

Solano County

Solano County has the 5th highest percentage of households speaking an Asian language at home.

The county has the 2nd highest percentage of Tagalog-speaking family child care providers (6%).

54% of licensed child care slots are in family child care homes, 9th highest in the state and very high for the region.

The median rent for a 2-bedroom apartment and the median income for a family with children under 18 (\$57,879 vs. state, \$48,836)¹ are both above the California median.

The percentage of children living in poverty is the 11th lowest in the state.

Professional jobs account for 31% of employment; sales and office occupations, 28%; and service occupations, 16%.¹

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	394,542	419,548	6%
• Population foreign born residents	17%		
• Population change from natural increase			53%
• Population change from domestic migration			15%
• Population change from foreign immigration			32%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	87,067	85,361	-2%
• Under 2	11,038		
• 2 years	5,747		
• 3 years	5,977		
• 4 years	6,022		
• 5 years	6,180		
• 6 to 13 years	52,103		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	51,640	50,628 ⁴	-2%
• Under 2	5,755		
• 2 years	2,870		
• 3 years	3,570		
• 4 years	3,145		
• 5 years	3,645		
• 6 to 13 years	32,655		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	12%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	158,713	174,571	10%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	22,814	27,987	23%
• People working at home	4,180	5,441	30%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	35,122	41,418	18%
• percent working non-traditional hours		24%	
• People working 35 hours or more	148,341	165,088	11%
• percent working 35 hours or more		80%	
• Men in the labor force	97,302	101,784	5%
• Women in the labor force	75,171	88,459	18%
• Women with a child under 6		23,202	
• percent in the labor force		62%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	130,440	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	71%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	13%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	11%	9%
• speaking another language at home	5%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	52,835	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	54%	53%
• percent of single parent families	27%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	14%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	23%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	21%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Solano Family & Children's Services at (707) 863-3950.

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 Solano County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	77	630
	Total number of slots (percent)	5,191 (46%)	6,144 (54%)
	Infant slots in centers	352 (7%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	3,804 (73%)	
	School-age slots in centers	1,035 (20%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	81%	86%
	Only full-time slots	5%	11%
	Only part-time slots	14%	3%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	30%
Languages	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	45%	14%
	Other	9%	13%

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 Solano County, there are an estimated 50,628 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 11,335 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 22% of children with parents in the labor force.*

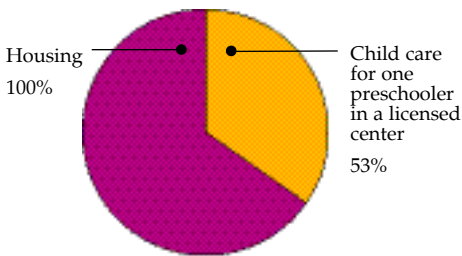
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

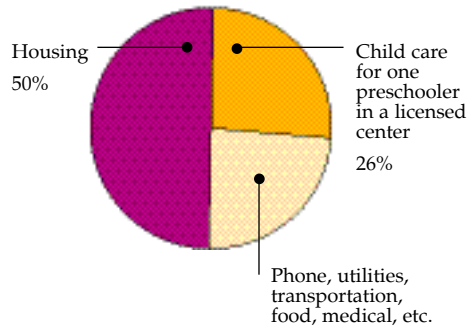
- Type of care requested: 30% infant/toddler; 43% preschool; 27% school-age
- Schedule requested: 82% full-time (0-5 years); 23% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 76% employment; 8% school/training; 12% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

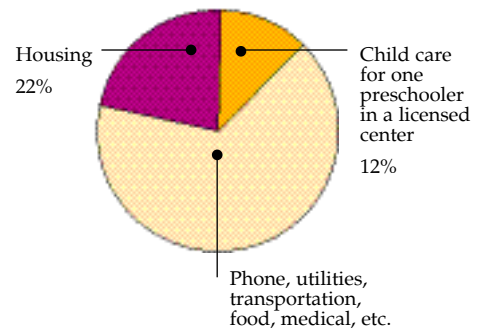
How child care fits into a Solano County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$14,052; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$7,402)



Annual Income: \$14,040
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 54% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
 Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 27% of income



Annual Income: \$62,700
 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