

Santa Clara County

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

The percentage change in the population due to natural increase (more births than deaths) is the 3rd highest in the state and the percentage change due to foreign immigration is the 4th highest. The county also experienced domestic migration out of the county, mitigating the overall population increase.

The county has the 2nd highest percentage of households with residents speaking an Asian language at home. The percentage of households speaking a language other than English, Spanish, or an Asian language is the highest in the state.

The county is in the top 3 in the state in the percentages of child care centers with Chinese- (13%), Tagalog- (11%), and Vietnamese- (11%) speaking staff, and in the percentages of Chinese- (4%) and Tagalog- (5%) speaking family child care home providers.

The percentage of residents 25 or older with at least a 4-year college degree is the 3rd highest.

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	1,682,585	1,749,365	4%
• Population foreign born residents	34%		
• Population change from natural increase			110%
• Population change from domestic migration			-112%
• Population change from foreign immigration			102%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	330,451	350,164	6%
• Under 2	47,860		
• 2 years	23,625		
• 3 years	23,839		
• 4 years	24,094		
• 5 years	23,920		
• 6 to 13 years	187,113		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	181,495	192,322 ⁴	6%
• Under 2	23,070		
• 2 years	11,805		
• 3 years	11,965		
• 4 years	11,650		
• 5 years	12,740		
• 6 to 13 years	110,265		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	8%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	796,605	828,927	4%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	38,498	54,359	41%
• People working at home	19,986	25,868	29%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	134,618	139,142	3%
• percent working non-traditional hours		17%	
• People working 35 hours or more	725,561	785,536	8%
• percent working 35 hours or more		82%	
• Men in the labor force	481,882	496,923	3%
• Women in the labor force	370,464	382,009	3%
• Women with a child under 6		99,086	
• percent in the labor force		57%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	566,485	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	55%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	15%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	19%	9%
• speaking another language at home	11%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	201,799	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	50%	53%
• percent of single parent families	19%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	15%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	19%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	40%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Community Child Care Council of Santa Clara County, Inc. at (408) 487-0749.

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 Clara County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	510	1,367
	Total number of slots (percent)	36,755 (73%)	13,804 (27%)
	Infant slots in centers	2,560 (7%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	23,090 (63%)	
	School-age slots in centers	11,105 (30%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	81%	90%
	Only full-time slots	7%	8%
	Only part-time slots	12%	2%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	1%	16%
Languages	English	100%	96%
	Spanish	60%	36%
	Other	67%	29%

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 Clara County, there are an estimated 192,322 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 50,559 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 26% of children with parents in the labor force.*

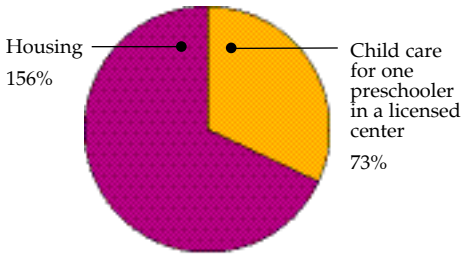
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

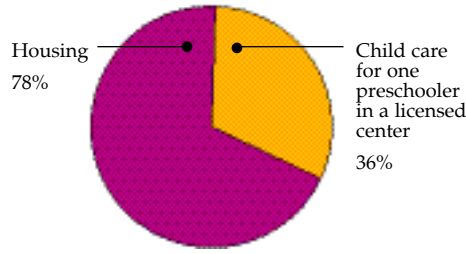
- Type of care requested: 40% infant/toddler; 41% preschool; 19% school-age
- Schedule requested: 80% full-time (0-5 years); 23% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 87% employment; 5% school/training; 5% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

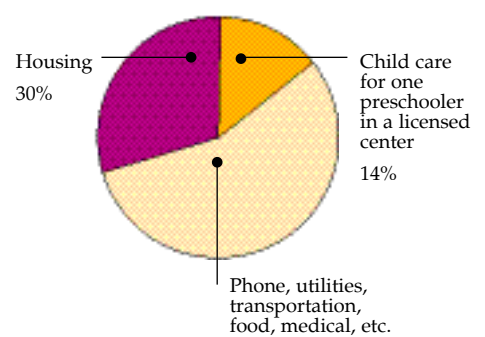
How child care fits into a Santa Clara County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$21,852; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$10,207)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 69% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 35% of income



Annual Income: \$72,124
Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 13% of income