

Humboldt 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	131,757	133,266	1%	37,380,870	38,246,598	2%
Number of employed residents ²	56,700	56,600	-0.2%	16,948,400	17,059,600	1%
Number of children 0-13 ¹	21,145	20,934	-1%	7,628,506	7,595,695	-0.4%
Under 2	2,909	2,790	-4%	1,078,951	1,095,851	2%
2 years	1,465	1,383	-6%	539,981	537,511	-0.5%
3 years	1,455	1,566	8%	542,494	546,708	1%
4 years	1,501	1,487	-1%	537,387	543,312	1%
5 years	1,496	1,476	-1%	547,458	545,944	-0.3%
6 - 11 years	9,095	9,118	0.3%	3,208,681	3,185,567	-1%
12 years	1,601	1,538	-4%	581,923	562,340	-3%
13 years	1,623	1,576	-3%	591,631	578,462	-2%
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³		11,194			3,991,239	
Children 0-5 living in poverty ⁴	1,896	1,757	-7%	595,847	626,804	5%
3,472	Total number of licensed child care slots in Humboldt County ⁵			31%	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	1,736	50%	1,736	50%	Infant care	41%	
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	33	2%			Preschool care ³	41%	
Preschool slots (2-5 years old) ³	1,448	83%			2 years old	-	
School-age slots (6 years and older)	255	15%			3 years old	-	
Total number of sites	57		169		4 years old	-	
Sites offering preschool only ³	47	82%			5 years old	-	
CHILD CARE CENTERS WITH FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL CONTRACTS⁴							
13 Head Start	3 General child care, CDE ⁵	7 State Preschool, CDE	22 Centers with one or more contracts	School-age care			19%
				Child care center			-
				Family child care home			-

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	62%		93%		Children 0-5	-	-	
Only full-time slots	14%		6%		Under 2	-	-	
Only part-time slots	24%		1%		2 years	-	-	
Percentage of preschool slots for part-time only care ³	31%		-		3 years	-	-	
Sites offering evening care	-		9%		4 years	-	-	
Sites offering weekend care	-		9%		5 years	-	-	
MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE							REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS²	
69% Employment	11% Parent seeking employment	7% Child's enrichment/development	Evening/weekend care				-	

LANGUAGES

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME ⁷	
English	100%		97%		English	90%
Spanish	18%		12%		Spanish	7%
Asian/Pacific Island Languages	-		1%		Asian/Pacific Island Languages	2%
Another Language	2%		-		Another Language	0.3%

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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