

**CHILD CARE IN CALIFORNIA & NATIONALLY**  
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**CALIFORNIA**

- 5.5 million children live with working parents:
  - 3.8 million are children ages 6-17<sup>i</sup>
  - 1.7 million are children ages 0-5<sup>ii</sup>
- In 2007, licensed childcare was only available for 27% of children with parents in the labor force.<sup>iii</sup>
- 74% of parental requests are for full-time childcare and 41% are for infant/toddler care.<sup>ii, iii</sup>

Before School: Children Ages 0-5

- Less than 9% of public investments in education and development are spend on children ages 0-4.<sup>iv</sup>
  - In 2005, most (75%) publicly-funded preschool programs had waiting lists, reaching only 20% of children ages 0-2.<sup>v</sup>
  - In 2008, 140,000 children ages 0-5 were waiting for space in a state-funded child development program.<sup>iv</sup>
    - Only 5% of the slots in publicly-licensed child care centers were for infants and toddlers

*Children*

- In 2008, less than half (48%) of children ages 3-4 attended preschool.<sup>ii</sup>
  - 59% are in center-based early child education programs<sup>vi</sup>
    - 22% are in public
    - 28% are in private
    - 9% are in other
  - 16% are in home-setting care with a caregiver
  - 25% are in parental care
- 75% of centers report caring for at least one child who receives public child care assistance:<sup>vii</sup>
  - In 2008, 7,600 children ages 0-3 were enrolled in Early Head Start.<sup>iv</sup>
  - 81% of children ages 3-4 in subsidized care are in settings with child development focus<sup>viii</sup>

*Workers*

- As of May 2008, there were 56,420 child care workers and 49,260 preschool teachers in the workforce:<sup>ix</sup>
  - Child care workers made an average of:
    - \$11.14/hour
    - \$23,170/annually
  - Preschool teachers made an average of:
    - \$14.37/hour
    - \$29,900/annually

*Facilities*

- In 2008, there were more than 58,000 licensed early care and education facilities caring for more than 1.1 million children.<sup>ii</sup>
- In 2007, 65% of the slots were in licensed child care centers and 35% were in licensed family child care homes:<sup>iii</sup>
  - 55.9% private nonprofit<sup>vii</sup>
  - 16.4% public agency
  - 27.7% for-profit agency

*Costs*

- Average annual cost for full-time childcare for infant in a licensed center is \$10,745; preschool is \$7,477
- For every \$1 invested in early childhood education, \$4-17 is generated in public savings.<sup>x, xi</sup>

### After School: School-aged Children

- 22% children in working families were unsupervised after school in 2002-03:<sup>xii</sup>
  - About half (46%) of 5-7<sup>th</sup> graders are unsupervised.<sup>xiii</sup>
- 2.5 million children participate in after school programs:<sup>i</sup>
  - About half (40%) attended publicly supported school programs

#### *Facilities*

- Between the 2005-06 and 2007-08 school years, public after school programs:<sup>i</sup>
  - Doubled to 4,000 elementary/middle school programs
  - Quadrupled to 190 high school programs

#### *Costs*

- For every \$1 invested, \$5-7 is generated in public savings:<sup>i</sup>
  - Children who participate are 30-50% less likely to be arrested

### **NATIONAL**

- 14.5 million children ages 0-5 have parents who work:<sup>xiv</sup>
  - More than 12 million are in child care<sup>xv</sup>
- 82.7% of school-age children live with working parents.<sup>xvi</sup>

### Before School: Children Ages 0-5

#### *Children*

- In 2008, less than half (46%) of children ages 3-4 attended preschool:<sup>iv</sup>
  - 65% of 3 year olds and 80% of 4 year olds<sup>xvii, 8</sup>
  - 53% of low-income children and 80% of children in families who make \$100K+<sup>xviii</sup>
- 1.1 million children attended a publicly-funded preschool education program:<sup>xvii</sup>
  - 3% of eligible infants and young children are enrolled in Early Head Start programs<sup>xix</sup>
  - 20 states had no state-funded pre-kindergarten programs for children 3 years old programs
  - 900,000 children are enrolled in Head Start programs

#### *Workers*

- As of May 2008, there were 581,670 child care workers and 392,170 preschool teachers in the workforce<sup>xx</sup>
  - Child Care workers made an average of:
    - \$9.79/hour
    - \$20,350/annually
  - Preschool teachers made an average of:
    - \$12.80/hour
    - \$26,610/annually

#### *Facilities*

- 357,277 child care facilities<sup>xv</sup>
  - 119,174 are centers
  - 238,103 are family homes

#### *Costs*

- In most states, the annual cost of center-based child care for children ages 0-2 is more than the tuition at a 4-year public university:<sup>xix</sup>
  - For infants: \$4,560-15,895<sup>xxi</sup>

### After School: School-aged Children

- 14.3 million (25%) children are unsupervised after school:<sup>svi</sup>
  - 34% are middle-school children
  - 40,000 kindergarteners<sup>xxii</sup>
- 6.5 million (11%) are in after school programs<sup>xxii</sup>

#### *Costs*

- Parents miss an average of 8 days of work/year due to a lack of after school care<sup>xxiii</sup>

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