

Sonoma County

Data that describes child care – statewide and in California counties

As it prepares to celebrate its 30th anniversary, the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network proudly presents its seventh biennial compilation of child care data for the state and for each of California's 58 counties. For 30 years, child care resource and referral (R&R) programs have worked with families, child care providers, and policymakers. These 'on-the-ground' relationships have enabled R&Rs to collect data about child care supply and demand, and to understand the concerns of parents and providers.

Child care request data is gathered from the tens of thousands of calls made to R&Rs across the state, as families attempt to locate appropriate child care. Parents often request specific types of care based on location, language, or work schedules. These calls represent an important sample of families and their needs. However, not all families who need child care contact their local R&R. Parents get information from many sources, including friends and family.

Information about the supply of child care is based on R&R databases of active, licensed providers (as of January 2008).

Census and other demographic information included in the *2009 Child Care Portfolio* are intended to complement the R&R data and to set the stage to better understand the need for child care.

The California Child Care Resource & Referral Network – with the local R&Rs – recruits and trains providers; advocates for quality, affordable, and accessible child care; and documents child care supply and demand. The data provided here is intended to support the continuing efforts of R&Rs, families, providers, and policymakers as they consider the critical role child care plays in society. For copies of the *2009 Child Care Portfolio* for each county and for the state of California, visit www.rrnetwork.org.

PEOPLE	COUNTY			STATE		
	2006	2008	CHANGE	2006	2008	CHANGE
Total number of residents ¹	480,361	487,575	2%	37,380,870	38,246,598	2%
Number of employed residents ²	246,300	248,300	1%	16,948,400	17,059,600	1%
Number of children 0-13 ¹	87,938	89,783	2%	7,628,506	7,595,695	-0.4%
Under 2	11,804	12,292	4%	1,078,951	1,095,851	2%
2 years	6,302	6,230	-1%	539,981	537,511	-0.5%
3 years	6,345	6,319	-0.4%	542,494	546,708	1%
4 years	6,360	6,628	4%	537,387	543,312	1%
5 years	6,537	6,627	1%	547,458	545,944	-0.3%
6 - 11 years	37,428	38,777	4%	3,208,681	3,185,567	-1%
12 years	6,471	6,416	-1%	581,923	562,340	-3%
13 years	6,691	6,494	-3%	591,631	578,462	-2%
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³		47,572			3,991,239	
Children 0-5 living in poverty ⁴	5,021	6,117	22%	595,847	626,804	5%
13,636	Total number of licensed child care slots in Sonoma County ⁵			29%	Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force for whom a licensed child care slot is available ⁶	

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1. Department of Finance population projections for 2006 and 2008.
2. Employment Development Department, Labor Force Data 2006 and 2008.
3. California Child Care Resource & Referral Network estimate applied to 2008 child population projections.
4. US Census, American Community Survey 2006 and 2008.
5. Data from local child care R&R programs, January 2008; compiled by California Child Care Resource & Referral Network.
6. Total number of licensed center and family child care slots divided by estimated number of children 0 - 13 with parents in the labor force.

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AGE/TYPE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		REQUESTS FOR CHILD CARE ²	
Total number of slots	9,558	70%	4,078	30%	Infant care	45%
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	321	3%			Preschool care ³	39%
Preschool slots (2-5 years old) ³	5,956	62%			2 years old	15%
School-age slots (6 years and older)	3,281	34%			3 years old	12%
Total number of sites	177		445		4 years old	8%
Sites offering preschool only ³	111	63%			5 years old	4%
CHILD CARE CENTERS WITH FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL CONTRACTS⁴						
15 Head Start	20 General child care, CDE ⁵	15 State Preschool, CDE	10 Local contracts	58 Centers with one or more contracts	School-age care	17%
					Child care center	78%
					Family child care home	80%

SCHEDULE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		REQUESTS FOR CHILD CARE ²		
					AGES	FULL-TIME ⁶	PART-TIME ⁶
Full-time and part-time slots ⁶	82%		84%		Children 0-5	79%	41%
Only full-time slots	3%		10%		Under 2	80%	43%
Only part-time slots	15%		6%		2 years	77%	34%
Percentage of preschool slots for part-time only care ³	26%		-		3 years	77%	49%
Sites offering evening care	-		4%		4 years	79%	34%
Sites offering weekend care	-		8%		5 years	79%	42%
MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE					REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS²		
79% Employment	11% Parent in school or training	6% Parent seeking employment			Evening/weekend care		6%

LANGUAGES

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME ⁷	
English	100%		96%		English	71%
Spanish	50%		27%		Spanish	25%
Asian/Pacific Island Languages	1%		1%		Asian/Pacific Island Languages	2%
Another Language	5%		4%		Another Language	2%

1. Data from local child care R&R programs, January 2008; compiled by California Child Care Resource & Referral Network.
2. Requests for child care referrals received by local R&R programs, April/May/June 2008.
3. Preschool age defined as 2 - 5 years old, consistent with Title 22 regulations; Community Care Licensing, DSS.
4. Licensed facilities receiving vouchers and licensed family child care homes with government contracts not included.
5. Includes general child care, migrant, latchkey, campus, and severely-handicapped programs.
6. Full-time: 30 or more hours per week; part-time: less than 30 hours per week.
7. US Census, American Community Survey, 2008.

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