

The 2019 California Child Care Portfolio, the 12th 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.

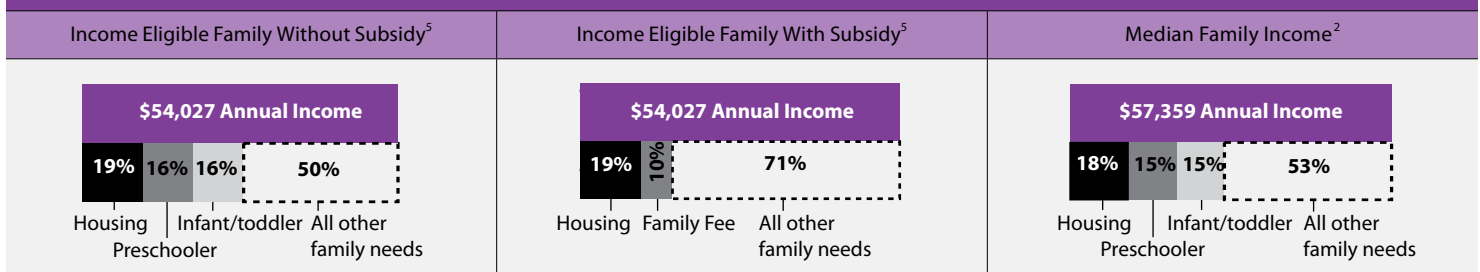
PEOPLE ¹	COUNTY			STATE		
	2016	2018	CHANGE	2016	2018	CHANGE
Total number of residents	272,610	280,772	3%	39,354,432	39,864,538	1%
Number of children 0-12	57,157	57,080	-0.1%	6,631,621	6,578,476	-1%
Under 2 years	8,153	8,290	2%	982,688	941,215	-4%
2 years	4,214	4,115	-2%	498,782	489,567	-2%
3 years	4,222	4,171	-1%	503,064	503,509	0.1%
4 years	4,304	4,285	-0.4%	503,461	503,657	0.04%
5 years	4,336	4,302	-1%	518,282	506,494	-2%
6-10 years	22,790	22,357	-2%	2,596,934	2,576,958	-1%
11-12 years	9,138	9,560	5%	1,028,410	1,057,076	3%

LABOR FORCE ^{2*}	COUNTY			STATE		
	2016	2018	CHANGE	2016	2018	CHANGE
Two-parent families, both parents in labor force	9,633	10,223	6%	1,667,628	1,673,759	0.4%
Single-parent families, parent in labor force	9,300	6,861	-26%	966,506	957,871	-1%

*Due to the availability of data in the U.S. Census Bureau's ACS, these numbers do not include unmarried two-parent families or families with same-sex parents

POVERTY ²	COUNTY			STATE			FAMILIES IN POVERTY IN 2018 ²	
	2016	2018	CHANGE	2016	2018	CHANGE	COUNTY	STATE
Number of people living in poverty	53,314	59,283	11%	5,525,524	4,969,326	-10%	24%	14%
Children 0-5 living in poverty	8,885	9,000	1%	608,247	499,726	-18%		
Children in subsidized care ³	3,661	4,015	10%	315,100	337,264	7%		

CHILD CARE AND FAMILY BUDGETS^{4, 8}



AGE/TYPE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY ⁶	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			CHILD CARE REQUESTS ⁷	
	2017	2019	CHANGE	2017	2019	CHANGE		
Total number of spaces	3,888	3,979	2%	2,088	2,014	-4%	Under 2 years	25%
Under 2 years	242	238	-2%				2-5 years	42%
2-5 years	3,363	3,447	2%				6 years and older	33%
6 years and older	283	294	4%					
Total number of sites	79	80	1%	198	194	-2%		

70%

Child care programs participating in the Child Care Food Program

64%

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	40%	56%	AGES	FULL-TIME
Only full-time slots	27%	43%	Under 2 years	69%
Only part-time slots	32%	0.4%	2 years	64%
Sites offering evening, weekend or overnight care	0%	58%	3 years	62%
Annual full-time infant care ⁸	\$11,259	\$8,467	4 years	60%
Annual full-time preschool care ⁸	\$8,511	\$7,844	5 years	76%
MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE ⁹			REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NONTRADITIONAL HOURS	
65% Employment	27% Parent in school or training	15% Parent seeking employment	Evening / weekend / overnight care	29%

LANGUAGE

CENTERS WITH AT LEAST ONE STAFF SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES ⁹	LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	
English 100%, Spanish 83%, Hmong 14%, Chinese 1%	English only	45%
FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES ⁹	Spanish	46%
English 85%, Spanish 64%, Tagalog 1%	Asian/Pacific Island language	3%
	Another language	5%

1. CA Department of Finance Population Projections 2018
 2. American Community Survey 2018 1-year estimates. Poverty is defined using the federal poverty guidelines.
 3. CA Department of Education CDD 801-A October 2018, CA Department of Social Services CW115, October 2018
 4. U.S. Housing and Urban Development rent for 2-bedroom 50th percentile
 5. 70% of 2018 State Median Income for a family of three
 6. Resource and referral (R&R) databases 2019
 7. R&R child care referrals April/May/June 2019
 8. 2018 Regional Market Rate Survey, Network estimate
 9. Percentages may exceed 100% when multiple options are chosen

For more information about child care in MERCED COUNTY:

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