In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers declined from 2008-2013, becoming more stable from 2014-2020 although still in decline at a lesser rate. Capacity for children declined from 2008-2013, however due to more family child care closures than center-based care, capacity has risen from 2014-2019. There is a dip in number of providers and capacity in 2020. This may be understated because as of June 2020, 27% of child care capacity was temporarily closed due to COVID and based on our surveys of child care providers, some of these sites will not re-open.

In Spokane County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 277 with capacity for 10,724 children in 2015, to 245 providers with capacity for 11,357 children in June of 2020.*

### 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

### Spokane County

is served locally by
Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington
a program of Community-Minded Enterprises
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http://community-minded.org/childcare

### 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, 3,831 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 63% of licensed child care providers in Spokane 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.
### Demographics

**Population**
- Total Population in 2019: 515,250
- Change since 2015: 26,940
- Children under 5 yrs: 30,854
- Children under 15 yrs: 97,750
- K-12 Enrollment: 76,796

**Economics**
- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 14.8%
- % of children under 6 w/ all parents working: 55.1 to 61.7%
- Median Household Income: $50,430
- Unemployment Rate: 9.7%

### Compensation in 2018

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<th>Child Care Center Teacher</th>
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### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2019

#### Centers

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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

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4 U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2018


6 Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2018 Child Care Survey

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

7 Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2017-2018

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