

# Sacramento 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 Sacramento 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>4</sup>	CHANGE	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Total number of residents	1,223,499	1,396,353 <sup>2</sup>	14%	37,444,385 <sup>2</sup>
New mothers <sup>3</sup>		21,586		515,991
with high school or less education		44%		48%
some college or A.A. degree		31%		28%
B.A. or higher		25%		25%
living in poverty		20%		23%

Households	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>4</sup>	CHANGE	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Number of households	453,841	500,292	10%	12,151,227
speaking English at home	75%	71%		59%
speaking Spanish at home	11%	12%		25%
speaking an Asian language at home	7%	9%		9%
speaking another language at home	7%	7%		7%
Number of families with children under 18	156,687	183,419	17%	4,635,986
Percent with children under 18	52%	56%		56%
percent of single parent families	33%	34%		31%
Children 0-5 in single parent households	25,931	28,730	11%	657,758
Homeowners with children under 6	13%	13%		13%
Renters with children under 6	19%	18%		18%
Residents over 24 with B.A. or higher	25%	28%		29%

Labor Force	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006 <sup>4</sup>	CHANGE	2006 <sup>4</sup>
Number of employed residents	536,310	631,396	18%	16,740,938
working 35 hours or more	79%	78%		78%
working at home	3%	4%		5%
working non-traditional hours	19%	21%		22%
Women in the labor force	280,577	323,454	15%	8,043,236
New mothers <sup>3</sup> in the labor force prior to the birth of a child		12,539		259,427
Women who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child <sup>5</sup>		5,848 <sup>5</sup>		126,958 <sup>5</sup>
Men in the labor force	306,509	358,872	17%	10,021,262
Men who took <i>Paid Family Leave</i> for the birth of a child <sup>5</sup>		1,757 <sup>5</sup>		31,672 <sup>5</sup>

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 Sacramento County

Children	COUNTY			STATE
	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2006	CHANGE	2006
Children 0-13 <sup>2</sup>	264,685	289,178	9%	7,628,506
Under 2	34,594	40,784	18%	1,078,951
2 years	17,314	20,777	20%	539,981
3 years	17,974	20,444	14%	542,494
4 years	19,040	20,345	7%	537,387
5 years	19,133	20,332	6%	547,458
6-13 years	156,630	166,496	6%	4,382,235
Children 0-5 living in poverty	22,376	20,013 <sup>3</sup>	-11%	595,847 <sup>3</sup>
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>4</sup>	148,855	162,630 <sup>5</sup>	9%	3,980,711 <sup>5</sup>
Children 0-13 receiving subsidized child care <sup>6</sup>		24,700		486,327

For more information about child care in Sacramento County, call: Child Action, Inc. (916) 369-3230

### AVAILABILITY OF LICENSED CARE

Number of children 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>4</sup> 162,630<sup>5</sup>  
 Estimated number of licensed child care slots 58,951  
 Licensed care available for children with parents in the labor force<sup>12</sup> 36%

Infant/toddler slots in licensed child care centers represent

**9%**

of the total number of slots in licensed centers.

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

TYPE OF CARE REQUESTED Infant/toddler: 34%,  
 Preschool: 40%, School-age: 26%

SCHEDULE Full-time: 90%, Part-time: 14%

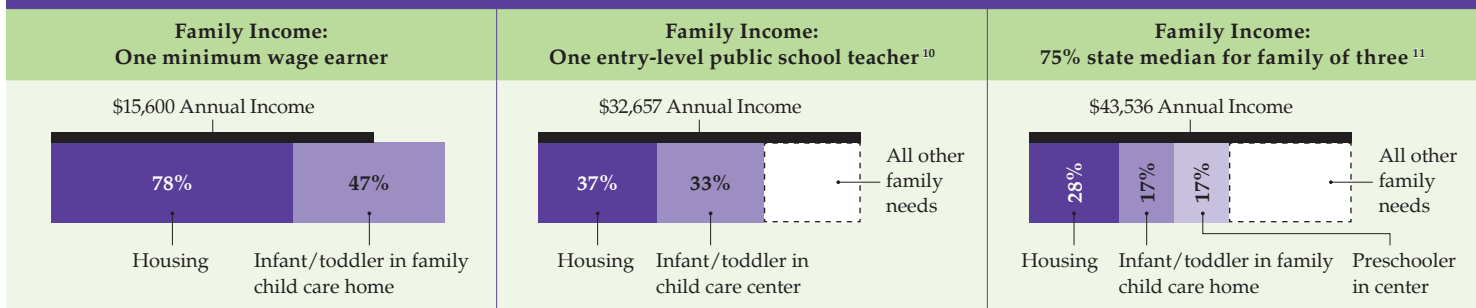
REASONS FOR NEEDING CARE Employment: 77%,  
 School/training: 11%, Looking for work: 11%

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

Care for one infant/toddler  
 Licensed family child care home \$7,269  
 Licensed center \$10,654  
 Care for one preschooler  
 Licensed family child care home \$6,765  
 Licensed center \$7,279  
 Housing (rent for 2 bedroom unit) \$12,096

Child Care	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
Total number of sites	491	2,816
FACILITIES	Total number of slots/percent	33,465 57%
	Infant slots (under 2 years old)	3,016 9%
	Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	20,176 60%
	School-age slots (6 years and older)	10,273 31%
	SCHEDULES <sup>8</sup>	Full-time and part-time slots
Only full-time slots		4% 12%
Only part-time slots		16% 2%
Care available during non-traditional hours <sup>9</sup>		2% 33%
LANGUAGES	English	99% 92%
	Spanish	45% 13%
	Chinese	4% 1%
	Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, and other languages	24% 22%

## Child Care and Family Budgets



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