Child Care in
Walla Walla County

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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)

Walla Walla County

is served locally by
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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 56 with capacity for 1222 children in 2013, to 52 providers with capacity for 1261 children in December of 2017.*

Child Care Provider Type

Child Care Provider

Centers 14%
Family Child Care 65%
School Age Only 21%

State Subsidy

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Accept all ages 52%
Do not accept 37%
Accept school age only 11%

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 79% 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.

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

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Enrollment as of 3/8/18
### Demographics

#### Population
- **Total Population in 2017**: 61,400
- **Change since 2013**: 1,900
- **Children under 5 yrs**: 3,462
- **Children under 15 yrs**: 11,056
- **K-12 Enrollment**: 8,702

#### Economics
- **% of children under 18 living in poverty**: 17%
- **% of children under 6 with all parents working**: 51.7 to 68.1%
- **Median Household Income**: $49,619
- **Unemployment Rate**: 4.2%

### Compensation in 2014

#### Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income

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### 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 Walla Walla County alone, we helped 132 families with 170 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 158 times.

#### Children Using Subsidies

- 61% of children using financial aid

#### Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 33%
- Toddlers: 36%
- Pre-schoolers: 17%
- School-Age: 14%

### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2017

#### Centers

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#### Family Child Care

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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

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Walla Walla County is in DEL Region 2 which includes: Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Yakima.

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)