

Siskiyou County

Siskiyou County is one of 12 counties in California that experienced more deaths than births between 2000 and 2004. This was offset by an increase in population due to high rates of domestic migration into the county. (The county was one of just 12 in which domestic migration accounted for more than 90% of the population increase.)

At 6,287 sq. miles, the county is one of the 5 largest counties in the state, geographically.

Siskiyou is one of the 10 counties with the lowest median rents for a 2-bedroom apartment and ranks 8th lowest in its median income (\$33,915) for a family with children under 18.¹

The percentage of children living in poverty is the 8th highest in the state, and the percentage of residents 25 or older with a 4-year college degree or higher is significantly lower than the state.

Professional jobs account for 31% of employment; sales and office occupations, 24%; and service occupations, 19%.¹

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	44,301	45,440	3%
• Population foreign born residents	5%		
• Population change from natural increase			-20%
• Population change from domestic migration			91%
• Population change from foreign immigration			30%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	7,675	6,692	-13%
• Under 2	870		
• 2 years	413		
• 3 years	484		
• 4 years	493		
• 5 years	482		
• 6 to 13 years	4,933		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	4,515	3,937 ⁴	-13%
• Under 2	455		
• 2 years	220		
• 3 years	290		
• 4 years	280		
• 5 years	365		
• 6 to 13 years	2,905		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	32%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	16,072	16,706	4%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	749	806	8%
• People working at home	969	1,398	44%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	3,022	3,187	5%
• percent working non-traditional hours		19%	
• People working 35 hours or more	15,155	14,890	-2%
• percent working 35 hours or more		72%	
• Men in the labor force	10,398	10,132	-3%
• Women in the labor force	7,823	8,970	15%
• Women with a child under 6		2,047	
• percent in the labor force		60%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	18,573	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	89%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	6%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%
• speaking another language at home	4%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	5,338	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	43%	53%
• percent of single parent families	32%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	6%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	21%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	18%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Siskiyou Child Care Council at (530) 938-2748.

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 Siskiyou County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	24	68
	Total number of slots (percent)	772 (56%)	616 (44%)
	Infant slots in centers	26 (3%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	656 (85%)	
	School-age slots in centers	90 (12%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	52%	67%
	Only full-time slots	26%	29%
	Only part-time slots	22%	4%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	37%
Languages	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	4%	0%
	Other	4%	0%

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 Siskiyou County, there are an estimated 3,937 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 1,388 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 35% of children with parents in the labor force.*

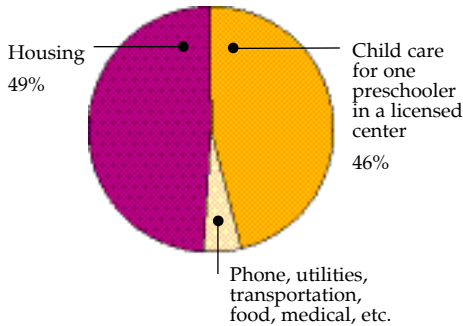
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

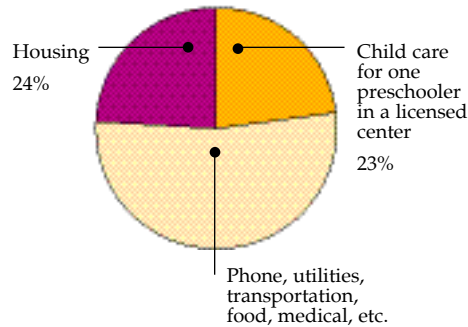
- Type of care requested: 28% infant/toddler; 43% preschool; 29% school-age
- Schedule requested: 69% full-time (0-5 years); 31% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 81% employment; 9% school/training; 1% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

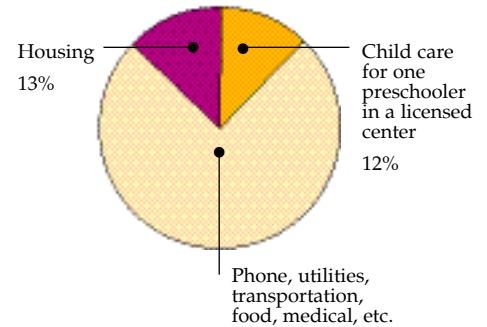
How child care fits into a Siskiyou County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$6,864; Preschooler in a licensed child care center⁷: \$6,484)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 48% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 24% of income



Annual Income: \$54,600
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