

# Monterey County

**U.S. Census figures** point to a shift in the languages spoken in Monterey County: The number of households speaking English actually dropped by 6 percent while the number of Spanish-speaking families increased by more than 50 percent, bringing the percent of Spanish-speaking households to about 30 percent of the total number of households in the county. Since the closing of the local U.S. Army base nearly a decade ago, tourism and agriculture have become even more important to the local economy. While the expansion of Silicon Valley has had some influence on the region, many of the area's service and farm workers reflect the increase in the county's Latino population.

## Collaborations help build supply

To address this population's child care needs, the Monterey County Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) has worked to recruit Spanish-speaking providers – offering orientations and technical assistance in Spanish. R&R staff make frequent appearances on Spanish-language radio to both recruit providers and help parents find care. And the agency has collaborated with local colleges to provide training in infant and toddler care as well as other child development curriculum to Spanish-speaking providers.

A two-year collaborative effort – involving the county, the R&R, the Housing Authority, Children's Services International, and others – led to Jardines Del Monte, a townhouse complex in East Salinas, which includes units designed for licensed family child care.

More than 50 new providers received training and technical assistance through the statewide Child Care Initiative Project. In addition, stipends and credit-bearing courses in infant and toddler care at Hartnell College and courses at both Hartnell and Monterey Peninsula colleges are focusing on caring for children with special needs.

*"There is tremendous interest among providers to be more business savvy. So in addition to training on child development, we focus on helping providers understand the complexity of running a child care home or center. Our goal is to help providers avoid 'surprises'"* – R&R Counselor

The People <sup>1</sup>	1990	2000	Change
Total number of residents	355,660	401,762	13%
Total number of employed residents		164,517	
Percent working outside the county		11%	
Percent working non-traditional hours		19%	
Total number of households	113,340	121,199	7%
Speaking English	73,540	68,900	-6%
Speaking Spanish	25,030	37,751	51%
Speaking an Asian language	6,782	7,088	5%

## The Children<sup>1</sup> 2000

Total number of children (0–13 years) 89,903

Under 2	2	3	4	5	6–11	12	13
12,260	6,105	6,282	6,601	6,529	39,848	6,177	6,101

Children 0–5 living in poverty (% of total) 6,610 (18%)

Children 0–5 living in single parent household (% of total) 5,455 (18%)

Total number of children (0–13) with parents in the labor force<sup>2</sup> 47,855

Under 2	2	3	4	5	6–13
5,445	2,890	2,765	3,330	3,425	30,000

## Child Care Cost and Family Income 2002

Average annual cost of full-time licensed care for a preschooler, 2–5 years old, in a center<sup>3</sup> \$5,965

Annual minimum wage of a full-time worker<sup>4</sup> \$14,040

Care for a preschooler as a percent of income of a single parent household at minimum wage 42%

Annual median family income<sup>1</sup> \$51,169

Annual fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit<sup>5</sup> \$9,600

Salary of entry-level public school teacher<sup>6</sup> \$26,525

1. U.S. Census Bureau, 1990; 2000.

2. This number reflects children with either two parents or single head of household in the labor force.

3. 2002 Regional Market Rate Survey of California Child Care Providers.

4. California Department of Industrial Relations, Industrial Welfare Commission, 2002.

5. U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 2002.

6. California Department of Education, 2002-2003.

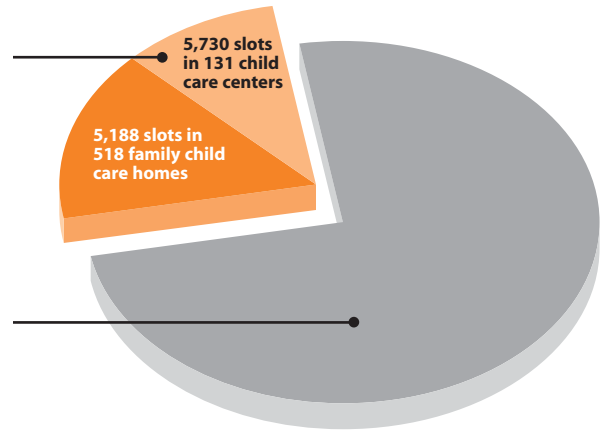
**For more information about child care in Monterey County, call:**

Monterey County Child Care Resource and Referral 831-757-0775

# Child Care Supply in Monterey County

## Licensed Child Care Supply 10,918 slots

Total number of licensed slots	10,918
Percent of slots in child care centers	52%
% of slots for infants (under 2 years old)	5%
% of slots for preschoolers (2–5 years old)	82%
% of slots for school-age children (6 years and older)	13%
Percent of slots in family child care homes <sup>1</sup>	48%



## Children with Parents in the Labor Force<sup>2</sup> 47,855

Licensed child care is only available for 23% of children with parents in the labor force<sup>2</sup>.

- Licensed center-based care available for 5% of infants<sup>1</sup>
- Licensed center-based care available for 38% of preschoolers<sup>1</sup>

## Supply of Licensed Child Care and Requests from Parents to the R&R

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes
<b>Facilities</b>	Total number of sites	131	518
	Total number of slots	5,730	5,188 <sup>1</sup>
	Infant slots	290	
	Preschool slots	4,675	
	School-age slots	765	
<b>Schedules<sup>3</sup></b>	Full-time and part-time	56%	90%
	Only full-time available	16%	9%
	Only part-time available	27%	1%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	47%

**Parent Requests to the R&R<sup>4</sup>**

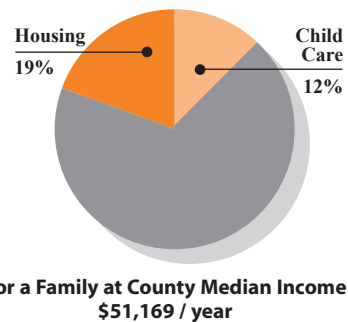
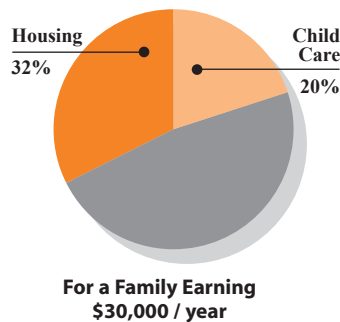
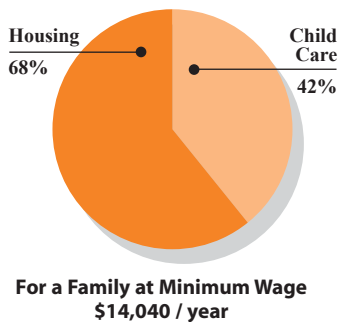
*Type of care:* 40% infant/toddler; 39% preschool; 21% school-age

*Type of facility:* 97% family child care homes; 9% child care centers

*Schedule of care:* 63% full-time care (0–5 years); 38% part-time care (0–5 years)

*Reasons for needing child care:* 91% employment; 7% school/training; 1% looking for work

## Portion of Income Needed to Pay for Basic Family Needs: Housing and One Preschooler in a Licensed Center



- A breakdown of slots by age is not available for family child care homes because they are licensed to care for children of all ages.
- Children (0–13 years old) living with two parents or with a single parent in the labor force. 2000 U.S. Census.
- Full-time and part-time schedules are percentages of total slots. Some centers that are exempt from licensing requirements are included in the percentages related to care during non-traditional hours (evening, weekend, or overnight.) Non-traditional schedules are percentages of total sites.
- Since some parents find child care without using R&Rs, the calls recorded here do not necessarily represent total demand for child care, although they do reflect trends.