



Understanding the Data

The information below provides a description of the data sources contained in the *2021 Child Care Portfolio*. This data was collected from resource & referral agency databases in 2021 and combined with child care cost data and child and family demographics.

People

Total number of residents (2018/2021) and number of children 0-12, by Age (2018/2021): California Department of Finance, Race/Ethnic Population with Age and Sex Detail (2018 and 2021). 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, 2021.

Child Care Availability

Children age 0-12 with parents in the labor force for whom a licensed child care space is available (2019/2021): Labor force data calculated by Kidsdata using the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey Microdata. Licensed child care data is from the Network. Children with parents in the labor force include those in single-parent families with one working parent and those in two-parent families with two working parents. These data are calculated by dividing the total number of licensed child care spaces by an estimate of the number of children with parents in the labor force. Smaller counties are combined into regional groups to find one indicator. To see the groups please visit kidsdata.org.

Poverty

Number of people and children 0-5 living in poverty (2018/2021): U.S. Census Bureau, 2018 and 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) single 1-year estimates (Universe: Population for whom poverty status is determined). Poverty data from the 2017 and 2020 5-year estimate were used for counties where 2018 and 2021 data were not available. Poverty is defined with the federal poverty guidelines.

Children in subsidized care (2018/2021): California Department of Education, Early Education and Support Division CDD-801A Monthly Child Care Report, October 2018, California State Preschool Enrollment Report October 2021. California Department of Social Services CDD 801-A Monthly Child Care Report, July 2021, Child Care Monthly Report – CalWORKs Families, October 2018 and July 2021. County data are based on child residence.

Families in poverty (2021): U.S. Census Bureau 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) single 1-year estimates (Universe: Families with own children under 18 years). Poverty data from the 2017 and 2020 5-year estimate were used for counties where 2018 and 2021 data were not available.

Child Care and Family Budgets

Housing cost: County data from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, 50th Percentile Rents (for a Two-Bedroom Apartment): Data by County/Metro areas, 2021. State data from Statista Research Department, average apartment rent for a 2-bedroom apartment.

Child care cost: 2021 Regional Market Rate Survey of California child care providers, monthly median full-time child care rates (30hrs or more per week).

Food cost: Economic Policy Institute estimated cost of food for a family of four. Legislative Analyst's Office estimated average CalWORKS benefit amount.

Health insurance cost: Covered California premium estimates for a family of four.

85% 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.

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, 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) single 1-year estimate. Data from the ACS 2020 5-year estimate were used for counties where 2021 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, 2021; 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, 2021.

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 2021.

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: 2021 Regional Market Rate Survey of California child care providers, monthly median child care rates for licensed child care centers and family child care homes (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 2021 compiled by the California Child Care Resource & Referral Network. CD2504 R&R Services Data report was used for Inyo County, Kern County, one Los Angeles agency (CCRC), Mono County, one San Bernardino agency (CCRC), San Mateo County, Santa Barbara County, and Sierra 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.