

Marin 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 Marin 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	247,289	254,769 ²	3%	37,444,385 ²
New mothers ³		1,882		515,991
with high school or less education		16%		48%
some college or A.A. degree		8%		28%
B.A. or higher		76%		25%
living in poverty		7%		23%

Households	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of households	100,736	100,201	-1%	12,151,227
speaking English at home	79%	74%		59%
speaking Spanish at home	8%	10%		25%
speaking an Asian language at home	3%	3%		9%
speaking another language at home	10%	13%		7%
Number of families with children under 18	28,642	29,351	2%	4,635,986
Percent with children under 18	47%	50%		56%
percent of single parent families	24%	29%		31%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	1,867	2,887	55%	657,758
Homeowners with children under 6	11%	12%		13%
Renters with children under 6	12%	13%		18%
Residents over 24 with B.A. or higher	51%	52%		29%

Labor Force	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of employed residents	126,646	129,417	2%	16,740,938
working 35 hours or more	75%	71%		78%
working at home	9%	10%		5%
working non-traditional hours	14%	20%		22%
Women in the labor force	62,477	64,176	3%	8,043,236
New mothers ³ in the labor force prior to the birth of a child		678		259,427
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁵		745 ⁵		126,958 ⁵
Men in the labor force	70,575	71,508	1%	10,021,262
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁵		216 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 Marin County

Children	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 ²	39,323	41,484	5%	7,628,506
Under 2	5,306	5,419	2%	1,078,951
2 years	2,647	3,065	16%	539,981
3 years	2,697	3,071	14%	542,494
4 years	2,746	3,175	16%	537,387
5 years	2,710	3,266	21%	547,458
6-13 years	23,217	23,488	1%	4,382,235
Children 0-5 living in poverty	1,194	1,458 ³	22%	595,847 ³
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ⁴	22,775	24,027 ⁵	5%	3,980,711 ⁵
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care ⁶		1,760		486,327

For more information about child care in Marin County, call:
Marin Child Care Council
(415) 479-2273

AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE

Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ⁴	24,027 ⁵
Estimated number of licensed child care slots	9,986
Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force ¹²	42%

Infant/toddler slots in licensed child care centers represent

5%

of the total number of slots in licensed centers.

PARENT REQUESTS TO R&R¹³

TYPE OF CARE REQUESTED Infant/toddler: 51%,
Preschool: 40%, School-age: 9%

SCHEDULE Full-time: 70%, Part-time: 32%

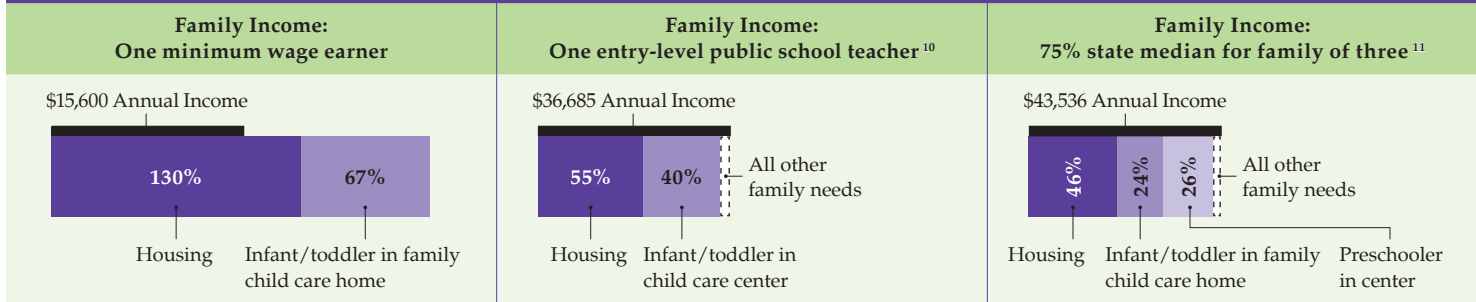
REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Employment: 67%,
School/training: 9%, Looking for work: 9%

COST OF LICENSED CARE¹⁴ AND HOUSING¹⁵

Care for one infant/toddler	
Licensed family child care home	\$10,419
Licensed center	\$14,821
Care for one preschooler	
Licensed family child care home	\$9,910
Licensed center	\$11,242
Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit)	\$20,220

Child Care	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
FACILITIES		
Total number of sites	136	189
Total number of slots/percent	8,108 81%	1,878 ⁷ 19%
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	381 5%	
Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	5,428 67%	
School-age slots (6 years and older)	2,299 28%	
SCHEDULES⁸		
Full-time and part-time slots	90%	86%
Only full-time slots	3%	4%
Only part-time slots	7%	10%
Care available during non-traditional hours ⁹	1%	21%
LANGUAGES		
English	100%	95%
Spanish	54%	35%
Chinese	5%	3%
Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and other languages	28%	25%

Child Care and Family Budgets



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