

# Mendocino 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 Mendocino 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](http://www.rrnetwork.org).

The 2007 Portfolio is a project of the  
California Child Care  
Resource & Referral Network  
(415) 882-0234  
[www.rrnetwork.org](http://www.rrnetwork.org)

People	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE	2006 <sup>2</sup>
Total number of residents	86,265	89,961	4%	37,444,385
	2000	2005	CHANGE	2005
Number of live births <sup>3</sup>	1,083	1,121	4%	548,700
to women with 12 years or less education		66%		56%
to women with more than 12 years education		34%		44%

Households	COUNTY	STATE	
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Number of households	33,331	11,512,020	12,151,227
speaking English at home	83%	62%	59%
speaking Spanish at home	12%	22%	25%
speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%	9%
speaking another language at home	4%	7%	7%
Number of families with children under 18	10,787	4,208,775	4,635,986
Percent with children under 18	49%	53%	56%
percent of single parent families	33%	26%	31%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	1,573	556,572	657,758
Homeowners with children under 6	8%	14%	13%
Renters with children under 6	20%	20%	18%
Residents over 24 with B.A. or higher	20%	27%	29%

Labor Force	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006	CHANGE	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Number of employed residents	37,663	41,600 <sup>5</sup>	10%	16,740,938
working 35 hours or more	72%			78%
working at home	7%			5%
working non-traditional hours	20%			22%
Women in the labor force	19,383			8,043,236
with children under 6	2,561			958,824
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child <sup>6</sup>		323 <sup>6</sup>		126,958 <sup>6</sup>
Men in the labor force	22,272			10,021,262
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child <sup>6</sup>		53 <sup>6</sup>		31,672 <sup>6</sup>

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 Mendocino County

Children	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 <sup>2</sup>	16,474	15,324	-7%	7,628,506
Under 2	2,023	2,281	13%	1,078,951
2 years	1,004	1,050	5%	539,981
3 years	1,008	1,138	13%	542,494
4 years	1,103	1,029	-7%	537,387
5 years	1,176	1,073	-9%	547,458
6-13 years	10,160	8,753	-14%	4,382,235
Children 0-5 living in poverty	1,597	NA		595,847 <sup>3</sup>
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>4</sup>	9,735	9,055 <sup>5</sup>	-7%	3,980,711 <sup>5</sup>
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care <sup>6</sup>		1,793		486,327

For more information about child care in Mendocino County, call:  
NCO-Rural Communities Child Care  
(707) 462-1954

### AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE

Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>4</sup> 9,055<sup>5</sup>  
Estimated number of licensed child care slots 2,306  
Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force<sup>12</sup> 25%

Infant/toddler slots in licensed child care centers represent **7%** of the total number of slots in licensed centers.

### PARENT REQUESTS TO R&R<sup>13</sup>

TYPE OF CARE REQUESTED Infant/toddler: 36%, Preschool: 42%, School-age: 22%

SCHEDULE Full-time: 58%, Part-time: 46%

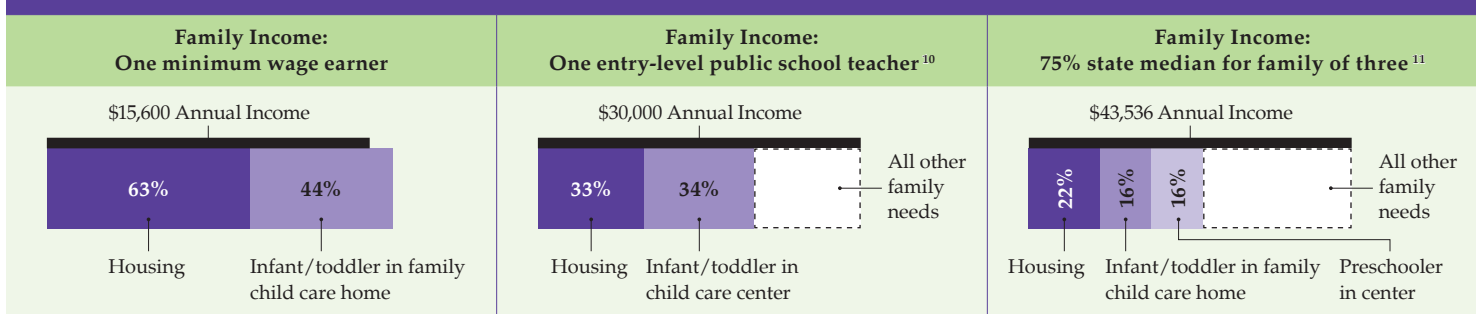
REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Employment: 86%, School/training: 6%, Looking for work: 6%

### COST OF LICENSED CARE<sup>14</sup> AND HOUSING<sup>15</sup>

Care for one infant/toddler  
Licensed family child care home \$6,852  
Licensed center \$10,164  
Care for one preschooler  
Licensed family child care home \$6,137  
Licensed center \$6,927  
Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit) \$9,756

Child Care	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
<b>FACILITIES</b>		
Total number of sites	43	98
Total number of slots/percent	1,410 61%	896 <sup>7</sup> 39%
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	97 7%	
Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	1,202 85%	
School-age slots (6 years and older)	111 8%	
<b>SCHEDULES<sup>8</sup></b>		
Full-time and part-time slots	58%	92%
Only full-time slots	0%	4%
Only part-time slots	42%	4%
Care available during non-traditional hours <sup>9</sup>	0%	31%
<b>LANGUAGES</b>		
English	100%	96%
Spanish	58%	15%
Chinese	0%	1%
Other languages	0%	2%

## 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