In Skagit County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 103 with capacity for 2,573 children in 2017, to 87 providers with capacity for 2,349 children in December of 2021.*

**Number of Child Care Providers**

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**Total Child Care Capacity**

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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, 3,926 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.**

Approximately 80% of licensed child care providers in Skagit 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: 76
- Child Care Centers: 19
- Family Child Care: 49
- Head Start & State: 8
- Preschool Sites: 8

Enrollment as of 12/1/21

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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

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Helping Families Find Child Care in 2021

In 2021, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 12,580 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Skagit County alone, we helped 171 families with 239 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 237 times.

### Demographics

**Population**
- Total Population in 2020: 130,450
- Change since 2015: 9,830
- Children under 5 yrs: 7,223
- Children under 15 yrs: 24,085
- K-12 Enrollment: 19,148

**Economics**
- % of children under 18 living in poverty: 16.2%
- % of children under 6 w/ all parents working: 54. to 59.8%
- Median Household Income: $62,055
- Unemployment Rate: 5.4%

### Compensation in 2018

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<th>Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income</th>
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<td>Child Care Center Teacher</td>
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<td>Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)</td>
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<td>K-12 Teacher (Statewide)</td>
<td>$79,524</td>
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### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2021

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<th>Centers</th>
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<td>School Age</td>
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**Data Sources:**
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*Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only

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