



Understanding the Data

The information below provides a description of the data sources contained in the *2019 Child Care Portfolio*. This data was collected from resource & referral agency databases in 2019 and combined with child care cost data and child and family demographics.

People

Total number of residents (2016/2018) and number of children 0-12, by Age (2016/2018): California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail (2016 and 2018). U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division. Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Single Year of Age and Sex for the United States, States, and Puerto Rico Commonwealth: April 1, 2010 to July 1, 2018.

Labor Force

Two-parent and single-parent families with parents in labor force (2016/2018): U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 and 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) single 1-year estimates (Universe: Families with own children under 18 years). Data from the ACS 2013 and 2015 5-year estimate were used for counties where 2014 and 2016 data was not available. Due to the availability of data in the ACS, this does not include unmarried families or same-sex families. Two-parent family is defined as “Married-couple families - Both husband and wife in labor force”. Single-parent family is defined as “Male householder, no wife present” or “Female householder, no husband present”.

Poverty

Number of people and children 0-5 living in poverty (2016/2018): U.S. Census Bureau, 2016 and 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) single 1-year estimates (Universe: Population for whom poverty status is determined). Poverty data from the 2015 and 2017 5-year estimate were used for counties where 2016 and 2018 data were not available. Poverty is defined with the federal poverty guidelines.

Children in subsidized care (2016/2018): California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division. CDD-801A Monthly Child Care Report, October 2016 and 2018 (archived data). California Department of Social Services. Child Care Monthly Report – CalWORKs Families, October 2016 and 2018. County data are based on child residence.

Families in poverty (2018): U.S. Census Bureau 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) single 1-year estimates (Universe: Families with own children under 18 years). Poverty data from the 2015 and 2017 5-year estimate were used for counties where 2016 and 2018 data were not available.

Child Care and Family Budgets

Housing cost: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 50th Percentile Rents (for a Two-Bedroom Apartment): Data by County/Metro areas, 2018.

Child care cost: 2018 Regional Market Rate Survey of California child care providers. Monthly mean child care rates were used to calculate an annual rate assuming full-time care (30hrs or more per week) for 12 months.

70% of state median income: Income eligibility ceiling for a family of three to qualify for child care assistance. California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division; Income Ranking Table 2018, July 2018.

Median family income: Median family income in the past 12 months by presence of own children under 18 years (Universe: Families). U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) single 1-year estimate. Data from the ACS 2017 5-year estimate were used for counties where 2018 data were unavailable.

Child Care Supply

Child care supply – age/type: Includes active licensed child care centers and licensed family child care homes. Data from local child care resource & referral programs, 2019; compiled by the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network.

Child care programs participating in the Child Care Food Program:

Licensed child care centers and family child care homes that participate in the state and federally funded Child and Adult Care Food Program. Data from local child care resource & referral programs, 2019.

Child care centers with one or more federal/state/local contracts: Licensed child care centers with at least one public subsidy contract. Contracts include: Head Start, CDE State Preschool, CDE all but State Preschool, and Other public contracts. Does not include providers who accept vouchers or family child care homes. Data from local child care resource & referral programs 2019.

Schedule and Cost

Full-time/part-time spaces: Percentage of licensed spaces offering both full-time and part-time, full-time only, or part-time only spaces. Full-time is defined as 30 hours or more per week; part-time: less than 30 hours per week. Represents the percent of total licensed spaces.

Evening/weekend/overnight care: Percentage of licensed facilities offering evening, overnight and/or weekend care. Evening care is defined as care available after 7:00 p.m.

Annual full-time infant/preschool care: 2018 Regional Market Rate Survey of California child care providers. Monthly mean child care rates for licensed child care centers and family child care homes were used to calculate an annual rate assuming full-time care (30hrs or more per week) for 12 months.

Child Care Requests

Child care requests: Child care referral request data from local child care resource & referral programs, April/May/June 2019 compiled by the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network. CD2504 R&R Services Data report was used for one of the Alameda R&Rs (BANANAS), Del Norte County, San Benito County, one of the San Francisco R&Rs (Children's Council), and Trinity County.

Reasons families seek child care: Top three reasons a parent is requesting child care. Percentages may exceed 100% because more than one option may be selected.

Language

Languages spoken at home: Age by language spoken at home by ability to speak English (Universe: Population 5 Years and Over). U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 American Community Survey (ACS) single 1-year estimate. Data from the ACS 2017 5-year estimate were used for counties where 2018 data were unavailable. 'Another language' was calculated by combining the 'Other Indo-European language' field and the 'Other language' field. Due to the way the U.S. Census bureau asks the question, people who speak both English and another language are counted as speaking the other language.

Centers with at least one staff speaking the following languages: Percentage of licensed center facilities with at least one staff speaking a language while caring for children. The top six most frequently spoken languages by providers in the county were reported. "Other" language includes all other languages selected. Percentages may exceed 100% because providers may speak more than one language.

Family child care providers speaking the following languages: Percentage of family child care providers speaking a language while caring for children. The top six most frequently spoken languages by providers in the county were reported. "Other" language includes all other languages selected. Percentages may exceed 100% because providers may speak more than one language.