

# Contra Costa 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](http://www.rrnetwork.org).

PEOPLE	COUNTY			STATE		
	2006	2008	CHANGE	2006	2008	CHANGE
Total number of residents <sup>1</sup>	1,031,997	1,053,710	2%	37,380,870	38,246,598	2%
Number of employed residents <sup>2</sup>	493,800	496,400	1%	16,948,400	17,059,600	1%
Number of children 0-13 <sup>1</sup>	193,526	192,208	-1%	7,628,506	7,595,695	-0.4%
Under 2	26,127	26,427	1%	1,078,951	1,095,851	2%
2 years	13,174	13,104	-1%	539,981	537,511	-0.5%
3 years	13,294	13,269	-0.2%	542,494	546,708	1%
4 years	13,414	13,340	-1%	537,387	543,312	1%
5 years	13,473	13,470	0%	547,458	545,944	-0.3%
6 - 11 years	84,017	82,670	-2%	3,208,681	3,185,567	-1%
12 years	14,997	14,936	-0.4%	581,923	562,340	-3%
13 years	15,030	14,992	-0.3%	591,631	578,462	-2%
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup>		102,923			3,991,239	
Children 0-5 living in poverty <sup>4</sup>	10,040	9,988	-1%	595,847	626,804	5%
<b>36,592</b>	Total number of licensed child care slots in Contra Costa County <sup>5</sup>			<b>36%</b>	Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force for whom a licensed child care slot is available <sup>6</sup>	

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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 <sup>1</sup>	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		REQUESTS FOR CHILD CARE <sup>2</sup>	
Total number of slots	25,570	70%	11,022	30%	Infant care	47%
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	1,169	5%			Preschool care <sup>3</sup>	38%
Preschool slots (2-5 years old) <sup>3</sup>	15,334	60%			2 years old	13%
School-age slots (6 years and older)	9,067	35%			3 years old	10%
Total number of sites	376		1,094		4 years old	9%
Sites offering preschool only <sup>3</sup>	186	49%			5 years old	6%
<b>CHILD CARE CENTERS WITH FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL CONTRACTS<sup>4</sup></b>						
<b>20</b> Head Start	<b>21</b> General child care, CDE <sup>5</sup>	<b>44</b> State Preschool, CDE	<b>1</b> Local contracts	<b>77</b> Centers with one or more contracts	School-age care	15%
					Child care center	66%
					Family child care home	81%

## SCHEDULE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY <sup>1</sup>	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES	REQUESTS FOR CHILD CARE <sup>2</sup>		
Full-time and part-time slots <sup>6</sup>	79%	91%	<b>AGES</b>	<b>FULL-TIME<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>PART-TIME<sup>6</sup></b>
Only full-time slots	4%	5%	Children 0-5	84%	23%
Only part-time slots	17%	4%	Under 2	87%	18%
Percentage of preschool slots for part-time only care <sup>3</sup>	26%	–	2 years	81%	28%
Sites offering evening care	3%	11%	3 years	78%	31%
Sites offering weekend care	1%	12%	4 years	80%	27%
			5 years	77%	29%
<b>MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE</b>			<b>REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS<sup>2</sup></b>		
<b>87%</b> Employment	<b>5%</b> Parent in school or training	<b>4%</b> Parent seeking employment	Evening/weekend care		4%

## LANGUAGES

CHILD CARE SUPPLY <sup>1</sup>	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES	LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME <sup>7</sup>	
English	99%	99%	English	68%
Spanish	34%	19%	Spanish	21%
Asian/Pacific Island Languages	9%	6%	Asian/Pacific Island Languages	5%
Another Language	24%	25%	Another Language	5%

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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