

# Imperial County

Imperial County was one of just 13 counties in California to experience a greater than 10% growth in population between 2000 and 2004.

The county is one of just 11 to experience net migration out of the county and one of 11 where foreign immigration accounted for more than 50% of the population increase.

Imperial County has the 5th highest percentage of foreign-born residents and ranks highest in the state for its percentage of public school children who are English language learners (45%).  
(CA Dept. of Ed., 2004/5)

The percentage of households in Imperial County speaking Spanish (66%) is the highest in the state (and is substantially higher than the next highest ranking county, 37%).

The county's median income for a family with children under 18 is the 5th lowest in the state (\$32,747).<sup>1</sup>

The People	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change <sup>2</sup>
Total number of residents	142,361	159,479	12%
• Population foreign born residents	32%		
• Population change from natural increase			50%
• Population change from domestic migration			-20%
• Population change from foreign immigration			70%

The Children	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change
Children 0-13	34,250	34,196	0%
• Under 2	4,243		
• 2 years	2,164		
• 3 years	2,190		
• 4 years	2,305		
• 5 years	2,322		
• 6 to 13 years	21,026		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup>	16,630	16,604 <sup>4</sup>	0%
• Under 2	1,740		
• 2 years	1,015		
• 3 years	1,075		
• 4 years	1,295		
• 5 years	1,095		
• 6 to 13 years	10,410		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	29%		

The Labor Force	1990 <sup>5</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	Change
• Number of employed residents	35,905	43,204	20%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	1,226	2,146	75%
• People working at home	989	1,286	30%
• People working non-traditional hours <sup>6</sup>	7,903	9,745	23%
• percent working non-traditional hours		23%	
• People working 35 hours or more	35,897	50,485	41%
• percent working 35 hours or more		80%	
• Men in the labor force	25,268	27,921	10%
• Women in the labor force	17,778	22,867	29%
• Women with a child under 6		8,733	
• percent in the labor force		52%	

The Households	2000 County <sup>1</sup>	2000 State <sup>1</sup>
• Number of households	39,433	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	30%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	66%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	2%	9%
• speaking another language at home	2%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	18,809	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	59%	53%
• percent of single parent families	27%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	15%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	28%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	10%	27%

## The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Imperial County Office of Education - Child Development Services at (760) 312-6431.

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 Imperial County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes <sup>1</sup>
Facilities	Total number of sites	71	293
	Total number of slots (percent)	2,889 (50%)	2,928 (50%)
	Infant slots in centers	214 ( 7%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	2,542 (88%)	
	School-age slots in centers	133 ( 5%)	
Schedules <sup>2</sup>	Full-time and part-time slots	51%	99%
	Only full-time slots	19%	1%
	Only part-time slots	30%	0%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	10%	79%
Languages	English	100%	60%
	Spanish	94%	96%
	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 Imperial County, there are an estimated 16,604 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>3</sup> and 5,817 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 35% of children with parents in the labor force.\*

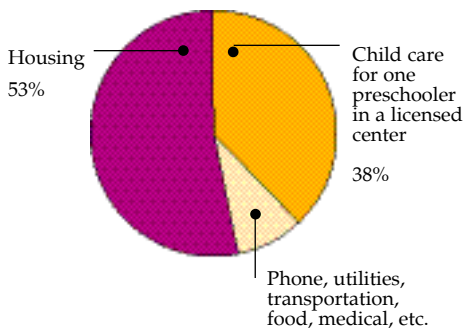
\* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.<sup>4</sup>

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

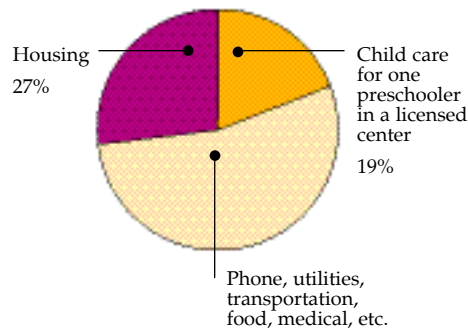
- Type of care requested: 28% infant/toddler; 40% preschool; 31% school-age
- Schedule requested: 81% full-time (0-5 years); 19% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 86% employment; 25% school/training; 6% looking for work

## Child Care and Family Budgets

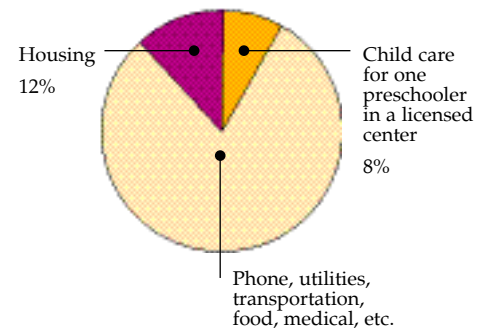
How child care fits into a family's annual budget in Imperial County (Housing<sup>6</sup>: \$7,500; Preschooler in a licensed center<sup>7</sup>: \$5,365)



Annual Income: \$14,040  
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 40% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080  
 Families with 2 minimum wage earners  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 20% of income



Annual Income: \$64,312  
 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: 9% of income