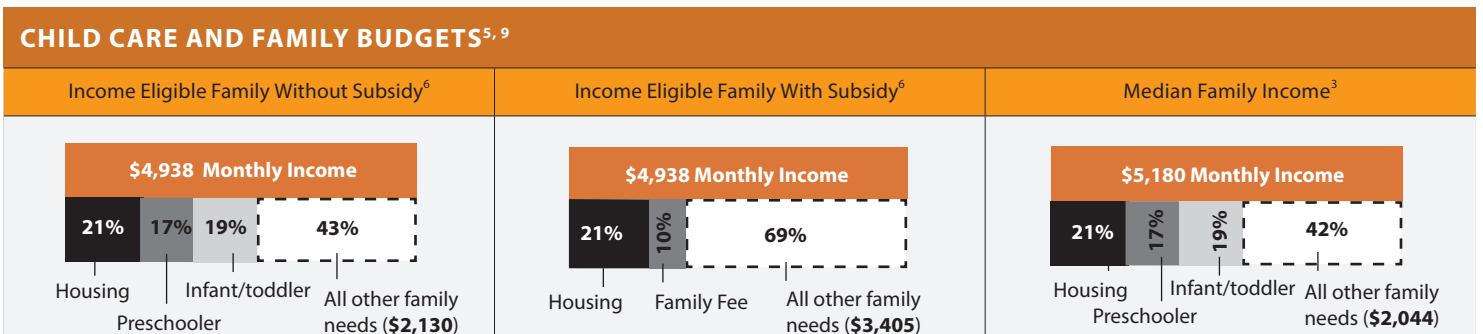


The 2021 California Child Care Portfolio, the 13th edition of a biennial report, presents a unique portrait of child care supply, demand, and cost statewide and county by county, as well as data regarding employment, poverty, and family budgets. The child care data in this report was gathered with the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

PEOPLE ¹	COUNTY			STATE		
	2018	2021	CHANGE	2018	2021	CHANGE
Total number of residents	907,518	920,651	1%	39,864,538	39,142,991	-2%
Number of children 0-12	185,913	179,712	-3%	6,578,476	6,288,604	-4%
Under 2 years	26,670	26,078	-2%	941,215	876,608	-7%
2 years	13,822	13,093	-5%	489,567	443,635	-9%
3 years	14,144	13,171	-7%	503,509	457,604	-9%
4 years	14,248	13,715	-4%	503,657	481,746	-4%
5 years	14,587	13,997	-4%	506,494	489,879	-3%
6-10 years	72,924	70,962	-3%	2,576,958	2,525,335	-2%
11-12 years	29,518	28,696	-3%	1,057,076	1,013,797	-4%

CHILD CARE AVAILABILITY ²	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	18%	17%	-1%	25%	25%	0%

POVERTY ³	COUNTY			STATE			FAMILIES IN POVERTY IN 2021 ³	
	2018	2021	CHANGE	2018	2021	CHANGE	COUNTY	STATE
Number of people living in poverty	178,239	165,182	-7%	4,969,326	4,733,036	-5%	21%	13%
Children 0-5 living in poverty	22,524	22,270	-1%	499,726	406,369	-19%		
Children in subsidized care ⁴	9,603	11,443	19%	337,264	372,938	11%		



AGE/TYPE

CHILD CARE	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			CHILD CARE REQUESTS ⁸	
	2019	2021	CHANGE	2019	2021	CHANGE		
Total number of spaces	12,612	11,753	-7%	6,920	7,454	8%	Under 2 years	31%
Under 2 years	630	599	-5%				2-5 years	40%
2-5 years	10,587	9,836	-7%				6 years and older	29%
6 years and older	1,395	1,318	-6%					
Total number of sites	190	174	-8%	635	674	6%		

47%

Child care programs participating in the Child Care Food Program

54%

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	
			AGES	FULL-TIME
Full-time and part-time spaces	68%	95%	Under 2 years	N/A
Only full-time spaces	9%	5%	2 years	N/A
Only part-time spaces	23%	1%	3 years	N/A
Sites offering evening, weekend or overnight care	5%	57%	4 years	N/A
Monthly full-time infant care ⁹	\$1,266	\$932	5 years	N/A
Monthly full-time preschool care ⁹	\$835	\$8299		
MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE ¹⁰				
N/A				
			REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NONTRADITIONAL HOURS	
			Evening / weekend / overnight care	N/A

LANGUAGE

CENTERS WITH AT LEAST ONE STAFF SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES ¹⁰	LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	
English 100%, Spanish 86%, Tagalog 2%, Chinese 1%, Korean 1%	English only	54%
FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES ¹⁰	Spanish	41%
English 79%, Spanish 61%, Arabic 1%, Tagalog 1%, Chinese <1%, Sign Language <1%	Asian/Pacific Island language	2%
	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
 7. Resource and referral (R&R) databases 2021
 8. CD2504 report 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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