

Sierra 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 Sierra 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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www.rrnetwork.org

People	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ²	CHANGE	2006 ²
Total number of residents	3,555	3,495	-2%	37,444,385
	2000	2005	CHANGE	2005
Number of live births ³	21	35	67%	548,700
to women with 12 years or less education		60%		56%
to women with more than 12 years education		40%		44%

Households	COUNTY	STATE	
	2000 ¹	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴
Number of households	1,523	11,512,020	12,151,227
speaking English at home	90%	62%	59%
speaking Spanish at home	4%	22%	25%
speaking an Asian language at home	1%	9%	9%
speaking another language at home	6%	7%	7%
Number of families with children under 18	446	4,208,775	4,635,986
Percent with children under 18	45%	53%	56%
percent of single parent families	29%	26%	31%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	42	556,572	657,758
Homeowners with children under 6	7%	14%	13%
Renters with children under 6	16%	20%	18%
Residents over 24 with B.A. or higher	17%	27%	29%

Labor Force	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of employed residents	1,502	1,500 ⁵	0%	16,740,938
working 35 hours or more	70%			78%
working at home	4%			5%
working non-traditional hours	19%			22%
Women in the labor force	791			8,043,236
with children under 6	98			958,824
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁶		2 ⁶		126,958 ⁶
Men in the labor force	881			10,021,262
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁶		0 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 Sierra County

Children	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 ²	584	425	-27%	7,628,506
Under 2	48	49	2%	1,078,951
2 years	37	26	-30%	539,981
3 years	29	29	0%	542,494
4 years	33	24	-27%	537,387
5 years	46	13	-72%	547,458
6-13 years	391	284	-27%	4,382,235
Children 0-5 living in poverty	26	NA		595,847 ³
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ⁴	365	266 ⁵	-27%	3,980,711 ⁵
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care ⁶		32		486,327

For more information about child care in Sierra County, call:
Sierra Nevada Children's Services
(530) 993-1288

AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE

Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force⁴ 266⁵
Estimated number of licensed child care slots 72
Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force¹² 27%

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: 44%,
Preschool: 33%, School-age: 22%

SCHEDULE Full-time: 78%, Part-time: 22%

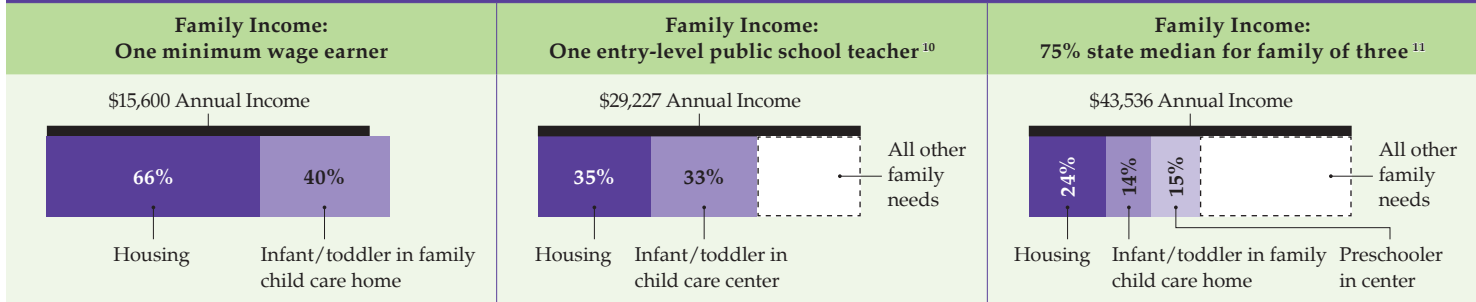
REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Employment: 78%,
Child protective services: 22%

COST OF LICENSED CARE¹⁴ AND HOUSING¹⁵

Care for one infant/toddler
Licensed family child care home \$6,221
Licensed center \$9,778
Care for one preschooler
Licensed family child care home \$5,752
Licensed center \$6,686
Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit) \$10,368

Child Care		LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
FACILITIES	Total number of sites	2	3
	Total number of slots/percent	36 50%	36 ⁷ 50%
	Infant slots (under 2 years old)	2 6%	
	Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	34 94%	
	School-age slots (6 years and older)	0 0%	
SCHEDULES ⁸	Full-time and part-time slots	100%	100%
	Only full-time slots	0%	0%
	Only part-time slots	0%	0%
	Care available during non-traditional hours ⁹	0%	67%
LANGUAGES	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	0%	0%
	Other languages	0%	0%

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