

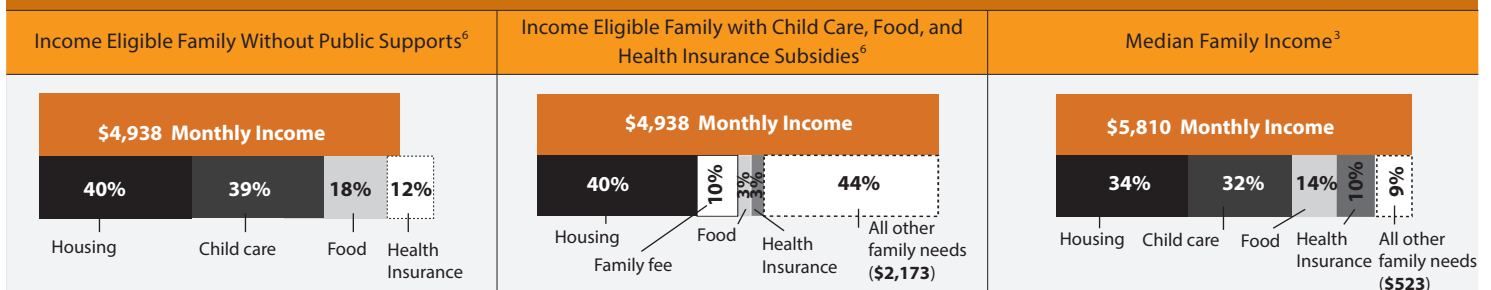
The 2021 California Child Care Portfolio, the 13th edition of a biennial report, presents a unique portrait of child care supply, demand, and cost statewide and county by county, as well as data regarding employment, poverty, and family budgets. The child care data in this report was gathered with the 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>	STATE			UNITED STATES		
	2018	2021	CHANGE	2018	2021	CHANGE
Total number of residents	39,864,538	39,142,991	-2%	327,167,434	331,893,745	1%
Number of children 0-12	6,578,476	6,288,604	-4%	52,561,486	51,691,096	-2%
Under 2 years	941,215	876,608	-7%	7,761,108	7,267,429	-6%
2 years	489,567	443,635	-9%	3,991,437	3,767,428	-6%
3 years	503,509	457,604	-9%	4,036,562	3,856,743	-4%
4 years	503,657	481,746	-4%	4,021,168	3,935,738	-2%
5 years	506,494	489,879	-3%	4,010,118	4,040,153	1%
6-10 years	2,576,958	2,525,335	-2%	20,369,601	20,354,884	0.1%
11-12 years	1,057,076	1,013,797	-4%	8,371,492	8,468,721	1%

CHILD CARE AVAILABILITY <sup>2</sup>	STATE		
	2018	2020	CHANGE
Children age 0-12 with parents in the labor force for whom a licensed child care space is available	25%	25%	0%

POVERTY <sup>3</sup>	STATE			UNITED STATES			FAMILIES IN POVERTY IN 2018 <sup>3</sup>	
	2018	2021	CHANGE	2018	2021	CHANGE	STATE	US
Number of people living in poverty	4,969,326	4,733,036	-5%	41,852,315	41,393,176	-1%	14%	15%
Children 0-5 living in poverty	499,726	406,369	-19%	4,469,854	4,032,057	-10%		
Children in subsidized care <sup>3</sup>	337,264	372,938	11%	N/A	N/A	N/A		

### CHILD CARE AND FAMILY BUDGETS<sup>5, 9</sup>



### AGE/TYPE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY <sup>7</sup>	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			CHILD CARE REQUESTS <sup>9</sup>	
	2019	2021	CHANGE	2019	2021	CHANGE		
Total number of spaces	706,334	695,133	-2%	269,783	267,902	-1%	Under 2 years	30%
Under 2 years	47,835	47,842	<-0.1%				2-5 years	50%
2-5 years	525,161	518,875	-1%				6 years and older	21%
6 years and older	133,338	128,416	-4%					
Total number of sites	10,773	10,492	-3%	25,942	25,205	-3%		

**38%**

Child care programs participating in the Child Care Food Program

**28%**

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	CHILD CARE REQUESTS	
Full-time and part-time spaces	66%	81%	AGES	FULL-TIME
Only full-time spaces	20%	18%	Under 2 years	92%
Only part-time spaces	15%	1%	2 years	92%
Sites offering evening, weekend or overnight care	2%	25%	3 years	94%
Monthly full-time infant care <sup>8</sup>	N/A	N/A	4 years	91%
Monthly full-time preschool care <sup>8</sup>	N/A	N/A	5 years	88%

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

**73%** Employment      **12%** Parent seeking employment      **9%** Parent in school or training

#### REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NONTRADITIONAL HOURS

Evening / weekend / overnight care      15%

### LANGUAGE

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

English 100%, Spanish 48%, Chinese 3%, Tagalog 3%, Vietnamese 2%, Korean 1%

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

English 91%, Spanish 41%, Arabic 2%, Farsi 2%, Chinese 2%, Russian 2%

#### LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME

English only	56%
Spanish	28%
Asian/Pacific Island language	10%
Another language	1%

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. Food: Economic Policy Institute, Legislative Analyst's Office. Health Insurance: Covered California.  
 7. Resource and referral (R&R) databases 2021. Statewide analyses don't include counties with data listed as "N/A".  
 8. R&R child care referrals April/May/June 2021. Statewide analyses don't include counties with data listed as "N/A".  
 9. 2021 Regional Market Rate Survey, Network estimate  
 10. Percentages may exceed 100% when multiple options are chosen

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