

Colusa County

by the numbers

A decade of data about child care in California counties

Locally-based child care resource and referral programs (R&Rs) are located in every county in California. Their services have evolved over 30 years—from a grassroots effort to help parents find child care, to a well-developed statewide system that supports parents, providers, and communities to find, plan for, and develop quality child care that is affordable and accessible.

In 1997, following a two-year effort to standardize the data collection of the 61 R&Rs across the state, the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network launched the first *Child Care Portfolio*, a report which documented child care supply and demand, and portrayed the trends and needs of real families as they struggle to find appropriate, quality care for their children, especially as they juggle work and family. *The Portfolio* has been produced biennially since that time. The information presented here offers a picture of the supply and demand for child care in Colusa County, as well as relevant demographics about children and families. The data reflects the most up to date information available and comes from a variety of sources, including the R&R's interaction with parents and providers.

For a copy of the *2007 Portfolio*, including county data pages, visit www.rrnetwork.org.

The 2007 Portfolio is a project of the
California Child Care
Resource & Referral Network
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People	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ²	CHANGE	2006 ²
Total number of residents	18,804	21,766	16%	37,444,385
	2000	2005	CHANGE	2005
Number of live births ³	330	381	15%	548,700
to women with 12 years or less education		75%		56%
to women with more than 12 years education		25%		44%

Households	COUNTY	STATE	
	2000 ¹	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴
Number of households	6,081	11,512,020	12,151,227
speaking English at home	63%	62%	59%
speaking Spanish at home	34%	22%	25%
speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%	9%
speaking another language at home	3%	7%	7%
Number of families with children under 18	2,490	4,208,775	4,635,986
Percent with children under 18	55%	53%	56%
percent of single parent families	22%	26%	31%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	318	556,572	657,758
Homeowners with children under 6	14%	14%	13%
Renters with children under 6	32%	20%	18%
Residents over 24 with B.A. or higher	11%	27%	29%

Labor Force	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of employed residents	7,052	8,600 ⁵	22%	16,740,938
working 35 hours or more	79%			78%
working at home	4%			5%
working non-traditional hours	15%			22%
Women in the labor force	3,470			8,043,236
with children under 6	775			958,824
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁶		101 ⁶		126,958 ⁶
Men in the labor force	4,635			10,021,262
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁶		12 ⁶		31,672 ⁶

1. United States Census Bureau 2000
2. California Department of Finance Projections
3. California Department of Public Health
4. American Community Survey 2006

5. California Employment Development Division 2006
6. Approved bonding claims for *Paid Family Leave* 2006; includes claims through one year after birth

Children and Child Care in Colusa County

Children	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 ²	4,487	4,795	7%	7,628,506
Under 2	597	703	18%	1,078,951
2 years	347	337	-3%	539,981
3 years	284	340	20%	542,494
4 years	289	325	12%	537,387
5 years	334	361	8%	547,458
6-13 years	2,636	2,729	4%	4,382,235
Children 0-5 living in poverty	374	NA		595,847 ³
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ⁴	2,489	2,660 ⁵	7%	3,980,711 ⁵
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care ⁶		551		486,327

For more information about child care in Colusa County, call:
 Children's Services-Colusa
 Office of Education (530) 458-0300

AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE

Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ⁴	2,660 ⁵
Estimated number of licensed child care slots	1,137
Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force ¹²	43%

Infant/toddler slots in licensed child care centers represent

25%

of the total number of slots in licensed centers.

PARENT REQUESTS TO R&R¹³

TYPE OF CARE REQUESTED Infant/toddler: 38%,
 Preschool: 24%, School-age: 38%

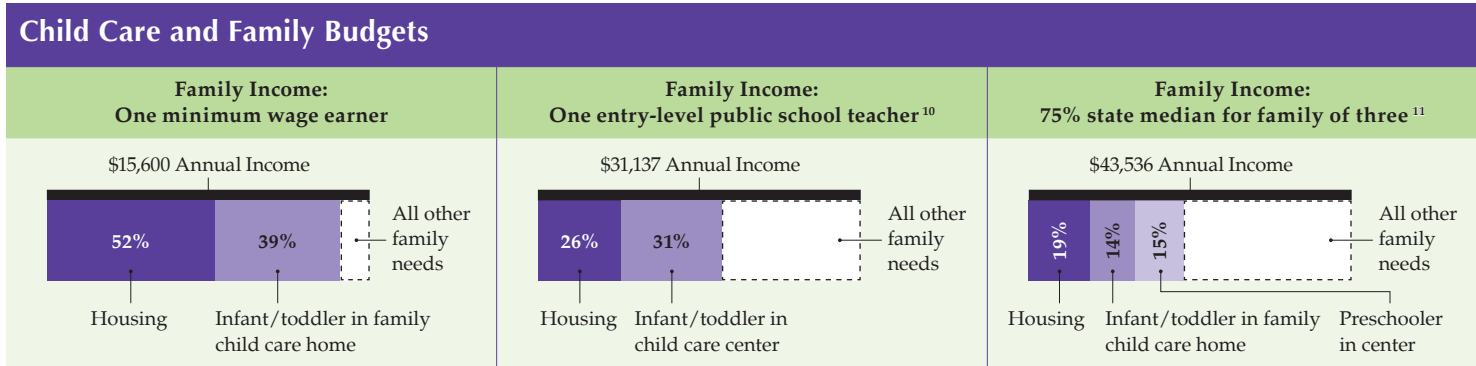
SCHEDULE Full-time: 59%, Part-time: 59%

REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Employment: 94%,
 School/training: 12%, Looking for work: 6%

COST OF LICENSED CARE¹⁴ AND HOUSING¹⁵

Care for one infant/toddler	
Licensed family child care home	\$6,112
Licensed center	\$9,778
Care for one preschooler	
Licensed family child care home	\$5,527
Licensed center	\$6,686
Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit)	\$8,184

Child Care		LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
FACILITIES	Total number of sites	11	71
	Total number of slots/percent	373 33%	764 ⁷ 67%
	Infant slots (under 2 years old)	94 25%	
	Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	279 75%	
	School-age slots (6 years and older)	0 0%	
SCHEDULES ⁸	Full-time and part-time slots	54%	33%
	Only full-time slots	15%	67%
	Only part-time slots	31%	0%
	Care available during non-traditional hours ⁹	0%	54%
LANGUAGES	English	100%	43%
	Spanish	82%	71%
	Other languages	0%	0%



1. United States Census Bureau 2000
 2. California Department of Finance Projections 2006
 3. American Community Survey 2006
 4. Children living with two parents or single head of household in the labor force
 5. Network estimate applied to 2006 child population projections
 6. Child care slots funded by Head Start, CA Child Development Division, and Department of Social Services 2006
 7. Breakdown by age not available for family child care homes
 8. Full-time defined as 30 hours or more per week
 9. Evening, weekend, or overnight care
 10. California Department of Education 2005/06
 11. Child Care and Development Family Fee Schedule 2006
 12. Some children are cared for by friends and relatives (license-exempt) or school-age programs (often not licensed)
 13. Resource & referral programs are located in every county in CA
 14. Regional Market Survey of CA Child Care Providers 2004/05
 15. US HUD, Median rent for 2 bedroom unit 2006