

Kings County

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

Kings County has the 7th highest percentage of households speaking Spanish at home.

The county ranks 6th in the percentage of child care centers with Spanish-speaking staff and 9th in the percentage of Spanish-speaking family child care providers. It ranks 5th in the percentage of child care centers with Chinese-speaking staff (6%).

Kings County has the state's lowest percentage of licensed child care available for children with working parents.

Kings County's percentage increase of women in the workforce is more than 3 times California (28% vs. 9%).

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	129,461	143,876	11%
• Population foreign born residents	16%		
• Population change from natural increase			47%
• Population change from domestic migration			34%
• Population change from foreign immigration			19%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	29,556	31,002	5%
• Under 2	4,163		
• 2 years	2,036		
• 3 years	2,124		
• 4 years	2,114		
• 5 years	2,052		
• 6 to 13 years	17,067		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	15,540	16,300 ⁴	5%
• Under 2	2,065		
• 2 years	940		
• 3 years	1,080		
• 4 years	865		
• 5 years	1,000		
• 6 to 13 years	9,590		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	29%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	36,943	41,944	14%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	1,032	1,856	80%
• People working at home	1,010	1,098	9%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	7,773	9,510	22%
• percent working non-traditional hours		23%	
• People working 35 hours or more	38,584	54,003	40%
• percent working 35 hours or more		81%	
• Men in the labor force	25,329	28,255	12%
• Women in the labor force	16,278	20,789	28%
• Women with a child under 6		7,792	
• percent in the labor force		54%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	34,429	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	60%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	32%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	4%	9%
• speaking another language at home	4%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	16,174	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	60%	53%
• percent of single parent families	27%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	15%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	31%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	10%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Kings County Community Action Organization at (559) 582-4386.

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 Kings County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	36	157
	Total number of slots (percent)	1,565 (52%)	1,460 (48%)
	Infant slots in centers	99 (6%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	1,287 (82%)	
	School-age slots in centers	179 (11%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	43%	57%
	Only full-time slots	28%	42%
	Only part-time slots	30%	1%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	12%	55%
Languages	English	100%	81%
	Spanish	76%	47%
	Other	6%	1%

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 Kings County, there are an estimated 16,300 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 3,025 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 19% of children with parents in the labor force.*

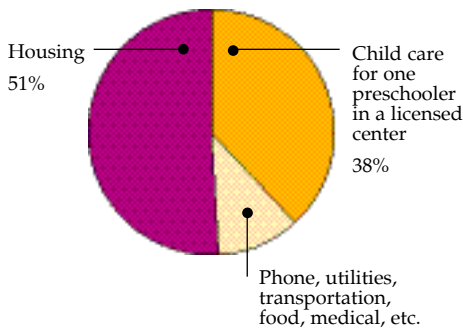
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

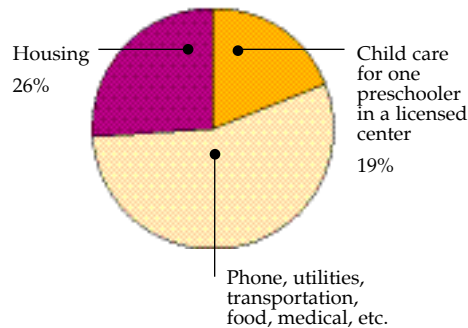
- Type of care requested: 37% infant/toddler; 48% preschool; 15% school-age
- Schedule requested: 79% full-time (0-5 years); 26% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 59% employment; 22% school/training; 22% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

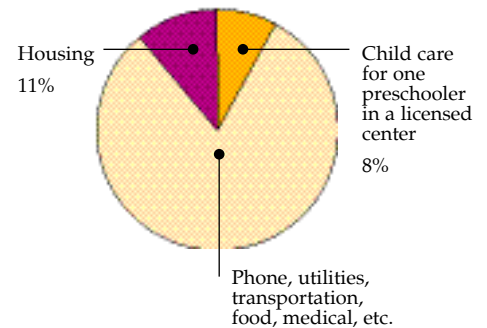
How child care fits into a Kings County family's annual budget: (Housing⁶: \$7,188; Preschooler in a licensed center⁷: \$5,284)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 38% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 19% of income



Annual Income: \$67,880
Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 8% of income