

EARLY CARE & EDUCATION PROFILES

Wheeler County

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*A closer look at policy-
relevant information related
to Oregon's children, families,
and the early care and
education system.*



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CHILDREN



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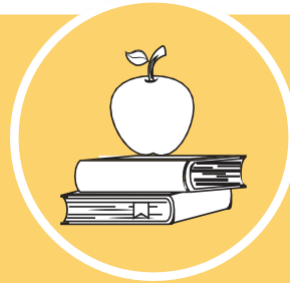
Children under age 13 living in the county ¹

- 44 children 0-2 years old ¹
- 29 children 3-4 years old ¹
- 100 children 5-12 years old ¹

Around **32%** of children under age 5 are children of color ²



54% of children under age six have both parents employed or a single parent employed ³



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Slots in centers and family child care homes for children ⁴



- 28 slots in Child Care Centers ⁴
- 10 slots in Family Child Care Homes ⁴

14% of 3-4 year olds are enrolled in preschool ⁵



22% of children under age 13 have access to visible child care ⁴



AFFORDABILITY

\$6,012

Median annual price of toddler care in a child care center ⁷

\$9,704

Median annual price of public university tuition in Oregon ⁶

The price of child care is over half of tuition at Oregon's public universities

24% of a minimum wage worker's annual earnings would be needed to pay the price of center care for a toddler ⁷



Annual median teacher wages range

[INSUFFICIENT DATA]

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