

Santa Cruz County

Data that describes child care – statewide and in California counties

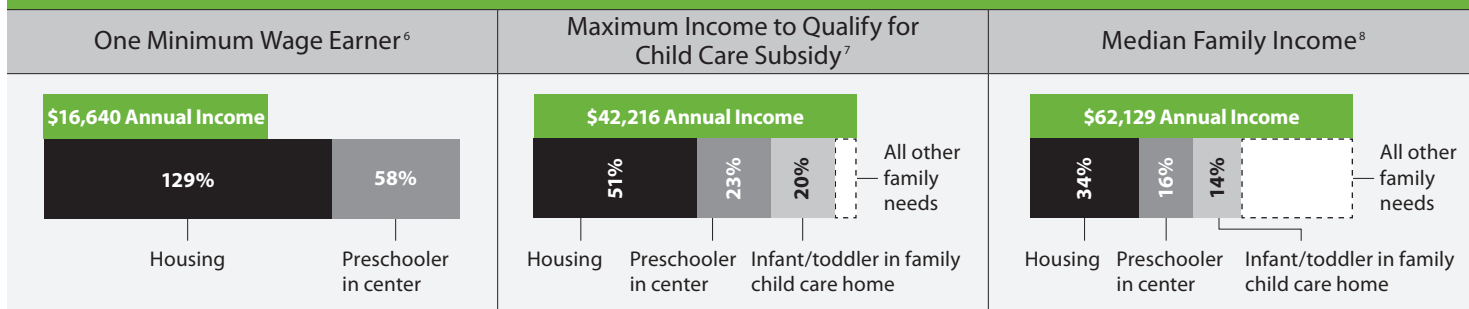
The 2011 *California Child Care Portfolio*, the eighth edition of a biennial report, presents a unique portrait of child care supply, demand, and cost statewide and county by county. The child care data in this report was gathered with the assistance of local child care resource and referral programs (R&Rs). R&Rs work daily to

help parents find child care that best suits their family and economic needs. They also work to build and support the delivery of high quality child care services in diverse settings throughout the state. To access the full report summary and county pages, go to our website at www.rrnetwork.org.

PEOPLE	COUNTY			STATE		
	2008	2010	CHANGE	2008	2010	CHANGE
Total number of residents ¹	265,578	262,382	-1%	38,246,598	37,253,956	-3%
Number of employed residents ²	137,500	128,900	-6%	17,059,600	15,916,300	-7%
Number of children 0-12 ¹	41,502	39,264	-5%	7,017,233	6,569,785	-6%
Under 2	7,079	5,850	-17%	1,095,851	991,812	-9%
2 years	3,455	3,057	-12%	537,511	516,002	-4%
3 years	3,300	3,183	-4%	546,708	516,611	-6%
4 years	3,335	2,955	-11%	543,312	506,908	-7%
5 years	3,101	2,972	-4%	545,944	505,175	-7%
6 - 10 years	15,242	15,097	-1%	2,648,052	2,512,016	-5%
11 - 12 years	5,990	6,150	3%	1,099,855	1,021,261	-7%
Children 0-12 with parents in the labor force ³		26,632			4,211,870	
Children 0-5 living in poverty ⁴	3,364	3,034	-10%	626,804	705,084	12%

CHILDREN 0-12 WITH PARENTS IN THE LABOR FORCE ³		CHILDREN 0-5 LIVING IN POVERTY IN 2010 ⁴	
COUNTY	STATE	COUNTY	STATE
68%	64%	18%	24%

CHILD CARE AND FAMILY BUDGETS⁵



12% of families with children in Santa Cruz County earn less than minimum-wage⁸

For more information about child care in SANTA CRUZ COUNTY:

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1. CA DOF population projections (2008). U.S Census (2010).
2. Employment Development Department (2008 & 2010).
3. Network calculation based on ACS 2010 1-year estimate.
4. ACS 2008 and 2010 1-year estimates.
5. Median cost of a 2-bedroom (HUD 2010) and mean child care rates (2009).
6. CA Dept. of Industrial Relations (Minimum wage).
7. Based on 70% of state median income for a family of 3.
8. ACS 2010 1-year estimate.

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AGE / TYPE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			CHILD CARE REQUESTS ²	
	2008	2010	CHANGE	2008	2010	CHANGE		
Total number of slots	4,243	4,547	7%	3,636	3,602	-1%	Under 2 years	37%
Infant slots (under 2 years old)	283	258	-9%				2 years old	17%
Preschool slots (2-5 years old)	3,000	3,285	10%				3 years old	10%
School-age slots (6 years and older)	960	1,004	5%				4 years old	10%
Total number of sites	101	107	6%	324	319	-2%	5 years old	10%
							6 years and older	17%

31%*

Children 0-12 with parents in the labor force for whom a licensed child care slot is available³

1,252

Children on waitlists to receive a child care subsidy⁴

* This estimate is based on the 8,149 licensed slots in Santa Cruz County and does not include license-exempt programs.

SCHEDULE AND COST

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ¹	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES	CHILD CARE REQUESTS ²	
			AGES	FULL-TIME ⁵
Full-time and part-time slots ⁵	68%	72%	Children 0-5	70%
Only full-time slots	6%	23%	Under 2	71%
Only part-time slots	26%	5%	2 years	73%
Sites offering evening, weekend or overnight care	—	31%	3-5 years	67%
Full-time infant care ⁶	\$13,736	\$8,587	REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS	
Full-time preschool care ⁶	\$9,692	\$8,141		

MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE⁷

78%

Employment

12%

Parent in school or training

8%

Parent seeking employment

Evening / weekend / overnight care

18%

LANGUAGE

CENTERS WITH AT LEAST ONE STAFF SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES⁷

English 100%, Spanish 61%, French 2%, and Other languages 2%

FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES⁷

English 72%, Spanish 61%, Portuguese 2%, and Sign language 1%

LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME⁸

English 61%

Spanish 36%

Asian/Pacific Island Languages 1%

Another Language 1%

- Child Care Resource & Referral Databases January 2008 and 2010.
- Child Care Referral Requests April/May/June 2010.
- Total licensed slots divided by number of children with parents in the labor force.
- CA Centralized Eligibility Report April-June 2010.
- Full-time is defined as 30 or more hours per week; part-time is less than 30 hours per week.
- Mean child care cost. Child Care Regional Market Rate Survey 2009.
- Percentages may exceed 100% when multiple options are chosen.
- ACS 2010 1-year estimate.

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