

Washington's Workforce Today and Tomorrow The State of Child Care in Douglas County Washington



Approximately 21% of children under age 18 are living in poverty ¹



Approximately 68% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work ¹



Are young children in Douglas County ready for kindergarten when they enter?



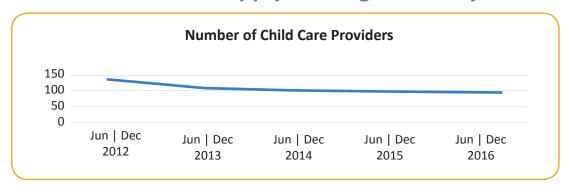
Only 38% of children in Douglas County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²



Only 30% of low-income children in Douglas County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²

Nearly 41,000 people call Douglas County home. Almost 2,700 are children younger than 5 years old. ³

Child care supply in Douglas County



In Douglas County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 99 with capacity for 1,440 children in 2012, to 70 providers with capacity for 1,111 children in December 2016.*

Notes:

- * Licensed child care and exempt school-age programs only in Douglas County
- 1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2015

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Bridgeport, Eastmont, Orondo and Waterville school districts.
- WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016