

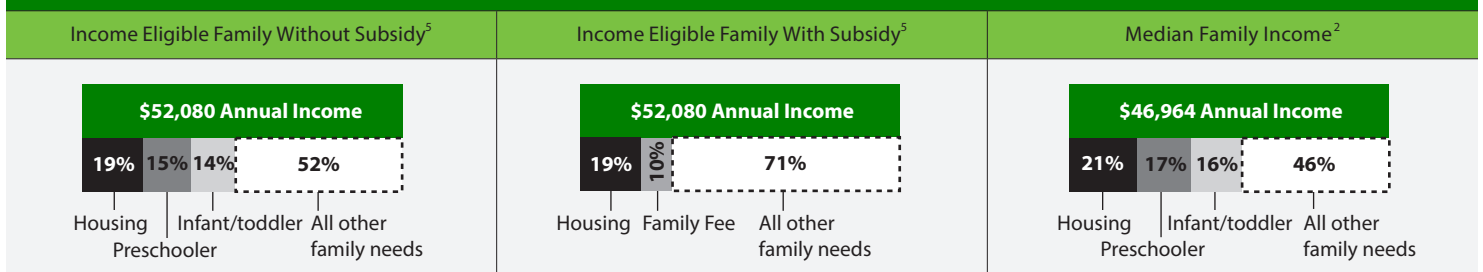
The 2017 California Child Care Portfolio, the 11th edition of a biennial report, presents a unique portrait of child care supply, demand, and cost statewide and county by county, as well as data regarding employment, poverty, and family budgets. The child care data in this report was gathered with the 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.rrnetwork.org](http://www.rrnetwork.org).

PEOPLE <sup>1</sup>	COUNTY			STATE		
	2014	2016	CHANGE	2014	2016	CHANGE
Total number of residents	266,444	272,610	2%	38,548,204	39,354,432	2%
Number of children 0-12	56,676	57,157	1%	6,533,125	6,631,621	2%
Under 2 years	8,453	8,153	-4%	1,002,081	982,688	-2%
2 years	4,253	4,214	-1%	498,124	498,782	0.1%
3 years	4,253	4,222	-1%	503,950	503,064	-0.2%
4 years	4,244	4,304	1%	497,010	503,461	1%
5 years	4,259	4,336	2%	496,168	518,282	4%
6-10 years	22,295	22,790	2%	2,541,962	2,596,934	2%
11-12 years	8,919	9,138	2%	993,178	1,028,410	4%

LABOR FORCE <sup>2</sup>	COUNTY			STATE		
	2014	2016	CHANGE	2014	2016	CHANGE
Children 0-12 in single-parent family, parent in labor force	16,181	16,946	5%	1,733,794	1,730,412	-0.2%
Children 0-12 in two-parent family, parents in labor force	17,685	14,439	-18%	2,427,771	2,496,144	3%

POVERTY <sup>2</sup>	COUNTY			STATE			PEOPLE IN POVERTY IN 2016 <sup>2</sup>				
	2014	2016	CHANGE	2014	2016	CHANGE					
Number of people living in poverty	65,405	53,314	-18%	6,259,098	5,525,524	-12%	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>COUNTY</th> <th>STATE</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td><b>27%</b></td> <td><b>20%</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	COUNTY	STATE	<b>27%</b>	<b>20%</b>
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Children 0-5 living in poverty	12,275	8,885	-28%	690,825	608,247	-12%					
Children in subsidized care <sup>3</sup>	3,077	3,661	19%	301,973	315,100	4%					

### 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>	
	2014	2017	CHANGE	2014	2017	CHANGE		
Total number of slots	3,556	3,888	9%	2,354	2,088	-11%	Under 2 years	32%
Under 2 years	170	242	42%				2-5 years	45%
2-5 years	3,127	3,363	8%				6 years and older	23%
6 years and older	259	283	9%					
Total number of sites	71	79	11%	229	198	-14%		

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Children 0-12 with parents in the labor force for whom a licensed child care slot is available

**68%**

Child care centers with one or more federal/state/local contracts

\*This estimate is based on 5,976 licensed slots and does not include license-exempt programs.

### SCHEDULE AND COST

CHILD CARE SUPPLY	LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTERS	LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES	CHILD CARE REQUESTS	
Full-time and part-time slots	41%	60%	AGES	FULL-TIME
Only full-time slots	28%	40%	Under 2 years	97%
Only part-time slots	31%	0%	2 years	100%
Sites offering evening, weekend or overnight care	0%	55%	3 years	94%
Full-time infant care <sup>8</sup>	\$11,838	\$7,389	4 years	100%
Full-time preschool care <sup>8</sup>	\$7,893	\$7,079	5 years	93%
MAJOR REASONS FAMILIES SEEK CHILD CARE <sup>9</sup>			REQUESTS FOR CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL HOURS	
<b>54%</b> Employment	<b>39%</b> Parent in school or training	<b>8%</b> Parent seeking employment	Evening / weekend / overnight care	34%

### LANGUAGE

CENTERS WITH AT LEAST ONE STAFF SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES <sup>9</sup>	LANGUAGES SPOKEN AT HOME	
English 96%, Spanish 78%, Hmong 14%	English	47%
FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS SPEAKING THE FOLLOWING LANGUAGES <sup>9</sup>	Spanish	45%
English 86%, Spanish 62%, Tagalog 1%	Asian/Pacific Island languages	5%
	Another language	3%

1. CA Department of Finance Population Projections 2016  
 2. American Community Survey 2016 1-year and 2015 5-year estimates  
 3. CA Department of Education CDD 801-A October 2016, CA Department of Social Services CW115, October 2016  
 4. U.S. Housing and Urban Development rent for 2-bedroom 50th percentile  
 5. 70% of 2015 State Median Income for a family of three  
 6. Resource and referral (R&R) databases  
 7. R&R child care referrals April/May/June 2016  
 8. 2016 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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