

Sutter County

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

Compared to others in the region, the county has a relatively high percentage of foreign-born residents and households speaking Spanish at home.

Sutter ranks 5th in the state in its percentage of households speaking a language other than English, Spanish, or an Asian language.

The county's percentage increase in the number of workers with a one-way commute of one hour or more ranks 7th in the state.

Sutter County's percentage increase of women in the workforce (24%) is more than twice California (9%).

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	78,930	87,534	11%
• Population foreign born residents	19%		
• Population change from natural increase			30%
• Population change from domestic migration			28%
• Population change from foreign immigration			43%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	17,666	18,120	3%
• Under 2	2,232		
• 2 years	1,132		
• 3 years	1,174		
• 4 years	1,190		
• 5 years	1,241		
• 6 to 13 years	10,697		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	10,040	10,298 ⁴	3%
• Under 2	1,120		
• 2 years	600		
• 3 years	540		
• 4 years	690		
• 5 years	765		
• 6 to 13 years	6,325		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	23%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	26,137	30,383	16%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	1,509	2,933	94%
• People working at home	1,060	913	-14%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	4,337	6,955	60%
• percent working non-traditional hours		23%	
• People working 35 hours or more	26,141	31,149	19%
• percent working 35 hours or more		80%	
• Men in the labor force	16,974	19,772	16%
• Women in the labor force	12,662	15,698	24%
• Women with a child under 6		4,706	
• percent in the labor force		60%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	27,098	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	72%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	16%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	2%	9%
• speaking another language at home	9%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	10,535	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	52%	53%
• percent of single parent families	25%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	13%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	23%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	15%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Children's Home Society of California at (530) 673-7503.

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 Sutter County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	36	112
	Total number of slots (percent)	1,781 (58%)	1,286 (42%)
	Infant slots in centers	74 (4%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	1,318 (74%)	
	School-age slots in centers	389 (22%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	77%	96%
	Only full-time slots	3%	3%
	Only part-time slots	21%	1%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	3%	41%
Languages	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	50%	9%
	Other	25%	4%

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 Sutter County, there are an estimated 10,298 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 3,067 licensed child care slots.

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

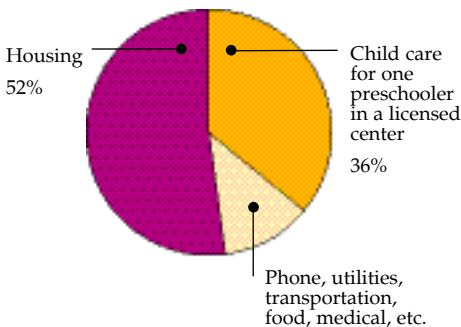
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

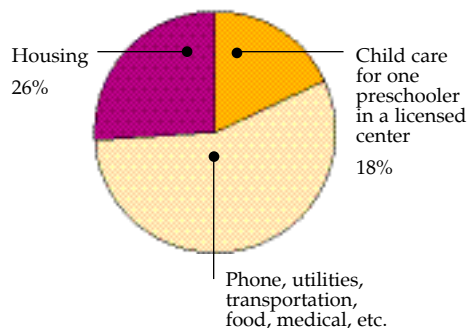
- Type of care requested: 35% infant/toddler; 39% preschool; 26% school-age
- Schedule requested: 83% full-time (0-5 years); 26% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 78% employment; 16% school/training; 8% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

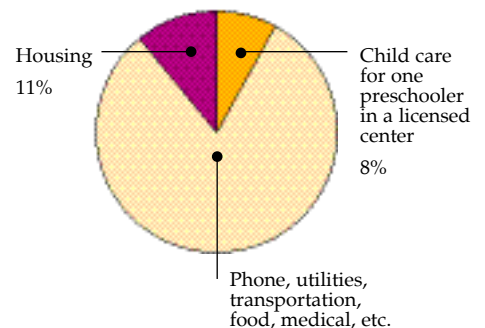
How child care fits into a Sutter County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$7,260; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$4,997)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 40% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 20% of income



Annual Income: \$66,158
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