

Alameda City Child Care Profile

Families and Children

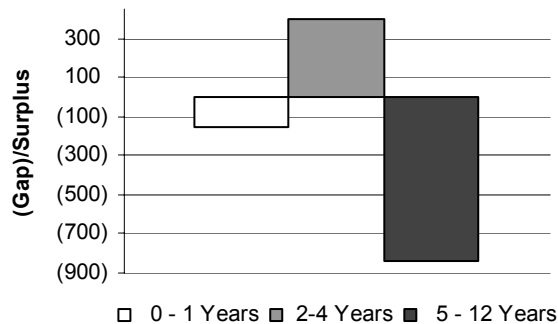
Approximately 10,200 children aged 12 years and younger live in the city of Alameda, accounting for 16 percent of the City's total population. The city has a higher proportion of White, Asian, and Pacific Islander children than the larger county. Behind English, Chinese is the second most common language in the city, at ten percent. However, this percentage has increased in recent years, partially due to new housing for low-income families at the former Naval Base.

Alameda City parents with young children under six years old are more likely to be in the workforce than parents from the county overall. Nearly 60 percent of Alameda City children under six are in households headed by two working parents or a working single parent. Countywide, the proportion is 55 percent.

Child Care Demand and Supply

Compared to parents throughout the county, Alameda City parents with children aged 0 to 24 months are more likely to demand family-child or center-based care. Parents of approximately 24 percent of children aged birth to 24 months demand center-based or family-child care which is similar to the 21 percent countywide. While the city has higher proportions of infant and toddler demand, infant and toddler care makes up only 10 percent of available ECE supply. Center-based preschool care (ages 2 to 4) accounts for 55 percent of total ECE supply in the city of Alameda. This results in a slight surplus of pre-school care, including full- and part-time programs. While preschool supply exceeds demand in Alameda City, the gap analysis does not determine the quality of care offered, as many individual preschool centers and FCCHs continue to have waiting lists.

City of Alameda ECE Supply, 2006



These estimates of the supply of school-age care do not include a number of licensed-exempt facilities such as 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), After School Education and Safety (ASES) Programs, programs operated by the public libraries and some programs operated by city departments of parks and recreation. ASES and 21st CCLC serve at least 400 school-age children in the Alameda Unified School District.

Special Populations

Similar to the county as a whole, just under 11 percent of school-age children residing in Alameda Unified School District are enrolled in special education. About one-sixth of school-age children are English Learners (EL), meaning that their family speaks a primary language other than English at home, and they are not yet considered to have the requisite English skills to succeed in the school's regular instructional programs. This is somewhat lower than the county-wide EL rate of 27 percent.

City of Alameda Profile

Age by Race

Age Cohort	Non-Hispanic or Latino						Total
	Hispanic or Latino	White	Black or African American	Asian and Pacific Islander	Other Race (a)	Two or More Races	
Percent of All Children 0-12	13%	38%	9%	28%	1%	11%	100%
0 - 1 Years	247	652	118	397	22	197	1,633
2 - 4 Years	330	951	175	658	32	278	2,424
5 - 12 Years	930	2,675	700	2,059	101	770	7,235
13 Years +	5,218	33,643	3,357	16,050	445	2,254	60,967
Total 0-12 Years	1,507	4,278	993	3,114	155	1,245	11,292
Total Population	6,725	37,921	4,350	19,164	600	3,499	72,259

Age by Poverty Status, Children 17 Years and Younger

Age Cohort	Below 200% of Poverty		Above 200% of Poverty	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Under 5 years	836	21%	3,155	79%
5 years	143	18%	658	82%
6 to 11 years	1,520	28%	3,830	72%
12 to 17 years	1,497	30%	3,466	70%
Total	3,996	26%	11,109	74%

Language Spoken at Home, Children 5 to 17 Years

Language Spoken at Home	Number	Percent
English	7,534	67%
Chinese	1,151	10%
Spanish or Spanish Creole	604	5%
Tagalog	469	4%
All Other Languages	1,509	13%
Total	11,267	100%

Workforce Status by Presence of Children in Families

Workforce Status by Age Cohort	Number	Percent
Under 6 years:		
Single working parent or both parents working	2,750	59%
One or more parents not working	1,888	41%
6 to 17 years:		
Single working parent or both parents working	6,310	64%
One or more parents not working	3,565	36%

Notes: (a) Other includes the category American Indian and Alaska Native
Sources: U.S. Census 2000 SF-1, SF-3; Bay Area Economics, 2006.

City of Alameda Projections and Gap Analysis

Projections by Age Cohort

Age Cohort	2005	2006	2010	2015	% of Children 0-12, 2006
Infants and Toddlers	1,916	1,925	1,959	1,992	16%
Preschoolers	2,845	2,857	2,909	2,956	24%
School-Age Children	7,130	7,146	7,211	7,461	60%

Licensed Child Care Demand by Age

	2006	2010	2015
Infant and Toddler	456	464	472
Preschool	1,562	1,590	1,616
School-Age	1,700	1,716	1,775

Licensed Child Care Supply by Age, 2006 (c)

	Full Time (a)	Part Time Only (b)	Total Full and Part Time
Infant and Toddler			
Family Child Care	81	4	85
Center-Based	156	60	216
<i>Subtotal</i>	237	64	301
Preschool			
Family Child Care	234	8	242
Center-Based	1,141	575	1,716
<i>Subtotal</i>	1,375	583	1,958
School-Age			
Family Child Care	96	4	100
Center-(After/Before School)	89	670	759
<i>Subtotal</i>	185	674	859

Child Care Gap Analysis by Age

	Surplus/(Gap)			
	Full Time (a)		Total Full and Part Time	
	2006	2010	2006	2010
Infant and Toddler	(219)	(201)	(155)	(163)
Preschool	(187)	(215)	396	368
School-Age	(1,515)	(1,531)	(841)	(857)
Total	(1,921)	(1,946)	(600)	(652)

Notes: (a) Includes full time centers that also offer part time care.

(b) Represents centers only offering part time care. Part time care is 30 hours or less per week.

(c) Assumes supply remains constant from 2006 to 2010

(d) Numbers in parentheses denote additional supply or surplus.

Sources: Association of Bay Area Governments Census Tract Projections 2005; U.S. Census 2000 SF-1 and SF-3; BANANAS; 4Cs of Alameda County; Child Care Links; National Survey of American Families, 2002; Bay Area Economics, 2006.

City of Alameda & Alameda City Unified School District Special Populations Profile

Special Education Enrollment (2004-05)¹

Age Cohort	Number
0 - 1 Years	18
2 - 4 Years	77
5 - 12 Years	643
Total 0-12 Years	738

Sources: Regional Center of the East Bay (birth through two years); plus DataQuest (birth through 12 years).

Notes: RCEB information (most of the birth through two) is based on family's address. DataQuest information (all of three-year old and above) reflects the number of students in special education residing in the school district and not those served by the school district.

¹ RCEB data is from March 2006; DataQuest information is from the 2004-05 school year.

California Children's Services Clients (May, 2006)

Age Cohort	General Caseload	Medical Therapy Program
0 - 1 Years	19	6
2 - 4 Years	16	5
5 - 12 Years	55	19
Total 0-12 Years	90	30

¹ RCEB data is from March 2006; DataQuest information is from the 2004-05 school year.

Source: California Children's Services;

Notes: City is based on family address. Children in the medical therapy program are a subset of the general caseload.

Children Receiving County Mental Health Services (July 2004 to June 2005)

Age Cohort	Number
0 - 1 Years	2
2 - 4 Years	13
5 - 12 Years	116
Total 0-12 Years	131

Source: Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services;
Note: City based on family address.

English Learners in the School District (2004-05)

	Number	Percent of Enrollment
Grades K-6	870	17%

Source: Data Quest

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Children from Migrant Families in the School District (Fall, 2005)

There is no migrant program in Alameda City USD.

Children from Families Receiving Public Assistance (March, 2006)

Age Cohort	Cash Assistance				Medi-CAL	Total
	Cal-WORKS	Adoption Assistance/ KinGAP	Foster Care	Food Stamps		
0 - 1 Years	91	0	4	19	161	275
2 - 4 Years	159	4	2	32	207	404
5 - 12 Years	482	19	11	105	494	1,111
Total 0-12 Years	732	23	17	156	862	1,790

Source: Alameda County Social Services

Notes: These are unduplicated counts. Adoption Assistance, KinGAP, and Foster Care numbers refer only to children who were living in Alameda County when they were removed from their family and whose foster/adoptive arrangement is in Alameda County.

Children with Substantiated Maltreatment Reports (January to December, 2005)

Age Cohort	Number
0 - 1 Years	3
2 - 4 Years	12
5 - 12 Years	33
Total 0-12 Years	48

Source: Alameda County Social Services