

Kern 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	799,475	835,007	4%	37,380,870	38,246,598	2%
Number of employed residents ²	313,900	328,000	4%	16,948,400	17,059,600	1%
Number of children 0-13 ¹	187,587	194,228	4%	7,628,506	7,595,695	-0.4%
Under 2	29,019	31,724	9%	1,078,951	1,095,851	2%
2 years	13,528	15,290	13%	539,981	537,511	-0.5%
3 years	13,139	14,053	7%	542,494	546,708	1%
4 years	12,738	13,756	8%	537,387	543,312	1%
5 years	12,755	13,402	5%	547,458	545,944	-0.3%
6 - 11 years	78,206	77,914	-0.4%	3,208,681	3,185,567	-1%
12 years	13,980	13,878	-1%	581,923	562,340	-3%
13 years	14,222	14,211	-0.1%	591,631	578,462	-2%
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³		100,093			3,991,239	
Children 0-5 living in poverty ⁴	24,621	26,768	9%	595,847	626,804	5%
22,911	Total number of licensed child care slots in Kern County ⁵			23%	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	12,401	54%	10,510	46%
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	640	5%		
Preschool slots (2-5 years old) ³	9,472	76%		
School-age slots (6 years and older)	2,289	18%		
Total number of sites	215		1,076	
Sites offering preschool only ³	145	67%		
CHILD CARE CENTERS WITH FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL CONTRACTS ⁴				
60 Head Start	18 General child care, CDE ⁵	44 State Preschool, CDE	118 Centers with one or more contracts	
				Infant care 34%
				Preschool care ³ 39%
				2 years old 12%
				3 years old 11%
				4 years old 9%
				5 years old 7%
				School-age care 27%
				Child care center 63%
				Family child care home 93%

SCHEDULE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES	REQUESTS FOR CHILD CARE ²		
Full-time and part-time slots ⁶	55%	97%	AGES	FULL-TIME ⁶	PART-TIME ⁶
Only full-time slots	17%	1%	Children 0-5	95%	8%
Only part-time slots	28%	2%	Under 2	94%	8%
Percentage of preschool slots for part-time only care ³	36%	-	2 years	94%	9%
Sites offering evening care	3%	49%	3 years	95%	9%
Sites offering weekend care	1%	44%	4 years	96%	7%
			5 years	95%	10%
MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE			REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS ²		
78% Employment	17% Parent in school or training	10% Parent seeking employment	Evening/weekend care 18%		

LANGUAGES

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES	LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME ⁷	
English	100%	76%	English	58%
Spanish	52%	43%	Spanish	39%
Asian/Pacific Island Languages	-	1%	Asian/Pacific Island Languages	1%
Another Language	1%	1%	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, American Community Survey, 2008.

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