

## Alameda County Child Care Profile

### Families and Children

Approximately 256,000 children ages 12 and younger live in Alameda County in 2006, accounting for 16 percent of the county's total population. The Department of Finance (DOF) projects Alameda County to continue to experience growth among Latino, Asian, and Pacific Islander children while White and African American children decrease in number. From 2006 to 2015, Latino children 12 and younger are expected to increase by 31 percent compared to 13 percent growth in the same age group county-wide. During the same period, White children are projected to decrease in number by three percent. The county's population of children is projected to continue to grow over the next nine years with faster growth among kindergarten to 12 year old children.

Alameda County children are more likely to be in families where both parents or a single head-of-household work compared to the state overall. Approximately 60 percent of Alameda County children live in households where both parents or the single head-of-household work, compared to 57 percent of children in California overall.

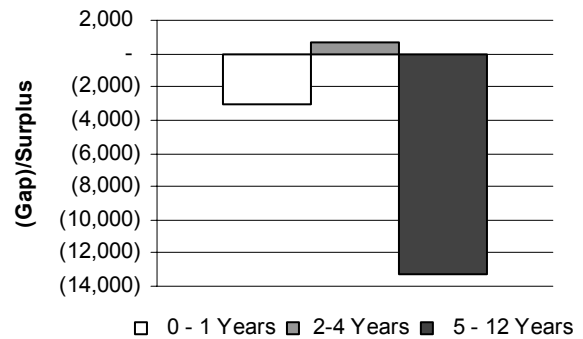
### Child Care Demand and Supply

Center-based care, family child care, licensed-exempt care, and other child care and early education programs currently have capacity for approximately 62,000 children in both full- and part-time slots.<sup>1</sup> Approximately 44 percent of slots available have Spanish language capacity, 16 percent Chinese language capacity (i.e., Mandarin, Cantonese) and eight percent Tagalog capacity. Eleven percent offer some form of after-hours care<sup>2</sup>, including evening (nine percent), weekend (six percent), and/or overnight (six percent).

Based on the number of children by age, ethnicity, income, and parent(s) work status, families with children ages birth to 12 demand approximately 78,000 child care/early childhood education slots, including full-time and part-time. While demand for child care among preschoolers exceeds child care demand for all other child care categories (i.e., infant/toddler and school-aged), early childhood education providers have been successful in meeting per-school demand with a small estimated surplus in overall slots for two to five year olds. While preschool supply exceeds demand county-wide, the gap analysis does not determine the quality of care offered, as many individual preschool centers and FCCHs continue to have waiting lists.

Infants and toddlers and school-aged children show significant deficits in available supply with an estimated gap of 3,100 and 13,240, respectively. Without an increase in child care supply, the county will continue to experience a widening gap between the overall child care supply and demand.<sup>3</sup> By 2010, the

Alameda County ECE Supply, 2006



<sup>1</sup> Part-time slots are slots only available for 30 hours or less per week.

<sup>2</sup> After hours care is defined as care after 7:00 PM, weekend, and/or overnight care.

<sup>3</sup> These estimates of the supply of school-age care do not include a number of license-exempt facilities such as 21st

county will have an estimated deficit of approximately 18,600 slots with gaps in all age groups (i.e., infant and toddler, preschooler, and school-age).

### **Special Populations**

Special education participation increases steadily from infant/toddler to preschool to school-age. County-wide, 6.4 percent of children under 13 participate in special education. The seven school districts with migrant education programs have identified 2,407 children from migrant families. Less than one-half of the migrant three- and four-year olds are enrolled in a preschool program, leaving a significant number unserved. More than one-quarter of school-age children are designated English Learners (EL), meaning their primary home-language is not English, and they are not yet considered to have the requisite English skills needed for the school's regular instructional programs.

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Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC), After School Education and Safety (ASES) Programs<sup>3</sup>, programs operated by the public libraries and some programs operated by city departments of parks and recreation. ASES and 21st CCLC serve over 4,500 school-age children in Alameda County. Thus, the actual unmet need may be somewhat smaller than estimated here.

## Alameda County Child Care Profile

### Age by Race

Age Cohort	Hispanic or Latino	Non-Hispanic or Latino					Total
		White	Black or African American	Asian and Pacific Islander	Other Race (a)	Two or More Races	
Percent of All Children 0-12	27%	29%	16%	20%	1%	7%	100%
0 - 1 Years	11,766	10,767	5,283	7,726	300	2,847	38,689
2 - 4 Years	17,026	16,497	9,100	12,372	470	4,224	59,689
5 - 12 Years	42,168	49,817	28,379	32,615	1,419	10,295	164,693
13 Years +	202,950	514,014	168,362	248,418	7,793	39,133	1,180,670
<b>Total 0-12 Years</b>	<b>70,960</b>	<b>77,081</b>	<b>42,762</b>	<b>52,713</b>	<b>2,189</b>	<b>17,366</b>	<b>263,071</b>
<b>Total Population</b>	<b>273,910</b>	<b>591,095</b>	<b>211,124</b>	<b>301,131</b>	<b>9,982</b>	<b>56,499</b>	<b>1,443,741</b>

### 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	27,147	28%	68,144	72%
5 years	6,002	30%	14,326	70%
6 to 11 years	37,976	30%	86,648	70%
12 to 17 years	32,196	30%	76,090	70%
<b>Total</b>	<b>103,321</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>245,208</b>	<b>70%</b>

### Language Spoken at Home, Children 5 to 17 Years

Language Spoken at Home	Number	Percent
English	162,603	63%
Spanish or Spanish Creole	45,787	18%
Chinese	14,602	6%
Tagalog	5,327	2%
All Other Languages	28,066	11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>256,385</b>	<b>100%</b>

### 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	61,430	55%
One or more parents not working	49,389	45%
6 to 17 years:		
Single working parent or both parents working	139,225	63%
One or more parents not working	80,878	37%

Notes: (a) Other includes the category American Indian and Alaska Native

Sources: U.S. Census 2000 SF-1, SF-3; Bay Area Economics, 2006.

## Alameda County Projections and Gap Analysis

### Projections by Age Cohort

Age Cohort	2005	2006	2010	2015	% of Children 0-12, 2006	% Change (2006-15)
Infants and Toddlers	41,210	43,030	45,760	45,970	17%	7%
Preschoolers	68,590	67,890	72,760	77,560	26%	14%
School-Age Children	145,945	145,640	148,360	166,100	57%	14%

### Licensed Child Care Demand by Age

	2006	2010	2015	% of 2006 Total
Infant and Toddler	8,920	9,370	9,290	20.7%
Preschool	35,570	37,760	40,050	52.4%
School-Age	33,140	33,410	36,950	22.8%

### Licensed Child Care Supply by Age, 2006 (c)

	Full Time (a)	Part Time Only (b)	Total Full and Part Time
<b>Infant and Toddler</b>			
Family Child Care	3,700	80	3,780
Center-Based	1,880	160	2,040
<i>Subtotal</i>	5,580	240	5,820
<b>Preschool</b>			
Family Child Care	9,560	200	9,760
Center-Based	19,490	6,960	26,450
<i>Subtotal</i>	29,050	7,160	36,210
<b>School-Age</b>			
Family Child Care	3,790	80	3,870
Center-(After/Before School)	6,160	9,870	16,030
<i>Subtotal</i>	9,950	9,950	19,900

### Licensed Child Care Gap Analysis by Age

	Surplus/(Gap)			
	Full Time (a)		Total Full and Part Time	
	2006	2010	2006	2010
Infant and Toddler	(3,340)	(3,240)	(3,100)	(3,550)
Preschool	(6,520)	(8,710)	640	(1,550)
School-Age	(23,190)	(23,460)	(13,240)	(13,510)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(33,050)</b>	<b>(35,410)</b>	<b>(15,700)</b>	<b>(18,610)</b>

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; Department of Finance Countywide Population Projections by Age, Sex, and Ethnicity, 2004, Bay Area Economics, 2006.

## Alameda County Special Populations Profile

### Special Education Enrollment (2004-05)<sup>1</sup>

Age Cohort	Number	Percent of Population
0 - 1 Years	436	1.1%
2 - 4 Years	1,778	2.6%
5 - 12 Years	12,226	8.4%
<b>Total 0-12 Years</b>	<b>14,440</b>	<b>5.6%</b>

Sources: Regional Center of the East Bay (birth through two years); plus DataQuest (birth through 12 years).  
<sup>1</sup> 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	912	112
2 - 4 Years	857	166
5 - 12 Years	1,624	483
<b>Total 0-12 Years</b>	<b>3,393</b>	<b>761</b>

Source: California Children's Services  
 Notes: Children in the medical therapy program are a subset of the general caseload; 11 of the children on the general caseload and two of the children on MTP caseload have an address outside Alameda County.

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

Age Cohort	Number
0 - 1 Years	191
2 - 4 Years	494
5 - 12 Years	3,488
<b>Total 0-12 Years</b>	<b>4,173</b>

Source: Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services  
 Note: 546 of these children have an unknown address, have an address outside Alameda County, or are homeless.

### English Learners in the School District (2004-05)

	Number	Percent of Enrollment
Grades K-6	30,834	27%

Source: Data Quest