

# San Mateo County

The percentage change in the population due to natural increase (more births than deaths) is the highest in the state and the percentage change due to foreign immigration, 2000 to 2004, is the second highest. The county also experienced domestic migration out of the county mitigating the overall population increase.

The county has the 4th highest percentage of foreign-born residents in the state.

San Mateo County has the 3rd highest percentage of households speaking an Asian language at home. The percentage of households speaking a language other than English, Spanish, or an Asian language ranks 2nd in the state.

The county ranks in the top 4 in the state in its percentage of child care centers with staff speaking Chinese (9%) and Tagalog (8%); and family child care homes speaking Chinese (3%) and Tagalog (7%).

| The People                                   | 2000 <sup>1</sup> | 2004 <sup>2</sup> | Change <sup>2</sup> |
|--|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Total number of residents                    | 707,161           | 720,691           | 2%                  |
| • Population foreign born residents          | 32%               |                   |                     |
| • Population change from natural increase    |                   |                   | 139%                |
| • Population change from domestic migration  |                   |                   | -194%               |
| • Population change from foreign immigration |                   |                   | 155%                |

| The Children   | 2000 <sup>1</sup> | 2004 <sup>2</sup>   | Change |
|--|-------------------|---------------------|--------|
| Children 0-13  | 128,020           | 130,076             | 2%     |
| • Under 2  | 18,549            |                     |        |
| • 2 years  | 8,884             |                     |        |
| • 3 years  | 8,929             |                     |        |
| • 4 years  | 9,012             |                     |        |
| • 5 years  | 9,151             |                     |        |
| • 6 to 13 years  | 73,495            |                     |        |
| Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup> | 74,395            | 75,590 <sup>4</sup> | 2%     |
| • Under 2  | 9,500             |                     |        |
| • 2 years  | 4,525             |                     |        |
| • 3 years  | 4,820             |                     |        |
| • 4 years  | 4,755             |                     |        |
| • 5 years  | 5,040             |                     |        |
| • 6 to 13 years  | 45,755            |                     |        |
| Children 0-5 living in poverty                             | 6%                |                     |        |

| The Labor Force                                     | 1990 <sup>5</sup> | 2000 <sup>1</sup> | Change |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--------|
| • Number of employed residents                      | 346,559           | 354,096           | 2%     |
| • Workers with an hour or more commute              | 20,543            | 26,276            | 28%    |
| • People working at home                            | 9,532             | 12,845            | 35%    |
| • People working non-traditional hours <sup>6</sup> | 58,704            | 60,170            | 2%     |
| • percent working non-traditional hours             |                   | 17%               |        |
| • People working 35 hours or more                   | 309,206           | 328,737           | 6%     |
| • percent working 35 hours or more                  |                   | 80%               |        |
| • Men in the labor force                            | 200,634           | 202,056           | 1%     |
| • Women in the labor force                          | 168,466           | 171,855           | 2%     |
| • Women with a child under 6                        |                   | 38,923            |        |
| • percent in the labor force                        |                   | 60%               |        |

| The Households                               | 2000 County <sup>1</sup> | 2000 State <sup>1</sup> |
|--|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| • Number of households                       | 254,219                  | 11,512,020              |
| • speaking English at home                   | 60%                      | 62%                     |
| • speaking Spanish at home                   | 15%                      | 22%                     |
| • speaking an Asian language at home         | 15%                      | 9%                      |
| • speaking another language at home          | 11%                      | 7%                      |
| • Number of families with children under 18  | 81,114                   | 4,208,775               |
| • percent of families with children under 18 | 47%                      | 53%                     |
| • percent of single parent families          | 20%                      | 26%                     |
| • Homeowners with children under 6           | 13%                      | 14%                     |
| • Renters with children under 6              | 16%                      | 20%                     |
| • Residents over 24 with BA or higher        | 39%                      | 27%                     |

## The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Child Care Coordinating Council of San Mateo at (650) 655-6770.

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 Mateo County

|                        |   | Child Care Centers | Family Child Care Homes <sup>1</sup> |
|------------------------|---|--------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Facilities             | Total number of sites                       | 267                | 607                                  |
|                        | Total number of slots (percent)             | 16,292 (73%)       | 6,110 (27%)                          |
|                        | Infant slots in centers                     | 866 ( 5%)          |                                      |
|                        | Preschool slots in centers                  | 10,793 (66%)       |                                      |
|                        | School-age slots in centers                 | 4,633 (28%)        |                                      |
| Schedules <sup>2</sup> | Full-time and part-time slots               | 66%                | 85%                                  |
|                        | Only full-time slots                        | 8%                 | 10%                                  |
|                        | Only part-time slots                        | 26%                | 5%                                   |
|                        | Care available during non-traditional hours | 0%                 | 22%                                  |
| Languages              | English                                     | 100%               | 98%                                  |
|                        | Spanish                                     | 50%                | 31%                                  |
|                        | Other                                       | 28%                | 28%                                  |

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 Mateo County, there are an estimated 75,590 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>3</sup> and 22,402 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 30% of children with parents in the labor force.\*

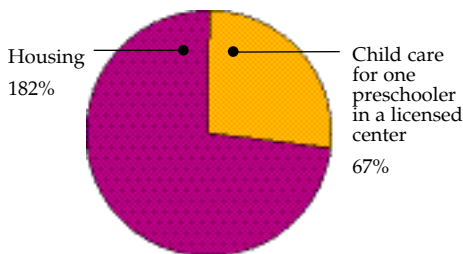
\* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.<sup>4</sup>

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

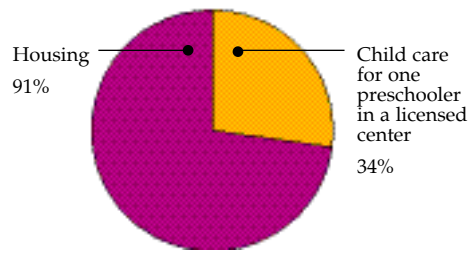
- Type of care requested: 52% infant/toddler; 36% preschool; 12% school-age
- Schedule requested: 77% full-time (0-5 years); 50% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 80% employment; 8% school/training; 5% looking for work

## Child Care and Family Budgets

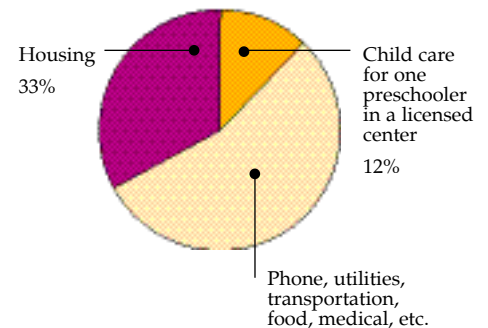
How child care fits into a San Mateo County family's budget (Housing<sup>6</sup>: \$25,488; Preschooler in licensed child care center<sup>7</sup>: \$9,441)



Annual Income: \$14,040  
Families with 1 minimum wage earner  
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 78% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080  
Families with 2 minimum wage earners  
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 39% of income



Annual Income: \$78,374  
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: 14% of income