

Yolo County

Nearly 85 percent of Yolo County's population lives in its four incorporated cities: Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, and Woodland. Many of these towns are losing families to the county's more rural areas where housing is less expensive. Being home to a university and the county's proximity to the Bay Area have driven up the cost of living, especially in Davis. "Families aren't finding all the amenities they need in the rural areas, such as licensed care," says a staff member with the City of Davis' Child Care Services, the local resource and referral (R&R) agency. In some of the rural farming areas, there is a high demand for child care during non-traditional hours. These requests come mostly from parents who work in farming and food processing facilities, which run shifts around the clock, especially during harvest time. There is very little licensed care available during non-traditional hours, with only 2 percent of licensed centers offering care during these hours. For working parents who can't find licensed care when they are at work, or can't afford such care, many turn to license-exempt caregivers (often relatives or friends).

Raising the quality of child care

To improve the quality of this type of care, the R&R implemented license-exempt provider training and support. Preschool classrooms are used as training sites to teach activities in art, music, science, and nutrition. Providers attend these programs with the children in their care to experience a "preschool" environment so they can use some of these activities in their homes. With funding from First 5 and support from the statewide Child Care Initiative Project, the R&R is recruiting Spanish-speaking providers and hosting licensing orientations in Spanish. The R&R is also working to increase the number of Russian-speaking providers to serve the county's growing Russian community.

"We've noticed an increase in the child care demand from both Spanish- and Russian-speaking families. As a result, we've included more child care classes in these languages, and also translated materials"

– R&R Counselor

The People ¹	1990	2000	Change
Total number of residents	141,092	168,660	20%
Total number of employed residents		75,151	
Percent working outside the county		33%	
Percent working non-traditional hours		21%	
Total number of households	51,119	59,358	16%
Speaking English	38,247	39,806	4%
Speaking Spanish	7,341	11,312	54%
Speaking an Asian language	2,593	3,810	47%

The Children¹ 2000

Total number of children (0–13 years) 33,128

Under 2	2	3	4	5	6–11	12	13
4,282	2,109	2,227	2,346	2,390	14,856	2,531	2,387

Children 0–5 living in poverty (% of total) 2,383 (18%)

Children 0–5 living in single parent household (% of total) 2,309 (20%)

Total number of children (0–13) with parents in the labor force² 19,195

Under 2	2	3	4	5	6–13
2,155	975	1,065	1,250	1,510	12,240

Child Care Cost and Family Income 2002

Average annual cost of full-time licensed care for a preschooler, 2–5 years old, in a center³ \$6,638

Annual minimum wage of a full-time worker⁴ \$14,040

Care for a preschooler as a percent of income of a single parent household at minimum wage 47%

Annual median family income¹ \$51,623

Annual fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit⁵ \$8,544

Salary of entry-level public school teacher⁶ \$26,670

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 Yolo County, call:

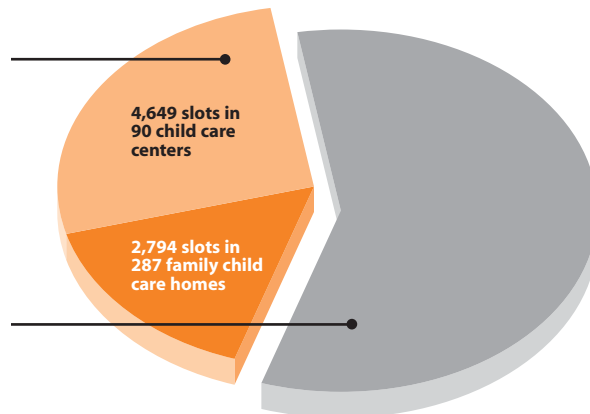
City of Davis Resource and Referral

530-757-5695

Child Care Supply in Yolo County

Licensed Child Care Supply 7,443 slots

Total number of licensed slots	7,443
Percent of slots in child care centers	62%
% of slots for infants (under 2 years old)	7%
% of slots for preschoolers (2–5 years old)	63%
% of slots for school-age children (6 years and older)	30%
Percent of slots in family child care homes ¹	38%



Children with Parents in the Labor Force² 19,195

Licensed child care is only available for 39% of children with parents in the labor force².

- Licensed center-based care available for 16% of infants¹
- Licensed center-based care available for 61% of preschoolers¹

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

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes
Facilities	Total number of sites	90	287
	Total number of slots	4,649	2,794 ¹
	Infant slots	337	
	Preschool slots	2,932	
	School-age slots	1,380	
Schedules³	Full-time and part-time	76%	76%
	Only full-time available	1%	12%
	Only part-time available	23%	12%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	2%	24%

Parent Requests to the R&R⁴

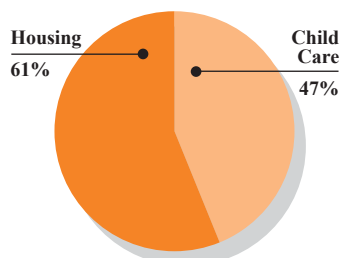
Type of care: 35% infant/toddler; 42% preschool; 23% school-age

Type of facility: 90% family child care homes; 56% child care centers

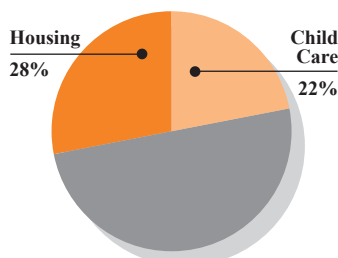
Schedule of care: 63% full-time care (0–5 years); 38% part-time care (0–5 years)

Reasons for needing child care: 73% employment; 19% school/training; 5% looking for work

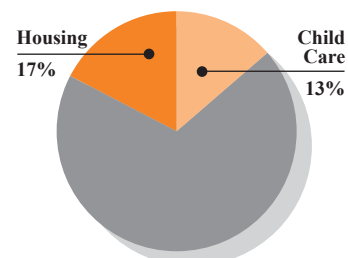
Portion of Income Needed to Pay for Basic Family Needs: Housing and One Preschooler in a Licensed Center



For a Family at Minimum Wage \$14,040 / year



For a Family Earning \$30,000 / year



For a Family at County Median Income \$51,623 / year

- 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.