

# Humboldt County

Domestic migration into Humboldt County was the primary factor contributing to population growth, 2000 to 2004.

Between 1990 and 2000 the percentage increase of Humboldt County women in the workforce was almost twice that of California (16% vs. 9%).

Twenty-eight percent of the children in Humboldt County live in poverty, compared with 20% in the state as a whole.

The percentage of county residents over the age of 24 with at least a 4-year college degree (23%) is lower than California (27%).

Professional jobs account for 32% of employment in the county; sales/office occupations: 25% (the percentage of women in these positions, 34%, is more than twice that of men, 16%); service occupations: 20%.<sup>1</sup>

The People	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change <sup>2</sup>
Total number of residents	126,518	130,953	4%
• Population foreign born residents	5%		
• Population change from natural increase			22%
• Population change from domestic migration			66%
• Population change from foreign immigration			12%

The Children	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change
Children 0-13	21,950	21,492	-2%
• Under 2	2,792		
• 2 years	1,458		
• 3 years	1,434		
• 4 years	1,441		
• 5 years	1,495		
• 6 to 13 years	13,330		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup>	12,875	12,606 <sup>4</sup>	-2%
• Under 2	1,450		
• 2 years	925		
• 3 years	635		
• 4 years	785		
• 5 years	930		
• 6 to 13 years	8,150		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	28%		

The Labor Force	1990 <sup>5</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	Change
• Number of employed residents	50,468	54,034	7%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	1,370	1,904	39%
• People working at home	2,333	3,001	29%
• People working non-traditional hours <sup>6</sup>	10,869	11,326	4%
• percent working non-traditional hours		21%	
• People working 35 hours or more	43,554	45,658	5%
• percent working 35 hours or more		68%	
• Men in the labor force	31,380	31,828	1%
• Women in the labor force	24,965	28,934	16%
• Women with a child under 6		5,612	
• percent in the labor force		60%	

The Households	2000 County <sup>1</sup>	2000 State <sup>1</sup>
• Number of households	51,235	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	89%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	6%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%
• speaking another language at home	5%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	14,874	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	48%	53%
• percent of single parent families	37%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	8%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	15%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	23%	27%

## The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Humboldt Child Care Council at (707) 444-8293.

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 Humboldt County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes <sup>1</sup>
Facilities	Total number of sites	59	159
	Total number of slots (percent)	1,651 (51%)	1,618 (49%)
	Infant slots in centers	87 ( 5%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	1,314 (80%)	
	School-age slots in centers	250 (15%)	
Schedules <sup>2</sup>	Full-time and part-time slots	63%	94%
	Only full-time slots	11%	4%
	Only part-time slots	26%	2%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	24%
Languages	English	100%	99%
	Spanish	15%	8%
	Other Languages	13%	7%

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 Humboldt County, there are an estimated 12,606 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>3</sup> and 3,269 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 26% of children with parents in the labor force.\*

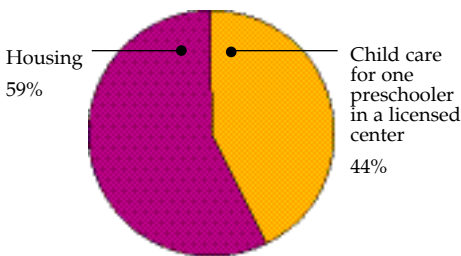
\* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.<sup>4</sup>

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

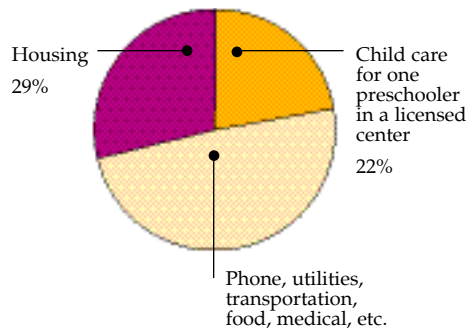
- Type of care requested: 39% infant/toddler; 36% preschool; 25% school-age
- Schedule requested: 38% full-time (0-5 years); 63% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 74% employment; 12% school/training; 7% looking for work

## Child Care and Family Budgets

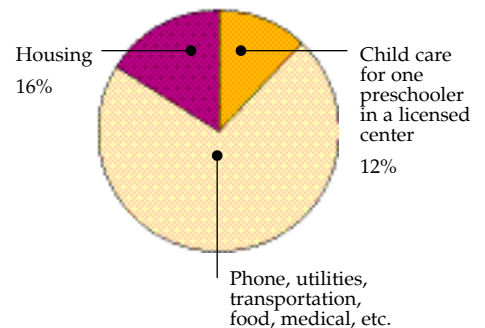
How child care fits into a Humboldt County family's annual budget (Housing<sup>6</sup>: \$8,244; Preschooler in a licensed center<sup>7</sup>: \$6,109)



Annual Income: \$14,040  
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 47% 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: \$51,844  
 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: 13% of income