

Orange County

Orange County is one of the 10 counties with the most residents and the most children birth to 13 years.

The county's population growth from 2000 to 2004 resulted from rates of natural increase and foreign immigration that were in the state's top 14. However, domestic migration out of the county mitigated the overall population increase.

The county has one of the highest median rents in the state for a 2-bedroom apartment and one of the highest median incomes (\$60,192 vs. CA \$48,836) for a family with children under 18.¹

Orange County ranks 6th in the percentage of households speaking an Asian language at home.

The county ranks 4th in the percentage of child care centers with Vietnamese-speaking staff (7%).

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	2,846,289	3,044,819	7%
• Population foreign born residents	30%		
• Population change from natural increase			60%
• Population change from domestic migration			-6%
• Population change from foreign immigration			46%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	613,339	622,099	1%
• Under 2	84,665		
• 2 years	42,295		
• 3 years	43,935		
• 4 years	45,119		
• 5 years	46,215		
• 6 to 13 years	351,110		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	314,905	319,403 ⁴	1%
• Under 2	38,065		
• 2 years	19,395		
• 3 years	20,325		
• 4 years	21,450		
• 5 years	23,215		
• 6 to 13 years	192,455		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	14%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	1,278,661	1,313,987	3%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	99,616	106,999	7%
• People working at home	34,382	48,832	42%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	214,842	238,840	11%
• percent working non-traditional hours		18%	
• People working 35 hours or more	1,143,026	1,217,350	7%
• percent working 35 hours or more		79%	
• Men in the labor force	778,638	785,313	1%
• Women in the labor force	591,393	626,588	6%
• Women with a child under 6		173,023	
• percent in the labor force		54%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	936,154	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	63%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	20%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	11%	9%
• speaking another language at home	7%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	353,397	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	52%	53%
• percent of single parent families	21%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	15%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	22%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	31%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Children's Home Society of California at (714) 835-8252.

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 Orange County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	718	1,761
	Total number of slots (percent)	58,632 (78%)	16,628 (22%)
	Infant slots in centers	2,787 (5%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	41,890 (71%)	
	School-age slots in centers	13,955 (24%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	84%	84%
	Only full-time slots	5%	15%
	Only part-time slots	11%	1%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	2%	27%
Languages	English	100%	96%
	Spanish	49%	29%
	Other	28%	20%

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 Orange County, there are an estimated 319,403 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 75,260 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 24% of children with parents in the labor force.*

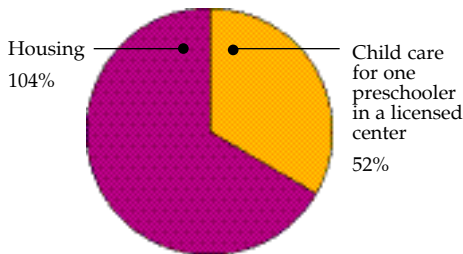
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

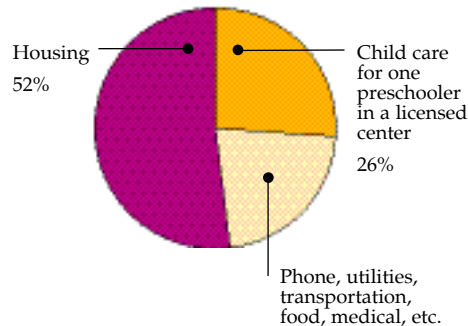
- Type of care requested: 38% infant/toddler; 44% preschool; 19% school-age
- Schedule requested: 90% full-time (0-5 years); 11% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 97% employment; 1% school/training; 1% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

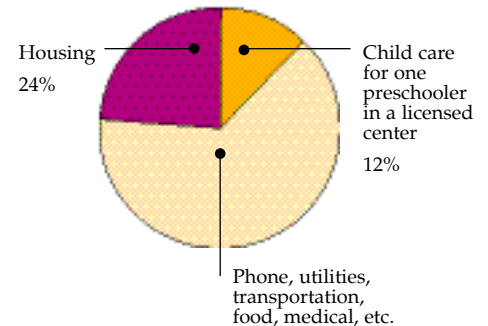
How child care fits into an Orange County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$14,640; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$7,363)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 58% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 29% of income



Annual Income: \$60,000
Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 14% of income