

Tulare County

Tulare County's population growth resulted primarily from a natural increase (more births than deaths) and foreign immigration.

The county has the 2nd highest percentage of households speaking Spanish at home.

Tulare is one of the 13 counties in which there is a higher percentage of public school children who are English language learners than in the state as a whole (29% vs. 25%). (CA Dept. of Ed 2004/05)

The county ranks 2nd in the state in its percentage of child care centers with Spanish-speaking staff and 4th in its percentage of Spanish-speaking family child care providers.

Tulare is the county with the 10th lowest percentage of residents 25 or older with at least a 4-year college degree.

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	368,021	405,438	10%
• Population foreign born residents	23%		
• Population change from natural increase			57%
• Population change from domestic migration			11%
• Population change from foreign immigration			31%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	96,567	100,557	4%
• Under 2	12,838		
• 2 years	6,449		
• 3 years	6,636		
• 4 years	6,903		
• 5 years	7,026		
• 6 to 13 years	56,715		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	50,405	52,488 ⁴	4%
• Under 2	5,700		
• 2 years	3,195		
• 3 years	3,280		
• 4 years	3,270		
• 5 years	3,665		
• 6 to 13 years	31,295		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	36%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	116,533	130,744	12%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	4,345	7,426	71%
• People working at home	4,332	4,618	7%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	20,797	27,106	30%
• percent working non-traditional hours		21%	
• People working 35 hours or more	109,577	130,471	19%
• percent working 35 hours or more		79%	
• Men in the labor force	77,983	85,975	10%
• Women in the labor force	55,495	67,830	22%
• Women with a child under 6		23,940	
• percent in the labor force		56%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	110,356	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	57%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	37%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	2%	9%
• speaking another language at home	4%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	50,467	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	58%	53%
• percent of single parent families	28%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	15%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	31%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	11%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Tulare County Office of Education, Child Care Resource & Referral Services at (559) 651-0862.

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 Tulare County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	117	666
	Total number of slots (percent)	6,034 (47%)	6,750 (53%)
	Infant slots in centers	138 (2%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	4,692 (78%)	
	School-age slots in centers	1,204 (20%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	56%	93%
	Only full-time slots	20%	7%
	Only part-time slots	24%	1%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	3%	68%
Languages	English	100%	78%
	Spanish	85%	61%
	Other	11%	3%

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 Tulare County, there are an estimated 52,488 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 12,784 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 24% of children with parents in the labor force.*

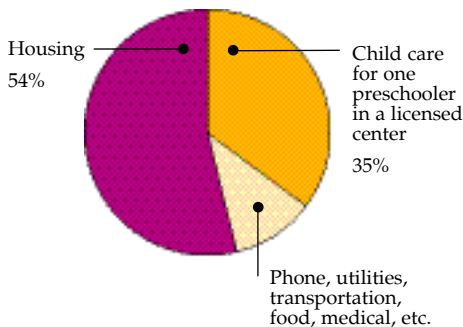
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

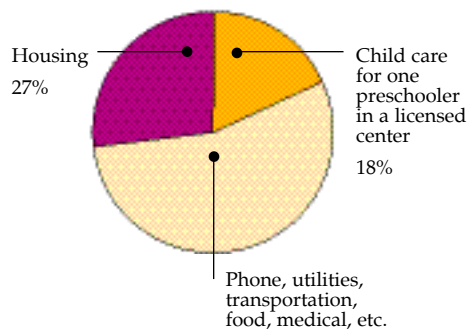
- Type of care requested: 25% infant/toddler; 47% preschool; 27% school-age
- Schedule requested: 90% full-time (0-5 years); 16% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 76% employment; 10% school/training; 12% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

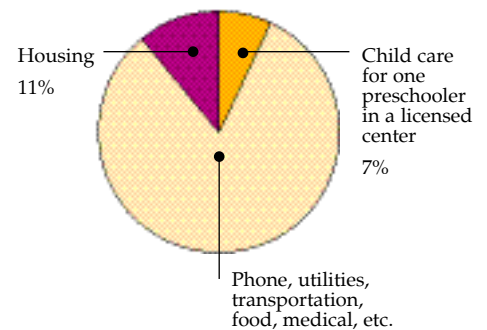
How child care fits into a Tulare County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$7,512; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$4,964)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 38% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 19% of income



Annual Income: \$68,752
Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 8% of income