

# Child Care in Spokane County



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## Child Care Aware of Washington

Our mission is to **support families and caregivers, shape policy, and build communities** that promote the **learning and development of children and youth** throughout Washington State through a strong statewide network of local child care resource and referral programs.

Since 1989, our regional member programs and statewide Family Center have enhanced the quality of child care and help 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)

## Spokane County

is served locally by

## Child Care Aware of Eastern Washington

a program of

Community-Minded Enterprises

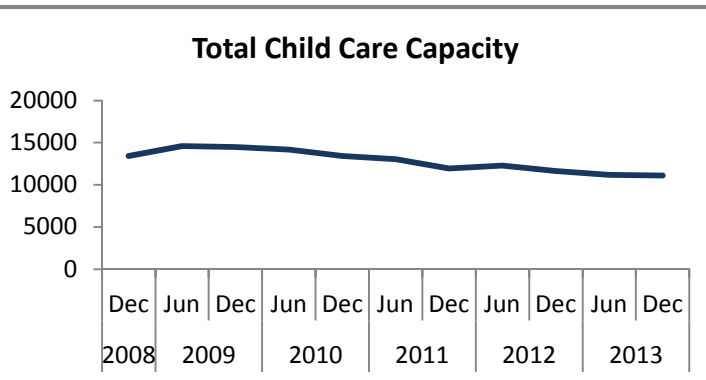
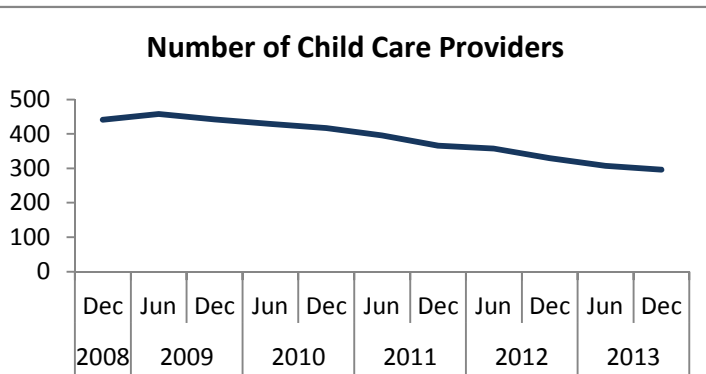
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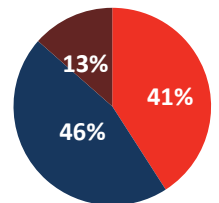
## Trends in Child Care

In most parts of Washington, the number of child care providers and the total capacity for children in care has dropped over the past few years.

In Spokane County, the number of child care providers has dropped from, 441 with capacity for 13436 children, in 2008 to 296 providers, with capacity for 11112 children, at the end of 2013.\*

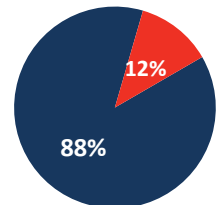


## Child Care Provider Type



■ Centers  
■ Family Child Care  
■ School Age Only

## Acceptance of State Subsidy



■ Accept ■ Do not accept

## Early Achievers

Early Achievers is Washington's new **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, almost 2,000 child care providers have joined since July 2012.**

It will also provide valuable ratings of child care programs to families looking for high-quality care.

The Race to the Top Early Learning Challenge grant has supported rapid expansion to across the state already, with the last 9 counties starting in July 2013.

## Early Achievers (QRIS) Participation

Total	121
Child Care Centers	85
Family Child Care	23
Head Start & State Preschool Sites	13
Start Date	7/1/12
Enrollment as of	2/6/14

**Demographics**

**Population<sup>1</sup>**

Total Population in 2013	480,000
Change since 2010	8,779
Children under 5 yrs	29,898
Children under 15 yrs	90,666
K-12 Enrollment <sup>2</sup>	72,817

**Economics**

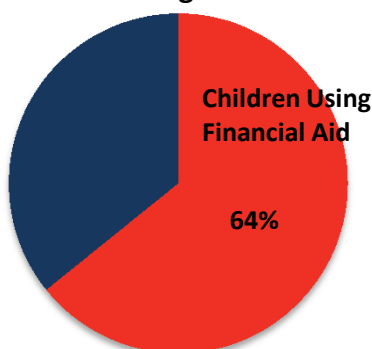
% of children under 18 living in poverty <sup>3</sup>	20%
% of children under 6 w/ all parents working <sup>4</sup>	57.5 to 68.1%
Median Household Income <sup>1</sup>	\$48,265
Unemployment Rate <sup>5</sup>	6.8%

**Helping Families Find Child Care in 2013**

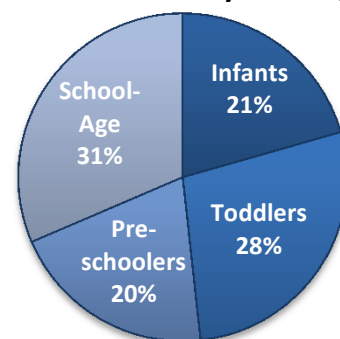
In 2013, Child Care Aware of Washington programs helped 16,825 families find child care providers matching their unique needs.

In Spokane County alone, we helped 985 families with 1470 children in need of child care to search for matching providers 1334 times.

**Children Using Subsidies**



**Referral Demand by Child Age**



**Compensation in 2012**

Comparison of Average Annual Salary/Income <sup>6</sup>	
Child Care Center Teacher	\$23,280
Child Care Center Director	\$29,988
Family Child Care Provider (Gross Earnings)	\$26,732
K-12 Teacher <sup>7</sup>	\$53,399

**Contact Child Care Aware of Washington**

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**Monthly Cost of Child Care in 2013**

Centers	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	\$806	\$917	\$645	20%
Toddler	\$650	\$790	\$542	16%
Preschool	\$620	\$706	\$512	15%
School Age	\$433	\$499	\$483	11%

Family Child Care	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	\$650	\$715	\$549	16%
Toddler	\$607	\$650	\$477	15%
Preschool	\$542	\$585	\$477	13%
School Age	\$468	\$542	\$424	12%

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

<sup>1</sup> Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2013

<sup>2</sup> Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, October Enrollment Report, 2013-2014

<sup>3</sup> U.S. Census Bureau Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates, 2012

<sup>4</sup> U.S. Census Bureau American Community Survey, 2012

<sup>5</sup> Washington State Employment Security Department; U.S. BLS, Local Area Unemployment Statistics, 2013 (not seasonally-adjusted)

<sup>6</sup> Department of Early Learning & Washington State University, Washington State 2012 Child Care Survey

Note: Child care provider income is regional data, not county-specific. Spokane County is in DEL Region 1 which includes: Adams, Asotin, Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, Garfield, Grant, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pend Or., Spokane, Stevens, Whitman.

<sup>7</sup> Office of the Superintendent Public Instruction, K-12 Data and Reports Builder, 2012-2013

For more information, go to <http://wa.childcareaware.org>