

Stanislaus County

Stanislaus was one of just 13 counties to experience population growth greater than 10% between 2000 and 2004.

The median rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is 16% lower than the state and the median income for a family with children under 18 (\$42,417) is 13% lower than the state (\$48,836).¹

The percentage of residents 25 or older with at least a 4-year college degree is well below the state (14% vs. 27%). The percentage of children living in poverty is close to the state.

Professional jobs account for 26% of employment; sales and office occupations, 26%; and service occupations, 15%.¹

Stanislaus is one of only 16 counties in which 40% or more of employed men work in construction, production, or related jobs, and one of 5 in which 10% or more of employed women are in those jobs.¹

The county ranks 2nd lowest in the state in its availability of licensed child care for children with parents in the labor force.

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	446,997	500,172	12%
• Population foreign born residents	18%		
• Population change from natural increase			35%
• Population change from domestic migration			46%
• Population change from foreign immigration			19%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	108,287	111,559	3%
• Under 2	13,659		
• 2 years	6,921		
• 3 years	7,318		
• 4 years	7,684		
• 5 years	7,641		
• 6 to 13 years	65,064		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	56,955	58,676 ⁴	3%
• Under 2	6,235		
• 2 years	3,425		
• 3 years	3,570		
• 4 years	4,080		
• 5 years	3,875		
• 6 to 13 years	35,770		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	22%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	147,406	170,169	15%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	12,581	18,436	47%
• People working at home	5,195	5,488	6%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	32,482	41,914	29%
• percent working non-traditional hours		25%	
• People working 35 hours or more	144,138	165,415	15%
• percent working 35 hours or more		78%	
• Men in the labor force	95,848	108,002	13%
• Women in the labor force	72,283	89,446	24%
• Women with a child under 6		27,579	
• percent in the labor force		56%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	145,253	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	68%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	22%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	3%	9%
• speaking another language at home	7%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	60,933	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	55%	53%
• percent of single parent families	27%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	15%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	25%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	14%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Stanislaus County Office of Education, Child Care Resource and Referral at (209) 558-4050.

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 Stanislaus County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	121	489
	Total number of slots (percent)	6,510 (56%)	5,034 (44%)
	Infant slots in centers	595 (9%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	5,001 (77%)	
	School-age slots in centers	914 (14%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	66%	91%
	Only full-time slots	17%	8%
	Only part-time slots	18%	1%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	1%	23%
Languages	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	62%	24%
	Other	22%	14%

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 Stanislaus County, there are an estimated 58,676 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 11,544 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 20% of children with parents in the labor force.*

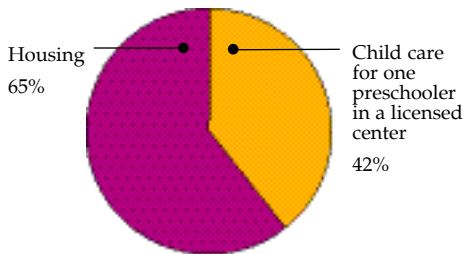
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

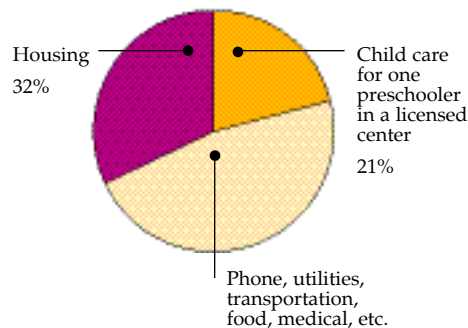
- Type of care requested: 27% infant/toddler; 43% preschool; 30% school-age
- Schedule requested: 83% full-time (0-5 years); 30% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 74% employment; 16% school/training; 14% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

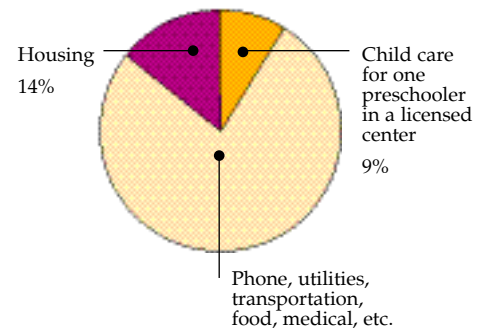
How child care fits into a Stanislaus County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$9,060; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$5,866)



Annual Income: \$14,040
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 42% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
 Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 21% of income



Annual Income: \$64,354
 Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 9% of income