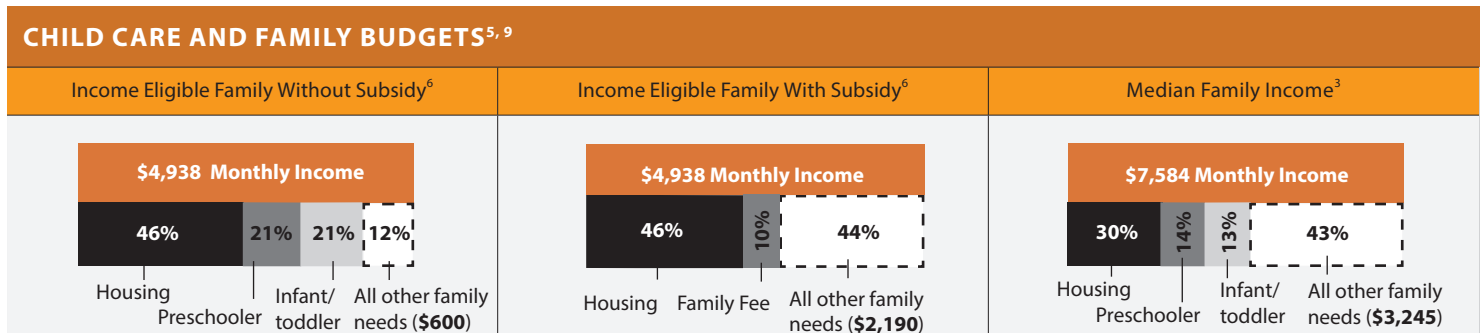


The 2021 California Child Care Portfolio, the 13th edition of a biennial report, presents a unique portrait of child care supply, demand, and cost statewide and county by county, as well as data regarding employment, poverty, and family budgets. The child care data in this report was gathered with the 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	3,344,430	3,343,827	-0.02%	39,864,538	39,142,991	-2%
Number of children 0-12	583,445	564,347	-3%	6,578,476	6,288,604	-4%
Under 2 years	82,111	73,478	-11%	941,215	876,608	-7%
2 years	43,880	38,084	-13%	489,567	443,635	-9%
3 years	45,794	40,644	-11%	503,509	457,604	-9%
4 years	46,002	43,685	-5%	503,657	481,746	-4%
5 years	45,913	45,629	-1%	506,494	489,879	-3%
6-10 years	230,536	232,750	1%	2,576,958	2,525,335	-2%
11-12 years	89,209	90,612	2%	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	30%	31%	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	371,159	339,554	-9%	4,969,326	4,733,036	-5%	11%	13%
Children 0-5 living in poverty	33,683	28,207	-16%	499,726	406,369	-19%		
Children in subsidized care ⁴	22,636	30,135	33%	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	67,469	68,608	2%	33,608	31,412	-7%	Under 2 years	37%
Under 2 years	4,897	5,358	9%				2-5 years	42%
2-5 years	53,022	52,863	0.3%				6 years and older	20%
6 years and older	9,550	10,387	9%					
Total number of sites	978	928	-5%	3,501	3,196	-9%		

41%

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	CHILD CARE REQUESTS	
Full-time and part-time spaces	78%	80%	AGES	FULL-TIME
Only full-time spaces	10%	19%	Under 2 years	91%
Only part-time spaces	12%	1%	2 years	91%
Sites offering evening, weekend or overnight care	1%	46%	3 years	88%
Monthly full-time infant care ⁹	\$1,519	\$1,022	4 years	91%
Monthly full-time preschool care ⁹	\$1,061	\$897	5 years	92%
MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE¹⁰				
83% Employment	14% Parent seeking employment	5% Alternative care	REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NONTRADITIONAL HOURS	
			Evening / weekend / overnight care	11%

LANGUAGE

CENTERS WITH AT LEAST ONE STAFF SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES ¹⁰	LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	
English 100%, Spanish 60%, Tagalog 5%, Arabic 3%, Chinese 2%, Vietnamese 2%	English only	64%
FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES¹⁰	Spanish	24%
English 88%, Spanish 41%, Other 20%, Chinese 8%, Arabic 8%, Somali 6%	Asian/Pacific Island language	8%
	Another language	2%

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

For more information about child care in **SAN DIEGO COUNTY:**

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