

Castro Valley Child Care Profile

Families and Children

As of the 2000 U.S. Census, Castro Valley had approximately 9,400 children aged 12 and younger, accounting for over 16 percent of its total population. Castro Valley has a higher proportion of White children than the county overall. Less than three percent of children in Castro Valley were living below the poverty level in 2000, significantly less than the county-wide nine percent.

Castro Valley children under six are more likely to be in households where both parents or a single parent work than Alameda County children overall. Approximately 63 percent of Castro Valley children under six years are headed by two working parents or a working single-parent compared to 55 percent county-wide. Another 74 percent of children six to 17 in Castro Valley had two working parents or a working single parent which is significantly higher than the county-wide proportion of 63 percent. Castro Valley had the highest proportion of children with parents in the workforce among Alameda County cities and unincorporated towns.

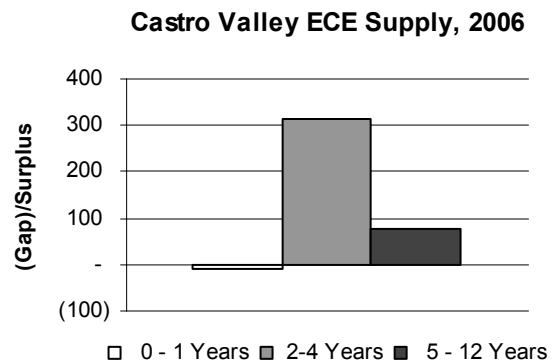
Child Care Demand and Supply

While children in Castro Valley over two years old demand child care at a similar rate to the county, the supply of care for those age groups is higher at the local level, resulting in a surplus. Castro Valley parents with children aged two to four years are more likely to demand family child or center-based care. Approximately 54 percent of children two to four demand center-based or family child care which is similar to the 52 percent county-wide. Forty-six percent of the city's child care supply is for preschool aged children, and an additional 44 percent serves school-aged children, resulting in a surplus of 314 and 78, respectively.

The estimated surplus in preschool slots and school-age slots only accounts for children *living* in Castro Valley and not for children that live in the surrounding unincorporated areas such as Cherryland and Fairview. These areas have few, if any, child care providers. Therefore, parents must place their children in facilities nearby or near their place of work. This helps to explain the local surplus as Castro Valley providers offer child care to surrounding communities which do not have available child care.

Special Populations

Similar to the county as a whole, just under ten percent of school-age children residing in Castro Valley Unified School District are enrolled in special education. Only ten percent 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 considerably lower than the county-wide EL rate of 27 percent.



¹ For purposes of this study, unincorporated towns include San Lorenzo and Castro Valley.

Castro Valley 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	19%	53%	5%	15%	1%	8%	100%
0 - 1 Years	289	604	73	193	10	121	1,290
2 - 4 Years	432	958	111	286	14	175	1,976
5 - 12 Years	1,036	3,407	310	887	55	428	6,123
13 Years +	5,227	32,023	2,374	6,523	280	1,476	47,903
Total 0-12 Years	1,757	4,969	494	1,366	79	724	9,389
Total Population	6,984	36,992	2,868	7,889	359	2,200	57,292

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	424	14%	2,652	86%
5 years	103	14%	644	86%
6 to 11 years	573	11%	4,531	89%
12 to 17 years	515	12%	3,816	88%
Total	1,615	12%	11,643	88%

Language Spoken at Home, Children 5 to 17 Years

Language Spoken at Home	Number	Percent
English	8,057	78%
Spanish or Spanish Creole	678	7%
Chinese	510	5%
Korean	129	1%
All Other Languages	991	10%
Total	10,365	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	2,358	63%
One or more parents not working	1,358	37%
6 to 17 years:		
Single working parent or both parents working	6,702	74%
One or more parents not working	2,364	26%

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

Castro Valley Projections and Gap Analysis

Projections by Age Cohort

Age Cohort	2005	2006	2010	2015	% Children 0-12, 2006
Infants and Toddlers	1,213	1,243	1,370	1,442	16%
Preschoolers	1,858	1,904	2,098	2,209	24%
School-Age Children	4,853	4,804	4,615	4,765	60%

Licensed Child Care Demand by Age

	2006	2010	2015
Infant and Toddler	284	313	330
Preschool	1,030	1,136	1,196
School-Age	1,208	1,161	1,199

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		154	3
Center-Based	116		-
<i>Subtotal</i>	270	3	273
Preschool			
Family Child Care	402	7	409
Center-Based	819	116	935
<i>Subtotal</i>	1,221	123	1,344
School-Age			
Family Child Care	160	4	164
Center-(After/Before School)	792	330	1,122
<i>Subtotal</i>	952	334	1,286

Licensed Child Care Gap Analysis by Age

	Surplus/(Gap)			
	Full Time 2006	Total Full and Part Time 2010	2006	2010
Infant and Toddler	(14)	(35)	(11)	(40)
Preschool	191	85	314	208
School-Age	(256)	(209)	78	125
Total	(80)	(159)	380	294

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

Castro Valley & Castro Valley Unified School District Special Populations Profile

Special Education Enrollment (2004-05)¹

Age Cohort	Number
0 - 1 Years	15
2 - 4 Years	67
5 - 12 Years	454
Total 0-12 Years	536

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	20	6
2 - 4 Years	16	4
5 - 12 Years	34	16
Total 0-12 Years	70	26

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	3
2 - 4 Years	3
5 - 12 Years	58
Total 0-12 Years	64

Source: Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services;

Note: City based on family address.

English Learners in the School District (2004-05)

Grades K-6	Number	Percent of Enrollment
	420	10%

Source: Data Quest

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

There is no migrant program in Castro Valley USD.

Children from Families Receiving Public Assistance (March, 2006)

Age Cohort	Cash Assistance				Food Stamps	Medi-CAL	Total
	Cal-WORKS	Adoption Assistance/ KinGAP	Foster Care				
0 - 1 Years	47	0	10		14	88	159
2 - 4 Years	66	6	0		32	161	265
5 - 12 Years	200	23	12		65	284	584
Total 0-12 Years	313	29	22		111	533	1,008

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	2
5 - 12 Years	21
Total 0-12 Years	26

Source: Alameda County Social Services