

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



Over 27% of children under age 18 are living in poverty ¹



Approximately 64% of children under age 6 live in homes where all adults work ¹



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

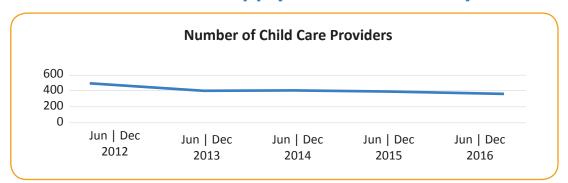


Only 30% of children in Yakima County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ²



Only 23% of low-income children in Yakima County demonstrate characteristics of entering kindergartners in 6 of 6 domains. ² More than 250,000 people call Yakima County home.
Over 23,000 are children younger than 5 years old. 3

Child care supply in Yakima County



In Yakima County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 481 with capacity for 9,180 children in 2012, to 363 providers with capacity for 8,316 children in December 2016.*

Notes:

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

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, WA State Report Card, WaKIDS data, 2016-17 school year, Yakima, Sunnyside, West Valley, Toppenish and Selah school districts.
- WA State Office of Financial Management, 2016