



Child Care in Kittitas County



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Child Care Aware of Washington

Child Care Aware of Washington provides thorough and independent information and support:

- For families seeking quality child care
- For child care programs seeking to improve quality and
 - For effective policymaking

Since 1989, our regional member programs and statewide Family Center have enhanced the quality of child care and helped families by:

- Delivering training, technical assistance, & consultation to child care providers
- Supplying families with consumer education & referrals for child care

(formerly the Washington State Child Care Resource & Referral Network)

Kittitas County

is served locally by

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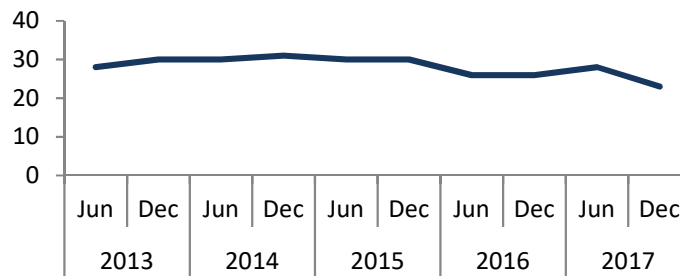
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Trends in Child Care

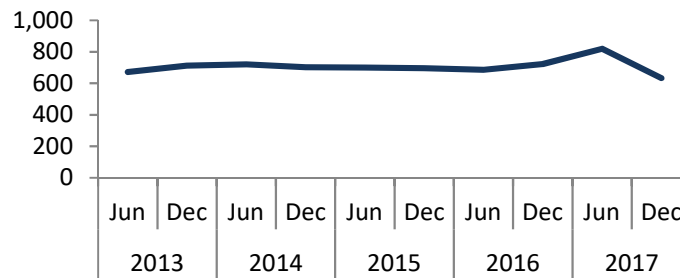
In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers and capacity for children declined several years ago, but since 2013 the number of providers has become more stable.

In Kittitas County, the number of child care providers has dropped from 28 with capacity for 672 children in 2013, to 23 providers with capacity for 633 children in December of 2017.*

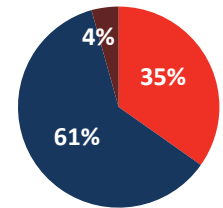
Number of Child Care Providers



Total Child Care Capacity

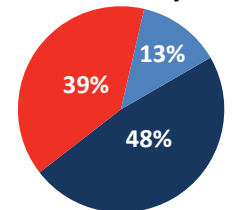


Child Care Provider Type



- Centers
- Family Child Care
- School Age Only

State Subsidy



- Accept all ages
- Do not accept
- Accept school age only

Early Achievers

Early Achievers is Washington's **Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS)**, which gives training, technical assistance, coaching, awards, scholarships, and other benefits to child care providers **to improve the quality of their care.**

Statewide, 3,921 child care providers participate in Early Achievers.

Approximately 52% of licensed child care providers in Kittitas County are enrolled in Early Achievers. Early Achievers provides families with valuable child care program quality information so they can make informed child care choices.

Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

Total	13
Child Care Centers	3
Family Child Care	8
Head Start & State Preschool Sites	2
Enrollment as of	3/8/18

Demographics

Population¹

Total Population in 2017	44,730
Change since 2013	2,830
Children under 5 yrs	2,181
Children under 15 yrs	6,711
K-12 Enrollment ²	5,214

Economics

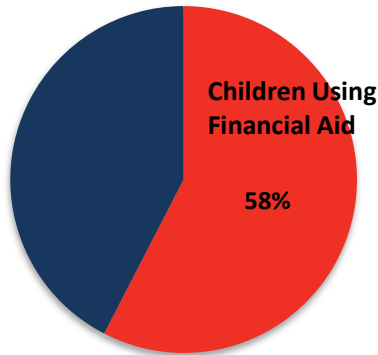
% of children under 18 living in poverty ³	14.7%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working ⁴	57 to 70.8%
Median Household Income ¹	\$46,904
Unemployment Rate ⁵	4.5%

Helping Families Find Child Care in 2017

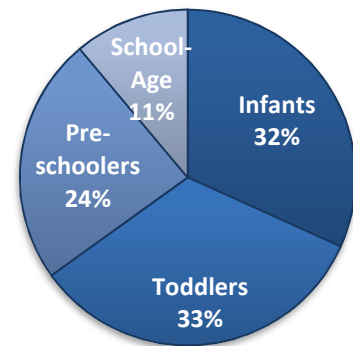
In 2017, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 14,456 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Kittitas County alone, we helped 52 families with 66 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 61 times.

Children Using Subsidies



Referral Demand by Child Age



Compensation in 2014

Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income ⁶	
Child Care Center Teacher	\$24,900
Child Care Center Director	\$32,604
Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)	\$30,022
K-12 Teacher (Statewide) ⁷	\$58,821

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Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2017

Centers	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	\$802	\$867	\$745	21%
Toddler	\$769	\$802	\$621	20%
Preschool	\$672	\$672	\$577	17%
School Age	\$260	\$313	\$510	7%

Family Child Care	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	\$737	\$758	\$678	19%
Toddler	\$687	\$758	\$589	18%
Preschool	\$641	\$650	\$540	16%
School Age	\$433	\$650	\$496	11%

Data Sources:

Most data is from Child Care Aware of Washington. More data and full citations are available at <http://wa.childcareaware.org>.

*Includes licensed child care (centers and family child care) and exempt school-age programs only

¹Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2016

²Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2016-2017

³U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2015

⁴U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2015

⁵Washington State Employment Security Department; U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2016 (not seasonally-adjusted)

⁶Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2015 Child Care Survey

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Kittitas County is in DEL Region 2 which includes: Benton, Columbia, Franklin, Kittitas, Walla Walla, Yakima.

⁷Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, Historical Comparison of Statewide School District Personnel, 2016-2017