

Colusa 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	21,916	22,830	4%	37,380,870	38,246,598	2%
Number of employed residents ²	8,790	9,080	3%	16,948,400	17,059,600	1%
Number of children 0-13 ¹	4,795	4,866	1%	7,628,506	7,595,695	-0.4%
Under 2	703	717	2%	1,078,951	1,095,851	2%
2 years	337	347	3%	539,981	537,511	-0.5%
3 years	340	364	7%	542,494	546,708	1%
4 years	325	341	5%	537,387	543,312	1%
5 years	361	344	-5%	547,458	545,944	-0.3%
6 - 11 years	1,993	2,053	3%	3,208,681	3,185,567	-1%
12 years	358	327	-9%	581,923	562,340	-3%
13 years	378	373	-1%	591,631	578,462	-2%
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³		2,550			3,991,239	
Children 0-5 living in poverty (2000) ⁴		374 ⁴		595,847	626,804	5%
997	Total number of licensed child care slots in Colusa County ⁵			39%	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, 2000.
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	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Category	Percentage
Total number of slots	373	37%	624	63%	Infant care	23%
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	94	25%			Preschool care ³	51%
Preschool slots (2-5 years old) ³	279	75%			2 years old	9%
School-age slots (6 years and older)	–	–			3 years old	16%
Total number of sites	10		52		4 years old	19%
Sites offering preschool only ³	7	70%			5 years old	7%
CHILD CARE CENTERS WITH FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL CONTRACTS⁴						
4 Head Start	4 State Preschool, CDE	3 Local contracts	10 Centers with one or more contracts		School-age care	26%
					Child care center	17%
					Family child care home	88%

SCHEDULE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		REQUESTS FOR CHILD CARE ²		
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	AGES	FULL-TIME ⁶	PART-TIME ⁶
Full-time and part-time slots ⁶	–		99%		Children 0-5	83%	17%
Only full-time slots	70%		1%		Under 2	74%	26%
Only part-time slots	30%		–		2 years	100%	–
Percentage of preschool slots for part-time only care ³	61%		–		3 years	85%	15%
Sites offering evening care	–		29%		4 years	93%	7%
Sites offering weekend care	–		48%		5 years	67%	33%
MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE					REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS²		
93% Employment		13% Parent in school or training			Evening/weekend care		36%

LANGUAGES

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME ⁷	
	Count	Percentage	Count	Percentage	Language	Percentage
English	100%		31%		English	50%
Spanish	70%		75%		Spanish	49%
Asian/Pacific Island Languages	–		–		Asian/Pacific Island Languages	–
Another Language	–		–		Another Language	1%

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, 2000.

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