



# Data Summary Report

Community Data on Children Prenatal through age 5 in Pierce County

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### **Background**

In the fall of 2017, community leaders came together to brainstorm how to ameliorate the child welfare crisis in Pierce County. Of the 6,200 children who entered out-of-home care in Washington State in 2017, 1,009 of these children were in Pierce County, making it the county with the highest number of children entering care. Community leaders agreed that a comprehensive system for connecting families to needed services in the community and normalizing support for all parents was a necessary strategy to have lasting impact, and to prevent child welfare involvement. The Help Me Grow national system framework was identified as a useful model for building this system. Locally, First 5 FUNdamentals is the organizing entity convening community partners and families to adapt Help Me Grow to the needs of Pierce County families. First 5 FUNdamentals is a non-profit organization whose mission is to mobilize and inspire communities to achieve their collective goals for children and families.

### **About Help Me Grow (HMG)**

HMG is a system model that promotes county-wide collaboration in order to build upon existing early childhood resources to promote protective factors among families and mitigate the impact of adversity. By connecting families to existing community services through a coordinated access point or call center, HMG provides timely access to resources and care coordination to reduce barriers to services.

HMG is organized around four main components: the coordinated access point for resource connection, data collection and evaluation to systematically identify service gaps in the region, family and community outreach, and health provider outreach. By working closely with health providers, HMG seeks to be a resource to address the social determinants of health, providing holistic care to families and reducing the burden of finding and accessing community resources.

### **Focus Zip Codes**

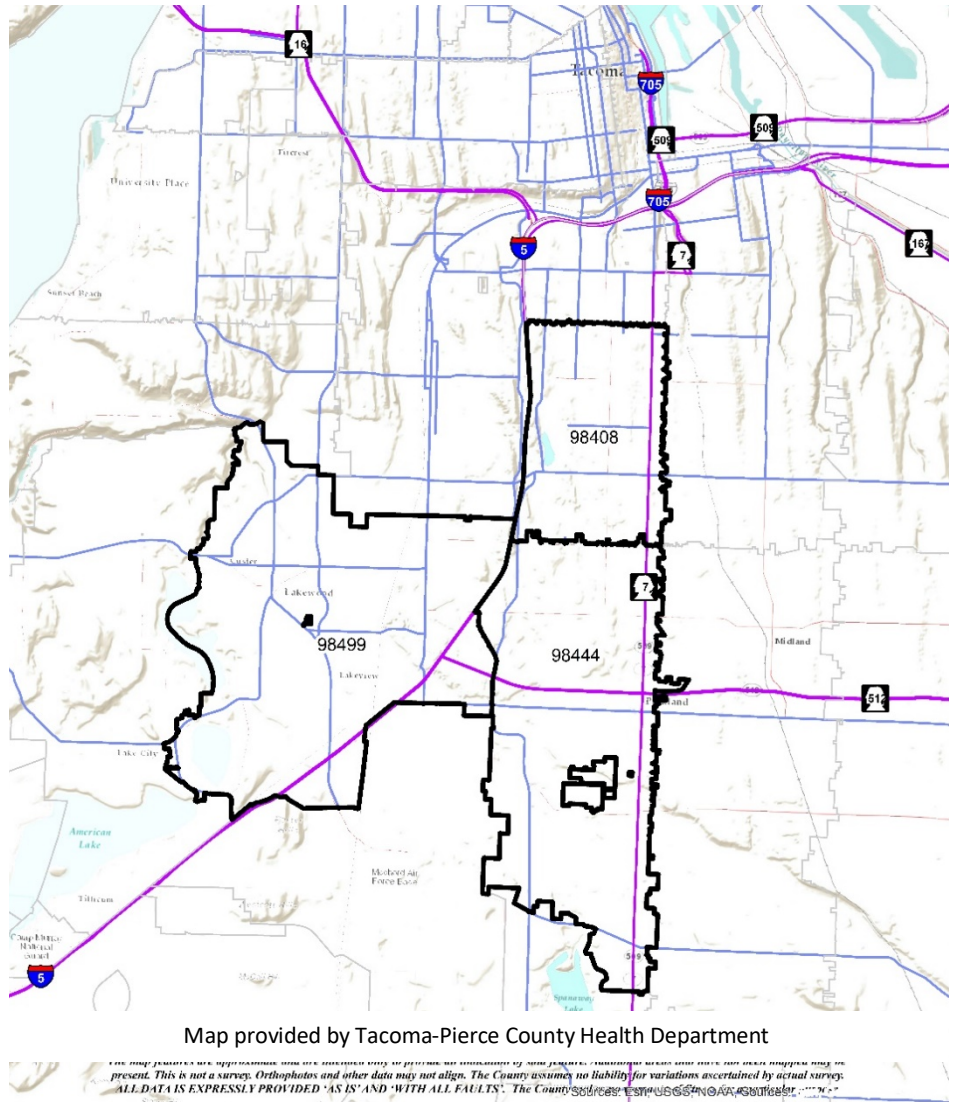
In order to ensure that needed resources are reaching families furthest from opportunity, Help Me Grow Pierce County’s five-year pilot that began in 2018 is focused on three zip codes covering three jurisdictions: 98499 (City of Lakewood, Springbrook), 98408 (City of Tacoma, south end), and 98444 (unincorporated Pierce County including Parkland, Spanaway, and Midland). When compared with Pierce County as a whole, these

three zip codes reflect higher poverty rates, lower life expectancy, and high rates of children entering the child welfare system. While HMG is being built to provide supports to all families in Pierce County, outreach and community engagement efforts will initially be focused in these three zip codes.

### Purpose of this Report

This community assessment is compiled annually to provide a comprehensive look at children from prenatal to five years old in Pierce County. It is intended to guide community efforts in reaching parents of young children and understanding their needs. This data report provides measurements for the HMG Pierce County action teams to determine desired long-term population outcomes, as well as implementation strategies that will reach families and meet existing resource needs.

Wherever possible, the data in this report is provided for Pierce County in total, the three zip codes referenced above, and Washington State as a comparison. By coordinating services from prenatal to age five under a coordinated access point, Help Me Grow provides a systematic way to gather ongoing data on family needs, available resources, and service gaps. Identifying service gaps can inform future advocacy and investment efforts.



## DATA

Pierce County is the second most populous county in Washington State, and is home to over 69,000 children under the age of six. Supporting young children and their caregivers during this developmental stage is critical to a healthy society, when the development of a child’s brain in the first few years of life provides a foundation for all future learning, behavior, and health (Harvard Center on the Developing Child, 2018).

### Demographics

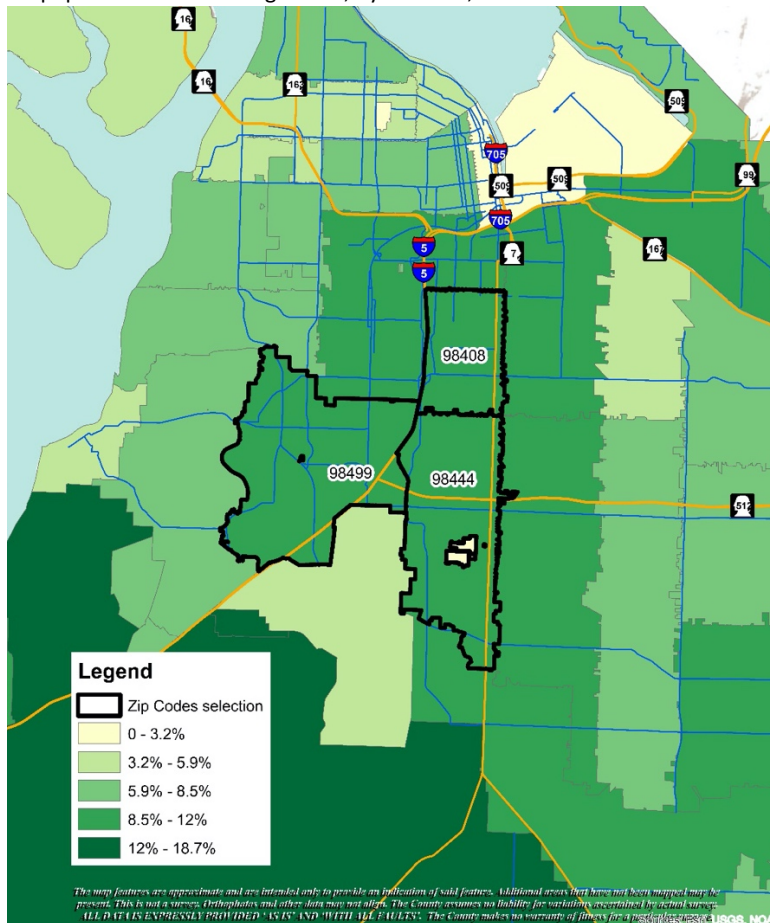
#### Age and Family Composition

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Total population	19,238	34,515	30,313	845,193	7,169,967
Number of children under age 5 (percent of total population)	1,474 (7.7%)	2,337 (6.8%)	2,504 (8.3%)	57,317 (6.8%)	448,145 (6.3%)
Civilian Veterans: individuals 18 and older	14.2%	13.3%	17.5%	13.8%	9.8%
% of Children < 6 living with a single parent (per total population < 6)	39.7%	47.6%	54.9%	29.6%	27.7%
Grandparents responsible for own grandchildren <18 years old	109 (34.3%)	261 (27.4%)	285 (35.8%)	5,565 (33.6%)	43,771 (33.1%)
Immigrants (Percent of total population born outside the United States)	12%	18.9%	18.7%	9.4%	13.8%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2013-2017.

#### Where Children Ages 0-5 Live

Percentage of population under the age of six, by ZIP code; ZIP codes of interest are outlined in black.



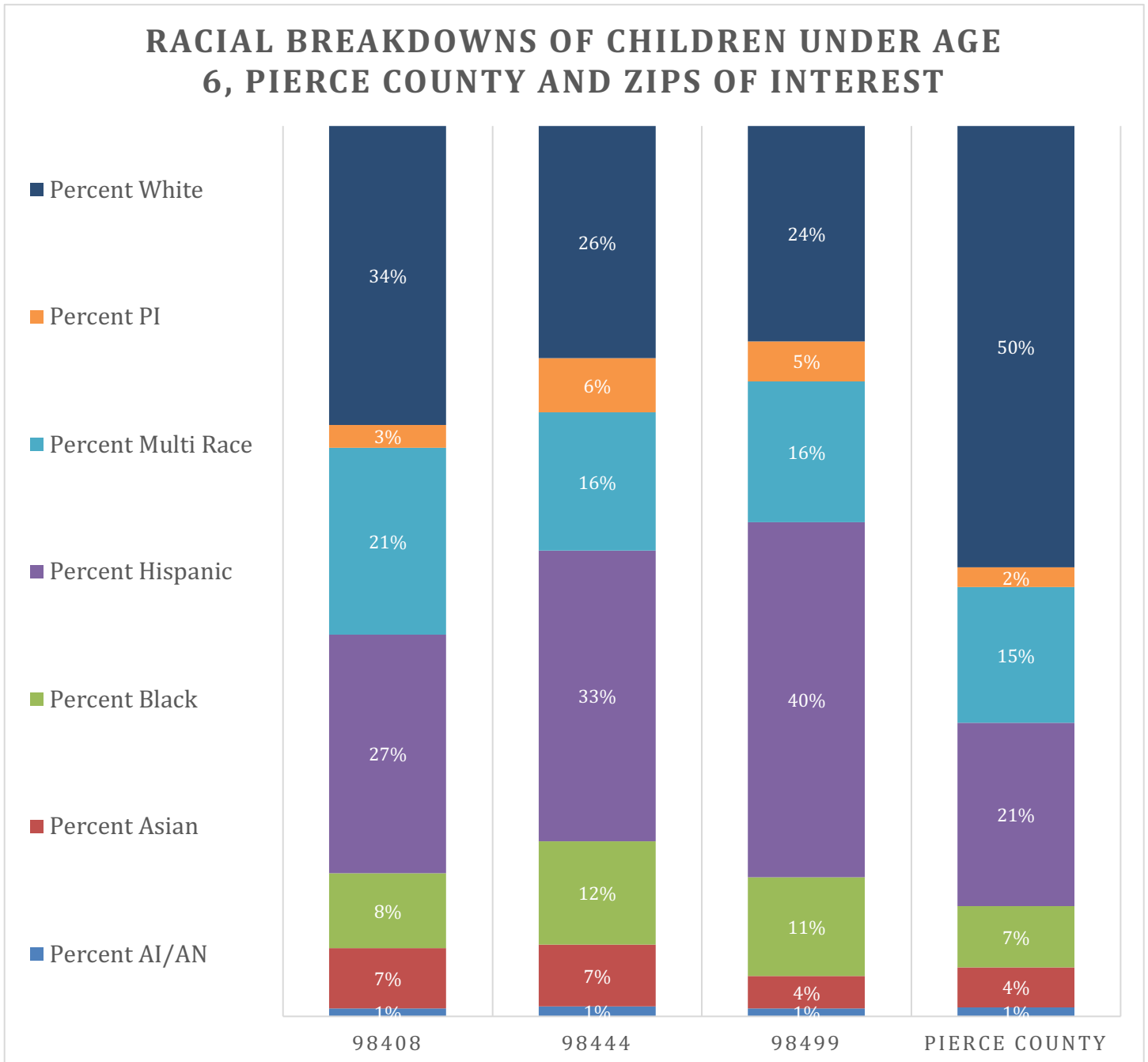
Map provided by Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department with data from the United States Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, 2017.

### Percent of Children Age 0-5 By Race

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN)	0.9%	1.1%	0.9%	1%	1.3%
Asian	6.8%	6.9%	3.6%	4.5%	7.5%
Black	8.4%	11.6%	11.1%	6.9%	4.2%
Hispanic/Latino	26.8%	32.7%	39.8%	20.6%	24.6%
Multi-Race	21%	15.5%	15.8%	15.2%	10.2%
Pacific Islander (PI)	2.6%	6.1%	4.5%	2.2%	0.9%
White	33.6%	26.1%	24.2%	49.6%	51.2%

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Community Health Assessment Tool, 2018. Note: Hispanic/Latino as a race

### Where Children Live by Race and Ethnicity



Source: Washington State Community Health Assessment Tool, 2018 population estimates

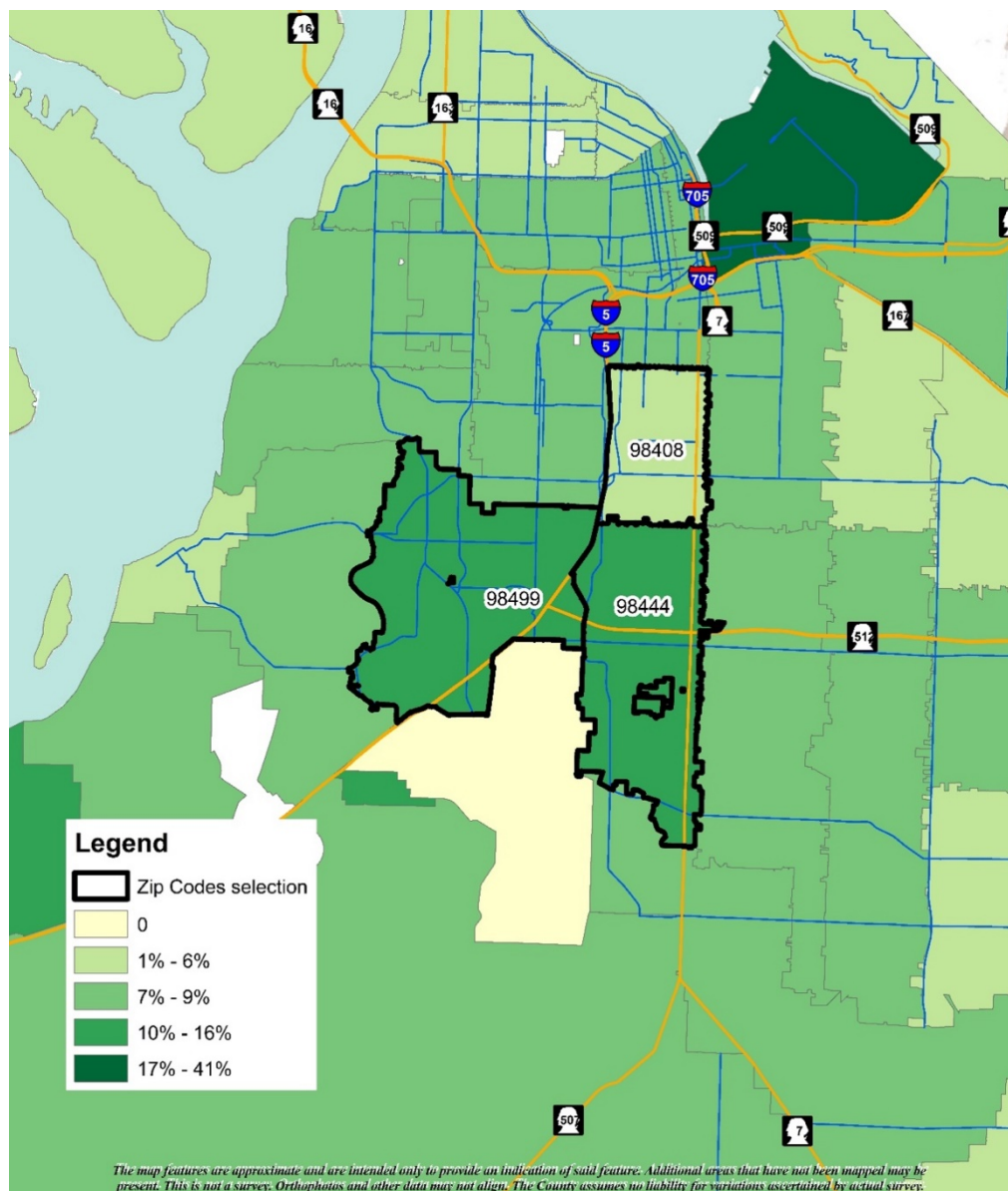
## Economic Stability

### Income and Employment

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Median Household Income (in the last 12 months)	\$50,768	\$41,278	\$39,955	\$63,881	\$66,174
Median Family Household Income (in the last 12 months) of households with children under age 18	\$62,285	\$46,321	\$47,595	\$76,671	\$80,233
Married couple family median income	\$76,129	\$54,609	\$48,848	\$87,317	\$96,716
Single Female Headed Household median income	\$14,659	\$23,919	\$18,365	\$30,363	\$28,561
Single Male Headed Household median income	\$48,813	\$36,920	\$19,698	\$48,280	\$46,003
Unemployment Rate, Civilian Labor Force (population 16 and older)	4.2%	10.8%	11.0%	6.9%	6.0%
% of families with all parents working (with children 0-5)	65.7%	59.1%	63.8%	57.0%	59.6%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, 2013-2017.

### Unemployment Rate



Map provided by Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department with data from the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2013-2017.



## Highest Educational Attainment for the Population 25 Years and Older

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
8th grade or less	4.3%	5.9%	5.6%	2.9%	3.8%
9th grade - 12th grade (no diploma)	8.6%	12.3%	8%	5.9%	5.3%
GED or alternative credential	7.3%	7%	6.5%	4.7%	3.9%
High School Diploma	25.5%	27.3%	25.3%	23%	18.6%
Some College, no degree	28%	24.6%	26.8%	26.5%	24%
Associate's Degree	9.6%	9.4%	9.7%	11.1%	9.9%
Bachelor's Degree	13%	10.5%	11.8%	17.1%	21.7%
Master's Degree	2.8%	2.5%	4.6%	6.3%	9.1%
Professional school degree/PhD/Professor	0.9%	0.4%	1.8%	2.5%	3.6%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year estimates, Table B15003, 2013-2017.

## Poverty

The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is a measure of income issued every year by the Department of Health and Human Services. FPLs are used to determine eligibility for certain programs and benefits, such as Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) coverage.

The 2019 FPL income numbers are:

- \$12,490 for individuals
- \$16,910 for a family of 2
- \$21,330 for a family of 3
- \$25,750 for a family of 4

## Individuals Living at or Near Poverty

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Individuals living below 50% of FPL	8.9%	9%	8.7%	5.8%	5.6%
Individuals living below 100% of FPL	15.8%	21.3%	24.1%	12.2%	12.2%
Individuals living below 150% of FPL	24.2%	34.9%	34.7%	19.3%	20%
Individuals living below 200% of FPL	39.5%	49.1%	47.6%	28.3%	28.2%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2013-2017.

## Families with Children Ages 0-4 Living in Poverty

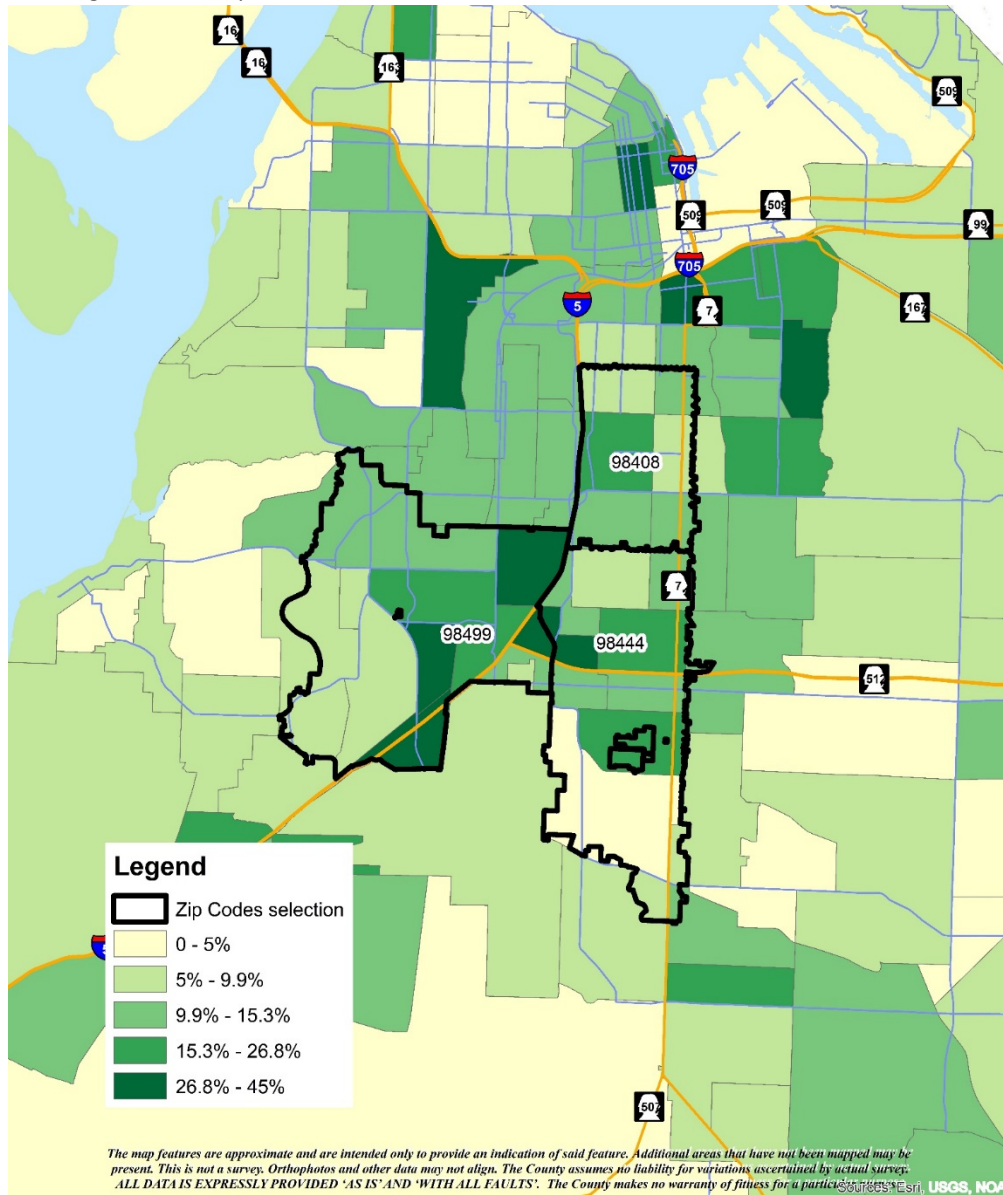
	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
% of Families with Children in household ages 0-4 who are under FPL	30.2%	14.1%	26.7%	12.8%	12.3%
% of Single Mother Households with Children ages 0-4 only who are under FPL*	87.3%	34.6%	37.1%	39%	37.4%

Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2013-2017.

\*Due to wide margins of error, ZIP code level data may not accurately reflect the population

## Families Below 100% of Federal Poverty Level

Percentage of families by census tract who are below the FPL; ZIP codes of interest are outlined in black



Map provided by Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department with data from the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey, 2017.

### Public Assistance Programs: % of Families Receiving Support

Type of Assistance	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
WIC (Women, Infants, and Children) Food and Nutrition Service: % of Infants Born and Served by WIC	Not available	Not available	Not available	42.6%	40.5%
SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Food Stamps	22%	30.4%	27.5%	14.4%	13.3%
Medicaid (public health insurance coverage)	42.1%	46.1%	49.2%	34.2%	33.5%
TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) Cash Public Assistance	4.5%	7.3%	5.3%	3.5%	3.5%

WIC Data Source: Washington State Department of Health, WIC Data by County – Federal Fiscal Year 2018, 10/01/2017 – 9/30/2018.

SNAP, Medicaid, TANF Data Source: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2013-2017.

## Housing and Homelessness

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Homeless families/individuals	436 (individuals reporting Tacoma as last residence)	105 (individuals reporting Parkland as last residence)	136 (individuals reporting Lakewood as last residence)	1,190 (households) 1,486 (individuals)	16,497 (households) 21,621 (individuals)
Housing cost burden: % of families paying more than 30% of income on housing	42.8%	47.8%	48.4%	36.7%	33.8%

Source for homeless families/individuals: Pierce County, Point in Time Count, January 2019.

Source for housing cost burden: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2013-2017.

## Homelessness by Race (Pierce County, 2019)

	Count	Rate per 100,000 population
American Indian / Alaska Native	63	648.9
Asian	21	36
Black or African American	320	534
Hispanic / Latino	206	218.2
Multi-Race	228	397.3
Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander	54	398.7
White	800	138.2

Source: Pierce County, Point in Time Count, January 2019.

## Pregnancy and Birth

### Births by Location in Pierce County, 2018

Hospital	Birthing Center	Home	Born on Arrival	Other	Total
11,464	239	202	13	1	11,920

Source: Washington State Department of Health birth files, 2018.

### Hospital Births by Location, 2018

Tacoma General Hospital	Good Samaritan Hospital	St. Joseph Medical Center	St. Clare Hospital, Lakewood	Madigan Army Medical Center
3,049	2,136	4,398	4	1,887

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, October 2018.

## Birth Outcomes

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Number of births (2017)	317	605	494	11,285	87,508
% of women receiving adequate prenatal care*	68.8%	62.3%	64.1%	71.6%	72.8%
Number of preterm births (born before 37 weeks)	38 (12.10%)	70 (9.1%)	50 (10.3%)	1,125 (9.5%)	8,234 (9.5%)
Children born to women under 18 years old	2.5%	0.9%	2%	0.8%	0.9%
% of Infants breastfed from birth for any length of time**	91.9%	91.5%	91.7%	95.2%	93.1%
% of Infants breastfed at least 6 months (per all infants 6-12 months)***	36.0%	35.5%	33.2%	37.4%	38.7%

Source: Washington State Department of Health: Community Health Assessment Tool, 2017.

\*Adequate prenatal care is defined using the Kotelchuck Index definition as having attended at least 80% of expected prenatal appointments

\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health birth files, 2018.

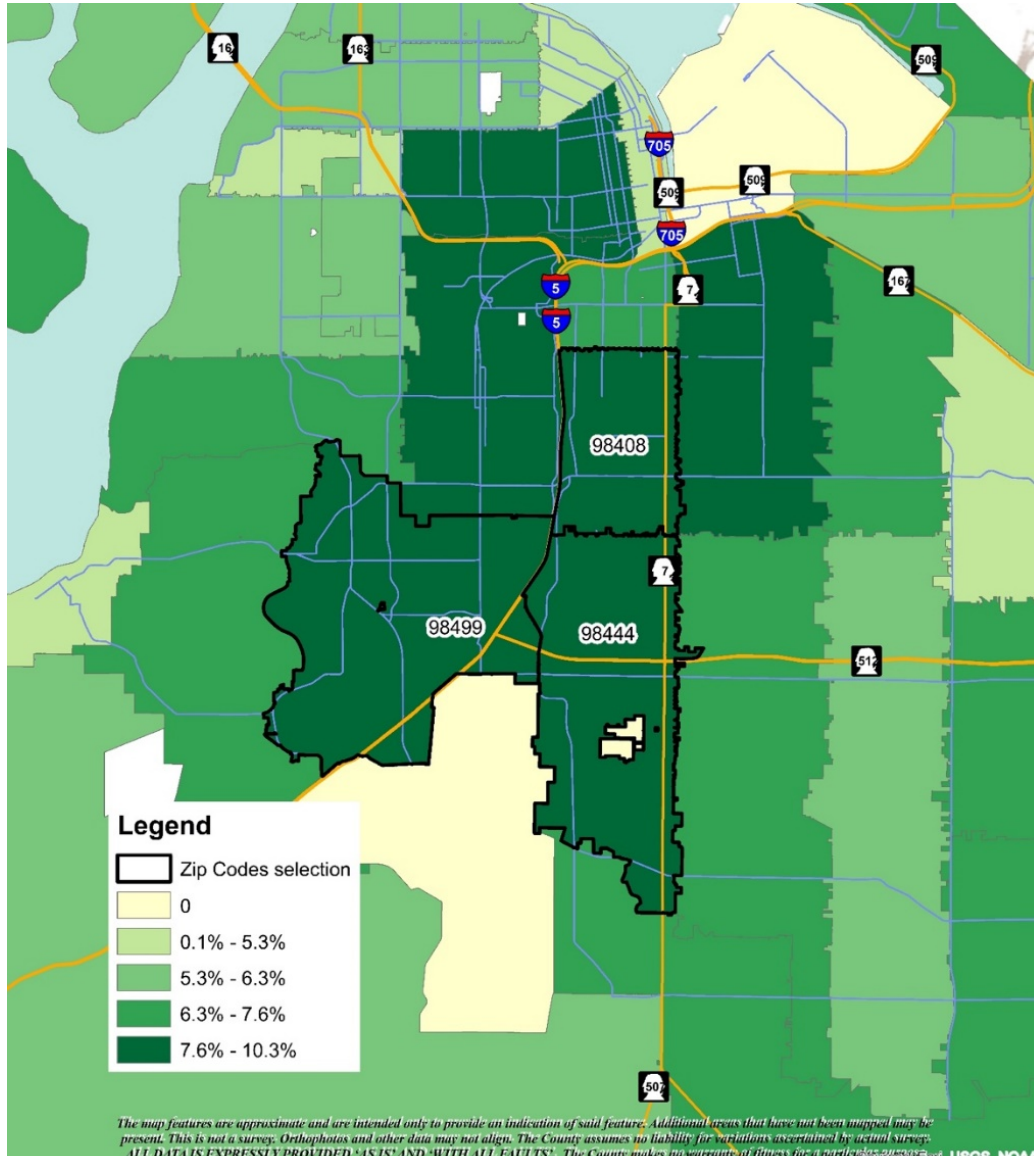
\*\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health, WIC Data, 1/01/2018 - 12/31/2018. Note: Zip codes of residential addresses.

## Low Birth Weight

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Percent born under a normal weight (<2500-3999 grams)	10.1%	8.9%	9.1%	6.8%	6.6%

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Community Health Assessment Tool, 2017.

### Percentage of Children Born Who Weigh Less Than 2500 Grams, by ZIP Code



Map provided by Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department with data from the Community Health Assessment Tool (CHAT) 5-year estimates

### Low Birth Weight by Race and Ethnicity

Percent born under a normal weight (<2500-3999 grams)	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
American Indian / Alaska Native, Non-Hispanic	4%	0%	0%	6.4%	8.1%
Asian, Non-Hispanic	12.8%	7.8%	9.2%	7.4%	8.2%
Black or African American, Non-Hispanic	6.7%	12.9%	12.7%	12.3%	10.0%
Hispanic / Latino	7.3%	7.2%	6.1%	6.6%	6.2%
Multi-racial, Non-Hispanic	11.9%	8.3%	9.1%	7.6%	7.2%
Pacific Islander, Non-Hispanic	13.3%	11.2%	8.4%	7.2%	6.9%
White, Non-Hispanic	6.6%	7.1%	7.1%	5.8%	5.9%

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Community Health Assessment Tool 5-year averages, 2013-2017.

### Infant Mortality Count, 2017

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Infant mortality count	0	0	1	48	344

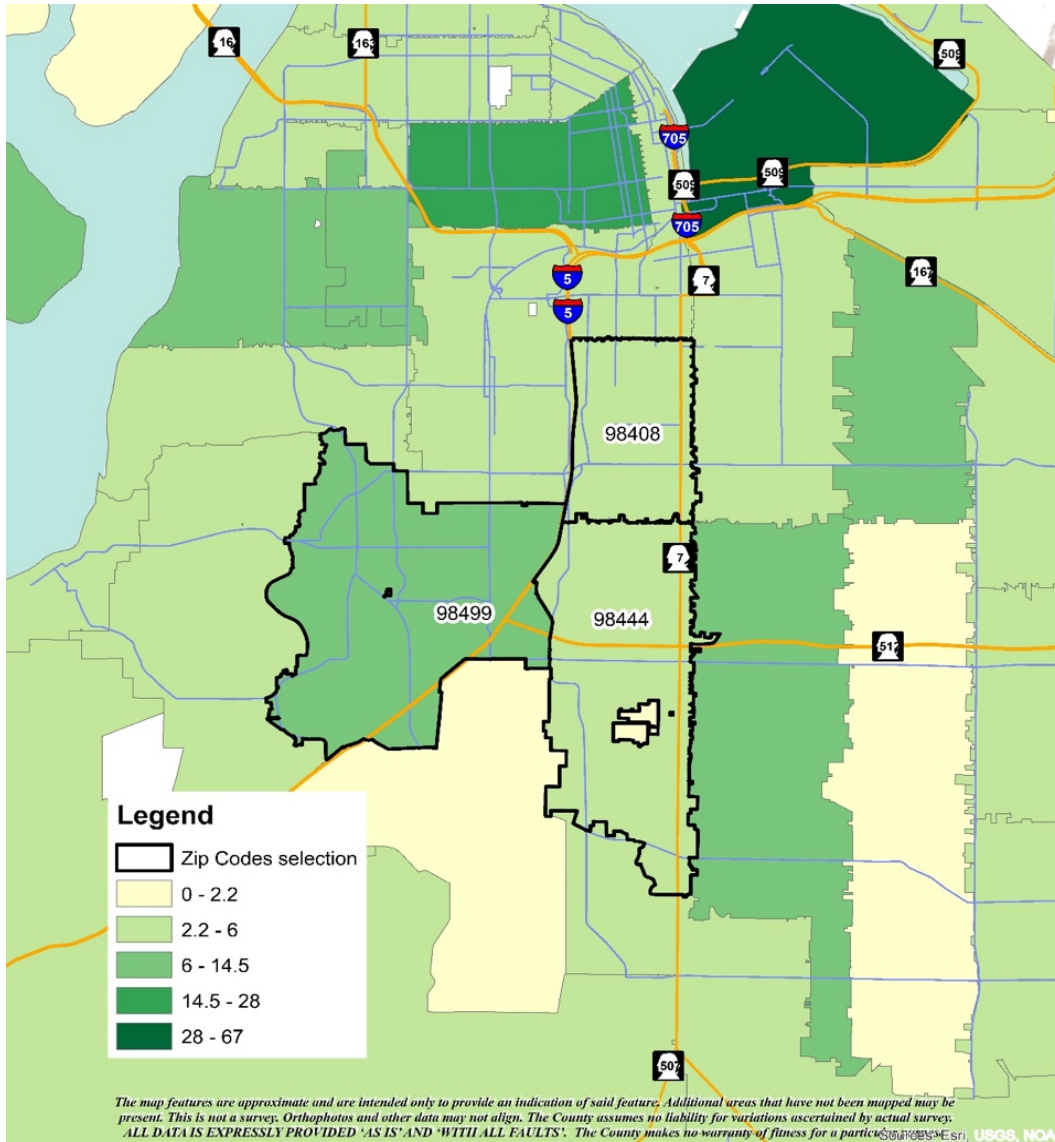
Source: Washington State Department of Health, Community Health Assessment Tool, 2017.

### Infant Mortality Rates

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Ten-year rate (2008-2017) per 100,000 births	5.2	5.1	6.2	5.6	4.6

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Community Health Assessment Tool, 2008-2017.

### Ten-Year Infant Mortality Rates by ZIP Code



Map provided by Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department with data from the United States Census Bureau's American Community Survey, estimates for period from 2006-2015.

Note: Data for ZIP code 98421 (dark green) may not be reliable due to the very low number of births (between zero and two births per year).

### Infant Mortality Rate by Race and Ethnicity

Number of Infant Deaths from Age 0-1 per 1,000 live births	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
American Indian/Alaskan Native	0	11.1	0	7.7	8.7
Asian	8.5	6.1	3.2	5.8	3.3
Black	9.0	4.6	6.3	9.9	8.1
Hispanic	0	5.4	6.1	5.1	3.3
Multi-Race	0	4.3	0	6.8	3.3
Pacific Islander	11.8	4.6	3.3	8.1	3.3
White	5.9	4.5	7.8	4.4	4.2

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Community Health Assessment Tool, 2008-2017.

### Child Health Indicators

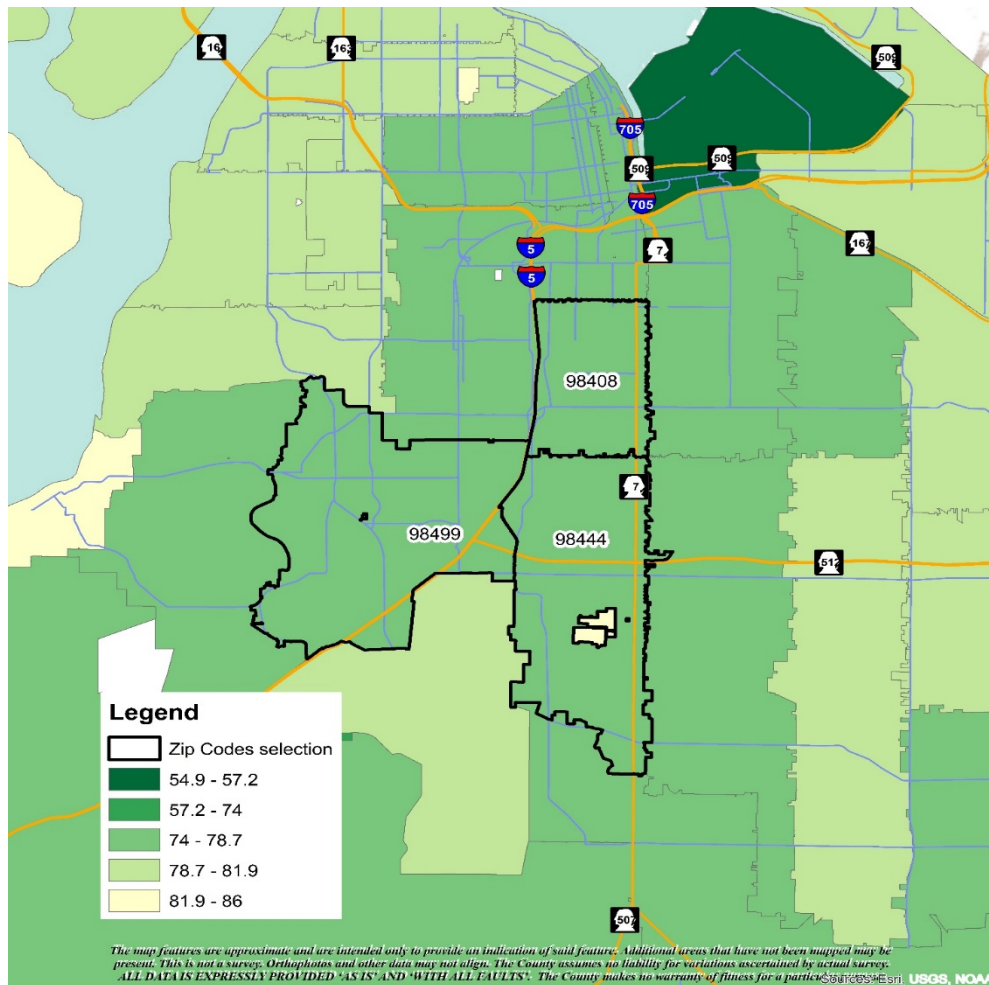
#### Life Expectancy at Birth

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA	U.S.*
Life expectancy at birth	75.7	73.9	77.7	78.7	80.2	78.5

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Community Health Assessment Tool, 2017.

\*Source for national data: The World Bank, Life Expectancy at Birth, 2017.

#### Life Expectancy at Birth by ZIP Code



Map provided by Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department with data from Washington State Community Health Assessment Tool, 5-Year Averages from 2013-2017.

## Health Care

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA	U.S.
% of children <18 without health insurance (civilian)	4.9%	2.4%	3.2%	3.6%	3.8%	5.7%
% of children <18 with special health care needs	3.7% (Tacoma)	5.7%	4.4%	3.9%	18.8%	18.2%
% of children <18 with any disability	6.4%	5.8%	4.4%	4.2%	3.9%	4.2%
All immunizations received by kindergarten*	89.1% (Tacoma Public Schools)	89.8% (Franklin-Pierce School District)	86.5% (Clover Park School District)	88.3%	86.3%	Not available

Source for health insurance: United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2013-2017.

Source for special health care needs: Washington State Department of Health, Center for Health Statistics, 2016.

\*Note: Immunizations include 5 doses diphtheria, tetanus and acellular pertussis, 2 doses measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), and 2 doses of varicella vaccine. Source: Washington State Department of Health, Immunization Information System, 2018-2019.

## Well Child Visits and Developmental Screening

Developmental disabilities are the most common disorders among children. Studies indicate that 16% to 18% of all children aged 0 to 18 have developmental disabilities. In the 0 to 2-year age range alone, incidence reaches 13%. The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages routine developmental-behavioral surveillance during health supervision visits, as disabilities can be ameliorated through early intervention and sometimes prevented. Only an estimated 25% of those eligible for Early Intervention services are detected and enrolled. Prevention and intervention depend on the use of accurate screening tools and actions to ensure that the results are used to direct families to needed referral resources (Bright Futures Handbook, 2010).

	WA	U.S.
% of children ages 0 to 5 with a preventive medical visit in the past year	91.2%	88.7%
% of children receiving developmental screening, ages 9-35 months	23.8%	31.7%
% of children ages 0 to 5 who receive care within a medical home (coordinated, comprehensive care)	58.6%	49.8%
% of children ages 0 to 5 whose health care provider asked about the child's learning, development, or behavior in the past year	34.3%	35.4%

Note: This data is currently only available by state, from the National Survey of Children's Health, 2017.

## Early Intervention Services

A child is eligible for Early Intervention services if he or she demonstrates a developmental delay with a 1.5 standard deviation or 25% of chronological age delay, or a diagnosed physical or mental condition with a high probability of resulting in a developmental delay. A developmental delay must be diagnosed in one or more of the following developmental areas: Cognitive, Physical (fine or gross motor), Communication (receptive or expressive language), Social or Emotional, or Adaptive. If a child does not have a qualifying diagnosis nor a qualifying score, they can still sometimes qualify for services based on informed clinical opinion surrounding a child's age and/or condition.

2018	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County
# of children referred to Early Intervention/Part C services for evaluation	50	98	70	1,734
# of children identified as eligible for needing services	Not available	Not available	Not available	1,247
# of children receiving Early Intervention services	60	92	59	2,106

Source: Pierce County Human Services, Developmental Disabilities, 2019.

### Early Intervention by Race and Ethnicity (Pierce County, 2018)

Ethnicity	Birth to One		One to Two		Two to Three		Total	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage
American Indian or Alaska Native	1	9%	4	36%	6	55%	11	1%
Asian	5	6%	22	28%	52	66%	79	4%
Black or African American	19	10%	39	21%	130	69%	188	9%
Hispanic or Latino	41	10%	102	24%	286	67%	429	20%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	5	14%	8	22%	24	65%	37	2%
White	105	10%	253	23%	723	67%	1,081	51%
Two or More races	32	11%	60	21%	188	67%	280	13%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>208</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>23%</b>	<b>1,409</b>	<b>66.93%</b>	<b>2,105</b>	

Source: Pierce County Human Services, Developmental Disabilities, 2019.



## Child Care and Preschool

### Child Care Capacity

	Pierce County	WA
# of licensed center-based childcare providers	177	1,678
# of Family Child Care providers	254	3,337
School age only providers (Licensed & Exempt)	87	538
Total providers	518	5,553
Total capacity (slots for children in all types of facilities, including both filled and vacant)	19,990	178,702
Total capacity by subsidy acceptance	16,513	148,198
Number of licensed centers that accept the Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) Subsidy (all types of care)*	335 (65% of total)	3,715 (67% of total)

Source: Child Care Aware of Washington, 2018 Data Report: Trends, Child Care Supply, Cost of Care, & Demand for Referrals, 2019.

\*Reported by Child Care Aware of Washington, September 2019.

Note: Total capacity does not reflect the allowable number of children in care. For instance, a facility may be licensed for 6 slots under 2, but state law requires that if there is one person on staff, they can't accept more than 2 under 2.

The number of child care providers in Pierce County has steadily declined over the past six years, with a 22% reduction in total providers since 2013.

Year	Number of Licensed Child Care Centers	Number of Licensed Family Child Care Homes	Total
2019	177	254	431
2018	181	268	449
2017	182	276	458
2016	186	288	474
2015	184	328	512
2014	191	346	537
2013	183	368	551

Source: Child Care Aware of Washington, 2013 – 2019 Data Reports: Trends, Childcare Supply, Cost of Care, & Demand for Referrals.

### Child Care Center Rates: Monthly Average

Age Group	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA*
Year	2019	2019	2019	2019	2017
Infant	\$835 (n<5)	\$1035 (n<5)	\$900 (n=5)	\$1031 (n=72)	\$1,184
Toddler	\$836 (n<5)	\$720 (n=7)	\$850 (n=8)	\$911 (n=103)	\$1,026
Preschool	\$598 (n<5)	\$670 (n=9)	\$725 (n<4)	\$839 (n=120)	\$899

Note: These numbers are mid-year reports. Final numbers for 2019 will come out with Child Care Aware of Washington's annual report. Rates by zip code have a wide margin of error due to small sample sizes.

Source: Child Care Aware of Washington, September 2019. Median average as self-reported by providers. Lower numbers from previous years are largely expected with such low sample numbers.

\*Washington State source: Child Care Aware of America, The U.S. and the High Cost of Child Care: 2018 Report, 2018.

### Family Child Care Rates: Monthly Average

Age Group	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA*
Year	2019	2019	2019	2019	2017
Infant	\$866 (n=13)	\$619 (n<5)	\$964 (n<5)	\$845 (n=167)	\$901
Toddler	\$758 (n=14)	\$541 (n<5)	\$953 (n<5)	\$758 (n=196)	\$832
Preschool	\$675 (n=14)	\$541 (n<5)	\$845 (n<5)	\$700 (n=186)	\$775

Note: These numbers are mid-year reports. Final numbers for 2019 will come out with Child Care Aware of Washington's annual report. Rates by zip code have a wide margin of error due to small sample sizes.

Source: Child Care Aware of Washington, September 2019. Median average as self-reported by providers.

\*Washington state source: Child Care Aware of America, The U.S. and the High Cost of Child Care: 2018 Report, 2018.

### Child Care Affordability

% of Median Income Spent on Child Care	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
<b>With one infant in center-based care</b>					
Married couple family	13.2%	22.7%	23.3%	14.2%	14.7%
Single mother	68.4%	51.9%	61.9%	40.7%	49.7%
Single father	20.5%	33.6%	57.7%	25.6%	30.9%
<b>With two children in center-based care (one toddler, one preschool)</b>					
Married couple family	22.6%	31.5%	40.2%	24.1%	23.9%
Single mother	117%	71.9%	107%	69.2%	80.9%
Single father	35.3%	46.6%	99.6%	43.5%	50.2%

Source: Calculated by dividing average 2019 rates (above) by median income in the past 12 months for households with children under 18 years old (in 2017 inflation-adjusted dollars) from the United States Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, 2013-2017.

Washington State remains in the top 10 least affordable states for child care, as a percentage of median family income.

### Top 10 Least Affordable States for Center-Based Infant Care in 2017

RANK	STATE	ANNUAL COST OF INFANT CARE IN A CENTER*	SINGLE-PARENT FAMILY		MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILY	
			MEDIAN INCOME**	PERCENTAGE OF THE MEDIAN INCOME	MEDIAN INCOME**	PERCENTAGE OF THE MEDIAN INCOME
1	California	\$16,542	\$27,367	60.4%	\$88,730	18.6%
2	Massachusetts	\$20,415	\$29,020	70.3%	\$121,607	16.8%
3	Oregon	\$13,292	\$23,796	55.9%	\$81,255	16.4%
4	Colorado	\$14,960	\$30,409	49.2%	\$92,889	16.1%
5	Minnesota	\$15,704	\$29,022	54.1%	\$100,992	15.5%
6	Washington	\$14,208	\$27,523	51.6%	\$92,310	15.4%
7	New York	\$15,028	\$26,983	55.7%	\$98,408	15.3%
8	Indiana	\$12,312	\$22,682	54.3%	\$81,001	15.2%
9	Nevada	\$11,137	\$27,689	40.2%	\$74,305	15.0%
10	Nebraska	\$12,272	\$25,932	47.3%	\$85,405	14.4%

+ Source: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2018 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral state networks. Some states used the latest state market rate survey.

\*\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016 five-year estimates. Table B19126.

NR: Data was not reported or not available for some categories of care

Note: 1=least affordable and 51=most affordable. Rank is based on cost of child care as percentage of state median income for married-couple families. Income is based on single-parent and married-couple families with own children under the age of 18.

## Top 10 Least Affordable States for Family Child Care for an Infant in 2017

RANK	STATE	ANNUAL COST OF INFANT CARE IN FFC PROGRAM*	SINGLE-PARENT FAMILY		MARRIED-COUPLE FAMILY	
			MEDIAN INCOME**	PERCENTAGE OF THE MEDIAN INCOME	MEDIAN INCOME**	PERCENTAGE OF THE MEDIAN INCOME
1	Nebraska	\$12,480	\$25,932	48.1%	\$85,405	14.6%
2	Nevada	\$8,916	\$27,689	32.2%	\$74,305	12.0%
3	California	\$10,609	\$27,367	38.8%	\$88,730	12.0%
4	Washington	\$10,812	\$27,523	39.3%	\$92,310	11.7%
5	Colorado	\$10,522	\$30,409	34.6%	\$92,889	11.3%
6	New York	\$10,972	\$26,983	40.7%	\$98,408	11.1%
7	Oregon	\$8,990	\$23,796	37.8%	\$81,255	11.1%
8	Wisconsin	\$9,645	\$25,093	38.4%	\$90,324	10.7%
9	Massachusetts	\$12,750	\$29,020	43.9%	\$121,607	10.5%
10	Rhode Island	\$10,433	\$26,809	38.9%	\$100,192	10.4%

\* Source: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2018 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral state networks. Some states used the latest state market rate survey.

\*\*Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016 five-year estimates. Table B19126.

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### Subsidy Reimbursement Rates

The Working Connections Child Care program pays for child care subsidies to eligible households with parents who are working or are participating in a Department of Social and Health Services' approved work activity at the time of application and whose children meet citizenship requirements. Eligibility is determined by the number of people in the household with incomes at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level, and co-payments are determined on a sliding scale. For example, a three-person household with countable monthly income of \$995 would have a \$15 per month co-pay. However, the state subsidy rate is less than the market rate for child care (shown below), so families may additionally have to pay the difference to child care providers who can choose whether or not to accept the subsidy or limit the number of subsidy slots they offer.

Centers	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	\$958	\$1,122	\$841	19%
Toddler	\$802	\$953	\$724	16%
Preschool	\$719	\$875	\$637	14%
School Age	\$477	\$600	\$566	10%

Family Child Care	Median Cost	75th Percentile Cost	State Subsidy Rate	Median Cost as a % of Median Income
Infant	\$758	\$867	\$803	15%
Toddler	\$758	\$849	\$698	15%
Preschool	\$650	\$758	\$589	13%
School Age	\$477	\$542	\$496	10%

Source: Child Care Aware of Washington, Pierce County data, 2017.

## Early Head Start (2018-2019)

Early Head Start is a comprehensive program that serves income-eligible children birth to three years of age, pregnant women and their families through home-based or quality licensed childcare settings.

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County
Number of children served by home-based Early Head Start	10	46	40	240

Source: Reported by Puget Sound Educational Service District, October 2019. Reflects any child enrolled between 9/03/2019 and 8/31/2019.

## Head Start and ECEAP

ECEAP is the Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program funded by Washington State for children 3 and 4, providing free preschool for families who qualify based on income. Head Start is funded by the federal government for children ages 3 and 4. Both Head Start and ECEAP provide comprehensive school readiness including family-centered programs that combine education, social services, family support, family engagement, and health and nutrition services. Statewide, the Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families estimated that 41,647 children would be eligible for ECEAP or Head Start in the 2019-2020 school year, with only 23,829 total slots funded.

## Child Care Centers with Head Start and ECEAP

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County
Number of centers that provide ECEAP slots	0	0	4	42
Number of centers that provide Head Start slots	2	0	4	36

Source: Reported by Child Care Aware of Washington, September 2018.

## Head Start and ECEAP Availability in Pierce County

	Available Slots	Estimated # of Eligible Children	% of Eligible Served
Pierce County – total of all school districts	2,655	5,452	48.7%

Source: Washington State Department of Children, Youth and Families, ECEAP and Head Start Saturation Study, December 2018.

## Head Start and ECEAP Enrollment by Age Group (2018-2019)

	Tacoma Public Schools (including 98408): 2016-2017	Franklin-Pierce School District (including 98444)	Clover Park School District (including 98499)	Pierce County (2017)	WA (2017)
3	249	147	168	Not reported	5,333
4	430	195	284	Not reported	7,000
5 years and older	0	0	0	Not reported	91
Total	690	342	452	2,559	12,424

Source: Local data as reported by each school district's Early Learning Department. Number of children enrolled for any period of the year in any of the Head Start and ECEAP programs, by age group.

Washington State data source: Annie E. Casey Foundation, Kids Count Data Center, 2017.

## Education

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Number of children enrolled in kindergarten (full-time)	202	361	410	10, 261	81,398
% of children ready for kindergarten*	42.3%	30.2%	18.0%	49.9%	45.7%
% meeting 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade ELA standards (English Language Arts/Literacy: reading, writing, speaking and listening)	44.8%	42.6%	29.5%	59.5%	55.4%

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction, 2018-2019.

\*Note: Percent of students who demonstrate characteristics of entering Kindergarten in all 6 domains: social-emotional, physical, language, cognitive, literacy, and math.

Note: Zip code percentages were calculated by averaging the scores from each elementary school in that zip code.

## Substance Abuse

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Alcohol related deaths (age-adjusted rate: deaths per 100,000 population)	13.0	21.7	35.6	14.6	13.2
Drug related deaths (age-adjusted rate: deaths per 100,000 population)	18.1	22.5	15.2	19.5	17.2

Source: Washington State Department of Health, Community Health Assessment Tool, 2017.

## Mental Health and Trauma

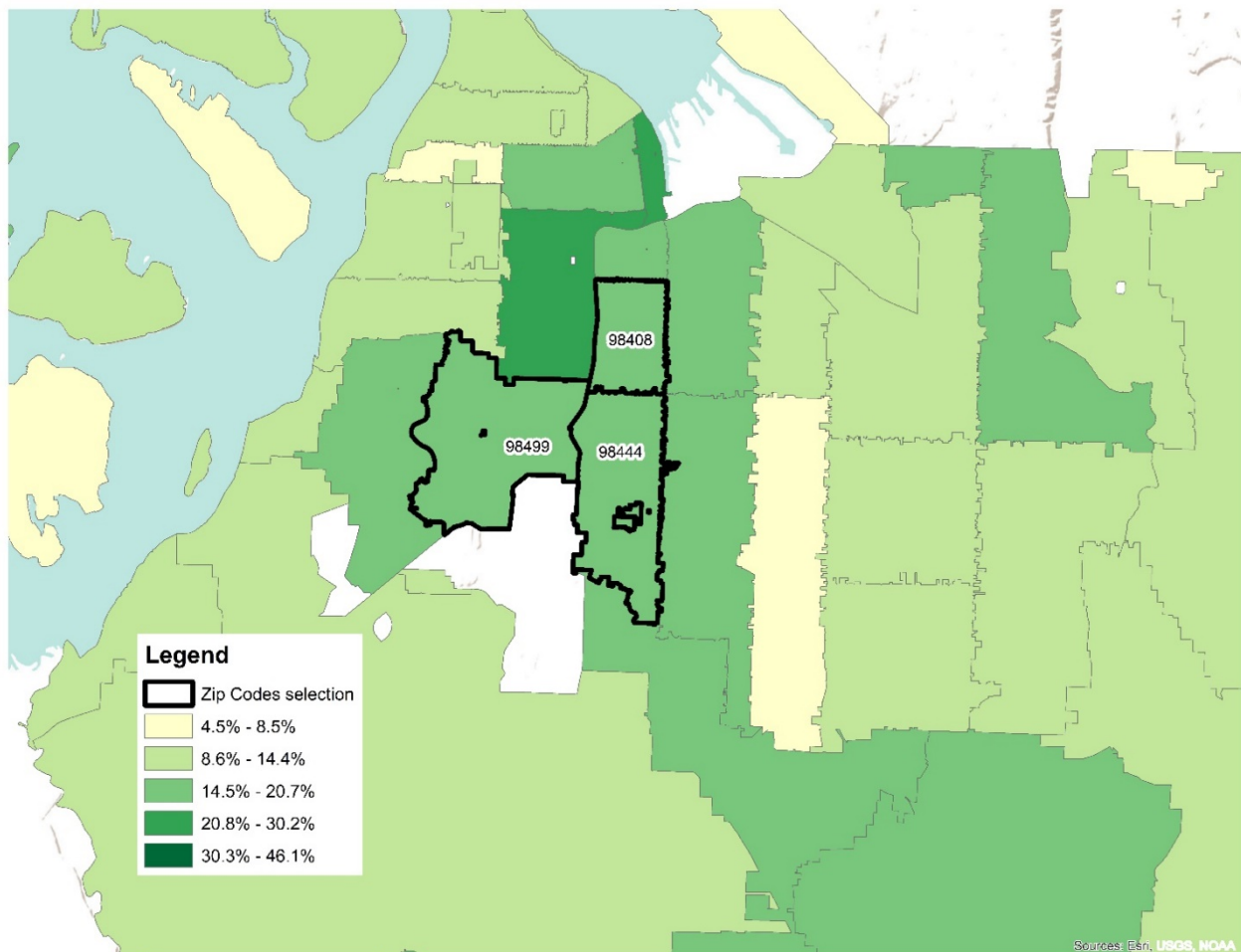
	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
% of births where mothers reported symptoms of Postpartum depression*	Not available	Not available	Not available	15.1%	13.3%
% of children <18 who have experienced 1 or more Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)**	Not available	Not available	Not available	Not available	39.6%
Percent of individuals who reported poor mental health in the last 30 days***	18.7%	18.3%	17.1%	16.8%	Not available

\*Postpartum depression symptoms were defined by the frequency of feeling down, depressed, or sad; feeling hopeless; and feeling slowed down. Source: Pregnancy Risk Monitoring System (PRAMS), 2016.

\*\*Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Survey of Children's Health, 2017.

\*\*\*Source: Washington State Department of Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2011-2017 averages.

## Percent of Pierce County residents reporting poor mental health in the last 30 days, by ZIP code



Source: Washington State Department of Health, Behavioral Risk Factors Surveillance System (BRFSS), 2011-2017 averages.

## Child Welfare

In 2018, there were 126,195 calls made to the child abuse and neglect hotline in Washington State. The Department of Children, Youth, and Families within local communities is responsible for receiving and investigating reports of suspected child abuse and neglect. Reports are received and assessed to determine whether the report meets the legal definition of abuse or neglect, and how dangerous the situation is. Family Assessment Response (FAR) is an alternative response to Child Protective Services (CPS) for an investigation of a screened-in allegation of child abuse or neglect. FAR focuses on child safety along with the integrity and preservation of the family when lower risk allegations of child maltreatment have been screened in for intervention (Department of Children, Youth, and Families, 2018).

### Investigations and Children in Care

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA
Total children entering out-of-home care in 2018	35	65	42	816	5,839
Number of children entering care under age 1	12	11	14	195 (24%)	1,438 (25%)
Number of children entering care in first month of life	<10	<10	<10	118 (14%)	906 (16%)
Number of children in the child welfare system as of 1/01/2019	41	59	54	1,343	9,068
Number of children in care under age 6	22	27	27	667 (50%)	4,426 (49%)
Number of intakes screened in for investigation	70	127	153	2,163	17,614
Number of intakes screened in for Family Assessment and Response (Risk Only)	150	246	221	4,021	28,263
Total child protection intakes screened in for response	220	373	374	6,184	44,671
Total child protection intakes screened in for children 0-5	119	189	200	2,696	20,152
Total child protection intakes screened in (number of children)	308	519	522	8,645	65,253
Median length of stay in out-of-home care	432	369	524	540 days	511 days

Note: Pierce County data reflects children for whom their initial placement took place in Pierce County.

Source: Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families, *infoFamLink Report*, 2018.

### Number of Children Entering Out-of-Home Care in 2018 by Race and Ethnicity

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce	WA	U.S. (2017)
American Indian or Alaska Native	<10	<10	<10	13	217 (4%)	6,153 (2%)
American Indian/Alaska Native - Multiracial	<10	<10	<10	90	504 (9%)	Included above
Black	<10	18	<10	115	471 (8%)	56,614 (21%)
Black-Multiracial	<10	12	12	102	460 (8%)	Included above
Asian or Pacific Islander	<10	<10	<10	36	155 (3%)	2,120 (0.01%)
Hispanic (of any race)	<10	<10	<10	92	993 (17%)	54,411 (20%)
White	13	22	10	336	2,867 (49%)	124,937 (47%)
Other - Multiracial	<10	<10	<10	29	138 (2%)	18,756 (7%)
Unknown or Unable to determine	<10	<10	<10	<10	34 (0.01%)	5,038 (2%)
Total	13	52	22	816	5,839	269,690

Source for local data: Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families, *infoFamLink Report*, 2018.

Source for national estimates: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, AFCARs, as of 9/30/2017.

### Number of Children in Out-of-Home Care by Race and Ethnicity (as of 1/01/2019)

	98408	98444	98499	Pierce County	WA	U.S. (2017)
American Indian or Alaska Native	<10	<10	<10	26	337 (4%)	10,529 (2%)
American Indian/Alaska Native - Multiracial	<10	<10	<10	157	958 (11%)	Included above
Black	<10	10	<10	194	783 (9%)	100,607 (23%)
Black-Multiracial	<10	<10	16	187	795 (9%)	Included above
Asian or Pacific Islander	<10	<10	<10	48	197 (2%)	3,120 (0%)
Hispanic (of any race)	<10	10	<10	121	1,327 (15%)	93,507 (21%)
White	14	11	10	569	4,421 (49%)	193,828 (44%)
Other - Multiracial	<10	<10	<10	40	235 (3%)	32,126 (7%)
Unknown or Unable to determine	<10	<10	<10	<10	15 (0%)	6,673 (2%)
Total	41	59	54	1,343	9,068	442,995

Source for local data: Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families, *infoFamLink Report*, 2018.

Source for national estimates: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, AFCARs, as of 9/30/2017.

### Circumstances Association with Child’s Removal (Pierce County, 2018)

During calendar year 2018, there were 816 removals with an *identified reason for removal*. Age is the child’s age at removal. Note that the “Total by Age” is not equal to the column total, as more than one reason for removal can be identified for each child. Inadequate housing alone is not a valid reason for removal.

Identified Reason for Removal	Birth to 5 Years	6-12 Years	13-17 Years	18 Years and Older	Total
Neglect	243	136	83	0	462
Physical Abuse	80	68	52	0	200
Sexual Abuse	15	20	22	0	57
Abandonment	11	13	10	0	34
Caregiver Alcohol Abuse	13	<10	<10	<10	30
Caregiver Drug Abuse	192	54	19	0	265
Caregiver Death	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Caregiver Incarceration	16	14	<10	<10	33
Caregiver Inability to Cope	59	13	<10	<10	78
Inadequate Housing	51	34	15	<10	100
Relinquishment	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Child Alcohol Abuse	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Child Drug Abuse	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Child Behavior	<10	<10	19	<10	25
Child Disability	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
Extended Foster Care	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
<b>Total by Age:</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>295</b>	<b>185</b>	<b>&lt;10</b>	<b>816</b>

Source: Washington State Department of Children, Youth, and Families. (2018). *infoFamLink Report*.

## Conclusion

Understanding the needs of children and families in our community is crucial to determine appropriate interventions to address the most pressing local inequities and improve outcomes for children and families. Help Me Grow Pierce County aims to address the most common struggles for parents of young children to ensure that resource investment will be timely, accessible, and helpful to those who need it most.

Reducing inequity begins by building upon the existing strengths and resources in a community. Through better coordination among services, consistent data tracking, and targeted efforts to address resource gaps, a local Help Me Grow system aims to strengthen the support system for all parents and improve early childhood outcomes.



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