Child Care in
Clark 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 Clark County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 270 with capacity for 8313 children in 2013, to 240 providers with capacity for 8693 children in December of 2017.*

Child Care Provider Type
- Centers
- Family Child Care
- School Age Only

State Subsidy
- Accept all ages
- Do not accept
- 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 61% of licensed child care providers in Clark 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: 156
- Child Care Centers: 69
- Family Child Care: 59
- Head Start & State: 28
- Preschool Sites: 28

Enrollment as of 3/8/18
Helping Families Find Child Care in 2017

In 2017, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 14,456 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Clark County alone, we helped 889 families with 1274 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 1148 times.

Children Using Subsidies

- 63% of children under 18 using financial aid
- 471,000 children using financial aid
- 35,500 children using financial aid

Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants 18%
- Toddlers 31%
- Preschoolers 22%
- School-Age 29%

Median Household Income

- $63,639

Unemployment Rate

- 4.4%

Compensation in 2014

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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<td>$24,900</td>
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<td>Child Care Center Director</td>
<td>$30,288</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$42,191</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$58,821</td>
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Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2017

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<td>Infant</td>
<td>$758</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
<td>$737</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$650</td>
<td>$758</td>
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<td>$433</td>
<td>$542</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
7Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Clark County is in DEL Region 6 which includes: Clallam, Clark, Cowlitz, Grays Hbr, Jefferson, Klickitat, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Skamania, Thurston, Wahkiakum.

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