

Average Wages Columbia County Child Care Group Centers

2019



- Group programs include regulated group centers, school age programs, preschools, camps, and Head Start programs.
- All responses were gathered electronically and submitted directly from each program.
- Responses are based on approximately 32% return rate.
- Prior to 2018, wages and benefits survey questions were included in the annual Business Information Form (BIF). This wages survey was sent out via email to all group programs in the 4-C service delivery area in spring and not at the same time as the annual BIF.

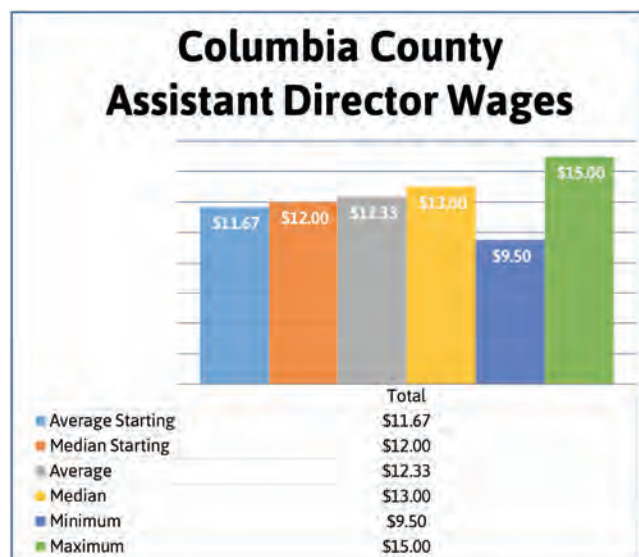
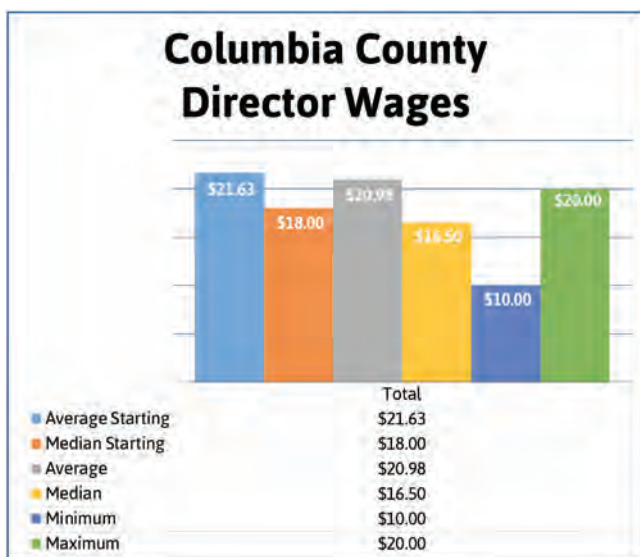
Definitions:

- Average Starting Wage =** average hourly wage for NEWLY HIRED staff
- Median Starting Wage =** the middle value of wages for NEWLY HIRED staff
- Average Wage =** the average hourly wage of CURRENT STAFF
- Median Wage =** the middle value of wages for CURRENT STAFF
- Minimum Wage =** the minimum hourly wage of CURRENT STAFF
- Maximum Wage =** the maximum hourly wage of CURRENT STAFF

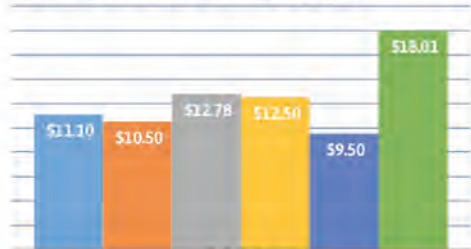
Salary wages were divided by 2,080 to convert to hourly wages

Highlights and Key Findings:

- Many of the positions had a wide range in their minimum and maximum wages.
- An average and median wage value was included for all positions. Average data can generally give a good representation of data. However, when using averages, adding one extreme value can pull the average up or down and therefore may give a misrepresentation. Median values are the exact middle of the range and are another tool to evaluate the data.
- Each staff position duties and responsibilities tend to vary for each program. The Department of Children and Families licensing rules will indicate entry level training that is approved for child care workers. This can be found on the [DCF website](#).

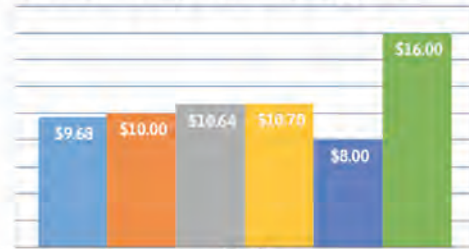


Columbia County Lead Teacher Wages



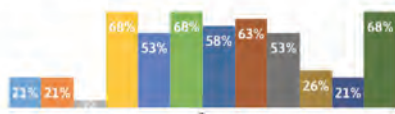
	Total
Average Starting	\$11.10
Median Starting	\$10.50
Average	\$12.78
Median	\$12.50
Minimum	\$9.50
Maximum	\$18.01

Columbia County Assistant Teacher Wages



	Total
Average Starting	\$9.68
Median Starting	\$10.00
Average	\$10.64
Median	\$10.70
Minimum	\$8.00
Maximum	\$16.00

Columbia County Group Center Benefits Offered



	Total
Health Insurance	21%
Dental Insurance	21%
Paid Family Leave	5%
Paid Vacation Time	68%
Paid Sick Time	53%
Paid Holidays	68%
Paid Prep Time	58%
Continuing Ed Reimburse	63%
Reduced Child Care Rates	53%
Retirement Plan Available	26%
Ctr Contributes to Retirem	21%
Paid Staff Mtgs/In-Service	68%