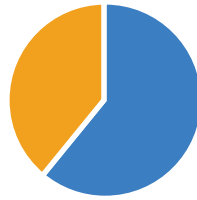




Approximately 16.7% of children under age 18 are living in poverty ¹



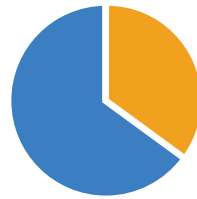
Approximately 58% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work ¹



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



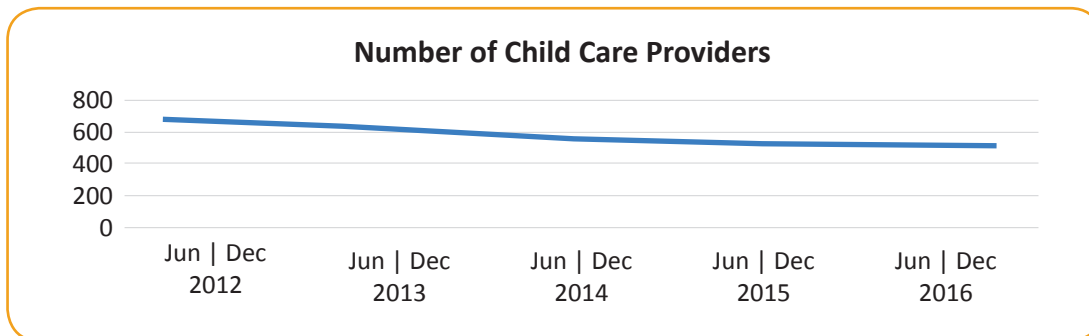
Only 45% of children in Pierce County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²



Only 35% of low-income children in Pierce County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²

More than 845,000 people call Pierce County home. Over 59,000 are children younger than 5 years old. ³

Child care supply in Pierce County



In Pierce County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 673 with capacity for 19,972 children in 2012, to 535 providers with capacity for 18,493 children in December 2016.*

Notes:

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

2. Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Tacoma, Puyallup, Bethel, Clover Park, Sumner school districts.
3. WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016