

# California

## by the numbers

### A decade of data about child care in California counties

Locally-based child care resource and referral programs (R&Rs) are located in every county in California. Their services have evolved over 30 years—from a grassroots effort to help parents find child care, to a well-developed statewide system that supports parents, providers, and communities to find, plan for, and develop quality child care that is affordable and accessible.

In 1997, following a two-year effort to standardize the data collection of the 61 R&Rs across the state, the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network launched the first *Child Care Portfolio*, a report which documented child care supply and demand, and portrayed the trends and needs of real families as they struggle to find appropriate, quality care for their children, especially as they juggle work and family. *The Portfolio* has been produced biennially since that time. The information presented here offers a picture of the supply and demand for child care in California, as well as relevant demographics about children and families. The data reflects the most up to date information available and comes from a variety of sources, including the R&Rs' interactions with parents and providers.

For a copy of the *2007 Portfolio*, including county data pages, visit [www.rrnetwork.org](http://www.rrnetwork.org).

The 2007 Portfolio is a project of the  
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People	STATE			U.S.
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>4</sup>	CHANGE	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Total number of residents	33,871,648	37,444,385 <sup>2</sup>	11%	299,398,485
New mothers <sup>3</sup>		515,991		4,182,942
with high school or less education		48%		45%
some college or A.A. degree		28%		28%
B.A. or higher		25%		27%
living in poverty		23%		16%

Households	STATE			U.S.
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>4</sup>	CHANGE	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Number of households	11,512,020	12,151,227	6%	111,617,402
speaking English at home	62%	59%		80%
speaking Spanish at home	22%	25%		11%
speaking an Asian language at home	9%	9%		3%
speaking another language at home	7%	7%		6%
Number of families with children under 18	4,208,775	4,635,986	10%	38,064,338
Percent with children under 18	53%	56%		51%
percent of single parent families	26%	31%		33%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	556,572	657,758	18%	5,712,576
Homeowners with children under 6	14%	13%		12%
Renters with children under 6	20%	18%		16%
Residents over 24 with B.A. or higher	27%	29%		27%

Labor Force	STATE			U.S.
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>4</sup>	CHANGE	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Number of employed residents	14,525,322	16,740,938	15%	141,501,434
working 35 hours or more	79%	78%		79%
working at home	4%	5%		4%
working non-traditional hours	20%	22%		21%
Women in the labor force	7,212,610	8,043,236	12%	70,578,178
New mothers <sup>3</sup> in the labor force prior to the birth of a child		259,427		2,397,953
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child <sup>5</sup>		126,958 <sup>5</sup>		
Men in the labor force	8,765,269	10,021,262	14%	81,615,036
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child <sup>5</sup>		31,672 <sup>5</sup>		

1. United States Census Bureau 2000

2. California Department of Finance Projections

3. Women who had a birth in the last 12 months; American Community Survey 2006

4. American Community Survey 2006

5. Approved bonding claims for *Paid Family Leave* 2006; includes claims through one year after birth

# Children and Child Care in California

Children	STATE			U.S.
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 <sup>2</sup>	7,289,433	7,628,506	5%	56,546,202
Under 2	969,730	1,078,951	11%	8,332,766
2 years	489,336	539,981	10%	4,124,248
3 years	504,490	542,494	8%	4,100,965
4 years	523,425	537,387	3%	4,080,945
5 years	531,405	547,458	3%	4,083,604
6-13 years	4,271,047	4,382,235	3%	31,823,674
Children 0-5 living in poverty	596,765	595,847 <sup>3</sup>	-0.2%	4,966,278 <sup>3</sup>
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>4</sup>	3,803,776	3,980,711 <sup>5</sup>	5%	
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care <sup>6</sup>		486,327		

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**AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE**  
 Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>4</sup> 3,980,711<sup>5</sup>  
 Estimated number of licensed child care slots 1,063,193  
 Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force<sup>12</sup> 27%

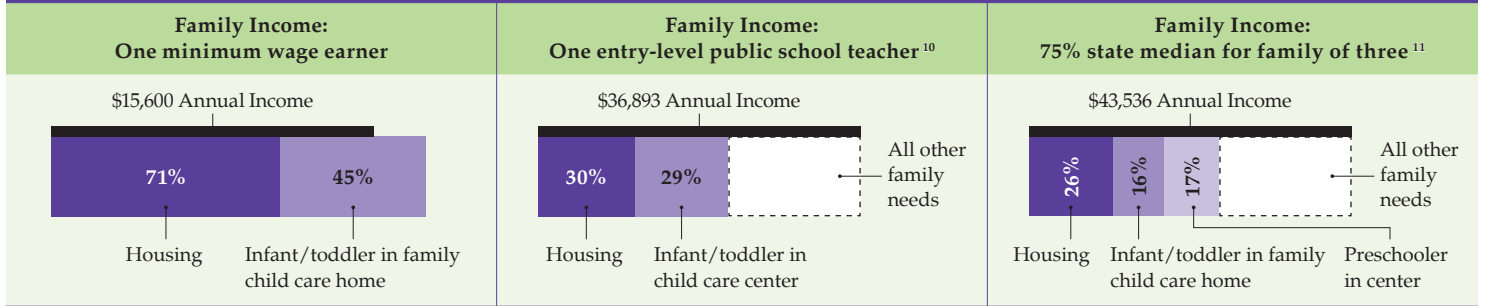
Infant/toddler slots in licensed child care centers represent **5%** of the total number of slots in licensed centers.

Child Care		LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
FACILITIES	Total number of sites	11,054	38,132
	Total number of slots/percent	692,024 65%	371,169 <sup>7</sup> 35%
	Infant slots (under 2 years old)	37,510 5%	
	Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	497,702 72%	
	School-age slots (6 years and older)	156,812 23%	
SCHEDULES <sup>8</sup>	Full-time and part-time slots	71%	85%
	Only full-time slots	10%	13%
	Only part-time slots	19%	2%
	Care available during non-traditional hours <sup>9</sup>	3%	37%
LANGUAGES	English	99%	92%
	Spanish	54%	35%
	Chinese	5%	1%
	Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and other languages	16%	11%

**PARENT REQUESTS TO R&R<sup>13</sup>**  
 TYPE OF CARE REQUESTED Infant/toddler: 41%, Preschool: 39%, School-age: 20%  
 SCHEDULE Full-time: 74%, Part-time: 32%  
 REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Employment: 79%, School/training: 12%, Looking for work: 8%

**COST OF LICENSED CARE<sup>14</sup> AND HOUSING<sup>15</sup>**  
 Care for one infant/toddler  
 Licensed family child care home \$7,069  
 Licensed center \$10,745  
 Care for one preschooler  
 Licensed family child care home \$6,504  
 Licensed center \$7,477  
 Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit) \$11,149

## Child Care and Family Budgets



1. United States Census Bureau 2000  
 2. Population projections for 2006  
 3. American Community Survey 2006  
 4. Children living with two parents or single head of household in the labor force  
 5. Network estimate applied to 2006 child population projections  
 6. Child care slots funded by Head Start, CA Child Development Division, and Department of Social Services 2006  
 7. Breakdown by age not available for family child care homes  
 8. Full-time defined as 30 hours or more per week  
 9. Evening, weekend, or overnight care  
 10. California Department of Education 2005/06  
 11. Child Care and Development Family Fee Schedule 2006  
 12. Some children are cared for by friends and relatives (license-exempt) or school-age programs (often not licensed)  
 13. Resource & referral programs are located in every county in CA  
 14. Regional Market Survey of CA Child Care Providers 2004/05  
 15. US HUD, Median rent for 2 bedroom unit 2006