Child Care in
Chelan County

January 2018

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 Chelan County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 134 with capacity for 1973 children in 2013, to 111 providers with capacity for 1815 children in December of 2017.*

Child Care Provider Type
- 15% Centers
- 85% Family Child Care
- 0% School Age Only

State Subsidy
- 86% Accept all ages
- 14% Do not accept
- 0% 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, 3,921 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 92% of licensed child care providers in Chelan 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 105
- Child Care Centers 12
- Family Child Care 89
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites 4
- Enrollment as of 3/8/18

Chelan County
is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Central Washington

a program of
Catholic Charities

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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)
### Demographics

**Population**
- Total Population in 2017: 76,830
- Change since 2013: 3,230
- Children under 5 yrs: 4,791
- Children under 15 yrs: 15,067
- K-12 Enrollment: 12,974

### Economics

- *% of children under 18 living in poverty*: 16.4%
- *% of children under 6 with all parents working*: 51.2 to 64.8%
- Median Household Income: $53,068
- Unemployment Rate: 4.5%

### Compensation in 2014

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### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2017

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### Children Using Subsidies

- 61% of children using financial aid

### Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 20%
- Toddlers: 29%
- Preschoolers: 21%
- School-Age: 30%

### 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, 2016-2017

For more information, go to [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org)