

# Colusa County

Colusa County is one of the 13 counties in the state in which a higher percentage of public school children are English language learners (39%) than in the state as a whole (25%).

(CA Dept. of Ed. (2004/05))

The county ranks 8th in percentage of foreign-born residents and 5th in the percentage of Spanish-speaking households.

Colusa is one of the 10 counties with the highest percentage of child care centers and family child care homes speaking Spanish.

The county's percentage increase (between 1990 and 2000) in people traveling an hour or more to work ranked 4th highest in the state.

Farming, fishing, and forestry account for 15% of employment, the highest percentage in the state.<sup>1</sup>

Colusa County is one of 6 counties with an unemployment rate over 8%.

(CA Employment Development Dept., 8/05)

The People	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change <sup>2</sup>
Total number of residents	18,804	20,582	9%
• Population foreign born residents	28%		
• Population change from natural increase			49%
• Population change from domestic migration			3%
• Population change from foreign immigration			48%

The Children	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change
Children 0-13	4,487	4,533	1%
• Under 2	597		
• 2 years	347		
• 3 years	284		
• 4 years	289		
• 5 years	334		
• 6 to 13 years	2,636		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup>	2,489	2,515 <sup>4</sup>	1%
• Under 2	255		
• 2 years	215		
• 3 years	139		
• 4 years	190		
• 5 years	185		
• 6 to 13 years	1,505		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	20%		

The Labor Force	1990 <sup>5</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	Change
• Number of employed residents	6,488	7,052	9%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	247	538	118%
• People working at home	232	254	9%
• People working non-traditional hours <sup>6</sup>	1,063	1,035	-3%
• percent working non-traditional hours		15%	
• People working 35 hours or more	6,536	7,192	10%
• percent working 35 hours or more		79%	
• Men in the labor force	4,452	4,635	4%
• Women in the labor force	2,807	3,470	24%
• Women with a child under 6		1,304	
• percent in the labor force		59%	

The Households	2000 County <sup>1</sup>	2000 State <sup>1</sup>
• Number of households	6,081	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	63%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	34%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%
• speaking another language at home	3%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	2,490	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	55%	53%
• percent of single parent families	22%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	14%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	32%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	11%	27%

## The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Children's Services - Colusa Office of Education at (530) 458-0300.

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 Colusa County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes <sup>1</sup>
Facilities	Total number of sites	12	72
	Total number of slots (percent)	400 (35%)	734 (65%)
	Infant slots in centers	76 (19%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	302 (76%)	
	School-age slots in centers	22 (6%)	
Schedules <sup>2</sup>	Full-time and part-time slots	12%	3%
	Only full-time slots	71%	97%
	Only part-time slots	18%	0%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	49%
Languages	English	100%	36%
	Spanish	75%	74%
	Other	0%	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 Colusa County, there are an estimated 2,515 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>3</sup> and 1,134 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 45% of children with parents in the labor force.\*

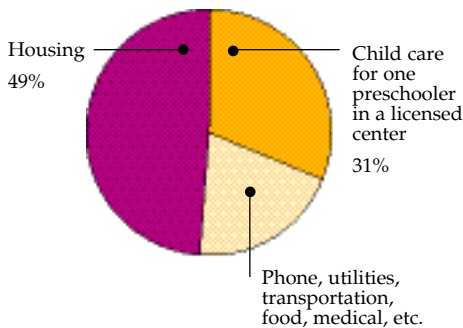
\* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.<sup>4</sup>

## Parent Requests to the R&R<sup>5</sup>

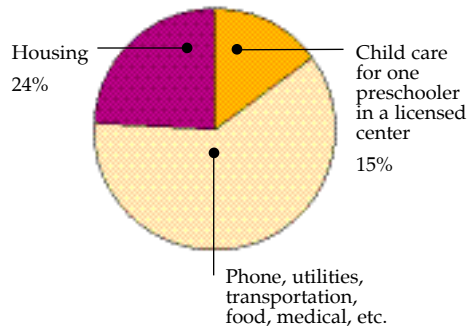
- Type of care requested: 28% infant/toddler; 56% preschool; 17% school-age
- Schedule requested: 93% full-time (0-5 years); 7% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 73% employment; 27% school/training

## Child Care and Family Budgets

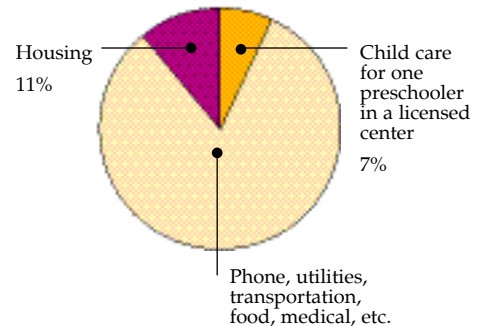
How child care fits into a Colusa County family's budget (Housing<sup>6</sup>: \$6,864; Preschooler in a licensed child care center<sup>7</sup>: \$4,332)



**Annual Income: \$14,040**  
**Families with 1 minimum wage earner**  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 33% of income



**Annual Income: \$28,080**  
**Families with 2 minimum wage earners**  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 17% of income



**Annual Income: \$60,460**  
**Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county<sup>8</sup>**  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 8% of income