

San Luis Obispo County

The percentage increase in the number of San Luis Obispo County workers commuting one hour or more each way is significantly higher than the state (59% vs. 34%).

San Luis Obispo County's population growth resulted primarily from domestic migration into the county.

The percentage increase of women in the workforce is higher than California.

The percentage of children in San Luis Obispo living in poverty is lower than the state (14% vs. 20%).

The percentage of residents 25 or older with at least a 4-year college degree is the same as the state.

Professional jobs account for 34% of employment; sales and office occupations, 25%; and service occupations, 19%.¹

The percentage of women in sales and office occupations is more than twice as high as men in those occupations (36% vs. 16%); conversely, the percentage of men in construction, production, and related activities is more than 5 times higher than women in those occupations (31% vs. 6%).¹

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	246,681	259,924	5%
• Population foreign born residents	9%		
• Population change from natural increase			14%
• Population change from domestic migration			63%
• Population change from foreign immigration			22%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	40,147	37,487	-7%
• Under 2	4,654		
• 2 years	2,395		
• 3 years	2,570		
• 4 years	2,739		
• 5 years	2,776		
• 6 to 13 years	25,013		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	23,330	21,784 ⁴	-7%
• Under 2	2,510		
• 2 years	1,100		
• 3 years	1,285		
• 4 years	1,420		
• 5 years	1,385		
• 6 to 13 years	15,630		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	14%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	95,688	107,807	13%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	3,102	4,924	59%
• People working at home	4,067	6,028	48%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	19,506	23,212	19%
• percent working non-traditional hours		22%	
• People working 35 hours or more	83,673	94,591	13%
• percent working 35 hours or more		71%	
• Men in the labor force	56,725	63,325	12%
• Women in the labor force	46,398	53,543	15%
• Women with a child under 6		10,505	
• percent in the labor force		57%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	92,732	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	84%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	11%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	2%	9%
• speaking another language at home	4%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	26,790	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	45%	53%
• percent of single parent families	25%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	10%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	13%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	27%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care: EOC- Child Care Resource Connection at (805) 541-2272 or (888) 727-2272.

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 Luis Obispo County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	104	333
	Total number of slots (percent)	4,610 (60%)	3,126 (40%)
	Infant slots in centers	62 (1%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	2,973 (64%)	
	School-age slots in centers	1,575 (34%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	61%	90%
	Only full-time slots	2%	8%
	Only part-time slots	38%	2%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	1%	37%
Languages	English	100%	91%
	Spanish	38%	28%
	Other	2%	4%

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 Luis Obispo County, there are an estimated 21,784 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 7,736 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 36% of children with parents in the labor force.*

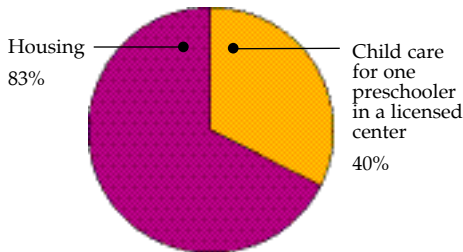
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

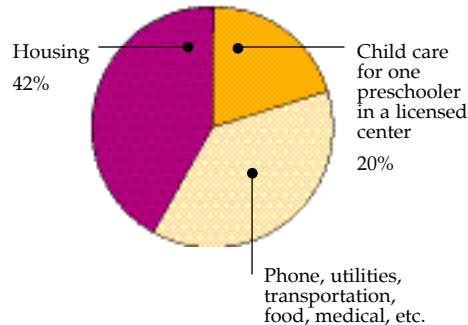
- Type of care requested: 39% infant/toddler; 42% preschool; 19% school-age
- Schedule requested: 80% full-time (0-5 years); 20% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 86% employment; 6% school/training; 6% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

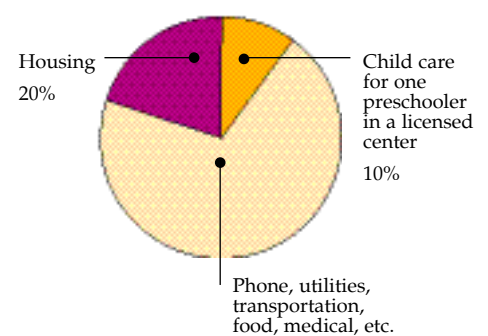
How child care fits into a San Luis Obispo County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$11,700; Preschooler in a licensed center⁷: \$5,619)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 49% 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: \$58,000
Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 12% of income