

# Shasta County

Shasta County is one of 15 counties in California where domestic migration accounted for more than 85% of the population increase between 2000 and 2004.

Shasta has the 10th lowest percentage of foreign-born residents and ranks 6th in the state for its percentage of households who speak English at home.

The county's percentage increase in the number of workers with a one-way commute of one hour or more is almost twice the state (67% vs. 34%).

The percentage of children living in poverty is higher than the state and the percentage of residents 25 or older with at least a 4-year college degree is significantly lower.

Professional jobs account for 30% of employment; sales and office occupations, 27%; and service occupations, 20%.<sup>1</sup>

The People	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change <sup>2</sup>
Total number of residents	163,256	177,002	8%
• Population foreign born residents	4%		
• Population change from natural increase			6%
• Population change from domestic migration			89%
• Population change from foreign immigration			5%

The Children	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change
Children 0-13	31,741	30,938	-3%
• Under 2	3,661		
• 2 years	1,852		
• 3 years	2,033		
• 4 years	2,097		
• 5 years	2,177		
• 6 to 13 years	19,921		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup>	17,940	17,486 <sup>4</sup>	-3%
• Under 2	1,900		
• 2 years	1,020		
• 3 years	1,215		
• 4 years	1,110		
• 5 years	1,205		
• 6 to 13 years	11,490		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	24%		

The Labor Force	1990 <sup>5</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	Change
• Number of employed residents	57,161	64,487	13%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	2,014	3,365	67%
• People working at home	2,081	2,628	26%
• People working non-traditional hours <sup>6</sup>	11,493	13,829	20%
• percent working non-traditional hours		21%	
• People working 35 hours or more	51,955	55,885	8%
• percent working 35 hours or more		73%	
• Men in the labor force	35,996	38,291	6%
• Women in the labor force	28,260	33,902	20%
• Women with a child under 6		7,821	
• percent in the labor force		60%	

The Households	2000 County <sup>1</sup>	2000 State <sup>1</sup>
• Number of households	63,497	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	91%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	5%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%
• speaking another language at home	3%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	20,372	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	46%	53%
• percent of single parent families	32%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	9%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	19%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	17%	27%

## The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Child Care Referral and Education at (530) 225-2999.

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 Shasta County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes <sup>1</sup>
Facilities	Total number of sites	67	196
	Total number of slots (percent)	3,531 (64%)	1,982 (36%)
	Infant slots in centers	263 ( 7%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	2,149 (61%)	
	School-age slots in centers	1,119 (32%)	
Schedules <sup>2</sup>	Full-time and part-time slots	74%	87%
	Only full-time slots	7%	12%
	Only part-time slots	20%	1%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	13%	41%
Languages	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	4%	1%
	Other Languages	0%	1%

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 Shasta County, there are an estimated 17,486 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>3</sup> and 5,513 licensed child care slots.

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

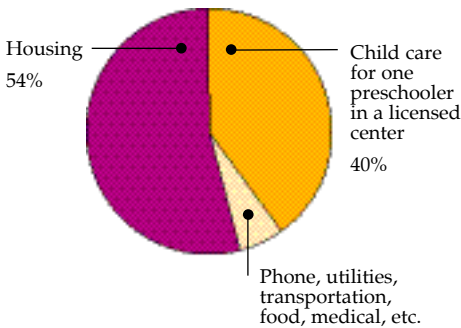
\* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.<sup>4</sup>

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

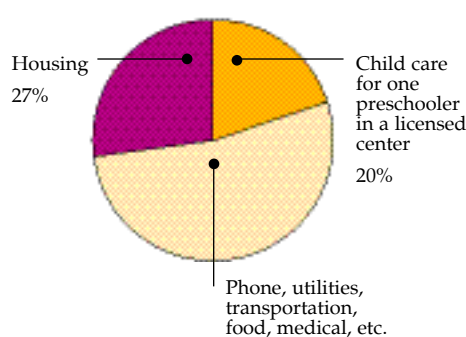
- Type of care requested: 29% infant/toddler; 47% preschool; 23% school-age
- Schedule requested: 79% full-time (0-5 years); 21% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 93% employment; 11% school/training; 4% looking for work

## Child Care and Family Budgets

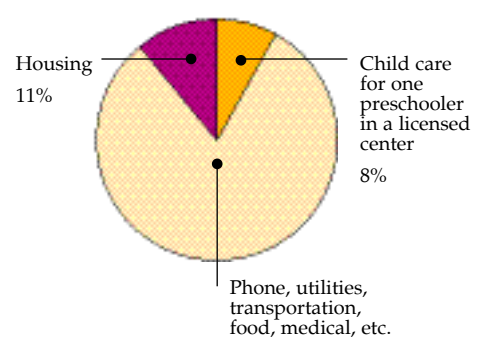
How child care fits into a Shasta County family's budget (Housing<sup>6</sup>: \$7,620; Preschooler in licensed child care center<sup>7</sup>: \$5,612)



Annual Income: \$14,040  
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 44% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080  
 Families with 2 minimum wage earners  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 22% of income



Annual Income: \$68,000  
 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: 9% of income