

**Child Care in Whitman County**

**January 2018**

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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, 3,921 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.**

Approximately 62% of licensed child care providers in Whitman 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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**Whitman County**

is served locally by

**Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington**

a program of

Community-Minded Enterprises

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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 Whitman County, the number of child care providers has increased from 23 with capacity for 981 children in 2013, to 25 providers with capacity for 1173 children in December of 2017.*

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* [Graphs and charts depicting changes in child care providers and capacity over time.]

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**Child Care Provider Type**

- 12% Centers
- 36% Family Child Care
- 52% School Age Only

**State Subsidy**

- 36% Accept all ages
- 8% Do not accept
- 56% Accept school age only

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**Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation**

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<tr>
<th>Total</th>
<th>Child Care Centers</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
<th>Head Start &amp; State Preschool Sites</th>
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Enrollment as of 3/8/18
Child Care Aware of Washington County Profiles
January 2018

Demographics

**Population**

- Total Population in 2017: 48,640
- Change since 2013: 2,640
- Children under 5 yrs: 2,167
- Children under 15 yrs: 6,019
- K-12 Enrollment: 4,777

**Economics**

- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 14.7%
- % of children under 6 with all parents working: 48.5 to 62.9%
- Median Household Income: $43,379
- Unemployment Rate: 3.9%

Compensation in 2014

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<tr>
<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
<th>Centers</th>
<th>Median Cost</th>
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<th>State Subsidy Rate</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
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For more information, go to http://wa.childcareaware.org

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. Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Whitman County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or, Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.

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