In Chelan County, the number of child care providers has increased from 105 with capacity for 1,772 children in 2018, to 111 providers with capacity for 2,070 children in December of 2022.*

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**Number of Child Care Providers**

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**Total Child Care Capacity**

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**Child Care Provider Type**

- 16% Centers
- 79% Family Child Care
- 5% School Age Only

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**State Subsidy**

- 81% Accept all ages
- 14% Accept school age only
- 5% Do not accept

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**Early Achievers**

Early Achievers is Washington’s Quality Recognition 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, 4,225 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.**

Approximately 83% of licensed child care providers in Chelan 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.
Helping Families Find Child Care in 2022

In 2022, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 13,579 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Chelan County alone, we helped 97 families with 130 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 139 times.

### Children Using Subsidies

- **Children Using Financial Aid**: 32%

### Referral Demand by Child Age

- Infants: 24%
- Preschoolers: 24%
- Toddlers: 32%

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### Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2022

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<td>$900</td>
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<td>Preschool</td>
<td>$870</td>
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<td>School Age</td>
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<td>$551</td>
<td>$848</td>
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Data Sources:

- Most data is from Child Care Aware of Washington. More data and full citations are available at https://www.childcareawarewa.org.
- *Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only
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- Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Chelan County is in Central Washington which includes: Adams, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Grant, Kittitas, Okanogan, Yakima.
- Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2022-23

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