

Sonoma County

The median rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is 35% higher than the state and the median income for a family with children under 18 (\$60,643) is 24% higher than the state.¹

The percentage of children living in poverty is the 8th lowest in the state.

The percentage of residents 25 or older with at least a 4-year college degree is slightly higher than the state (29% vs. 27%).

Professional jobs account for 35% of employment; sales and office occupations, 27%; and service occupations, 15%.¹

The percentage of women in sales and office occupations is more than twice as high as men in those occupations (37% vs. 18%); the percentage of men in construction, production, and related activities (34%) is more than 4 times higher than the percentage of women (8%).¹

Sonoma is one of 5 counties in the state with the highest percentage of same-sex partner

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	458,614	477,437	4%
• Population foreign born residents	14%		
• Population change from natural increase			38%
• Population change from domestic migration			29%
• Population change from foreign immigration			33%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	85,803	83,020	-3%
• Under 2	10,646		
• 2 years	5,449		
• 3 years	5,710		
• 4 years	5,792		
• 5 years	5,933		
• 6 to 13 years	52,273		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	51,465	49,796 ⁴	-3%
• Under 2	5,415		
• 2 years	2,745		
• 3 years	2,980		
• 4 years	3,345		
• 5 years	3,300		
• 6 to 13 years	33,680		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	10%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	190,431	224,947	18%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	18,149	24,783	37%
• People working at home	9,316	12,246	31%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	33,879	41,798	23%
• percent working non-traditional hours		19%	
• People working 35 hours or more	161,056	191,751	19%
• percent working 35 hours or more		74%	
• Men in the labor force	111,326	128,527	15%
• Women in the labor force	92,736	111,671	20%
• Women with a child under 6		22,022	
• percent in the labor force		61%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	172,690	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	80%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	11%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	2%	9%
• speaking another language at home	6%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	56,422	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	50%	53%
• percent of single parent families	26%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	10%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	16%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	29%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information: The Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs) - (707) 544-3077; River Child Care Services - (707) 887-1809.

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 Sonoma County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	179	548
	Total number of slots (percent)	9,904 (67%)	4,948 (33%)
	Infant slots in centers	282 (3%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	6,398 (65%)	
	School-age slots in centers	3,224 (33%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	86%	89%
	Only full-time slots	1%	6%
	Only part-time slots	14%	6%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	9%
Languages	English	100%	99%
	Spanish	50%	18%
	Other	8%	5%

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 Sonoma County, there are an estimated 49,796 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 14,852 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 30% of children with parents in the labor force.*

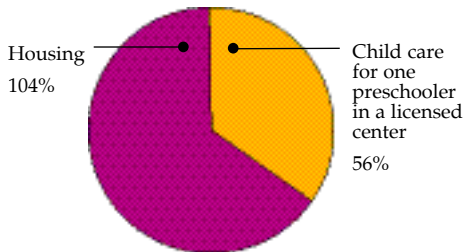
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

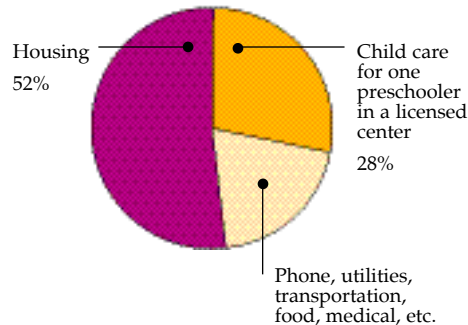
- Type of care requested: 42% infant/toddler; 40% preschool; 18% school-age
- Schedule requested: 73% full-time (0-5 years); 40% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 86% employment; 10% school/training; 3% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

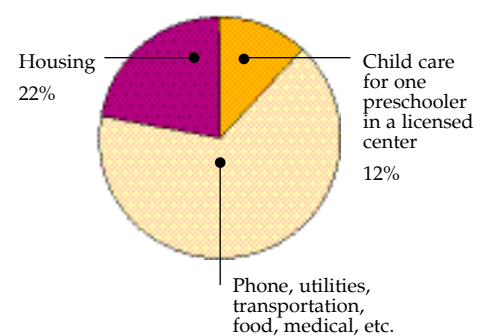
How child care fits into a Sonoma County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$14,580; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$7,831)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 64% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 32% of income



Annual Income: \$66,842
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