

# Santa Cruz County

## Family & Child Data

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](http://www.rnetwork.org).

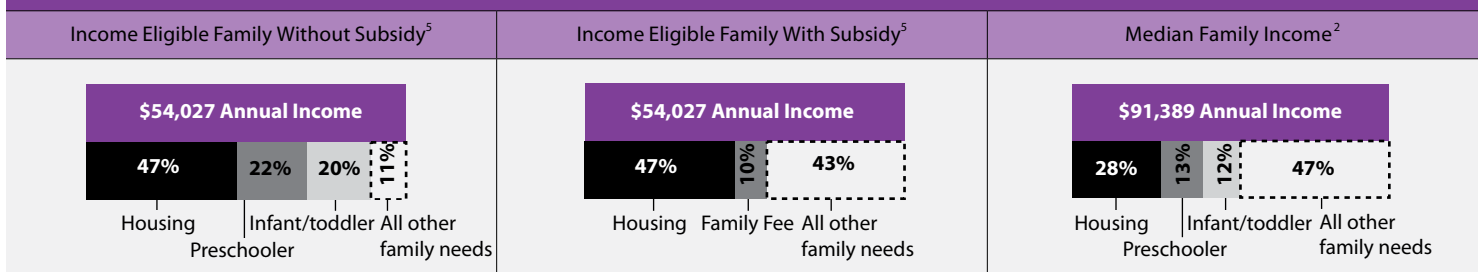
PEOPLE <sup>1</sup>	COUNTY			STATE		
	2016	2018	CHANGE	2016	2018	CHANGE
Total number of residents	276,249	275,221	-0.4%	39,354,432	39,864,538	1%
Number of children 0-12	42,365	41,155	-3%	6,631,621	6,578,476	-1%
Under 2 years	5,917	5,191	-12%	982,688	941,215	-4%
2 years	3,071	2,985	-3%	498,782	489,567	-2%
3 years	3,264	3,112	-5%	503,064	503,509	0.1%
4 years	3,607	3,081	-15%	503,461	503,657	0.04%
5 years	3,662	3,228	-12%	518,282	506,494	-2%
6-10 years	16,821	16,977	1%	2,596,934	2,576,958	-1%
11-12 years	6,023	6,581	9%	1,028,410	1,057,076	3%

LABOR FORCE <sup>2*</sup>	COUNTY			STATE		
	2016	2018	CHANGE	2016	2018	CHANGE
Two-parent families, both parents in labor force	11,032	10,348	-6%	1,667,628	1,673,759	0.4%
Single-parent families, parent in labor force	6,698	7,020	5%	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 <sup>2</sup>	COUNTY			STATE			FAMILIES IN POVERTY IN 2018 <sup>2</sup>	
	2016	2018	CHANGE	2016	2018	CHANGE	COUNTY	STATE
Number of people living in poverty	36,169	32,097	-11%	5,525,524	4,969,326	-10%	<b>13%</b>	<b>14%</b>
Children 0-5 living in poverty	3,051	1,873	-39%	608,247	499,726	-18%		
Children in subsidized care <sup>3</sup>	2,148	2,109	-2%	315,100	337,264	7%		

### CHILD CARE AND FAMILY BUDGETS<sup>4, 8</sup>



### AGE/TYPE

CHILD CARE SUPPLY <sup>6</sup>	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			CHILD CARE REQUESTS <sup>7</sup>	
	2017	2019	CHANGE	2017	2019	CHANGE		
Total number of spaces	5,024	4,921	-2%	3,418	3,232	-5%	Under 2 years	47%
Under 2 years	373	351	-6%				2-5 years	40%
2-5 years	3,784	3,775	-0.2%				6 years and older	13%
6 years and older	867	795	-8%					
Total number of sites	120	111	-8%	291	266	-9%		

**63%**

Child care programs participating in the Child Care Food Program

**46%**

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	68%	95%	AGES	FULL-TIME
Only full-time slots	7%	2%	Under 2 years	82%
Only part-time slots	25%	4%	2 years	29%
Sites offering evening, weekend or overnight care	0%	27%	3 years	68%
Annual full-time infant care <sup>8</sup>	\$17,160	\$10,809	4 years	80%
Annual full-time preschool care <sup>8</sup>	\$12,045	\$10,090	5 years	25%
MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE <sup>9</sup>				
<b>82%</b> Employment	<b>8%</b> Parent seeking employment	<b>5%</b> Parent in school or training	REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NONTRADITIONAL HOURS	
			Evening / weekend / overnight care	7%

### LANGUAGE

CENTERS WITH AT LEAST ONE STAFF SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES <sup>9</sup>	LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	
English 100%, Spanish 51%, French 1%	English only	66%
FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES <sup>9</sup>	Spanish	28%
Spanish 73%, English 71%, Portuguese 2%, Farsi 0.4%, French 0.4%, German 0.4%, Other 0.4%	Asian/Pacific Island language	3%
	Another language	3%

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

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