

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



Approximately 10.6% of children under age 18 are living in poverty ¹



Approximately 59% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work ¹



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



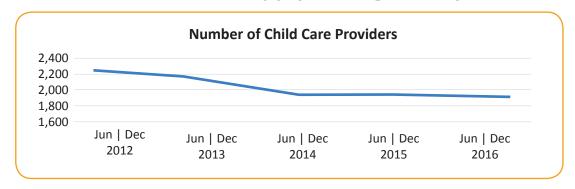
Only 58% of children in King County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²



Only 36% of low-income children in King County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²

More than 2,105,000 people call King County home. Over 125,000 are children younger than 5 years old. 3

Child care supply in King County



In King County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 2,211 with capacity for 58,540 children in 2012, to 1,902 providers with capacity for 62,133 children in December 2016.*

Notes:

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

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Seattle, Lake Washington, Kent, Federal Way, Northshore school districts.
- 3. WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016