

Monterey County

Monterey County's population growth of 6% from 2000 to 2004 is the result of natural increase (more births than deaths) and foreign immigration at rates that were in the top 11 in the state. Monterey also experienced domestic migration out of the county at a rate that mitigates the overall population increase.

The county has the 7th highest percentage of foreign-born residents.

The county has the 10th highest percentage of households speaking Spanish at home.

The county ranks 4th in the percentage of child care centers with Spanish-speaking staff and 3rd in the percentage of Spanish-speaking family child care providers.

Monterey County's percentage increase in the number of workers with a one-way commute of one hour or more ranked 5th in the state.

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	401,762	425,521	6%
• Population foreign born residents	29%		
• Population change from natural increase			78%
• Population change from domestic migration			-31%
• Population change from foreign immigration			53%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	89,903	90,052	0%
• Under 2	12,260		
• 2 years	6,105		
• 3 years	6,282		
• 4 years	6,601		
• 5 years	6,529		
• 6 to 13 years	52,126		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	47,855	47,934 ⁴	0%
• Under 2	5,445		
• 2 years	2,890		
• 3 years	2,765		
• 4 years	3,330		
• 5 years	3,425		
• 6 to 13 years	30,000		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	18%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	164,270	164,517	0%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	5,222	10,822	107%
• People working at home	5,489	5,931	8%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	27,034	31,169	15%
• percent working non-traditional hours		19%	
• People working 35 hours or more	153,298	163,564	7%
• percent working 35 hours or more		79%	
• Men in the labor force	106,932	103,724	-3%
• Women in the labor force	75,387	81,065	8%
• Women with a child under 6		24,377	
• percent in the labor force		58%	

The Households	2000 county ¹	2000 state ¹
• Number of households	121,199	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	57%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	31%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	6%	9%
• speaking another language at home	6%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	48,254	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	55%	53%
• percent of single parent families	23%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	14%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	25%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	23%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Monterey County Child Care Resource & Referral at (831) 757-0775.

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 Monterey County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	139	488
	Total number of slots (percent)	6,032 (55%)	4,920 (45%)
	Infant slots in centers	321 (5%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	5,093 (84%)	
	School-age slots in centers	618 (10%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	58%	92%
	Only full-time slots	14%	6%
	Only part-time slots	28%	2%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	2%	50%
Languages	English	99%	75%
	Spanish	78%	64%
	Other	3%	5%

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 Monterey County, there are an estimated 47,934 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 10,952 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 23% of children with parents in the labor force.*

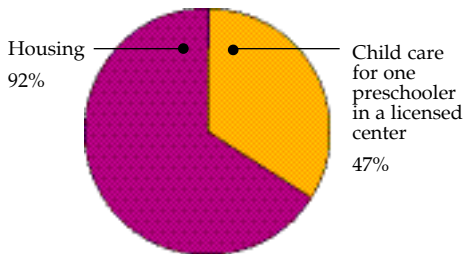
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

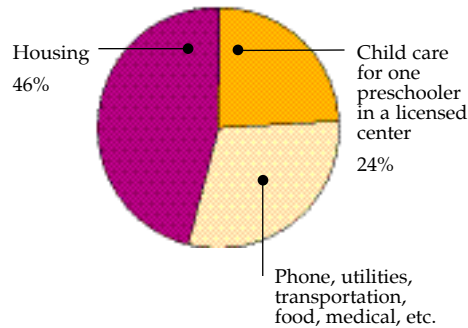
- Type of care requested: 41% infant/toddler; 39% preschool; 19% school-age
- Schedule requested: 77% full-time (0-5 years); 23% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 86% employment; 14% school/training; 1% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

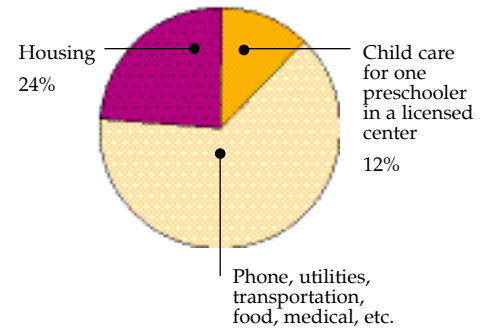
How child care fits into a Monterey County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$12,888; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$6,626)



Annual Income: \$14,040
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 50% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
 Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 25% of income



Annual Income: \$53,050
 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