

# Sacramento County

Sacramento County is one of the 10 counties in the state with the most residents and the most children (birth to 13 years).

The county is one of just 13 that experienced a population increase of more than 10% between 2000 and 2004.

Sacramento County has one of the highest percentages of households speaking languages other than English, Spanish, or an Asian language.

While 13% of family child care providers in Sacramento County speak Spanish, 19% speak languages other than Spanish or English.

The 76% increase in the number of workers traveling an hour or more to work between 1990 and 2000 is substantially higher than California (34%).

Professional jobs account for 36% of employment; sales and office occupations account for 30%.<sup>1</sup>

The People	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change <sup>2</sup>
Total number of residents	1,223,499	1,360,346	11%
• Population foreign born residents	16%		
• Population change from natural increase			32%
• Population change from domestic migration			53%
• Population change from foreign immigration			15%

The Children	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2004 <sup>2</sup>	Change
Children 0-13	264,685	274,360	4%
• Under 2	34,594		
• 2 years	17,314		
• 3 years	17,974		
• 4 years	19,040		
• 5 years	19,133		
• 6 to 13 years	156,630		
Children 0-13 with parents in the labor force <sup>3</sup>	148,855	154,296 <sup>4</sup>	4%
• Under 2	17,155		
• 2 years	8,995		
• 3 years	9,575		
• 4 years	9,995		
• 5 years	10,320		
• 6 to 13 years	92,815		
Children 0-5 living in poverty	21%		

The Labor Force	1990 <sup>5</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	Change
• Number of employed residents	482,321	536,310	11%
• Workers with an hour or more commute	17,266	30,392	76%
• People working at home	13,551	18,290	35%
• People working non-traditional hours <sup>6</sup>	86,998	101,654	17%
• percent working non-traditional hours		19%	
• People working 35 hours or more	438,432	497,041	13%
• percent working 35 hours or more		79%	
• Men in the labor force	280,174	306,509	9%
• Women in the labor force	244,669	280,577	15%
• Women with a child under 6		71,707	
• percent in the labor force		60%	

The Households	2000 County <sup>1</sup>	2000 State <sup>1</sup>
• Number of households	453,841	11,512,020
• speaking English at home	75%	62%
• speaking Spanish at home	11%	22%
• speaking an Asian language at home	7%	9%
• speaking another language at home	7%	7%
• Number of families with children under 18	156,687	4,208,775
• percent of families with children under 18	52%	53%
• percent of single parent families	33%	26%
• Homeowners with children under 6	13%	14%
• Renters with children under 6	19%	20%
• Residents over 24 with BA or higher	25%	27%

## The 2005 California Child Care Portfolio

For more information about child care, call Child Action, Inc. at (916) 369-0191.

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 Sacramento County

		Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes <sup>1</sup>
Facilities	Total number of sites	478	2,504
	Total number of slots (percent)	32,027 (58%)	22,734 (42%)
	Infant slots in centers	2,741 (9%)	
	Preschool slots in centers	20,268 (63%)	
	School-age slots in centers	9,018 (28%)	
Schedules <sup>2</sup>	Full-time and part-time slots	81%	85%
	Only full-time slots	4%	12%
	Only part-time slots	15%	3%
	Care available during non-traditional hours	4%	36%
Languages	English	100%	96%
	Spanish	36%	13%
	Other	28%	19%

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 Sacramento County, there are an estimated 154,296 children ages 0-13 with parents in the labor force<sup>3</sup> and 54,761 licensed child care slots.

Licensed child care is available for 35% of children with parents in the labor force.\*

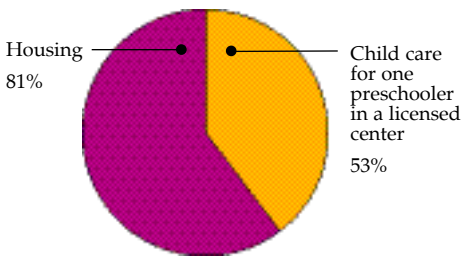
\* Some families choose friends and relatives (license-exempt caregivers) to care for their children, and programs for school age children are often not licensed by the state.<sup>4</sup>

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

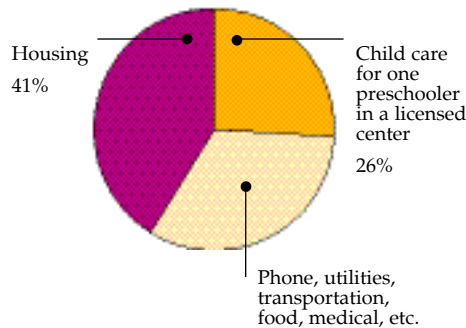
- Type of care requested: 34% infant/toddler; 41% preschool; 25% school-age
- Schedule requested: 90% full-time (0-5 years); 16% part time (0-5 years)
- Reasons for needing care: 77% employment; 13% school/training; 9% looking for work

## Child Care and Family Budgets

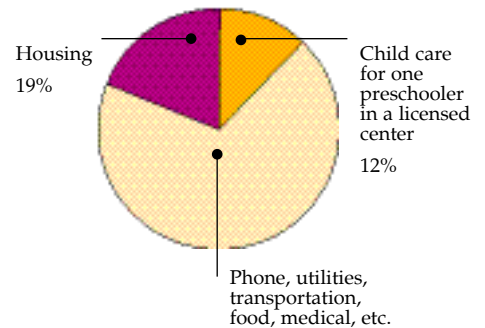
How child care fits into a Sacramento County family's budget (Housing<sup>6</sup>: \$11,400; Preschooler in a licensed center<sup>7</sup>: \$7,433)



Annual Income: \$14,040  
 Families with 1 minimum wage earner  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 53% of income



Annual Income: \$28,080  
 Families with 2 minimum wage earners  
 Care for one infant in a licensed family child care home: 26% of income



Annual Income: \$59,934  
 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: 12% of income