Child Care in
Douglas 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 Douglas County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 79 with capacity for 1175 children in 2013, to 68 providers with capacity for 1081 children in December of 2017.*

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 82% of licensed child care providers in Douglas 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: 3%
- Family Child Care: 93%
- School Age Only: 4%

State Subsidy
- Accept all ages: 85%
- Do not accept: 15%
- Accept school age only: 0%

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation
- Total: 60
- Child Care Centers: 1
- Family Child Care: 55
- Head Start & State Preschool Sites: 4

Enrollment as of 3/8/18

Douglas County
is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Central Washington
a program of Catholic Charities
5201 Tieton Dr.
Yakima, WA 98908
http://catholiccharitiescw.org
877.965.7109

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: 41,420
- Change since 2013: 2,140
- Children under 5 yrs: 2,688
- Children under 15 yrs: 8,743
- K-12 Enrollment: 7,609

## Economics

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 17.8%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 58.5 to 72.9%
- Median Household Income: $50,886
- Unemployment Rate: 5.0%

## Compensation in 2014

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
<td>$34,966</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
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### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2017

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<td>$652</td>
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<td>Toddler</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$542</td>
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<td>$273</td>
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For more information, go to [http://wa.childcareaware.org](http://wa.childcareaware.org)