

Orange 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 Orange 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	2,846,289	3,083,894 ²	8%	37,444,385 ²
New mothers ³		39,575		515,991
with high school or less education		42%		48%
some college or A.A. degree		24%		28%
B.A. or higher		34%		25%
living in poverty		19%		23%

Households	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of households	936,154	971,208	4%	12,151,227
speaking English at home	63%	60%		59%
speaking Spanish at home	20%	21%		25%
speaking an Asian language at home	11%	12%		9%
speaking another language at home	7%	7%		7%
Number of families with children under 18	353,397	367,466	4%	4,635,986
Percent with children under 18	52%	53%		56%
percent of single parent families	21%	26%		31%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	31,917	42,969	35%	657,758
Homeowners with children under ⁶	15%	13%		13%
Renters with children under ⁶	22%	17%		18%
Residents over 24 with B.A. or higher	31%	35%		29%

Labor Force	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of employed residents	1,313,987	1,465,894	12%	16,740,938
working 35 hours or more	79%	79%		78%
working at home	4%	4%		5%
working non-traditional hours	18%	20%		22%
Women in the labor force	626,588	672,852	7%	8,043,236
New mothers ³ in the labor force prior to the birth of a child		19,204		259,427
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁵		9,738 ⁵		126,958 ⁵
Men in the labor force	785,313	867,227	10%	10,021,262
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁵		2,031 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 Orange County

Children	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 ²	613,339	615,616	0%	7,628,506
Under 2	84,665	89,204	5%	1,078,951
2 years	42,295	44,202	5%	539,981
3 years	43,935	44,277	1%	542,494
4 years	45,119	43,935	-3%	537,387
5 years	46,215	44,989	-3%	547,458
6-13 years	351,110	349,009	-1%	4,382,235
Children 0-5 living in poverty	35,304	35,952 ³	2%	595,847 ³
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ⁴	314,905	316,074 ⁵	0%	3,980,711 ⁵
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care ⁶		19,521		486,327

For more information about child care in Orange County, call:
Children's Home Society of California
(714) 543-2273

AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE

Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force⁴ 316,074⁵
Estimated number of licensed child care slots 80,623
Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force¹² 26%

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: 59%,
Preschool: 29%, School-age: 12%

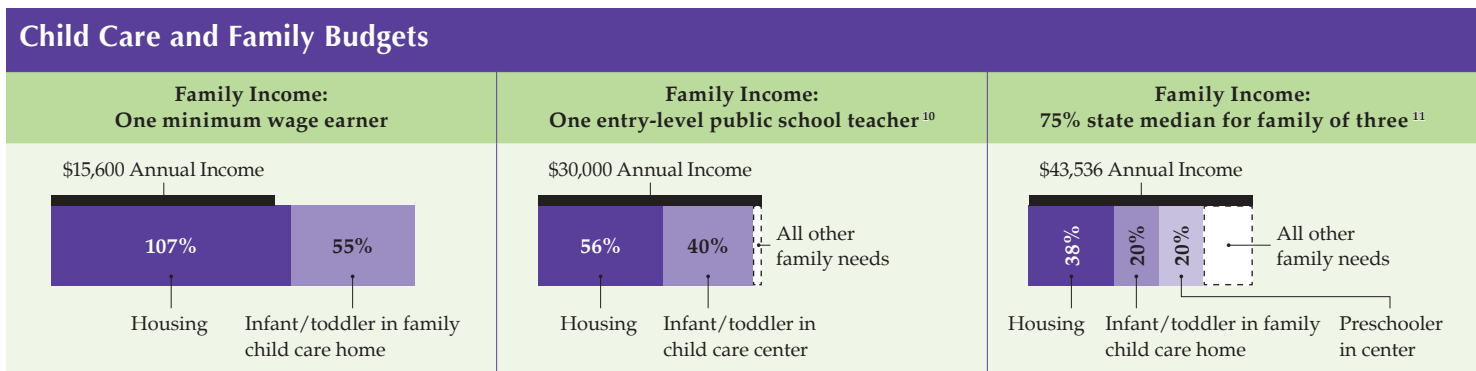
SCHEDULE Full-time: NA, Part-time: NA

REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Employment: 89%,
School/training: 4%, Looking for work: 4%

COST OF LICENSED CARE¹⁴ AND HOUSING¹⁵

Care for one infant/toddler
Licensed family child care home \$8,544
Licensed center \$12,113
Care for one preschooler
Licensed family child care home \$7,943
Licensed center \$8,669
Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit) \$16,704

Child Care		LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS		LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES	
FACILITIES	Total number of sites	745		1,889	
	Total number of slots/percent	60,221	75%	20,402 ⁷	25%
	Infant slots (under 2 years old)	2,970	5%		
	Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	45,338	75%		
	School-age slots (6 years and older)	11,913	20%		
SCHEDULES ⁸	Full-time and part-time slots	NA		NA	
	Only full-time slots	NA		NA	
	Only part-time slots	NA		NA	
	Care available during non-traditional hours ⁹	NA		NA	
LANGUAGES	English	NA		NA	
	Spanish	NA		NA	
	Chinese	NA		NA	
	Other	NA		NA	



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