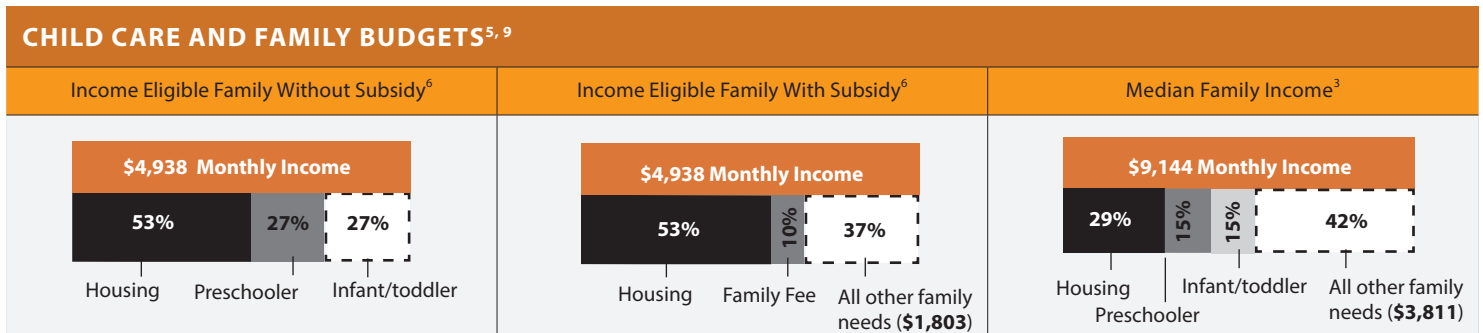


The 2021 California Child Care Portfolio, the 13th edition of a biennial report, presents a unique portrait of child care supply, demand, and cost statewide and county by county, as well as data regarding employment, poverty, and family budgets. The child care data in this report was gathered with the 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.rnetwork.org](http://www.rnetwork.org).

PEOPLE <sup>1</sup>	COUNTY			STATE		
	2018	2021	CHANGE	2018	2021	CHANGE
Total number of residents	1,662,775	1,678,334	1%	39,864,538	39,142,991	-2%
Number of children 0-12	250,817	240,250	-4%	6,578,476	6,288,604	-4%
Under 2 years	37,448	34,965	-7%	941,215	876,608	-7%
2 years	19,521	17,563	-10%	489,567	443,635	-9%
3 years	19,520	17,579	-10%	503,509	457,604	-9%
4 years	19,511	19,054	-2%	503,657	481,746	-4%
5 years	19,477	19,103	-2%	506,494	489,879	-3%
6-10 years	96,077	94,598	-2%	2,576,958	2,525,335	-2%
11-12 years	39,263	37,388	-5%	1,057,076	1,013,797	-4%

CHILD CARE AVAILABILITY <sup>2</sup>	COUNTY			STATE		
	2019	2021	CHANGE	2019	2021	CHANGE
Children age 0-12 with parents in the labor force for whom a licensed child care space is available	33%	29%	-4%	25%	25%	0%

POVERTY <sup>3</sup>	COUNTY			STATE			FAMILIES IN POVERTY IN 2021 <sup>3</sup>	
	2018	2021	CHANGE	2018	2021	CHANGE	COUNTY	STATE
Number of people living in poverty	146,199	151,379	4%	4,969,326	4,733,036	-5%	<b>8%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Children 0-5 living in poverty	10,011	7,419	-26%	499,726	406,369	-19%		
Children in subsidized care <sup>4</sup>	11,820	12,596	7%	337,264	372,938	11%		



### AGE/TYPE

CHILD CARE	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES		
	2019	2021	CHANGE	20	2021	CHANGE
Total number of spaces	37,800	36,567	-3%	13,107	10,835	-17%
Under 2 years	2,322	2,576	11%			
2-5 years	25,611	24,878	-3%			
6 years and older	9,867	9,113	-8%			
Total number of sites	556	535	-4%	1,281	1,546	21%

CHILD CARE REQUESTS <sup>8</sup>	
Under 2 years	38%
2-5 years	44%
6 years and older	

**18%**

Child care programs participating in the Child Care Food Program

**27%**

Child care centers with one or more federal/state/local contracts

### SCHEDULE AND COST

CHILD CARE SUPPLY	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES
Full-time and part-time spaces	72%	80%
Only full-time spaces	14%	18%
Only part-time spaces	15%	2%
Sites offering evening, weekend or overnight care	1%	24%
Monthly full-time infant care <sup>9</sup>	\$1,734	\$1,348
Monthly full-time preschool care <sup>9</sup>	\$1,343	\$1,195

CHILD CARE REQUESTS*	
AGES	FULL-TIME
Under 2 years	91%
2 years	87%
3 years	94%
4 years	88%
5 years	91%

#### MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE<sup>10</sup>

**76%** Employment      **17%** Parent seeking employment      **4%** Parent in school or training

REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NONTRADITIONAL HOURS	
Evening / weekend / overnight care	4%

### LANGUAGE

#### CENTERS WITH AT LEAST ONE STAFF SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES<sup>10</sup>

English 99%, Spanish 62%, Chinese 16%, Hindi 10%, Tagalog 9%, Farsi 8%

#### FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES<sup>10</sup>

English 99%, Spanish 26%, Hindi 11%, Tagalog 4%, Chinese 3% Punjabi 3%

#### LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

English only	53%
Spanish	16%
Asian/Pacific Island language	20%
Another language	3%

1. CA Department of Finance Population Projections 2021  
 2. American Community Survey Microdata and R&R databases 2021, calculated by KidsData  
 3. American Community Survey 2021 1-year estimates. Poverty is defined using the federal poverty guidelines.  
 4. CA Dept of Social Services CDD 801-A, CW115 July 2021; CA Dept of Education CSPP Enrollment  
 5. U.S. Housing and Urban Development rent for 2-bedroom 50th percentile  
 6. 85% of 2021 State Median Income for a family of three  
 7. Resource and referral (R&R) databases 2021  
 8. R&R child care referrals April/May/June 2021  
 9. 2021 Regional Market Rate Survey, Network estimate  
 10. Percentages may exceed 100% when multiple options are chosen

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