

# Alameda County

Alameda County is one of 11 counties in California that experienced net domestic migration out of the county.

The population growth in the county resulted from high rates of natural increase (births over deaths) and foreign immigration. Both rates rank in the top 10 across the state.

Alameda County has one of the highest percentages of households speaking an Asian language at home. It is also one of five counties with the greatest percentage of child care centers with staff speaking Chinese (19%), Tagalog (10%), or Vietnamese (9%).

Alameda County ranks 6th in the number of residents over the age of 24 to hold at least a 4-year college degree.

Management and professional jobs account for 42% of employment.<sup>1</sup>

The People	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change <sup>2</sup>
Total number of residents	1,443,741	1,501,952	4%
• Population foreign born residents	27%		
• Population change from natural increase			77%
• Population change from domestic migration			-53%
• Population change from foreign immigration			75%

The Children	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change
Children 0-13	281,523	279,357	-1%
• Under 2	38,689		
• 2 years	19,598		
• 3 years	19,891		
• 4 years	20,200		
• 5 years	20,746		
• 6 to 13 years	162,399		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup>	157,890	156,675 <sup>4</sup>	-1%
• Under 2	19,175		
• 2 years	9,895		
• 3 years	10,020		
• 4 years	11,025		
• 5 years	11,310		
• 6 to 13 years	96,465		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	13%		

The Labor Force	1990 <sup>5</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	Change
• Number of employed residents	633,191	678,910	7%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	46,725	88,535	89%
• People working at home	24,886	23,941	-4%
• People working non-traditional hours <sup>6</sup>	114,867	125,584	9%
• percent working non-traditional hours		18%	
• People working 35 hours or more	571,969	634,144	11%
• percent working 35 hours or more		79%	
• Men in the labor force	373,574	390,244	4%
• Women in the labor force	315,943	344,311	9%
• Women with a child under 6		84,169	
• percent in the labor force		59%	

The Households	2000 County <sup>1</sup>	2000 State <sup>1</sup>
• Number of households	523,787	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	64%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	13%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	15%	9%
• speaking another language at home	9%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	174,020	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	51%	53%
• percent of single parent families	27%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	14%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	16%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	35%	27%

## The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

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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 Alameda County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes <sup>1</sup>
Facilities	Total number of sites	559	1,963
	Total number of slots (percent)	34,643 (64%)	19,216 (36%)
	Infant slots in centers	2,071 (6%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	21,664 (63%)	
	School-age slots in centers	10,908 (31%)	
Schedules <sup>2</sup>	Full-time and part-time slots	63%	87%
	Only full-time slots	9%	9%
	Only part-time slots	28%	3%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	1%	31%
Languages	English	100%	97%
	Spanish	53%	16%
	Other	69%	20%

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 Alameda County, there are an estimated 156,675 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>3</sup> and 53,859 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 34% of children with parents in the labor force.\*

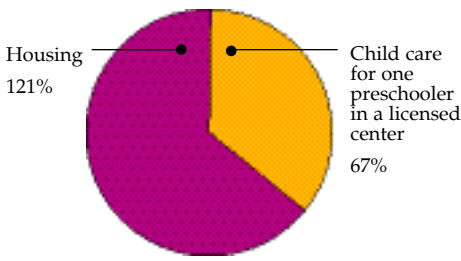
\* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.<sup>4</sup>

**Parent Requests to the R&R<sup>5</sup>**

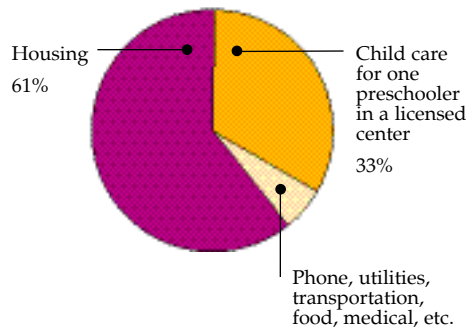
- Type of care requested: 44% infant/toddler; 40% preschool; 16% school-age
- Schedule requested: 72% full-time (0-5 years); 29% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 82% employment; 7% school/training; 3% looking for work

## Child Care and Family Budgets

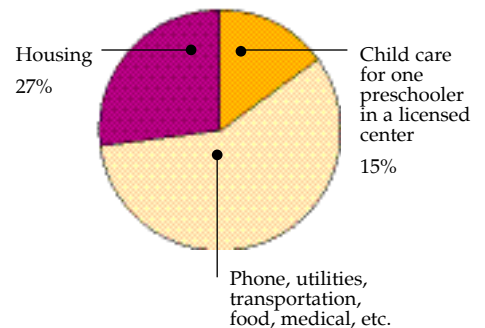
How child care fits into an Alameda County family's budget (Housing<sup>6</sup>: \$17,040; Preschooler in a licensed child care center<sup>7</sup>: \$9,404)



Annual Income: \$14,040  
**Families with 1 minimum wage earner**  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 62% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080  
**Families with 2 minimum wage earners**  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 31% of income



Annual Income: \$63,226  
**Families with 2 entry level public school teachers working in the county<sup>8</sup>**  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 14% of income