

Fresno 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 Fresno 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 ⁴	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Total number of residents	799,407	909,399 ²	14%	37,444,385 ²
New mothers ³		14,301		515,991
with high school or less education		42%		48%
some college or A.A. degree		43%		28%
B.A. or higher		15%		25%
living in poverty		31%		23%

Households	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of households	253,304	277,256	9%	12,151,227
speaking English at home	60%	59%		59%
speaking Spanish at home	31%	31%		25%
speaking an Asian language at home	5%	5%		9%
speaking another language at home	4%	4%		7%
Number of families with children under 18	106,546	119,861	12%	4,635,986
Percent with children under 18	57%	60%		56%
percent of single parent families	30%	38%		31%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	19,721	24,782	26%	657,758
Homeowners with children under 6	14%	14%		13%
Renters with children under 6	27%	22%		18%
Residents over 24 with BA or higher	18%	19%		29%

Labor Force	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of employed residents	294,942	366,707	24%	16,740,938
working 35 hours or more	77%	78%		78%
working at home	3%	3%		5%
working non-traditional hours	21%	24%		22%
Women in the labor force	152,876	179,521	17%	8,043,236
New mothers ³ in the labor force prior to the birth of a child		6,946		259,427
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁵		3,313 ⁵		126,958 ⁵
Men in the labor force	189,068	227,316	20%	10,021,262
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁵		791 ⁵		31,672 ⁵

1. United States Census Bureau 2000

2. California Department of Finance Projections

3. Women who had a birth in the last 12 months; American Community Survey 2006

4. American Community Survey 2006

5. Approved bonding claims for *Paid Family Leave* 2006; includes claims through one year after birth

Children and Child Care in Fresno County

Children	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 ²	200,136	205,973	3%	7,628,506
Under 2	26,555	32,207	21%	1,078,951
2 years	13,466	15,374	14%	539,981
3 years	13,762	14,963	9%	542,494
4 years	14,044	14,254	1%	537,387
5 years	14,297	14,071	-2%	547,458
6-13 years	118,012	115,104	-2%	4,382,235
Children 0-5 living in poverty	27,037	27,594 ³	2%	595,847 ³
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ⁴	100,345	103,272 ⁵	3%	3,980,711 ⁵
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care ⁶		18,983		486,327

For more information about child care in Fresno County, call:
Central Valley Children's Services Network (559) 456-1100

AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE

Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force⁴ 103,272⁵
Estimated number of licensed child care slots 25,509
Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force¹² 25%

Infant/toddler slots in licensed child care centers represent

6%

of the total number of slots in licensed centers.

PARENT REQUESTS TO R&R¹³

TYPE OF CARE REQUESTED Infant/toddler: 39%,
Preschool: 36%, School-age: 25%

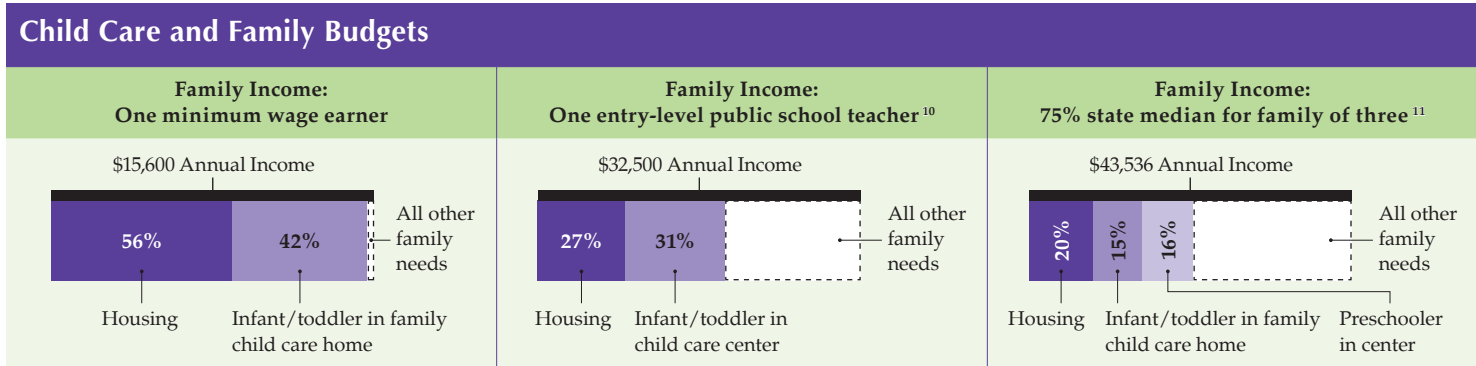
SCHEDULE Full-time: 76%, Part-time: 25%

REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Employment: 69%,
School/training: 18%, Looking for work: 8%

COST OF LICENSED CARE¹⁴ AND HOUSING¹⁵

Care for one infant/toddler
Licensed family child care home \$6,588
Licensed center \$10,172
Care for one preschooler
Licensed family child care home \$6,009
Licensed center \$6,968
Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit) \$8,808

Child Care		LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
FACILITIES	Total number of sites	285	1,042
	Total number of slots/percent	16,099 63%	9,410 ⁷ 37%
	Infant slots (under 2 years old)	1,029 6%	
	Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	12,138 75%	
SCHEDULES ⁸	School-age slots (6 years and older)	2,932 18%	
	Full-time and part-time slots	67%	79%
	Only full-time slots	5%	20%
	Only part-time slots	28%	1%
LANGUAGES	Care available during non-traditional hours ⁹	1%	21%
	English	100%	89%
	Spanish	54%	28%
	Other languages	8%	3%



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