

San Benito County

San Benito County's population growth resulted primarily from a significant rate of natural increase. (It was one of just 10 counties where the differential between births and deaths, 2000 to 2004, accounted for 60% or more of the population increase.)

The county has the 3rd highest percentage of households speaking Spanish at home.

The county ranks 3rd in the percentage of child care centers with Spanish-speaking staff, 5th in the percentage of Spanish-speaking family child care providers.

The median income for a family with children under 18 (\$59,340) ranks 12th highest in the state and the percentage of children living in poverty is the 7th lowest in the state.¹

San Benito County's percentage increase in the number of workers with a one-way commute of one hour or more and its percentage increase of women in the workforce both ranked 2nd in the state.

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	53,234	57,353	8%
• Population foreign born residents	19%		
• Population change from natural increase			64%
• Population change from domestic migration			1%
• Population change from foreign immigration			35%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	13,558	13,634	1%
• Under 2	1,853		
• 2 years	927		
• 3 years	925		
• 4 years	1,000		
• 5 years	982		
• 6 to 13 years	7,871		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	7,560	7,602 ⁴	1%
• Under 2	950		
• 2 years	455		
• 3 years	390		
• 4 years	480		
• 5 years	555		
• 6 to 13 years	4,730		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	10%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	16,530	23,105	40%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	1,642	4,954	202%
• People working at home	548	697	27%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	2,759	4,331	57%
• percent working non-traditional hours		19%	
• People working 35 hours or more	15,730	22,529	43%
• percent working 35 hours or more		81%	
• Men in the labor force	10,660	14,163	33%
• Women in the labor force	7,752	11,184	44%
• Women with a child under 6		3,626	
• percent in the labor force		55%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	15,911	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	61%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	34%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	2%	9%
• speaking another language at home	3%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	7,698	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	59%	53%
• percent of single parent families	22%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	18%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	29%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	17%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Go Kids, Inc. at (831) 637-9205.

1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.

2. California Department of Finance population projections.

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

4. Network estimate based on California Department of Finance (DOF) population projections.

5. U.S. Census Bureau, 1990.

6. Estimate using commute time. Might or might not include weekends.

Child Care in San Benito County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	14	126
	Total number of slots (percent)	621 (32%)	1,314 (68%)
	Infant slots in centers	28 (5%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	455 (73%)	
	School-age slots in centers	138 (22%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	70%	92%
	Only full-time slots	3%	7%
	Only part-time slots	27%	1%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	7%	46%
Languages	English	100%	90%
	Spanish	79%	55%
	Other	0%	2%

1. A breakdown of slots by age is not available for family child care homes because their licenses are not specific to particular age groups.
2. Full-time (30 or more hours/week) and part-time are a % of total slots. Non-traditional (evenings, weekends, overnight) are a % of total sites.
3. Network estimate based on CA DOF Projections, 2004: either two parents or single head of household in labor force.
4. These types of care are not included in the supply of licensed care available.
5. Some parents find child care without using R&Rs. These requests do not necessarily represent total demand, but they do reflect trends.
6. U.S. HUD. Median rent for a 2-bedroom unit. 2004.
7. Cost estimates 2004/5; 2002 Regional Market Rates with CPI Inflation Factor. Full-time.
8. California Dept. of Education. 2003/4.

Availability of Licensed Child Care

In San Benito County, there are an estimated 7,602 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 1,935 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 25% of children with parents in the labor force.*

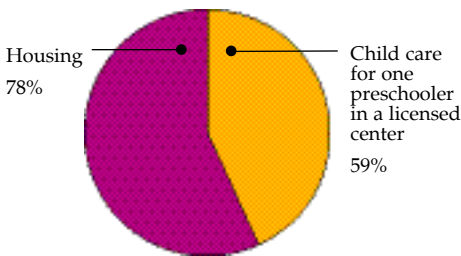
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

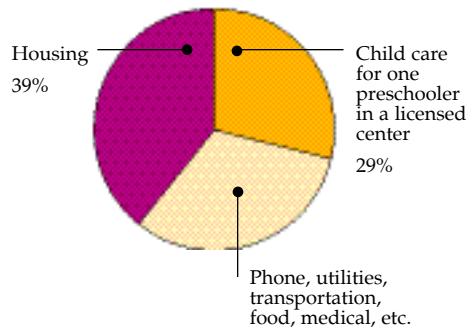
- Type of care requested: 43% infant/toddler; 49% preschool; 9% school-age
- Schedule requested: 94% full-time (0-5 years); 6% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 96% employment; 4% school/training; 0% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

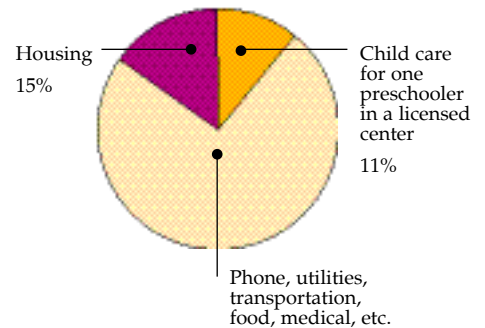
How child care fits into a San Benito County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$10,968; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$8,261)



Annual Income: \$14,040
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 51% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
 Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 26% of income



Annual Income: \$72,862
 Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 10% of income