

Lassen County

Median rent for a 2-bedroom apartment is one of the lowest in the state.

Lassen County has the second smallest percentage of foreign-born residents.

The median income for a family with children under 18 is relatively high (\$42,738) compared with other counties in northern California, while the percentage of the county's residents over 24 having at least a 4-year college degree is the 5th lowest in the state.¹

Professional jobs account for 30% of employment; service occupations, 28%; sales/office occupations, 21%. (Lassen is one of just 3 counties with more than 25% of workers in service occupations.)¹

The People	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change ²
Total number of residents	33,828	35,510	5%
• Population foreign born residents	2%		
• Population change from natural increase			19%
• Population change from domestic migration			76%
• Population change from foreign immigration			4%

The Children	2000 ¹	2004 ²	Change
Children 0-13	5,601	4,877	-13%
• Under 2	639		
• 2 years	374		
• 3 years	324		
• 4 years	342		
• 5 years	382		
• 6 to 13 years	3,540		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force ³	3,270	2,847 ⁴	-13%
• Under 2	315		
• 2 years	200		
• 3 years	145		
• 4 years	170		
• 5 years	230		
• 6 to 13 years	2,210		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	21%		

The Labor Force	1990 ⁵	2000 ¹	Change
• Number of employed residents	9,007	9,911	10%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	553	610	10%
• People working at home	414	499	21%
• People working non-traditional hours ⁶	1,890	2,104	11%
• percent working non-traditional hours		21%	
• People working 35 hours or more	10,521	13,283	26%
• percent working 35 hours or more		79%	
• Men in the labor force	5,895	6,047	3%
• Women in the labor force	4,268	5,190	22%
• Women with a child under 6		1,294	
• percent in the labor force		61%	

The Households	2000 county ¹	2000 state ¹
• Number of households	9,629	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	90%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	7%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	0%	9%
• speaking another language at home	3%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	3,488	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	51%	53%
• percent of single parent families	26%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	11%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	20%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	11%	27%

The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Lassen Child & Family Resources at (530) 257-9781.

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 Lassen County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes ¹
Facilities	Total number of sites	14	28
	Total number of slots (percent)	360 (55%)	290 (45%)
	Infant slots in centers	6 (2%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	287 (80%)	
	School-age slots in centers	67 (19%)	
Schedules ²	Full-time and part-time slots	56%	94%
	Only full-time slots	0%	6%
	Only part-time slots	44%	0%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	0%	21%
Languages	English	100%	100%
	Spanish	36%	0%
	Other Languages	0%	11%

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 Lassen County, there are an estimated 2,847 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force³ and 650 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 23% of children with parents in the labor force.*

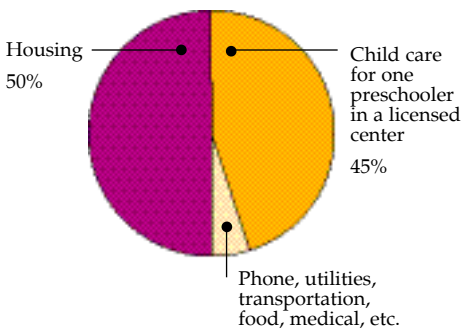
* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.⁴

Parent Requests to the R&R⁵

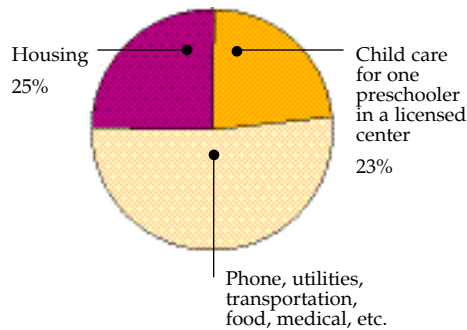
- Type of care requested: 27% infant/toddler; 47% preschool; 26% school-age
- Schedule requested: 54% full-time (0-5 years); 47% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 80% employment; 10% school/training; 7% looking for work

Child Care and Family Budgets

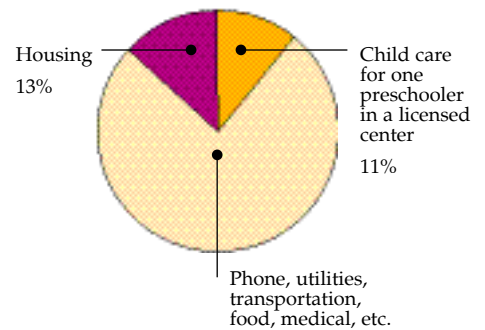
How child care fits into a Lassen County family's budget (Housing⁶: \$7,032; Preschooler in a licensed child care center⁷: \$6,343)



Annual Income: \$14,040
Families with 1 minimum wage earner
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 43% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080
Families with 2 minimum wage earners
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 21% of income



Annual Income: \$55,912
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