

# Sierra 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>	3,680	3,657	-1%	37,380,870	38,246,598	2%
Number of employed residents <sup>2</sup>	1,480	1,470	-1%	16,948,400	17,059,600	1%
Number of children 0-13 <sup>1</sup>	425	387	-9%	7,628,506	7,595,695	-0.4%
Under 2	49	52	6%	1,078,951	1,095,851	2%
2 years	26	26	0%	539,981	537,511	-0.5%
3 years	29	23	-21%	542,494	546,708	1%
4 years	24	26	8%	537,387	543,312	1%
5 years	13	29	123%	547,458	545,944	-0.3%
6 - 11 years	194	153	-21%	3,208,681	3,185,567	-1%
12 years	48	31	-35%	581,923	562,340	-3%
13 years	42	47	12%	591,631	578,462	-2%
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup>		207			3,991,239	
Children 0-5 living in poverty (2000) <sup>4</sup>		26 <sup>4</sup>		595,847	626,804	5%

**83**

Total number of licensed child care slots in Sierra County<sup>5</sup>

**40%**

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, 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 <sup>1</sup>	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		REQUESTS FOR CHILD CARE <sup>2</sup>	
Total number of slots	27	33%	56	67%	Infant care	10%
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	2	7%			Preschool care <sup>3</sup>	59%
Preschool slots (2-5 years old) <sup>3</sup>	22	81%			2 years old	10%
School-age slots (6 years and older)	3	11%			3 years old	19%
Total number of sites	2		5		4 years old	21%
Sites offering preschool only <sup>3</sup>	-	-			5 years old	9%
<b>CHILD CARE CENTERS WITH FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL CONTRACTS<sup>4</sup></b>						
<b>2</b> Local contracts			<b>2</b> Centers with one or more contracts			
					School-age care	31%
					Child care center	75%
					Family child care home	25%

## SCHEDULE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY <sup>1</sup>	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		REQUESTS FOR CHILD CARE <sup>2</sup>		
					AGES	FULL-TIME <sup>6</sup>	PART-TIME <sup>6</sup>
Full-time and part-time slots <sup>6</sup>	100%		100%		Children 0-5	28%	73%
Only full-time slots	-		-		Under 2	33%	67%
Only part-time slots	-		-		2 years	33%	67%
Percentage of preschool slots for part-time only care <sup>3</sup>	-		-		3 years	18%	82%
Sites offering evening care	-		40%		4 years	42%	58%
Sites offering weekend care	-		20%		5 years	-	100%
<b>MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE</b>					<b>REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS<sup>2</sup></b>		
<b>59%</b> Employment	<b>19%</b> Child's enrichment/development	<b>16%</b> Respite care			Evening/weekend care	16%	

## LANGUAGES

CHILD CARE SUPPLY <sup>1</sup>	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME <sup>7</sup>	
English	100%		100%		English	96%
Spanish	-		-		Spanish	4%
Asian/Pacific Island Languages	-		-		Asian/Pacific Island Languages	-
Another Language	-		-		Another Language	-

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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