

## PROCLAMATION

**WHEREAS**, Diaper Need, the condition of not having a sufficient supply of clean diapers to ensure that infants and toddlers are clean, healthy and dry can adversely affect the health and welfare of infants, toddlers and their families; and

**WHEREAS**, national surveys report that one in three mothers experiencing diapers need at some time while their children are less than three years of age and forty eight percent of families delay changing a diaper to extend their supply; and

**WHEREAS**, the average infant or toddler requires an average of fifty diaper changes per week over three years; and

**WHEREAS**, diapers cannot be bought with food stamps or WIC vouchers, therefore obtaining a sufficient supply of diapers can cause economic hardship to families; and

**WHEREAS**, the people of Snoqualmie recognize that addressing Diaper Need can lead to economic opportunity for the city's low income families and can lead to improved health for families and the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Snoqualmie is proud to be home to various community organizations that recognize the importance of diapers in helping provide economic stability for families and distribute diapers to families through various channels; now

**WHEREAS**, this celebration also provides the opportunity to recognize and thank our professional planning staff for their technical competence, ethical commitment, and dedication to public service,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Matthew R. Larson, Mayor of the City of Snoqualmie, on behalf of the City Council and our community do hereby proclaim the week of September 23 through September 29, 2019 as

### DIAPER NEED AWARENESS WEEK

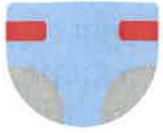
In the City of Snoqualmie and encourage citizens of Snoqualmie to donate generously to diaper banks, diaper drives and those organizations that distribute diapers to families in need to help alleviate diaper need in Snoqualmie.



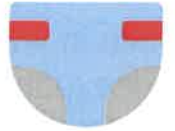
Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> Day of September, 2019.

  
Matthew R. Larson, Mayor





# Washington Diaper Facts



Compiled by the National Diaper Bank Network

Diapers are as essential to a baby's healthy development as a mother's love. Keeping infants and toddlers clean, dry, and healthy is key to building a solid foundation for all children to reach their full potential. But one in three families struggles to provide clean diapers for their baby.

## Washington's Children Need Diapers

### Washington

**274,550**

Total Population  
Under Age 3

### United States

**11,936,322**

Total Population  
Under Age 3



**17%**  
of children under  
age 18 are infants  
or toddlers

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of children under  
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**16%**  
Live in families  
earning less than  
100% of FPL \*

**15%**  
Live in families  
earning 100%  
to 200% of FPL

**20%**  
Live in families  
earning less than  
100% of FPL\*

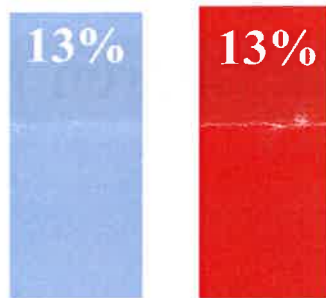
**22%**  
Live in families  
earning 100%  
to 200% of FPL

\* FPL = Federal Poverty Level

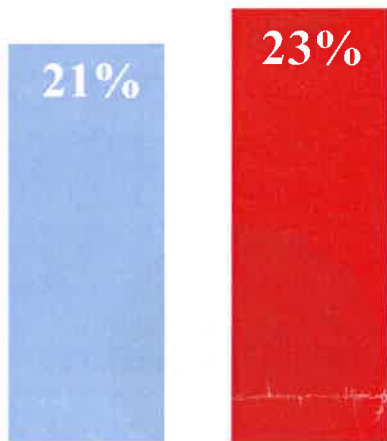
# Washington's Babies Need Strong Foundations

Children in low-income families are at greatest risk of suffering the effects of diaper need because many families can't afford diapers. Current public support programs help some, but young children have additional needs necessary to build a strong foundation for healthy growth and to reach their full potential.

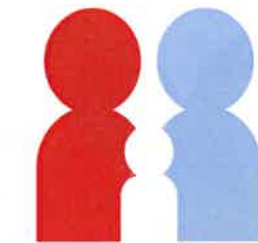
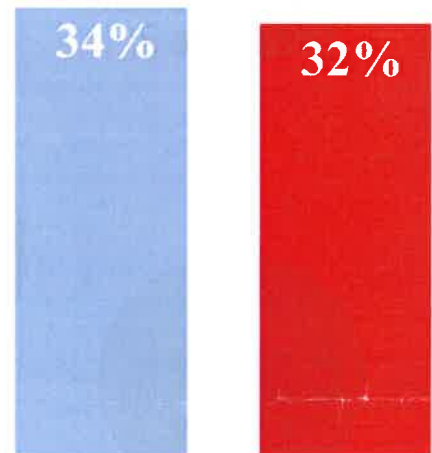
### Percentage of SNAP Recipients Under Age 5



### Percentage of WIC Recipients that Are Infants



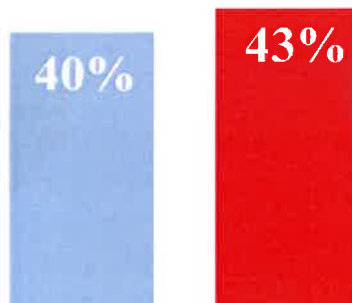
### Percentage of TANF Families with at Least One Child Under Age 3



### Percentage of Births Covered by Medicaid

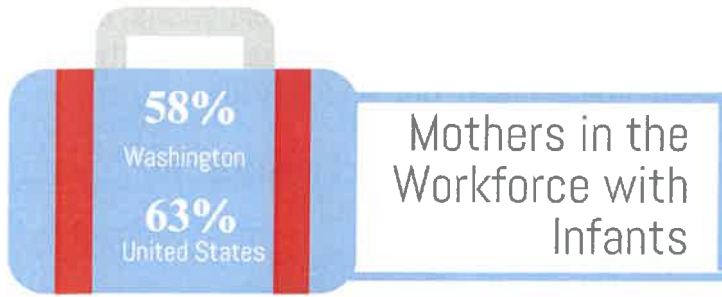
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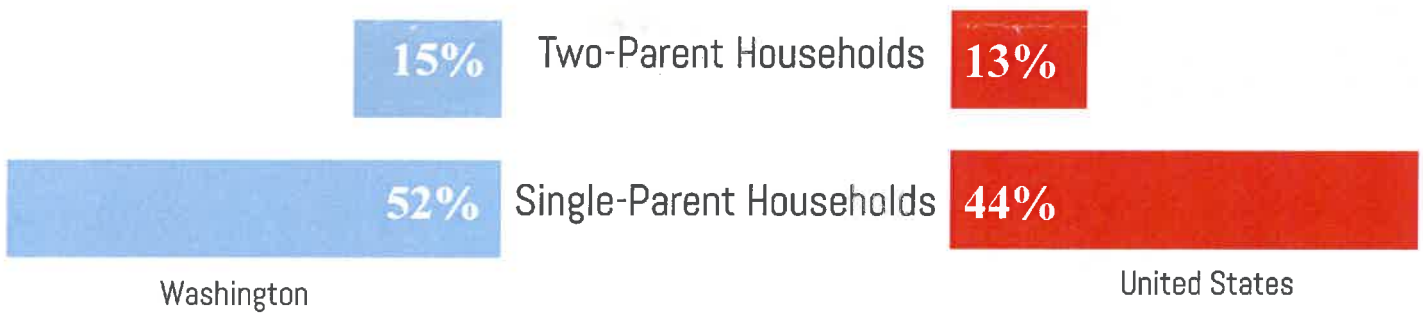
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# Diapers Are Essential to the Well-Being of Washington's Families



Most child care facilities require parents to provide diapers for their child. Nationally, 57% of parents experiencing diaper need who rely on child care said they missed an average of four days of school or work in the past month because they didn't have diapers.

## Cost of Infant Care as a Percentage of Income



# Early Education Programs Help Washington's Children

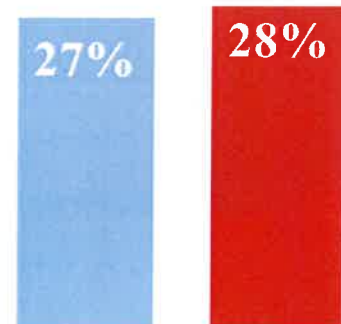
Early Head Start provides child and family development services for infants, toddlers, and pregnant women. Center-based EHS programs provide diapers for infants and toddlers. Other federally funded child care assistance programs don't. For families enrolled in the latter, not having access to diapers removes a key building block for strong families. Without diapers a parent cannot go to work, and not working disqualifies a parent from vital child care resources.

Nationwide, **154,352** infants, toddlers, and mothers participate in Early Head Start.

**3,465** are from Washington.



## Children Under Age 3 Receiving Federal Child Care Support



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# TANF & Diapers in Washington

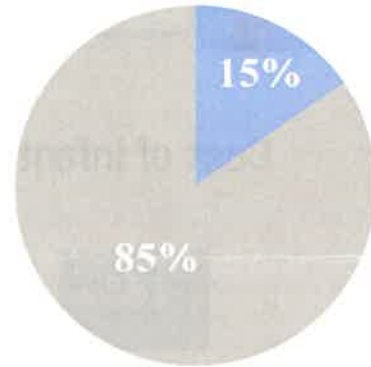
An average monthly supply of diapers costs approximately \$80. The only federal assistance program that can be used for diapers is TANF, but TANF has to cover many other expenses, including heat, electric and water bills, rent, clothing, transportation, and other basic needs. Little if any money is available to purchase enough diapers to keep a baby clean, dry, and healthy.

Max Benefit for Family of 3  
(1 Parent & 2 Children)



Washington US Average

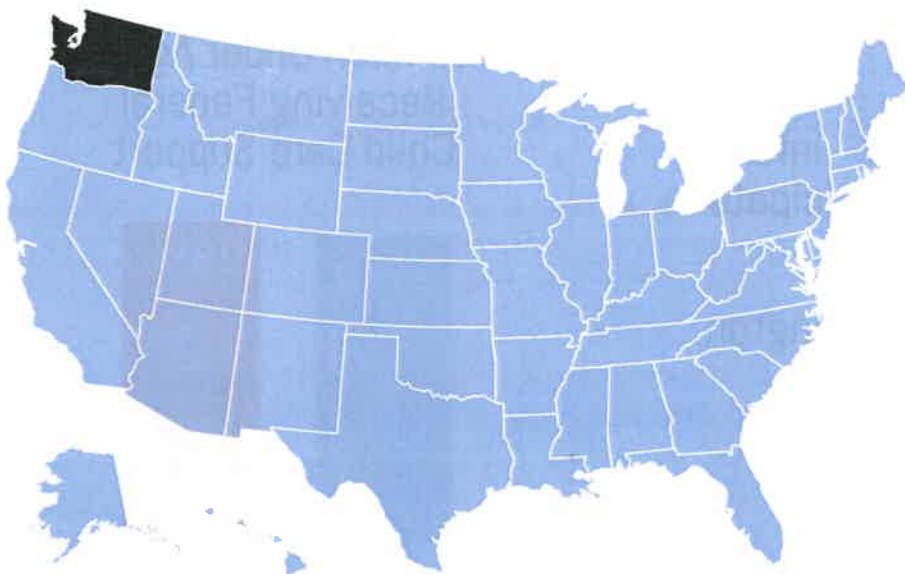
Diaper Costs Compared to Benefit



Diapers (15.36%) Everything else (84.64%)

In Washington, there is a 12 month exemption from the work-related activity requirement after the birth of a child for single parent households receiving TANF payments.

## Washington's Diaper Banks Help Fill the Gap



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NDBN-member  
diaper banks distribute

**2,891,861**

diapers annually.



# NDBN Working to End Diaper Need

The National Diaper Bank Network works to ensure that every child in the United States has enough diapers to remain clean, dry, and healthy. Diaper banks across the country are working to eliminate diaper need by providing families with diapers.

**200+** NDBN-member diaper banks distribute over

**64 million** diapers annually!

All diaper banks require community support and donations of diapers and dollars to improve the well-being of children and families in local communities.

Learn how you can help at [nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org](http://nationaldiaperbanknetwork.org)



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