

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



Approximately 13% of children under age 18 are living in poverty <sup>1</sup>



Approximately 61% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work <sup>1</sup>



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

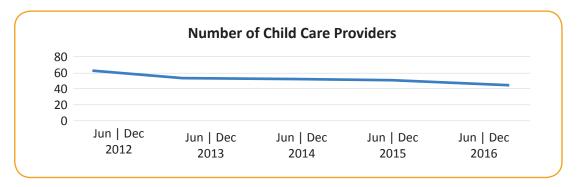


Only 46% of children in Island County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. <sup>2</sup>



Only 40% of low-income children in Island County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. <sup>2</sup> Almost 83,000 people call Island County home. Over 5,000 are children younger than 5 years old. <sup>3</sup>

## **Child care supply in Island County**



In Island County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 64 with capacity for 1,439 children in 2012, to 45 providers with capacity for 1,298 children in December 2016.\*

## Notes:

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

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Oak Harbor, Standwood-Camano, South Whidbey and Coupeville school districts.
- 3. WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016