

Marin County

Marin County's 2% population growth, 2000 - 2004 resulted from rates of natural increase and foreign immigration that were in the state's top 10. A high rate of migration out of the county mitigated the overall population increase.

Marin has one of the highest median rents in the state for a 2-bedroom apartment and the highest median income (\$89,224 vs. CA median of \$48,836) for families with children under 18.¹ (The cost for child care for a pre-schooler in Marin is almost 3/4 of a minimum wage salary.)

The percentage of Marin residents over 24 with at least a 4-year college degree (51%) and the percentage of workers in professional occupations (53%) are the highest in the state.¹

Marin County has the 3rd highest percentage of households speaking languages other than English, Spanish, or an Asian language.

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	247,289	251,440	2%
• Population foreign born residents	17%		
• Population change from natural increase			71%
• Population change from domestic migration			-31%
• Population change from foreign immigration			59%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	39,323	38,866	-1%
• Under 2	5,306		
• 2 years	2,647		
• 3 years	2,697		
• 4 years	2,746		
• 5 years	2,710		
• 6 to 13 years	23,217		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	22,775	22,510 ⁴	-1%
• Under 2	2,635		
• 2 years	1,320		
• 3 years	1,310		
• 4 years	1,480		
• 5 years	1,550		
• 6 to 13 years	14,480		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	8%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	125,080	126,646	1%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	13,149	18,665	42%
• People working at home	8,162	11,127	36%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	17,036	17,445	2%
• percent working non-traditional hours		14%	
• People working 35 hours or more	108,663	108,869	0%
• percent working 35 hours or more		75%	
• Men in the labor force	70,214	70,575	1%
• Women in the labor force	61,802	62,477	1%
• Women with a child under 6		11,933	
• percent in the labor force		57%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	100,736	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	79%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	8%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	3%	9%
• speaking another language at home	10%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	28,642	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	47%	53%
• percent of single parent families	24%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	11%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	12%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	51%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Marin Child Care Council at (415) 491-5775 or (415) 491-5774.

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 Marin County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	139	201
	Total number of slots (percent)	8,020 (80%)	1,960 (20%)
	Infant slots in centers	418 (5%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	5,022 (63%)	
	School-age slots in centers	2,580 (32%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	91%	88%
	Only full-time slots	3%	5%
	Only part-time slots	7%	7%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	1%	19%
Languages	English	100%	98%
	Spanish	45%	26%
	Other	25%	26%

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 Marin County, there are an estimated 22,510 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 9,980 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 44% of children with parents in the labor force.*

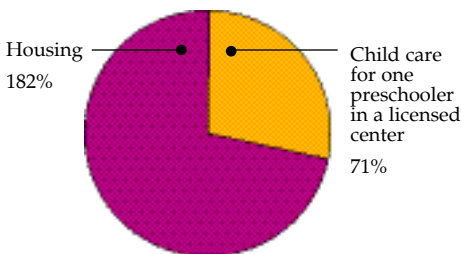
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

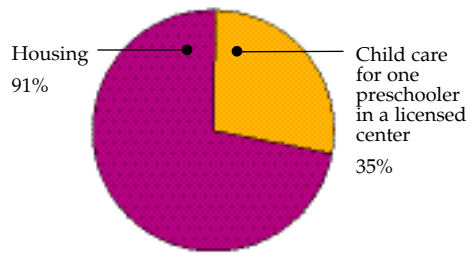
- Type of care requested: 53% infant/toddler; 40% preschool; 7% school-age
- Schedule requested: 71% full-time (0-5 years); 30% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 48% employment; 7% school/training; 8% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

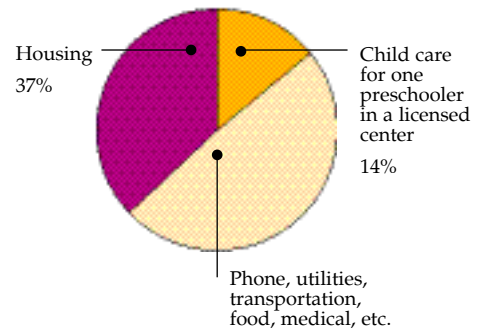
How child care fits into a Marin County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$25,488; Preschooler in a licensed child care center⁷: \$9,911)



Annual Income: \$14,040
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 85% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
 Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 43% of income



Annual Income: \$68,574
 Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 18% of income