

STATE OF OUR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES REPORT

Indicator technical notes and data sources

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Children

Number of children under 5

Washington State Office of Financial Management, 2017.

Definition: Estimated number of children under the age of 5 in 2017.

Children under 5 living in poverty

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year average, table B17001.

Definition: Percent of children under the age of 5 living below the poverty level.

Children aged 5-17 living in poverty

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year average, table B17001.

Definition: Percent of children aged 5-17 living below the poverty level.

Children aged 0-17 in foster care, per 1,000

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, 2005 & 2015; Data retrieved from <http://clientdata.rda.dshs.wa.gov/Home/ShowReport?reportMode=2> (Foster Care Placement Services among youth aged 0-17). Washington State Office of Financial Management, Forecasting and Research Division, Small Area Demographic Estimates (SADE), 2005 & 2015. Data retrieved from <http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/asr/> (Small Area Demographic Estimates).

Definition: Number of children aged 0-17 in foster care placement services, per 1,000 children aged 0-17

Victims of child abuse and neglect, per 1,000

Washington State Risk and Protection Profile for Substance Abuse Prevention Reports, July 2017. Data retrieved from <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sesa/research-and-data-analysis/community-risk-profiles>.

Definition: The children (age birth-17) identified as victims in reports to Child Protective Services that were accepted for further action, per 1,000 children (age birth-17). Children are counted more than once if they are reported as a victim more than once during the year.

Families

Percent of women giving birth who receive Medicaid

State of Washington First Steps Database, DSHS Research and Data Analysis.

Definition: Percent of women who gave birth in 2015 that received Medicaid benefits.

Note: Data not available for Wahkiakum County.

Families at or near poverty

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year average, table B17026.

Definition: Families at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

Homeless households with children under 18 per 1,000 families

Data Source: Washington State Department of Commerce 2017 Point In Time Detailed County Results, January 2017. Available online at: <http://www.commerce.wa.gov/serving-communities/homelessness/annual-point-time-count/>. U.S. Census Bureau, 2012-2016 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates. Data retrieved from <http://factfinder.census.gov> (Table S1101).

Definition: The total number of homeless households with minors per 1,000 families.

Poor Family Management

2016 Healthy Youth Survey.

Definition: Percent of 8th graders with poor family management (high risk). Poor family management practices include lack of clear expectations for behavior, failure of parents to monitor their children – knowing where they are and whom they are with, and inconsistent punishment.

Percent of children 0-5 with all parents in the labor force

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year average, Table B23008.

Definition: Percent of children aged 0-5 who have all parents in the labor force. Being in the labor force includes being employed or actively seeking work.

Professionals & Child Care

Licensed providers & slots for child care centers, family child care, and total providers

Child Care Aware, 2018.

Definition: Total number of licensed childcare providers and slots, by type.

Percent of licensed providers enrolled in Early Achievers Percent of Early Achievers enrollees who rate at a “3” or higher

Child Care Aware, 2018.

Definition: Percent of licensed childcare providers who are enrolled in Early Achievers, the childcare provider quality assurance system in Washington State. Percent of providers enrolled in Early Achievers who are rated at a 3 or higher.

Number of childcare employees

Washington Employment Security Department, Quarterly Census of Employment and Wages, NAICS 6244, all ownerships; for worker demographics, Local Employment Dynamics Database.

Definition: Annual average of all employees covered by unemployment insurance.

Median hourly wage for childcare workers

Washington Employment Security Department quarterly wage files.

Definition: Half of all hours worked in the industry are paid at or above the median hourly wages, half are paid at or below the median.

Schools

PK-12 Public School Enrollment

Washington Office of the Superintendent of Instruction.

Definition: Attendance as of October 1 of each year.

Percent of children who are ready for kindergarten

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, SY 2017-18. Data retrieved from <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/DataDownload.aspx> (WaKIDS data downloads).

Definition: Children entering kindergarten who meet characteristics of entering kindergarteners in all 6 WaKIDS domains, as measured by the WaKIDS assessment tool: Social-Emotional, Physical, Language, Cognitive, Literacy, and Math.

Percent of 3rd graders who meet reading & math standards

Data Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, SY 2016-17. Data retrieved from <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/DataDownload.aspx> (AIM-EOC-MSP-SBA Data Downloads).

Definition: Percent of 3rd grade children who meet reading & math standards, respectively, as measured by the Smarter Balanced Assessment.

High school 4-year graduation rate

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, SY 2015-16. Data retrieved from <http://k12.wa.us/DataAdmin/Dropout-Grad.aspx> (Appendix A: State 2016 & Appendix B: County Adjusted 4 year).

Definition: Percent of students entering 9th grade in the 2012-13 school year that graduated in four years (class of 2016).

Percent of children 0-3 participating in ESIT

Washington State Department of Early Learning, Sept 2017. Data retrieved from <https://del.wa.gov/publications/esit/default#data>, Local Lead Agency Status Reports to the Public, Indicator 6: Percentage of Children 0-3 (W-IFSPs Report).

Definition: Count and percent of children aged 0-3 participating in the Early Support for Infants and Toddlers program on September 1, 2017.

Note: Washington State target for 2017 was 2.49%.

Schools

Percent of low-income preschoolers served by ECEAP or Head Start

ECEAP and Head Start Saturation Study, December 2017. Available online at: <https://del.wa.gov/sites/default/files/public/ECEAP/ECEAP%20and%20Head%20Start%20Saturation%20Study.pdf>.

Definition: The number of current Head Start and ECEAP slots as a percent of estimated eligible 3- and 4-year-old children.

Note: ECEAP eligibility is up to 110% of the Federal Poverty Level; Head Start is up to 130% FPL.

Percent of K-12 students who are emerging bilingual

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, SY 2006-07 & 2016-17. Data retrieved from <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/DataDownload.aspx> (Demographic Data Downloads).

Definition: The percent of K-12 students enrolled in the Transitional Bilingual program. Students are eligible for this program if their primary language is not English and their “English skills are sufficiently lacking or absent as to delay learning”.

Percent of public school students who are homeless

Washington State Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Definition: Students living in shelters, doubling up in someone else’s home, living in motels/ short-term housing, or living unsheltered—camps, vehicles, etc.

Percent of K-12 teachers who are People of Color

Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, SY 2016-17. Data retrieved from <http://reportcard.ospi.k12.wa.us/Summary.aspx?groupLevel=ESD&schoolId=1&reportLevel=State&year=2015-16> (Teacher Information).

Definition: Percent of elementary school teachers who are in a racial/ethnic group other than non-Hispanic White race/ethnicity.

Community

Percent of population that is food insecure

Gundersen, C., A. Dewey, A. Crumbaugh, M. Kato & E. Engelhard. Map the Meal Gap 2017: Food Insecurity and Child Food Insecurity Estimates at the County Level. Feeding America, 2017.

Definition: Estimated number/percent of food insecure individuals. Food-insecure households are uncertain of having, or unable to acquire, at some time during the year, enough food to meet the needs of all their members because they had insufficient money or other resources for food. Obtained from: www.feedingamerica.org/mapthegap.

SNAP participation

Client Counts and Direct Service Expenditures: Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Research and Data Analysis, Client Services Database.

Definition: Percent/number of people receiving basic food program benefits (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, or SNAP) in the State Fiscal Year 2016 (July 2015-June 2016).

Renters spending more than 30% of income on housing

U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year average, table B25070.

Definition: Rental households with housing costs exceeding 30 percent of their income, which is an indicator of income distress.