

# Yuba County

**Yuba County** stretches from the farmlands of the northern Sacramento Valley to the timberlands of the Sierra Nevada. Over the past decade, the mix of employment has shifted away from manufacturing and wholesale trade to retail and service industries. Agriculture remains the region's major economic force. Most of these jobs pay modest wages, which makes paying for quality child care difficult for many families. In addition, many of these jobs often require early morning, evening, and weekend shifts. But only 3 percent of licensed child care centers offer care during non-traditional hours. Nearly 45 percent of residents work outside the county, which adds to the need for care during these hours. As with most California counties, care for infants and toddlers is also in short supply. Spanish-speaking providers are also needed to serve the growing number of Latino families (Spanish-speaking households grew by 66 percent over the last decade).

## Helping all child care providers

Children's Home Society of California, the local resource and referral (R&R) agency for Yuba and neighboring Sutter county, hosts licensing orientations to increase the number of licensed providers that can meet the needs of local families. The R&R, with funding from the Children and Families Commission, offers individual training for providers in order to improve the overall quality of care. It also helps license-exempt providers get licensed. The statewide Child Care Initiative Project (CCIP) trains new and existing providers in both child development and business skills. The R&R helps providers become eligible for the Staff Retention Project, funded by the Children and Families Commission, to provide grants for continued early education.

*"There's a large housing development being built in the southern part of the county. So, we'll need to increase the number of family child care homes and centers to accommodate the needs of these families. We always need to know what's planned in our community"* – R&R Counselor

The People <sup>1</sup>	1990	2000	Change
Total number of residents	58,228	60,219	3%
Total number of employed residents		21,990	
Percent working outside the county		44%	
Percent working non-traditional hours		23%	
Total number of households	19,891	20,552	3%
Speaking English	16,611	16,127	-3%
Speaking Spanish	1,670	2,767	66%
Speaking an Asian language	990	936	-5%

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

Total number of children (0–13 years) 14,568

Under 2	2	3	4	5	6–11	12	13
1,944	957	1,014	1,045	1,042	6,413	1,088	1,065

Children 0–5 living in poverty (% of total) 1,666 (29%)

Children 0–5 living in single parent household (% of total) 1,390 (28%)

Total number of children (0–13) with parents in the labor force<sup>2</sup> 7,205

Under 2	2	3	4	5	6–13
885	370	485	465	535	4,465

## 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> \$4,422

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 31%

Annual median family income<sup>1</sup> \$34,103

Annual fair market rent for a two-bedroom unit<sup>5</sup> \$6,264

Salary of entry-level public school teacher<sup>6</sup> \$34,175

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 Yuba County, call:**

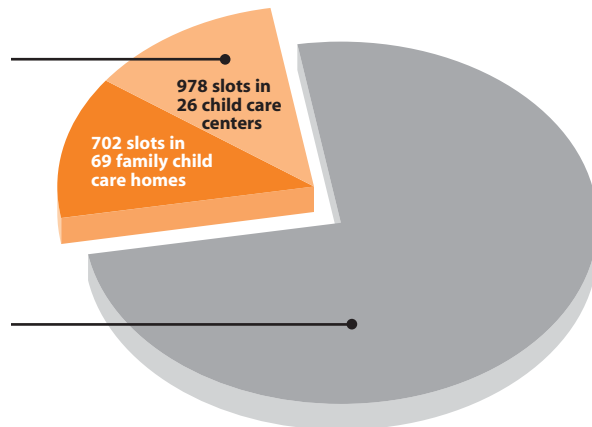
Children's Home Society of California

530-673-7503

# Child Care Supply in Yuba County

## Licensed Child Care Supply 1,680 slots

Total number of licensed slots	1,680
Percent of slots in child care centers	58%
% of slots for infants (under 2 years old)	2%
% of slots for preschoolers (2–5 years old)	89%
% of slots for school-age children (6 years and older)	9%
Percent of slots in family child care homes <sup>1</sup>	42%



## Children with Parents in the Labor Force<sup>2</sup> 7,205

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 2% of infants<sup>1</sup>
- Licensed center-based care available for 47% 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	26	69
	Total number of slots	978	702 <sup>1</sup>
	Infant slots	21	
	Preschool slots	871	
	School-age slots	86	
<b>Schedules<sup>3</sup></b>	Full-time and part-time	60%	98%
	Only full-time available	0%	2%
	Only part-time available	40%	0%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	3%	46%

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

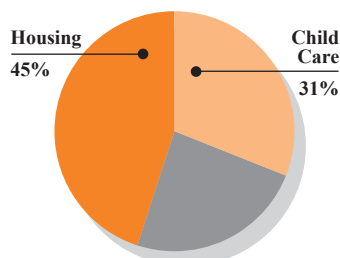
*Type of care:* 30% infant/toddler; 44% preschool; 25% school-age

*Type of facility:* 98% family child care homes; 57% child care centers

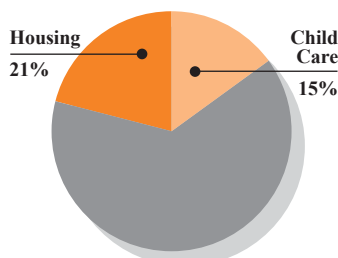
*Schedule of care:* 83% full-time care (0–5 years); 20% part-time care (0–5 years)

*Reasons for needing child care:* 75% employment; 28% school/training; 4% looking for work

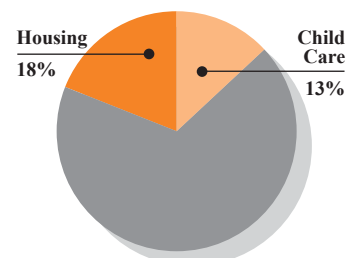
## Portion of Income Needed to Pay for Basic Family Needs: Housing and One Preschooler in a Licensed Center



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



For a Family Earning \$30,000 / year



For a Family at County Median Income \$34,103 / 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.