Yakima 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.

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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)

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**Yakima County**

is served locally by **Child Care Aware of Central Washington**

a program of Catholic Family & Child Service

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**Child Care Provider Type**

- 76% Centers
- 20% Family Child Care
- 4% School Age Only

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**State Subsidy**

- 82% Accept all ages
- 7% Do not accept
- 11% Accept school age only

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**Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation**

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<th>Child Care Centers</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
<th>Head Start &amp; State Preschool Sites</th>
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<td>311</td>
<td>55</td>
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Enrollment as of 2/28/17
Demographics

Population
- Total Population in 2016: 250,900
- Change since 2012: 4,900
- Children under 5 yrs: 23,363
- Children under 15 yrs: 66,774
- K-12 Enrollment: 53,754

Economics
- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 27.4%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 60.9 to 66.7%
- Median Household Income: $43,050
- Unemployment Rate: 8.3%

Compensation in 2014

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<tr>
<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
<th>Centers</th>
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<td>Infant</td>
<td>$726</td>
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<td>$594</td>
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<td>$325</td>
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Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2016

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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
- Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2016-2017
- U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015
- U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015
- Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey
- Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Yakima County is in DEL Region 2 which includes: Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Yakima.
- 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)