

Alameda 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 Alameda 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	1,443,741	1,514,909 ²	5%	37,444,385 ²
New mothers ³		16,117		515,991
with high school or less education		31%		48%
some college or A.A. degree		30%		28%
B.A. or higher		39%		25%
living in poverty		14%		23%

Households	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of households	523,787	517,241	-1%	12,151,227
speaking English at home	64%	61%		59%
speaking Spanish at home	13%	14%		25%
speaking an Asian language at home	15%	16%		9%
speaking another language at home	9%	9%		7%
Number of families with children under 18	174,020	180,108	3%	4,635,986
Percent with children under 18	51%	55%		56%
percent of single parent families	27%	30%		31%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	20,853	25,010	20%	657,758
Homeowners with children under 6	14%	14%		13%
Renters with children under 6	16%	14%		18%
Residents over 24 with B.A. or higher	35%	39%		29%

Labor Force	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006 ⁴	CHANGE	2006 ⁴
Number of employed residents	678,910	704,164	4%	16,740,938
working 35 hours or more	79%	77%		78%
working at home	4%	5%		5%
working non-traditional hours	18%	22%		22%
Women in the labor force	344,311	352,699	2%	8,043,236
New mothers ³ in the labor force prior to the birth of a child		9,456		259,427
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁵		6,273 ⁵		126,958 ⁵
Men in the labor force	390,244	407,439	4%	10,021,262
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child ⁵		2,086 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 Alameda County

Children	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 ¹	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 ²	281,523	281,075	0%	7,628,506
Under 2	38,689	40,904	6%	1,078,951
2 years	19,598	20,749	6%	539,981
3 years	19,891	21,117	6%	542,494
4 years	20,200	21,104	4%	537,387
5 years	20,746	21,633	4%	547,458
6-13 years	162,399	155,568	-4%	4,382,235
Children 0-5 living in poverty	14,552	17,694 ³	22%	595,847 ³
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ⁴	157,890	157,639 ⁵	0%	3,980,711 ⁵
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care ⁶		18,934		486,327

For more information about child care in Alameda County, call: BANANAS (510) 658-7353, Child Care Links (925) 417-8733, 4Cs of Alameda County (510) 582-2182

AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE

Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force⁴ 157,639⁵
 Estimated number of licensed child care slots 52,883
 Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force¹² 34%

Infant/toddler slots in licensed child care centers represent **6%** of the total number of slots in licensed centers.

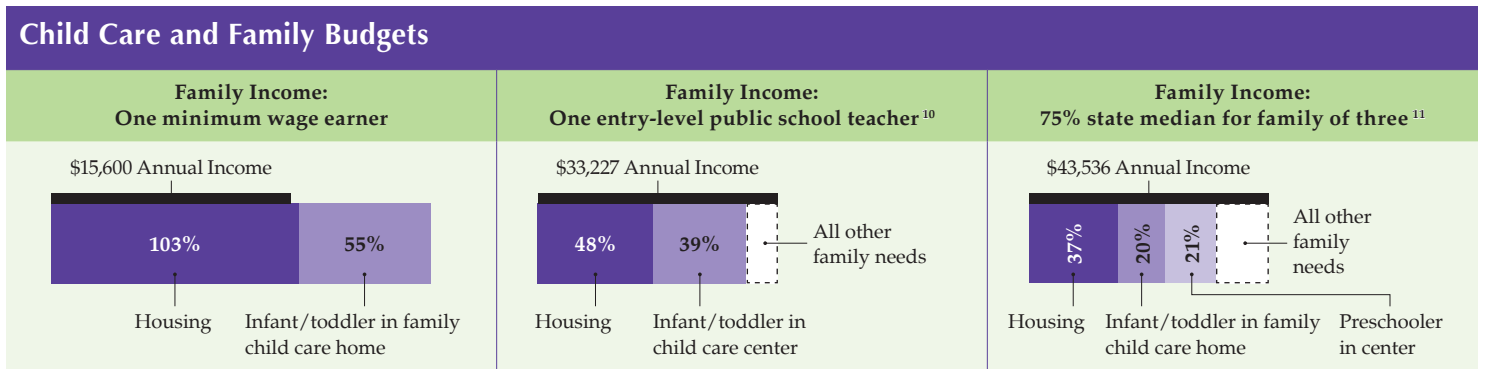
Child Care	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
FACILITIES		
Total number of sites	553	1,946
Total number of slots/percent	34,120 65%	18,763 ⁷ 35%
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	1,915 6%	
Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	22,519 66%	
School-age slots (6 years and older)	9,686 28%	
SCHEDULES⁸		
Full-time and part-time slots	62%	90%
Only full-time slots	11%	7%
Only part-time slots	27%	3%
Care available during non-traditional hours ⁹	1%	34%
LANGUAGES		
English	100%	97%
Spanish	58%	18%
Chinese	22%	2%
Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and other languages	47%	21%

PARENT REQUESTS TO R&R¹³

TYPE OF CARE REQUESTED Infant/toddler: 43%, Preschool: 41%, School-age: 16%
 SCHEDULE Full-time: 70%, Part-time: 32%
 REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Employment: 83%, School/training: 6%, Looking for work: 4%

COST OF LICENSED CARE¹⁴ AND HOUSING¹⁵

Care for one infant/toddler
 Licensed family child care home \$8,554
 Licensed center \$12,842
 Care for one preschooler
 Licensed family child care home \$8,066
 Licensed center \$9,142
 Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit) \$16,068



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