

Santa Barbara County

The percentage change in the population due to natural increase (more births than deaths) is the 7th highest in the state and the percentage change due to foreign immigration is the 10th highest. The county also experienced domestic migration out of the county, mitigating the overall population increase.

Santa Barbara is one of 13 counties in the state in which a higher percentage of public school children are English language learners than in the state as a whole (28% vs. 25%). (CA Dept. of Ed. 2004/05)

The county ranks 10th in percentage of centers with staff and family child care homes speaking Spanish.

Professional jobs account for 35% of employment; sales and office occupations, 25%; and service occupations, 17%.¹

The percentage of women in sales and office occupations is more than twice as high as men in those occupations (36% vs. 17%); conversely, the percentage of men in construction, production, and related activities is more than 4 times higher than women in those occupations (28% vs. 6%).¹

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	399,347	416,625	4%
• Population foreign born residents	21%		
• Population change from natural increase			64%
• Population change from domestic migration			-19%
• Population change from foreign immigration			56%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	78,037	77,080	-1%
• Under 2	10,119		
• 2 years	5,068		
• 3 years	5,312		
• 4 years	5,509		
• 5 years	5,538		
• 6 to 13 years	46,491		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	43,895	43,357 ⁴	-1%
• Under 2	4,885		
• 2 years	2,380		
• 3 years	2,690		
• 4 years	2,815		
• 5 years	3,045		
• 6 to 13 years	28,080		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	18%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	179,258	179,445	0%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	6,865	8,442	23%
• People working at home	6,583	8,329	27%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	30,691	34,305	12%
• percent working non-traditional hours		19%	
• People working 35 hours or more	153,415	152,774	0%
• percent working 35 hours or more		72%	
• Men in the labor force	109,100	107,475	-1%
• Women in the labor force	85,322	88,829	4%
• Women with a child under 6		21,501	
• percent in the labor force		58%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	136,769	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	68%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	22%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	3%	9%
• speaking another language at home	6%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	45,475	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	50%	53%
• percent of single parent families	22%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	12%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	19%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	29%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Family Care Center-Children's Resource & Referral Program in Santa Barbara (805) 962-8988.

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 Santa Barbara County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	175	476
	Total number of slots (percent)	9,256 (67%)	4,522 (33%)
	Infant slots in centers	417 (5%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	6,225 (67%)	
	School-age slots in centers	2,614 (28%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	72%	88%
	Only full-time slots	6%	8%
	Only part-time slots	21%	3%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	1%	48%
Languages	English	100%	83%
	Spanish	70%	47%
	Other	9%	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 Santa Barbara County, there are an estimated 43,357 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 13,778 licensed child care slots.

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

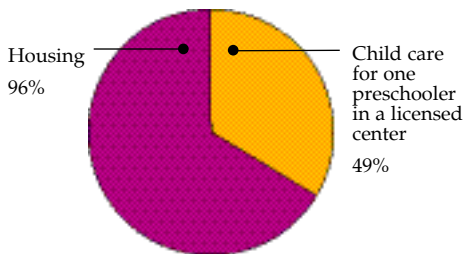
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

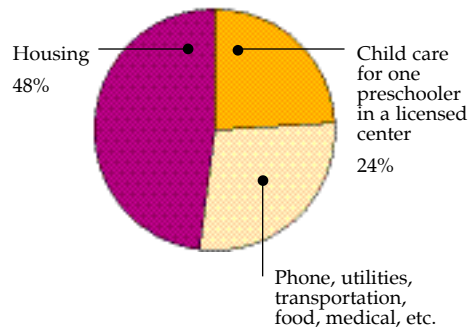
- Type of care requested: 48% infant/toddler; 39% preschool; 12% school-age
- Schedule requested: 78% full-time (0-5 years); 23% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 72% employment; 23% school/training; 6% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

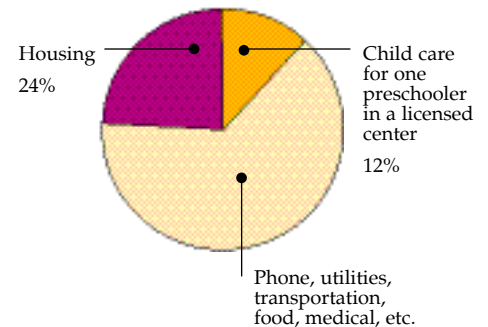
How child care fits into a Santa Barbara County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$13,416; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$6,848)



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: 28% of income



Annual Income: \$56,000
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