

# San Diego County

San Diego is one of 10 California counties with the most residents and the most children birth to 13 years.

The percentage of households speaking Spanish at home and those speaking an Asian language at home are slightly lower than California.

While the median income for a family with children under 18 (\$49,046) is just slightly above the state's (\$48,836)<sup>1</sup>, the median rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is more than 30% higher.

San Diego County's percentage increase in the number of workers with a one-way commute of one hour or more (64%) is significantly higher than California (34%).

Professional jobs account for 38% of employment; sales and office occupations, 27%; and service occupations, 16%.<sup>1</sup>

The People	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change <sup>2</sup>
Total number of residents	2,813,833	3,036,373	8%
• Population foreign born residents	22%		
• Population change from natural increase			48%
• Population change from domestic migration			19%
• Population change from foreign immigration			33%

The Children	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change
Children 0-13	573,420	540,694	-6%
• Under 2	78,315		
• 2 years	38,759		
• 3 years	39,960		
• 4 years	41,587		
• 5 years	41,804		
• 6 to 13 years	332,995		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup>	312,255	294,434 <sup>4</sup>	-6%
• Under 2	37,275		
• 2 years	19,210		
• 3 years	19,420		
• 4 years	21,165		
• 5 years	22,620		
• 6 to 13 years	192,565		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	18%		

The Labor Force	1990 <sup>5</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	Change
• Number of employed residents	1,230,446	1,299,503	6%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	48,616	79,491	64%
• People working at home	61,285	57,182	-7%
• People working non-traditional hours <sup>6</sup>	208,162	234,835	13%
• percent working non-traditional hours		18%	
• People working 35 hours or more	1,098,679	1,182,165	8%
• percent working 35 hours or more		78%	
• Men in the labor force	775,477	788,461	2%
• Women in the labor force	555,286	618,691	11%
• Women with a child under 6		163,609	
• percent in the labor force		56%	

The Households	2000 County <sup>1</sup>	2000 State <sup>1</sup>
• Number of households	995,492	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	67%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	20%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	7%	9%
• speaking another language at home	6%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	344,981	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	52%	53%
• percent of single parent families	26%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	13%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	20%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	30%	27%

## The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call YMCA Childcare Resource Service at (619) 521-3055 ext. 300 or ext. 200.

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 San Diego County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes <sup>1</sup>
Facilities	Total number of sites	891	3,717
	Total number of slots (percent)	59,415 (63%)	35,028 (37%)
	Infant slots in centers	3,231 ( 5%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	43,442 (73%)	
	School-age slots in centers	12,742 (21%)	
Schedules <sup>2</sup>	Full-time and part-time slots	78%	88%
	Only full-time slots	7%	10%
	Only part-time slots	15%	2%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	6%	37%
Languages	English	100%	94%
	Spanish	53%	41%
	Other	15%	12%

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 San Diego County, there are an estimated 294,434 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>3</sup> and 94,443 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 32% of children with parents in the labor force.\*

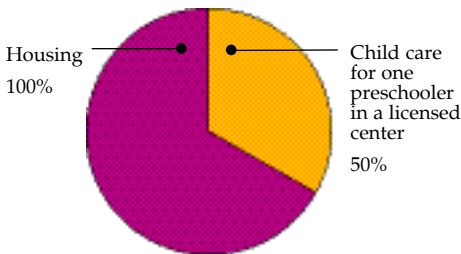
\* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.<sup>4</sup>

**Parent Requests to the R&R<sup>5</sup>**

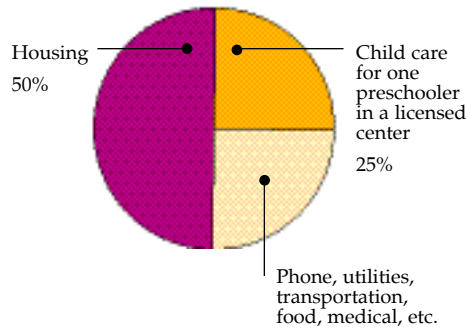
- Type of care requested: 40% infant/toddler; 40% preschool; 20% school-age
- Schedule requested: 81% full-time (0-5 years); 28% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 76% employment; 7% school/training; 17% looking for work

## Child Care and Family Budgets

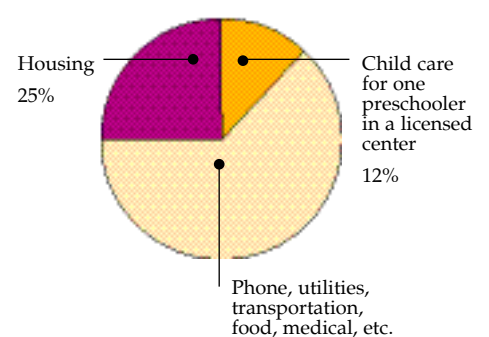
How child care fits into a San Diego County family's budget (Housing<sup>6</sup>: \$14,100; Preschooler in licensed child care center<sup>7</sup>: \$7,051)



**Annual Income: \$14,040**  
**Families with 1 minimum wage earner**  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 55% 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: \$57,234**  
**Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county<sup>8</sup>**  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 13% of income