

Alpine County

Alpine County has the fewest residents and the fewest children birth to 13 in California.

While foreign-born residents comprise just 3% of the county's population (compared to 26% statewide) 19% are Native American (compared to 1% in the state.)

(U.S. Census Bureau, 2000)

The percentage of women in sales and office occupations is three times higher than men in the same types of occupations (40% vs. 13%). The percentage of men in construction, production, and related activities is 4 times higher than women in those occupations (28% vs. 7%).¹

Alpine County is one of just 6 counties in California with an unemployment rate higher than 8%. (CA. Employment Development Dept. Aug. '05)

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	1,208	1,289	7%
• Population foreign born residents	3%		
• Population change from natural increase			26%
• Population change from domestic migration			66%
• Population change from foreign immigration			8%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	193	178	-8%
• Under 2	28		
• 2 years	10		
• 3 years	8		
• 4 years	15		
• 5 years	13		
• 6 to 13 years	119		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	115	106 ⁴	-8%
• 0-5 years	30		
• 6 to 13 years	85		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	47%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	504	613	22%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	10	19	90%
• People working at home	7	28	300%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	57	106	86%
• percent working non-traditional hours		17%	
• People working 35 hours or more	526	548	4%
• percent working 35 hours or more		75%	
• Men in the labor force	350	382	9%
• Women in the labor force	241	301	25%
• Women with a child under 6		45	
• percent in the labor force		53%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	492	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	89%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	4%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%
• speaking another language at home	7%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	123	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	41%	53%
• percent of single parent families	33%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	7%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	14%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	28%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Choices for Children at (530) 694-2129.

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 Alpine County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	4	1
	Total number of slots (percent)	137 (94%)	8 (6%)
	Infant slots in centers	20 (15%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	89 (65%)	
	School-age slots in centers	28 (20%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	100%	100%
	Only full-time slots		
	Only part-time slots		
	Care available during non-traditional hours	50%	
Languages	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	25%	0%
	Other Languages	25%	0%

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 Alpine County, there are an estimated 106 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 145 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 137% of children with parents in the labor force.*

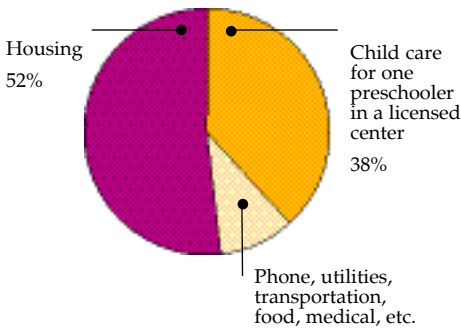
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

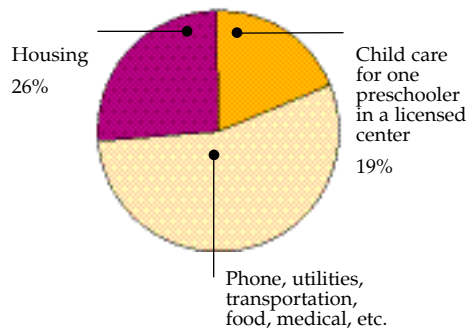
- Type of care requested: 100% infant/toddler
- Schedule requested: 50% full-time (0-5 years); 100% part time (0-5 years)

Child Care and Family Budgets

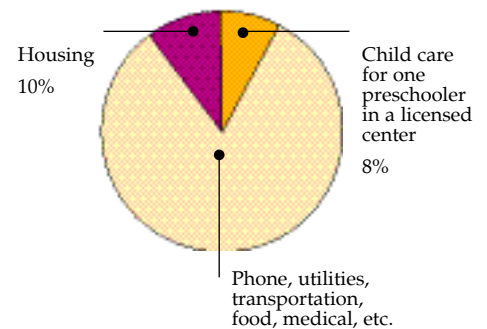
How child care fits into a family's budget in Alpine County (Housing⁶: \$7,308; Child Care⁷ for a preschooler in a licensed center: \$5,332)



Annual Income: \$14,040
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 45% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
 Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 23% of income



Annual Income: \$70,214
 Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 9% of income