

Amador County

Amador County is one of 12 counties with fewer births than deaths between 2000 and 2004. However, the population increased between those years because of domestic migration into the county.

Fewer than 5% of the residents of Amador county are foreign born.

Management and professional jobs account for 30% of employment in Amador County; service occupations 22%; sales and office jobs 24%.¹

Amador County is one of the 5 counties with the greatest percentage of child care requests from parents looking for work.

The percentage increase in women in the labor force was the 6th highest in the state between 1990 and 2000.

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	35,100	37,468	7%
• Population foreign born residents	3%		
• Population change from natural increase			-20%
• Population change from domestic migration			114%
• Population change from foreign immigration			6%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	5,079	4,757	-6%
• Under 2	568		
• 2 years	295		
• 3 years	294		
• 4 years	321		
• 5 years	343		
• 6 to 13 years	3,258		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	3,249	3,043 ⁴	-6%
• Under 2	255		
• 2 years	170		
• 3 years	185		
• 4 years	179		
• 5 years	210		
• 6 to 13 years	2,250		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	15%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	10,468	13,378	28%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	1,232	1,856	51%
• People working at home	552	704	28%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	2,060	3,004	46%
• percent working non-traditional hours		22%	
• People working 35 hours or more	10,615	13,756	30%
• percent working 35 hours or more		75%	
• Men in the labor force	6,352	7,588	19%
• Women in the labor force	4,929	6,642	35%
• Women with a child under 6		1,160	
• percent in the labor force		60%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	12,741	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	91%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	4%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%
• speaking another language at home	4%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	3,354	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	37%	53%
• percent of single parent families	31%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	7%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	16%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	17%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call HRC Child Care Resources at (209) 223-1624.

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 Amador County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	15	40
	Total number of slots (percent)	381 (51%)	362 (49%)
	Infant slots in centers	8 (2%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	310 (81%)	
	School-age slots in centers	63 (17%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	63%	100%
	Only full-time slots	0%	0%
	Only part-time slots	37%	0%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	33%
Languages	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	20%	10%
	Other Languages	13%	8%

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 Amador County, there are an estimated 3,043 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 743 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 24% of children with parents in the labor force.*

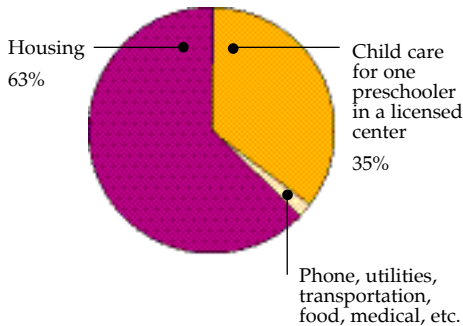
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license exempt caregivers) to care for their children and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

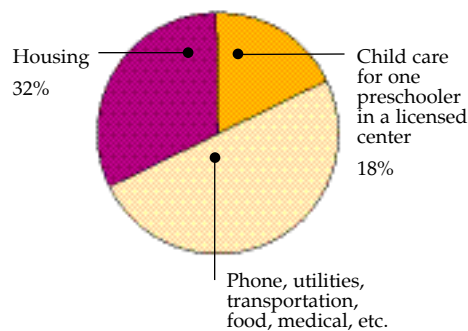
- Type of care requested: 39% infant/toddler; 41% preschool; 20% school-age
- Schedule requested: 79% full-time (0-5 years); 82% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 75% employment; 3% school/training; 19% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

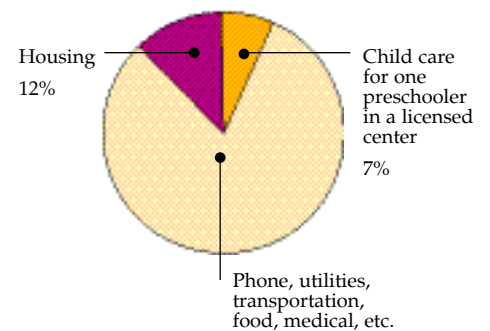
How child care fits into a family's budget in Amador County (Housing⁶: \$8,856; Child Care⁷ for a preschooler in a licensed center: \$4,965)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 48% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 24% of income



Annual Income: \$71,340
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