

Ventura County

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

The median rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is 27% higher than the state and the median income for a family with children under 18 (\$62,310) ranks 7th highest in the state.¹

Ventura County's percentage of households speaking Spanish at home is extremely close to the state, as is its percentage of residents 25 or older with a 4-year college degree or higher.

The percentage of children living in poverty is lower than the state (13% vs. 20%).

Professional jobs account for 37% of employment; sales and office occupations, 27%; and service occupations, 13%.¹

The percentage of women in sales and office occupations is twice as high as men in those occupations (38% vs. 19%).¹

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	753,197	811,505	8%
• Population foreign born residents	21%		
• Population change from natural increase			51%
• Population change from domestic migration			15%
• Population change from foreign immigration			34%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	168,047	164,722	-2%
• Under 2	21,630		
• 2 years	11,010		
• 3 years	11,514		
• 4 years	12,077		
• 5 years	12,136		
• 6 to 13 years	99,680		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	92,025	90,204 ⁴	-2%
• Under 2	10,370		
• 2 years	5,395		
• 3 years	5,810		
• 4 years	6,145		
• 5 years	5,910		
• 6 to 13 years	58,395		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	13%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	335,186	345,658	3%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	30,195	27,890	-8%
• People working at home	10,138	14,532	43%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	51,689	56,336	9%
• percent working non-traditional hours		16%	
• People working 35 hours or more	297,781	316,695	6%
• percent working 35 hours or more		79%	
• Men in the labor force	205,615	206,973	1%
• Women in the labor force	153,509	165,047	8%
• Women with a child under 6		45,742	
• percent in the labor force		57%	

The Households	2000 County ¹	2000 State ¹
• Number of households	243,503	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	68%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	23%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	4%	9%
• speaking another language at home	5%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	98,438	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	53%	53%
• percent of single parent families	21%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	15%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	23%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	27%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Child Development Resources of Ventura County, Inc. at (805) 485-7878.

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 Ventura County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	210	1,135
	Total number of slots (percent)	15,211 (59%)	10,482 (41%)
	Infant slots in centers	422 (3%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	10,197 (67%)	
	School-age slots in centers	4,592 (30%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	82%	88%
	Only full-time slots	3%	10%
	Only part-time slots	14%	2%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	1%	36%
Languages	English	100%	82%
	Spanish	41%	47%
	Other	8%	7%

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 Ventura County, there are an estimated 90,204 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 25,693 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 28% of children with parents in the labor force.*

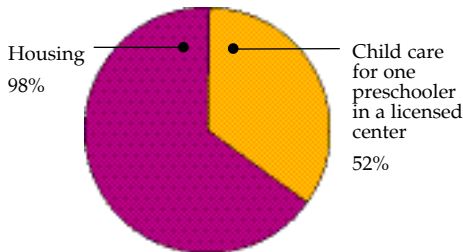
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

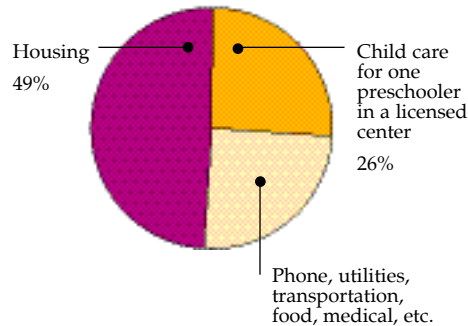
- Type of care requested: 37% infant/toddler; 44% preschool; 18% school-age
- Schedule requested: 87% full-time (0-5 years); 15% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 95% employment; 1% school/training

Child Care and Family Budgets

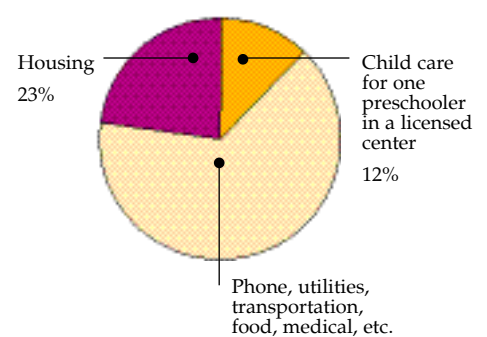
How child care fits into a Ventura County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$13,704; Preschooler in licensed child care center⁷: \$7,239)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 57% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 29% of income



Annual Income: \$59,190
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