

# San Benito 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 San Benito 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](http://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 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE	2006 <sup>2</sup>
Total number of residents	53,234	57,534	8%	37,444,385
	2000	2005	CHANGE	2005
Number of live births <sup>3</sup>	876	892	2%	548,700
to women with 12 years or less education		65%		56%
to women with more than 12 years education		35%		44%

Households	COUNTY	STATE	
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Number of households	15,911	11,512,020	12,151,227
speaking English at home	61%	62%	59%
speaking Spanish at home	34%	22%	25%
speaking an Asian language at home	2%	9%	9%
speaking another language at home	3%	7%	7%
Number of families with children under 18	7,698	4,208,775	4,635,986
Percent with children under 18	59%	53%	56%
percent of single parent families	22%	26%	31%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	745	556,572	657,758
Homeowners with children under 6	18%	14%	13%
Renters with children under 6	29%	20%	18%
Residents over 24 with B.A. or higher	17%	27%	29%

Labor Force	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006	CHANGE	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Number of employed residents	23,105	23,300 <sup>5</sup>	1%	16,740,938
working 35 hours or more	81%			78%
working at home	3%			5%
working non-traditional hours	19%			22%
Women in the labor force	11,184			8,043,236
with children under 6	2,006			958,824
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child <sup>6</sup>		243 <sup>6</sup>		126,958 <sup>6</sup>
Men in the labor force	14,163			10,021,262
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child <sup>6</sup>		69 <sup>6</sup>		31,672 <sup>6</sup>

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 San Benito County

Children	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 <sup>2</sup>	13,558	13,105	-3%	7,628,506
Under 2	1,853	1,798	-3%	1,078,951
2 years	927	861	-7%	539,981
3 years	925	879	-5%	542,494
4 years	1,000	948	-5%	537,387
5 years	982	885	-10%	547,458
6-13 years	7,871	7,734	-2%	4,382,235
Children 0-5 living in poverty	551	NA		595,847 <sup>3</sup>
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>4</sup>	7,560	7,307 <sup>5</sup>	-3%	3,980,711 <sup>5</sup>
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care <sup>6</sup>		566		486,327

For more information about child care in San Benito County, call: GoKids, Inc. (831) 637-9205

### AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE

Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>4</sup>	7,307 <sup>5</sup>
Estimated number of licensed child care slots	2,438
Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force <sup>12</sup>	33%

Infant/toddler slots in licensed child care centers represent

1%

of the total number of slots in licensed centers.

### PARENT REQUESTS TO R&R<sup>13</sup>

TYPE OF CARE REQUESTED Infant/toddler: 36%, Preschool: 43%, School-age: 21%

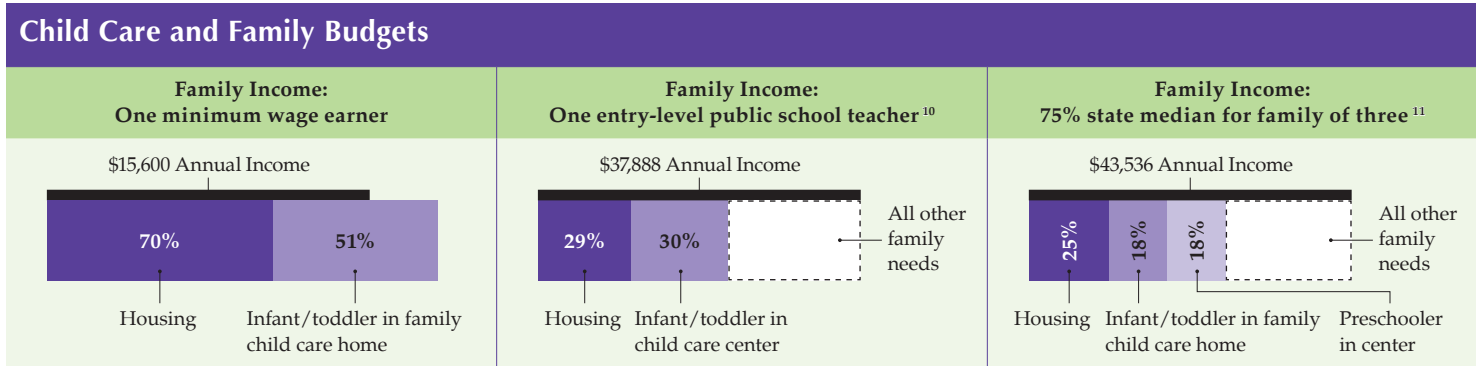
SCHEDULE Full-time: 87%, Part-time: 13%

REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Enrichment: 14%, School/training: 79%, Other parent needs: 3%

### COST OF LICENSED CARE<sup>14</sup> AND HOUSING<sup>15</sup>

Care for one infant/toddler	
Licensed family child care home	\$7,882
Licensed center	\$11,242
Care for one preschooler	
Licensed family child care home	\$7,163
Licensed center	\$7,887
Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit)	\$10,980

Child Care		LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
FACILITIES	Total number of sites	15	171
	Total number of slots/percent	770 32%	1,668 <sup>7</sup> 68%
	Infant slots (under 2 years old)	10 1%	
	Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	606 79%	
SCHEDULES <sup>8</sup>	School-age slots (6 years and older)	154 20%	
	Full-time and part-time slots	45%	64%
	Only full-time slots	7%	35%
	Only part-time slots	48%	1%
LANGUAGES	Care available during non-traditional hours <sup>9</sup>	0%	39%
	English	100%	90%
	Spanish	64%	57%
	Other languages	0%	3%



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