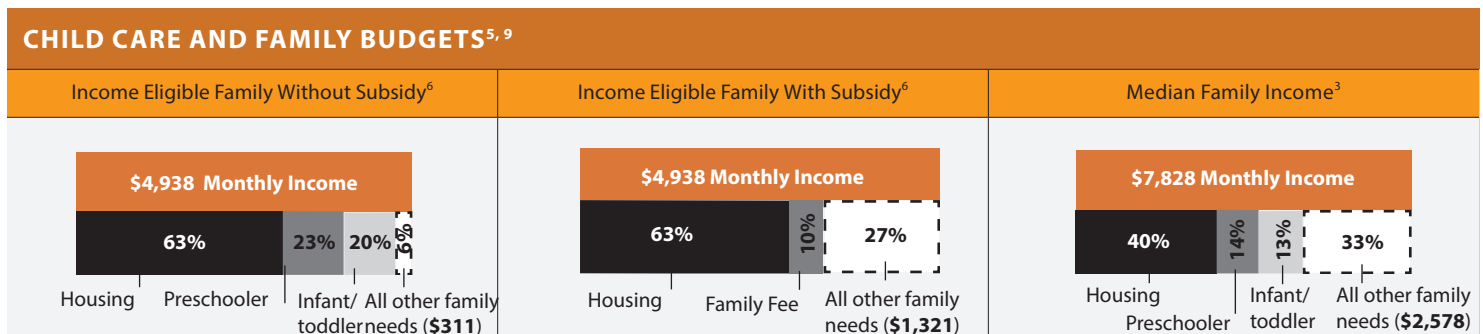


The 2021 California Child Care Portfolio, the 13th edition of a biennial report, presents a unique portrait of child care supply, demand, and cost statewide and county by county, as well as data regarding employment, poverty, and family budgets. The child care data in this report was gathered with the 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>	COUNTY			STATE		
	2018	2021	CHANGE	2018	2021	CHANGE
Total number of residents	275,221	275,023	-0.1%	39,864,538	39,142,991	-2%
Number of children 0-12	41,155	39,016	-5%	6,578,476	6,288,604	-4%
Under 2 years	5,191	4,732	-9%	941,215	876,608	-7%
2 years	2,985	2,405	-19%	489,567	443,635	-9%
3 years	3,112	2,702	-13%	503,509	457,604	-9%
4 years	3,081	2,997	-3%	503,657	481,746	-4%
5 years	3,228	3,278	2%	506,494	489,879	-3%
6-10 years	16,977	16,320	-4%	2,576,958	2,525,335	-2%
11-12 years	6,581	6,582	0.02%	1,057,076	1,013,797	-4%

CHILD CARE AVAILABILITY <sup>2</sup>	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%	36%	6%	25%	25%	0%

POVERTY <sup>3</sup>	COUNTY			STATE			FAMILIES IN POVERTY IN 2021 <sup>3</sup>	
	2018	2021	CHANGE	2018	2021	CHANGE	COUNTY	STATE
Number of people living in poverty	32,097	24,752	-23%	4,969,326	4,733,036	-5%	<b>7%</b>	<b>13%</b>
Children 0-5 living in poverty	1,873	1,239	-34%	499,726	406,369	-19%		
Children in subsidized care <sup>4</sup>	2,109	2,312	10%	337,264	372,938	11%		



### AGE/TYPE

CHILD CARE	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS			LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES			CHILD CARE REQUESTS <sup>8</sup>	
	2019	2021	CHANGE	2019	2021	CHANGE		
Total number of spaces	4,921	4,786	-3%	3,232	3,144	-3%	Under 2 years	39%
Under 2 years	351	381	9%				2-5 years	42%
2-5 years	3,775	3,975	1%				6 years and older	20%
6 years and older	795	610	-23%					
Total number of sites	117	104	-11%	266	258	-3%		

**40%**

Child care programs participating in the Child Care Food Program

**56%**

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	73%	95%	<b>AGES</b>	<b>FULL-TIME</b>
Only full-time spaces	12%	1%	Under 2 years	78%
Only part-time spaces	15%	4%	2 years	92%
Sites offering evening, weekend or overnight care	0%	20%	3 years	63%
Monthly full-time infant care <sup>9</sup>	\$1,674	\$999	4 years	73%
Monthly full-time preschool care <sup>9</sup>	\$1,127	\$880	5 years	91%
<b>MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE<sup>10</sup></b>				
<b>88%</b> Employment	<b>4%</b> Parent seeking employment	<b>4%</b> Enrichment	<b>REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NONTRADITIONAL HOURS</b>	
			Evening / weekend / overnight care	1%

### LANGUAGE

CENTERS WITH AT LEAST ONE STAFF SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES <sup>10</sup>	LANGUAGE SPOKEN AT HOME	
English 100%, Chinese 52%, French 1%, German 1%, Japanese 1%	English only	67%
<b>FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES<sup>10</sup></b>	Spanish	26%
English 77%, Spanish 74%, Portuguese 2%, Sign Language 2%, Farsi <1%, German <1%	Asian/Pacific Island language	3%
	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. 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

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