

Inyo County

Although Inyo County is one of the largest counties in terms of square miles (10,203), it has fewer residents than most other counties in the state.

While the county experienced a natural decrease in population between 2000 and 2004 (more deaths than births) the total population actually grew as a result of domestic migration into the county. (Inyo is one of just 12 counties in California where domestic migration into the county accounted for more than 90% of the population increase.)

Sixty-six percent of women with a child under 6 are in the labor force, compared to 55% in the state as a whole.

Professional jobs account for 28% of employment; sales and office occupations, 25%; service occupations, 23%.¹

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	17,945	18,636	4%
• Population foreign born residents	8%		
• Population change from natural increase			-18%
• Population change from domestic migration			92%
• Population change from foreign immigration			26%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	3,221	2,842	-12%
• Under 2	358		
• 2 years	178		
• 3 years	203		
• 4 years	222		
• 5 years	212		
• 6 to 13 years	2,048		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	2,284	2,015 ⁴	-12%
• Under 2	200		
• 2 years	115		
• 3 years	129		
• 4 years	155		
• 5 years	110		
• 6 to 13 years	1,575		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	20%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	7,596	7,884	4%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	275	290	5%
• People working at home	338	298	-12%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	1,184	1,415	20%
• percent working non-traditional hours		18%	
• People working 35 hours or more	6,748	6,578	-3%
• percent working 35 hours or more		73%	
• Men in the labor force	4,607	4,515	-2%
• Women in the labor force	3,710	3,995	8%
• Women with a child under 6		774	
• percent in the labor force		66%	

The Households	2000 county ¹	2000 state ¹
• Number of households	7,673	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	87%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	9%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%
• speaking another language at home	3%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	2,174	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	44%	53%
• percent of single parent families	32%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	8%	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 Child Care Connection at (760) 873-5123.

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 Inyo County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	15	28
	Total number of slots (percent)	440 (62%)	272 (38%)
	Infant slots in centers	11 (3%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	369 (84%)	
	School-age slots in centers	60 (14%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	48%	86%
	Only full-time slots	9%	8%
	Only part-time slots	42%	6%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	25%
Languages	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	33%	14%
	Other Languages	13%	4%

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 Inyo County, there are an estimated 2,015 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 712 licensed child care slots.

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

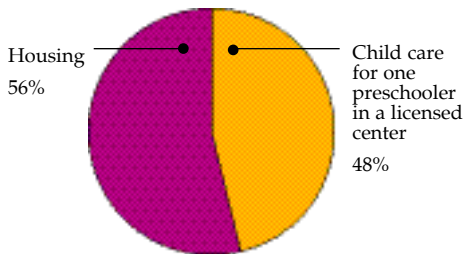
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

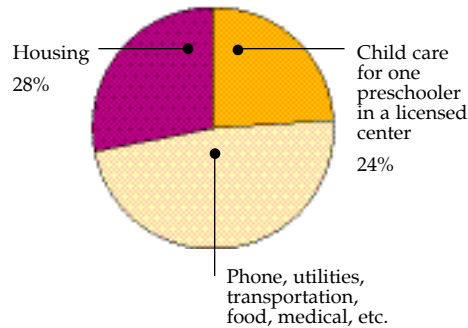
- Type of care requested: 33% infant/toddler; 33% preschool; 33% school-age
- Schedule requested: 75% full-time (0-5 years); 38% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 95% employment; 5% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

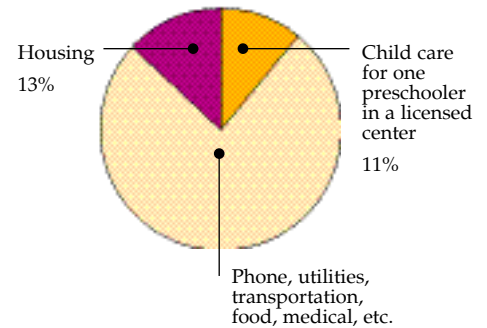
How child care fits into a family's budget in Inyo County (Housing⁶: \$7,824; Preschooler in a licensed child care center⁷: \$6,781)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 54% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 27% of income



Annual Income: \$59,208
Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 13% of income