

Fresno County

Fresno County is both one of the 10 most populated counties in California and one of the 10 with the largest number of children birth to 13.

Fresno is one of 13 counties in the state with a higher percent of public school children who are English language learners (27%) than in the state as a whole (25%).
(CA Dept. of Ed., 2004/5)

Fresno County has the 6th lowest median income for a family with children under 18 (\$33,460)¹ in the state; the percentage of children living in poverty is the 5th highest in California.

Farming, fishing, and forestry jobs in Fresno County account for 7% of employment - compared with 1% in California.¹

The percentage increase in the number of Fresno County employed residents with a one-way commute of one hour or more is significantly higher than the state (60% vs. 34%).

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	799,407	876,842	10%
• Population foreign born residents	21%		
• Population change from natural increase			53%
• Population change from domestic migration			17%
• Population change from foreign immigration			31%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	200,136	195,092	-3%
• Under 2	26,555		
• 2 years	13,466		
• 3 years	13,762		
• 4 years	14,044		
• 5 years	14,297		
• 6 to 13 years	118,012		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	100,345	97,816 ⁴	-3%
• Under 2	11,610		
• 2 years	6,315		
• 3 years	6,470		
• 4 years	7,075		
• 5 years	7,135		
• 6 to 13 years	61,740		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	34%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	265,397	294,942	11%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	9,476	15,185	60%
• People working at home	7,894	9,049	15%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	47,280	62,009	31%
• percent working non-traditional hours		21%	
• People working 35 hours or more	247,356	287,930	16%
• percent working 35 hours or more		77%	
• Men in the labor force	169,731	189,068	11%
• Women in the labor force	129,323	152,876	18%
• Women with a child under 6		50,361	
• percent in the labor force		55%	

The Households	2000 county ¹	2000 state ¹
• Number of households	253,304	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	60%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	31%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	5%	9%
• speaking another language at home	4%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	106,546	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	57%	53%
• percent of single parent families	30%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	14%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	27%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	18%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Central Valley Children's Services Network at (559) 456-1100.

1. U.S. Census Bureau, 2000.

2. California Department of Finance population projections.

3. This number reflects children with either two parents or a single head of household in the labor force.

4. Network estimate based on California Department of Finance (DOF) population projections.

5. U.S. Census Bureau, 1990.

6. Estimate using commute time. Might or might not include weekends.

Child Care in Fresno County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	276	1,087
	Total number of slots (percent)	15,567 (62%)	9,644 (38%)
	Infant slots in centers	1,009 (6%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	11,556 (74%)	
	School-age slots in centers	3,002 (19%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	66%	76%
	Only full-time slots	5%	23%
	Only part-time slots	28%	1%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	1%	22%
Languages	English	100%	90%
	Spanish	54%	28%
	Other Languages	9%	2%

1. A breakdown of slots by age is not available for family child care homes because their licenses are not specific to particular age groups.
2. Full-time (30 or more hours/week) and part-time are a % of total slots. Non-traditional (evenings, weekends, overnight) are a % of total sites.
3. Network estimate based on CA DOF Projections, 2004: either two parents or single head of household in labor force.
4. These types of care are not included in the supply of licensed care available.
5. Some parents find child care without using R&Rs. These requests do not necessarily represent total demand, but they do reflect trends.
6. U.S. HUD. Median rent for a 2-bedroom unit. 2004.
7. Cost estimates 2004/5; 2002 Regional Market Rates with CPI Inflation Factor. Full-time.
8. California Dept. of Education. 2003/4.

Availability of Licensed Child Care

In Fresno County, there are an estimated 97,816 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 25,211 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 26% of children with parents in the labor force.*

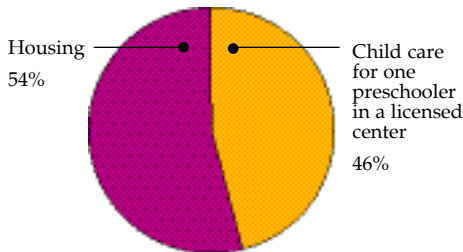
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

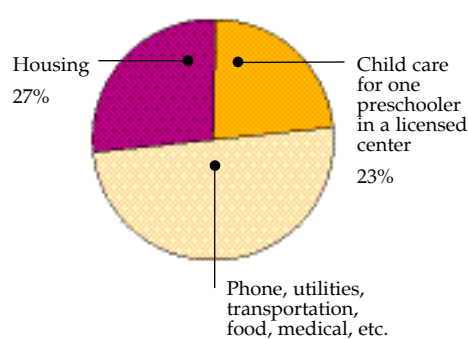
- Type of care requested: 33% infant/toddler; 43% preschool; 25% school-age
- Schedule requested: 82% full-time (0-5 years); 18% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 75% employment; 11% school/training; 11% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

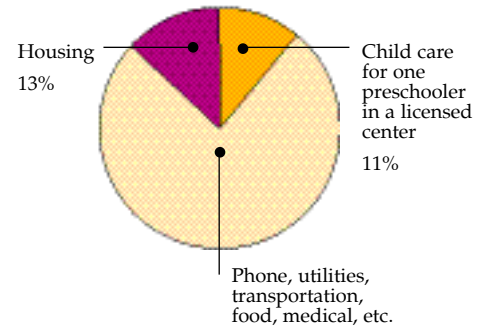
How child care fits into a Fresno County family's annual budget (Housing⁶: \$7,560; Preschooler in a licensed center⁷: \$6,482)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 48% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 24% of income



Annual Income: \$58,534
Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county⁸
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 11% of income