



**SONOMA COUNTY
CHILD CARE NEEDS ASSESSMENT UPDATE
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Mission

The mission of the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County is to convene and inspire the community through collaboration, leadership and advocacy to promote and plan for quality child care and development for the benefit of all children (birth to 18), their families and Sonoma County.

Purpose of Needs Assessment

The Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County (CCPC) is responsible for providing a forum to identify the child care priorities of families in Sonoma County and to develop policies to meet those needs. To accomplish this, the CCPC is responsible for a number of tasks, one of which is to conduct a county-wide assessment of child care needs, called the “Needs Assessment,” at least once every five years. The term “child care” includes a range of early care and education settings, including half-day and full-day preschools, licensed family child care homes, after-school programs, etc. The Needs Assessment shall meet the requirements as specified in Education Code, Section 8499.5(b). This study represents the Needs Assessment in Sonoma County for 2014, and it is an update from the 2009 study. A Data Committee, composed of Council staff and members, was assigned by the CCPC to oversee this study preparation. This committee has provided tremendous input and oversight into the preparation of this study, the data collection, and analysis process. The information in this study is used to:

- Identify gaps and opportunities
- Guide strategies and investments
- Inform the development of the 2015-2020 comprehensive county-wide Child Care Plan

Approach and Methodology

This 2014 study presents an update of the 2009 Sonoma County Needs Assessment at the county level only. The update incorporates a new template developed by the Child Care Coordinators Association (CCCA) to assist local planning councils in preparing needs assessments. The template suggested by the association is provided in **Attachment A**. The underlying data and a summary description of that data including sources are provided in **Attachment B**. This report uses data and information that is readily available from various public agencies (as provided) and on the internet. No primary data was collected for this effort, such as surveys. Data is presented is generally “point in time” data for the most current year or time frame available, which ranges from 2012 to 2014.

Since this report uses data and information that is readily available from various public agencies (as provided) and on the internet, we are aware that the many undocumented children in the

County are not included. Therefore, please note that population and child care demand data in this report are significantly underestimated.

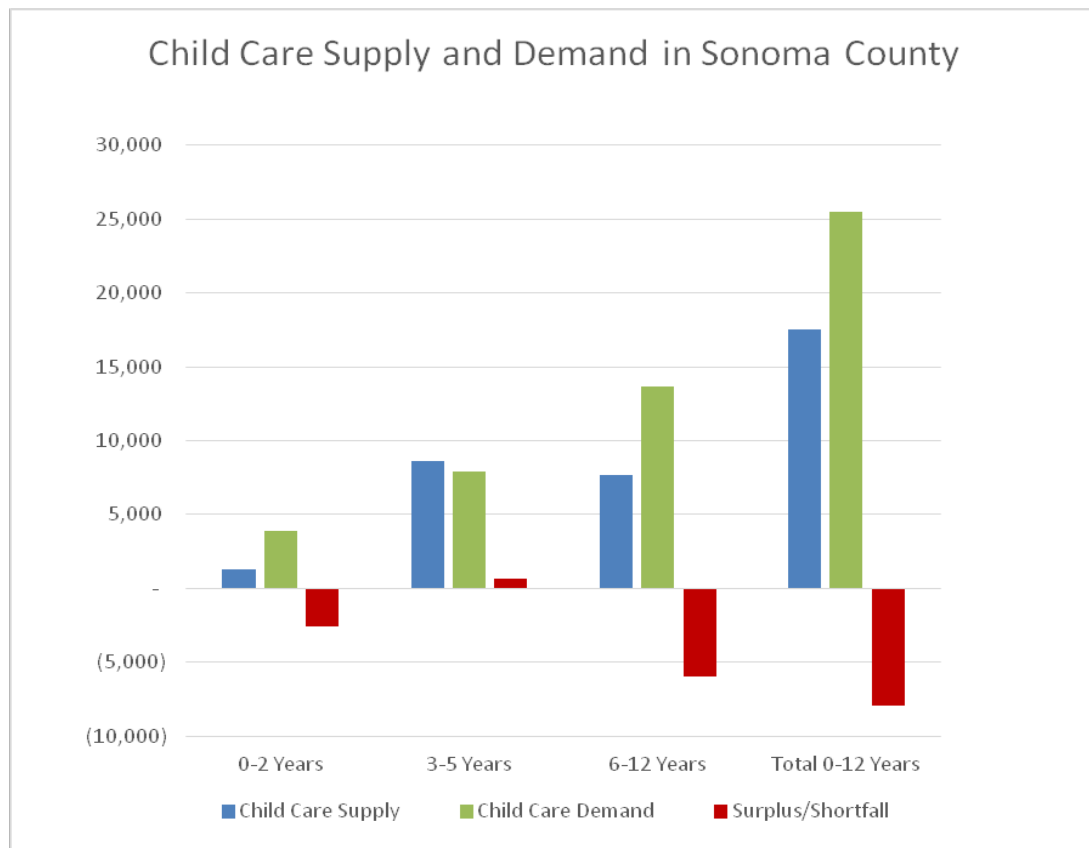
Key Findings

1. **Since 2009, the population of children ages 0 to 12 in Sonoma County has decreased by 12.3% from approximately 84,500 to 74,200 (see Table 1).**

There are currently 74,172 children ages 0 to 12 which make up 15.0% of the total population of Sonoma County. This is 10,374 less children ages 0 to 12 than were in the County in 2009 at the time of the last Child Care Needs Assessment. Total population in Sonoma County has also decreased, but at a much lower rate of 1.9%.

2. **There is currently a shortage of almost 8,000 child care spaces across all age groups in the County, although there is a surplus of over 600 preschool spaces (see Table 17).**

Overall, the County is meeting 69% of the overall demand for child care for children ages 0 to 12. There is demand for almost 25,459 spaces and there are 17,536 available. For the County as a whole, there is a shortage of 7,923 spaces across all ages, 0 to 12 years. There are significant shortages for infant and school age care, while there is a surplus of 641 preschool spaces.



3. *The greatest shortages in care are for infants, ages 0 to 2 years. Currently there is a shortage of approximately 2,600 spaces (see Table 17).*

For infants, ages 0 to 2, only 34% of total demand is currently met. There is a need for 3,845 infant spaces and only 1,289 are available in the County. This leaves a shortage of 2,556 infant spaces.

4. *There is a surplus in supply for preschool spaces for children ages 3 to 5 by approximately 600 spaces (see Table 17).*

There is currently a surplus of 641 preschool spaces in Sonoma County. Overall, there is a demand for 7,942 preschool spaces and there are 8,583 spaces available (108% of demand). However some facilities still have openings, as available spaces may not meet families' need for geographic location, affordability, child's age, quality, hours, etc.

5. *With Transitional Kindergarten affecting the demand for preschool, 25% of all 5 year olds in Sonoma County are being counted in the 6 to 12 year old school age group, decreasing the demand for preschool and increasing the demand for school age care (see Table 17).*

With Transitional Kindergarten (TK) providing programs at elementary schools for 5 year olds born between September 2 and December 2, there is a smaller demand for preschool. We have taken 25% of the 5 year old population and added it to the 6 to 12 year old or school age category to account for this. This means that 1,388 children who are 5 years old are now included in the school age group, since they are creating a demand for school age care and not preschool care.

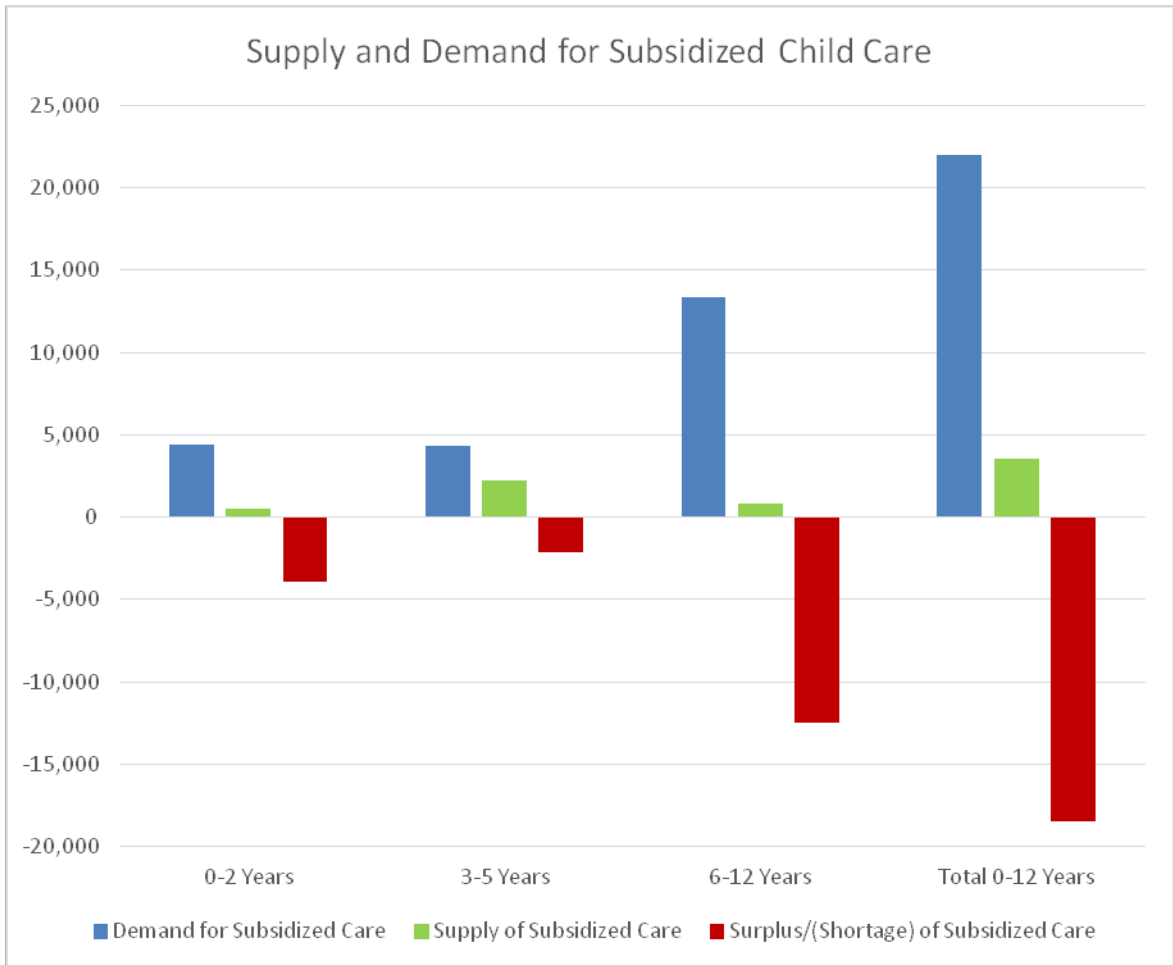
6. *For school age children, ages 6 to 12, there is a shortage of approximately 6,000 child care spaces and only 56% of total demand is met (see Table 17).*

There is a demand for 13,672 school age spaces. Currently there are only 7,664 available in the County, with a shortfall of 6,008. While there are additional license-exempt programs for school age kids, they are not counted in the supply data because they have not chosen to be listed in the county's Resource and Referral agencies' data bases. Also, license-exempt programs may not meet families' needs for full-year care.

7. *There is a significant shortage of subsidized care for children in the County, with only 16% of the demand met for children 0 to 12 (see Tables 15 and 17).*

There are approximately 22,000 children ages 0 to 12 in Sonoma County who live in households that earn equal to or less than 70% of the State Median Income (SMI) and qualify for subsidized child care. Almost 4,400 infants qualify for subsidized child care but only 484 slots are available and only 11% of demand is met. For preschool age

children, 51% of demand for subsidized care is currently met, with a shortage of 2,100 slots. For school age children, only 6% of demand for subsidized care is met, with a shortage of over 12,000 slots. Currently, only 16% of overall demand for subsidized care is being met. Additionally, not all subsidized slots meet families’ needs for geographic location, child’s age, quality, hours, etc. Also, there are low income families who fall just above the income threshold and don’t qualify for subsidies but cannot afford market rate care. In 2009, 33% of demand for subsidized care was met as more funding was available for subsidized care programs.



8. Almost 19% of children under the age of 6 and 13% of children ages 6 to 12 in Sonoma County live below the Federal Poverty Level (see Table 11 and 12).

Almost 11,300 children in Sonoma County live in families that earn less than the Federal Poverty Level, which was \$23,050 for a household of four in 2012, when this data was collected. And 42% of infants, 46% of preschoolers, and 44% of school age children live

in families earning less than 70% of SMI, or \$77,167 (for 2012). That is a total of 32,562 children ages 0 to 12 in families learning less than 70% SMI (43.9% of all children). In 2009, 22% of children lived below the Federal Poverty Level.

9. *The number of children ages 0 to 12 years old speaking languages other than English and the ethnic diversity of Sonoma County has increased since 2009 and is expected to continue to increase (see Tables 2 and 3).*

In 2009, 77% of children ages 0 to 12 years old spoke English as their primary language. This percentage is now 65%. Of the other 35%, 33.2% are Spanish speakers. Other languages include Vietnamese, Filipino, Khmer, Mandarin and others. White children make up 46.4% of the population and Hispanic children make up 42.8%. Multiracial is the next largest group with 5.3%.

Summary of Children and Child Care Data as of 2014

The following is a summary snapshot of the data from Attachment B.

- ◆ **Total Children 0 to 12:** 74,172 or 15.0% of total population in 2014.
 - 16,680 children 0 to 2 years old or 22.5% of total 0 to 12 children
 - 14,998 children 3 to 5 years old or 22.1% of total 0 to 12 children¹
 - 42,493 children 6 to 12 years old or 55.4% of total 0 to 12 children

- ◆ **Ethnicity:** 46% Caucasian, 43% Hispanic, 3% Asian, 1% African American, 1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 5% multi-racial.

- ◆ **Labor Force Participation Rate of Working Parents:** children under 6 years old: 62%; and children over 6 years old: 72%.

- ◆ **Non-English Language Spoken:** 33.2% Spanish and 9 other languages spoken with less than one percent each; in total 35.0% of children in grades K-12 speak a foreign language.

- ◆ **Child Care Facilities or Providers:** 636 total
 - 308 licensed small family child care homes
 - 93 licensed large family child care homes
 - 171 licensed child care centers
 - 64 license-exempt centers

- ◆ **Estimated Supply:** 17,536 total child care spaces
 - 1,289 infant spaces (7% of total supply)
 - 8,583 preschool spaces (49% of total supply)
 - 7,664 school age spaces (44% of total supply)

- ◆ **Estimated Demand:** 25,459 total child care spaces
 - 3,845 infant spaces needed (15% of total demand)
 - 7,942 preschool spaces needed (31% of total demand)
 - 13,672 school age spaces needed (54% of total demand)

- ◆ **Child Care Gap:** Shortfall of 7,923 spaces
 - Overall, 69% of demand is being met
 - Infant: 2,556 spaces Shortfall

¹ The number of 3 to 5 year olds, or preschoolers, includes all 3 and 4 year olds and 75% of 5 year olds. The other 25% of 5 year olds is included in the 6 to 12 year old, or school age category, because of Transitional Kindergarten programs.

- Preschool: 641 spaces Surplus
 - School Age: 6,008 spaces Shortfall
 - Infant care shows significant shortfalls, with about 34% of demand not met.
- ◆ **Subsidized Child Care Slots:** 3,522 slots for children 0 to 12 years
- **Center-based (General) Program (CCTR):** 219 children served 0 to 12 years
 - **California State Preschool:** 1,013 children served, 3 to 5 years old
 - **Family Child Care Home Education Network:** 132 children being served, ages 0 to 12
 - **CalWORKS Stage 1, 2 and 3:** 1,294 children being served, ages 0 to 12
 - **Alternative Payment:** 312 children served
 - **Head Start:** 520 children enrolled in the Head Start program countywide, or 3% of total children ages 3-5, countywide
 - **Early Head Start:** 32 children participating in the Early Head Start program, or 0.2% of total children, ages 0-2, countywide
- ◆ **Children Eligible for Subsidized Care:** 22,001 children ages 0-12 years are eligible for subsidized care and only 3,522 spaces are available, with only 16% of demand being met.
- ◆ **Children with Special Needs:** 6,543 children have identified special needs. This is 8.8% of all children 0 to 12 years old.
- 5,830 are children 0 to 12 with IFSPs or IEPs
 - 713 children 0 to 12 served by Regional Centers or 1.0% of all children 0 to 12 years old.
- ◆ **CalWORKS:** 5,107 children ages 0 to 17 receive public assistance (cash grants) through CalWORKS, countywide.
- 3,632 children 0 to 12 years old receive CalWORKs or 5% of all children 0 to 12, countywide
- ◆ **Child Protective Services:** 604 children active with Child Protective Services (June 2014), or about 0.8% of total children countywide.

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We would like to thank the following organizations and public agencies for providing data and information for this study:

- American Institutes for Research (AIR) - Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool
- Butte County Office of Education
- California Department of Education
- California Department of Social Services
- California Department of Finance
- Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County
- Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County
- Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs)
- County of Sonoma - Human Services Department
- North Bay Regional Center
- River to Coast Children's Services (RCCS)
- Sonoma County Office of Education
- Sonoma County LEA Special Day Class Preschool Operators
- Sonoma County SELPA
- U.S. Census Bureau

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Attachment A: Sonoma County Child Care Needs Assessment Form

LOCAL PLANNING COUNCIL COUNTY CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS ASSESSMENT

County: Sonoma	Number: 49	Date Submitted:
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DEMOGRAPHICS							
Section 1: Number of Children in the County by Age Cohorts			Section 2: Percent of Child Population by Race/Ethnicity		Section 3: Child Population (grades K-12) by Threshold Languages		
Ages	1a. Number	Age Totals		Percent		3a. Number	3b. %
<1	5,601	1b. 0-2: 16,680	White	46.6%			
1	5,556		Hispanic/Latino	42.8%	Spanish	23,569	95.0%
2	5,523		Asian American/ Pacific Islander	3.4%	Vietnamese	315	1.3%
3	5,296	1c. 3-5: 14,998	African American	1.3%	Filipino	173	0.7%
4	5,538		American Indian / Alaskan Native	0.8%	Khmer (Cambodian)	173	0.7%
5	5,552		Multiracial	5.3%	Mandarin	161	0.7%
6	5,616	1d. 6-12: 42,493			Punjabi	122	0.5%
7	5,919				Lao	118	0.5%
8	5,842				Cantonese	98	0.4%
9	5,908				Korean	75	0.3%
10	5,966				Hmong	9	0.04%
11	5,957						
12	5,896						
Total	74,172						

Section 1 Source: California Department of Finance, P-3 Report updated 1/31/13. Estimates for 2014.

Section 2 Source: California Department of Finance, 2010.

Section 3 Source: Count of English Language Learners (ELL), K-12 from CDE Data Quest 2013-14; Identified languages are used by CDE.

SPECIAL NEEDS				
Section 4: Number of Children Who Have an Individualized Family Services Plan or an Individualized Education Plan by Age Group			Section 5: Number of Children Served in Child Protective Services Who Have Been Referred for Child Care and Development Services	
<i>As of June 2014</i>				
Age Group	4a. IFSP Number	4b. IEP Number	5a. In the CPS system	5b. Referred for Child Care
0-2	119		147	101
3-5		1,133	161	156
6-12		5,291	296	183

Section 4 Sources: Sonoma County SELPA and North Bay Regional Center. Data for 2013-14.

Section 5 Sources: County of Sonoma Human Services Department. Data for June 2014.

Section 6 Sources: CDSS CW report for Sonoma County for April 2014.

INCOME						
Section 6: Number of Children in Families Receiving CalWORKS by Age			Section 7: Number of Children by Income Category, by Age			
Ages	6a. Number	6b. %		7a.	7b.	7c.
All children 0-17	5,107	100%	Ages	At or Below Federal Poverty	At or below 70% of State Median Income	Above 70% SMI
Infants	817	16.0%	Infants	3,136	7,026	9,655
Preschool	734	14.4%	Preschool	2,820	6,899	8,099
School-age	2,081	40.7%	School-age	5,354	18,638	23,856
Section 8: Number of Children in Migrant Families (50% or more of income is from Migrant work)						
Children in Migrant Families (0-12)			a.	Not applicable _____	Data not available __	
			Number <u>1,323</u>			

Section 7 Sources: California Department of Finance; American Community Survey; American Institutes for Research (AIR)

Section 8 Sources: Butte County Office of Education.

DEMAND FOR CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES			
Demand Populations	Infant/toddlers (0-2)	Preschool (3-5)	School-age (6-12)
Section 9: Number of children in families with working parents who are at or below 70% SMI	9a. 4,377	9b. 4,298	9c. 13,326
Section 10: Number of children with all parents in the workforce	10a. 10,392	10b. 9,344	10c. 30,383
Percent used to calculate numbers likely to use of child care	37%*	85% locally determined	45% locally determined
Section 11: Number of 3-4's in families with at least 1 non-working parent in the home (all income levels)	# 4,084		
Section 12: Number of 3-4's in families with at least 1 parent non-working in the home (income below 70%/ eligible for subsidized program)	# 1,879		

Section 9 Source: California DOF; American Community Survey 5 year estimates for 2012, American Institutes for Research (AIR).

Section 10 Source: California DOF; American Community Survey 5 year estimates for 2012, American Institutes for Research (AIR).

* standard percent of families based on a review of 15 state and national surveys; or specific county data/percents are used from American Community Survey; or local numbers.

Section 11 Source: California DOF P-3 Report, and American Community Survey data 2012.

Section 12 Source: California DOF P-3 Report, and American Community Survey data 2012.

CAPACITY			
Section 13: Licensed Capacity for Age Groups and Children with Exceptional Needs			
Number of Spaces in Licensed and Licensed-Exempt Facilities	13a. Infants (0-2)	13b. Preschool (3-5)	13c. School-age (6-12)
Centers	314	6,267	2,618
Family Child Care Homes *	975	1,917	489
Licensed-Exempt Centers**		399	4,557
Spaces in Centers Specifically Serving Children with Exceptional/ Special Needs ***		300	

Section 13 Sources: Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs); River to Coast Community Services; Sonoma County LEA Preschool Operators.

** Includes license-exempt centers listed with the local R&Rs. There are a total of 3,431 after school slots, 93 before school slots, and 16,146 supplemental slots available through ASES and 21st Century; some of which are not included above as they have chosen not to be listed with the R&Rs.

*** Number of spaces in centers serving children with special needs from CCL or R&R database; may also be counted in center capacity.

COST OF CARE: County Level								
Section 14: Weekly Cost of Care by Age and Type of Care								
Regional Market Rates	Center Full time Maximum	Center Full time Average	Center Part time Maximum	Center Part time Average	FCC Full time Maximum	FCC Full time Average	FCC Part time Maximum	FCC Part time Average
Infants/Toddlers	\$253	\$245	\$238	\$124	\$203	\$212	\$190	\$139
Preschool	\$185	\$190	\$134	\$125	\$187	\$202	\$151	\$135
School-age	\$176	\$149	\$112	\$119	\$156	\$179	\$133	\$137

Section 14 Source: California Department of Education; Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs); River to Coast Community Services

CAPACITY TO SERVE INCOME ELIGIBLE CHIDLREN			
Section 15: Children Served/Spaces Available In Subsidized Child Care and Development Programs			
Program Type	Infant/Toddler	Preschool	School-age
a.Center-based	52	40	127
b. CSPP (full time)		1,013	
c. CSPP (part-time)			
d. FCCHEN	65	36	31
e. Migrant	0	0	0
f. Handicap program	0	0	0
g. Alternative Payment	74	109	129
h. Stage 1	45	49	133
i. Stage 2	186	357	318
j. Stage 3	30	64	112
k. Head Start		520	
l. Early Head Start	32		
m. Other			

Section 15 Sources: Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs); River to Coast Children's Services; California Department of Social Services; Community Action Partnership of Sonoma

UNMET NEED						
Section 16: Countywide Unmet Need by Type of Care and By Age						
Type of care needed	Infant/Toddlers		Preschool		School-age	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
16a. Full time care for working parents	-2,556	66%	641	-8%	-6,008	44%
16b. Full time care because of work and eligible for state subsidy	7,026	93%	6,899	68%	18,638	95%
16c. Part time preschool care for enrichment /school readiness			1,897	46%		
16d. Part time preschool care for enrichment /school readiness and eligible for subsidy			1,879	18%		

Section 16 Source: CCCCA developed EXCEL spreadsheet

Attachment B: Detailed Data and Documentation

In preparing the 2014 Child Care Needs Assessment for Sonoma County for the Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County (CCPC), Nilsson Consulting followed the *LPC Child Care Needs Assessment: Instruction Guide for Completing the Aggregate County Report* as closely as possible. We used the suggested data sources, and also additional sources of information as needed. In the following pages, the table numbers correlate to the section numbers in the LPC Child Care Needs Assessment report form generated by the California Child Care Coordinators Association (CCCCA), and the narrative documents how the numbers in the Needs Assessment report were derived.

One area where we deviated from the Needs Assessment instructions was in calculating Preschool and School Age care. With Transitional Kindergarten serving approximately 25% of 5 year olds, the Preschool category includes all 3 and 4 year olds and 75% of 5 year olds. The other 25% of 5 year olds have been added to the School Age category (ages 6 to 12) because they are assumed to be attending Transitional Kindergarten and requiring after school care, not preschool.

Children by Age and Total Population

Table 1 shows the number of children, ages 0 to 12 in Sonoma County and total population as of 2014. This data is based on the California Department of Finance P to 3 Report, entitled “County Total Population by Race/Ethnicity and Detailed Age, 2010 to 2060.” The data is estimated for 2014 and was last updated on January 31, 2013, which is the most current available data. The Needs Assessment Instruction Guide recommends using the Summary File 1 from the Department of Finance; however it was decided to use the more current P-3 report for the purposes of this Needs Assessment. Totals for each age group—Infants (0 to 2 years), Preschool (3 to 5 years), and School Age (6 to 12 years) are listed at the bottom.¹ **Table 1** also shows the percentage of each age as compared to children ages 0 to 12 years and to the population as a whole. By group, infants make up 22.5% of children ages 0 to 12 and 3.4% of the County's population, preschoolers comprise 20.2% of children ages 0 to 12 and 3.0% of the County's population, and school age children make up 57.3% of children ages 0 to 12 years and 8.6% of the County's population. Since 2009, when the last Needs Assessment for Sonoma County was completed, the number of children ages 0 to 12 years old has decreased from approximately 84,500 to 74,200 or by 12.3%, while overall population decreased by 2%.

¹ Note that 25% of 5 year olds are included in the 6 to 12 year old, or school age, category in order to account for those children enrolled in Transitional Kindergarten programs.

Table 1
Children by Age, 0-12 Years Old for 2014
Sonoma County Needs Assessment-2014 Update

Age in Years (1)	Total	% of Children 0-12 Years	% of Total Population	2009 Population	% Change in Population 2009 to 2014
0	5,601	7.55%	1.13%		
1	5,556	7.49%	1.13%		
2	5,523	7.45%	1.12%		
3	5,296	7.14%	1.07%		
4	5,538	7.47%	1.12%		
5	5,552	7.49%	1.12%		
6	5,616	7.57%	1.14%		
7	5,919	7.98%	1.20%		
8	5,842	7.88%	1.18%		
9	5,908	7.97%	1.20%		
10	5,966	8.04%	1.21%		
11	5,957	8.03%	1.21%		
12	5,896	7.95%	1.19%		
Total Ages 0-12	74,172	100.00%	15.02%	84,546 (2)	-12.27%
Total Sonoma County Population	493,671			503,040	-1.86%
Total Infants (0-2 years)	16,680	22.49%	3.38%	18,920	-11.84%
Total Preschool (3-5 years)	14,998	20.22%	3.04%	19,630	-23.60%
Total School Age (6-12 years)	42,493	57.29%	8.61%	45,996 (2)	-7.62%

(1) The DOF populations estimates are for 2014.

(2) The 2009 Needs Assessment included children to 13 years old. In looking at the raw data used in 2009, we calculated the number of 0 to 12 year olds to compare here. Therefore this figure does not match the figure in the 2009 Needs Assessment.

Sources: California Department of Finance, P-3 State and County Total Population Projections by Race/Ethnicity and Detailed Age, 2010-2060, Updated 1/31/13; Nilsson Consulting.

Ethnicity of Children

Table 2 shows the breakdown of race/ethnicity for the population ages 0 to 12 years old as of 2010, which is the latest data available for ethnicity. Children who are White make up 46.4% of the 0 to 12 population in Sonoma County, followed by Hispanic/Latino children at 42.8% of the 0 to 12 population children, and Multiracial at 5.3%. Data in **Table 2** is based on the California Department of Finance's Summary 1 file.

Table 2
Children Ages 0-12 Years by Race/Ethnicity for 2010
Sonoma County Needs Assessment-2014 Update

Race/Ethnicity	No. of Children 0-12 years	% of Total Children 0-12 Years
White	34,732	46.4%
Hispanic/Latino	32,041	42.8%
Asian American/ Pacific Islander	2,550	3.4%
African American American Indian / Alaskan Native	969	1.3%
Multiracial	<u>3,988</u>	<u>5.3%</u>
Total	74,851	100.00%

Sources: California Department of Finance Summary 1 File 2010;
 Nilsson Consulting.

Language Spoken by Children in Grades K to 12

Child Population by Language reflects the primary language spoken (other than English) by children in grades K to 12 in Sonoma County as of 2013-14, and which is summarized in **Table 3**. Data on language spoken is from the California Department of Education's Data Quest database (www.cde.ca.gov). This data set is not available for children ages 0 to 5 years old, but it is assumed that the K to 12 data is reflective of the language spoken by households with younger children in the County. Spanish makes up the greatest percentage (95.0%) of primary language spoken (not including English), followed by Vietnamese (1.27%), and Filipino (0.7%). When looking at all children in K to 12 grades, Spanish speakers make up 33.2% of the population. No other language is greater than 1% of total children. Overall, 35.0% of children speak a language other than English.

Table 3
Children In Grades K-12 by Language Spoken (Excluding English) for 2013-14
Sonoma County Needs Assessment-2014 Update

Language	Number of Children K-12	Percentage of Children who Speak Languages Other Than English	Percentage of Total Children
Spanish	23,569	94.99%	33.23%
Vietnamese	315	1.27%	0.44%
Filipino	173	0.70%	0.24%
Khmer (Cambodian)	173	0.70%	0.24%
Mandarin	161	0.65%	0.23%
Punjabi	122	0.49%	0.17%
Lao	118	0.48%	0.17%
Cantonese	98	0.39%	0.14%
Korean	75	0.30%	0.11%
Hmong	9	0.04%	0.01%
Total	24,813	100.00%	35.0%

Sources: California Department of Education DataQuest Report for 2013-2014 for Sonoma County;
 Nilsson Consulting.

Children with Special Needs

The number of children with an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) or Individualized Education Plan (IEP) is broken down by age group in **Table 4**. IFSPs are for families with children younger than 3 years and IEPs are for children ages 3 and up. Data for this item comes from Sonoma County SELPA, the North Bay Regional Center, and the California Department of Education. The North Bay Regional Center serves three counties, so a special request was made to obtain just the numbers for Sonoma County. There are 5,830 children with disabilities per the Department of Education (Year 2013 to 2014) and 713 Regional Center Consumers, for children ages 0 to 12 years old as of 2013-14, for a total of 6,543 children 0 to 12. Numbers of children with special needs typically increase as children get older, primarily due to higher rates of identification and diagnosis.

Table 4
Children with an IFSP or IEP by Age Group for 2013-14
Sonoma County Needs Assessment-2014 Update

Age	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-12 Years	Totals	Percent of Totals
Children with Disability (1)	70	949	4,811	5,830	7.9%
Regional Center Consumers (2)	49	184	480	713	1.0%
Total (IFSP or IEP) (3)	119	1,133	5,291	6,543	8.8%

(1) From Laura Buegler at Sonoma County SELPA. Data for 2013-14.

(2) Data was provided by Pamela Madden-Krall, North Bay Regional Center.

The North Bay Regional Center also serves Solano and Napa Counties, so data was requested specifically for Sonoma County.

(3) Children 3 years and up have Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) and children under 3 have Individual Family Services Plans (IFSPs).

Sources: California Department of Education; North Bay Regional Center; Nilsson Consulting.

Children in Child Protective Services

Table 5 provides data on the number of children in Child Protective Services (CPS) as of 2014. Based on data from County of Sonoma Human Services Department, there were 604 children ages 0 to 12 years old in Child Protective Services as of June 2014. For the same year, 440 children ages 0 to 12 were referred for child care services. Not all children referred by Children Protective Services actually enter the child care system. Additionally, the children listed in Child Protective Services count only those that are currently active as of June 29, 2014 while children referred for child care services include past and present cases, though all are considered at-risk for CPS involvement.

Table 5
Children in Child Protective Services System and Number Referred-2014
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Age	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-12 Years	Total
Number of Children in Child Protective Services	147	161	296	604
Number of Children Referred for Child Care Services	101	156	183	440

Data is current as of June 29, 2014 and reflects a single point of time. Data was provided by Regina de Melo and Joel Evans-Fudem with the County of Sonoma Human Services Department.

Sources: County of Sonoma Human Services Department; Nilsson Consulting.

Children in CalWORKS

The number of children in families on CalWORKs by age group is shown in **Table 6**. The data is provided by the California Department of Social Services CalWORKs Cash Grant Caseload Movement Report for April 2014. There are a total of 5,107 CalWORKs children ages 0 to 17. Based on the population by age data from the California Department of Finance P to 3 report, the percentage of children by age group was calculated and then applied to the total of 5,107 to estimate the number of CalWORKs children in each age group. Based on these calculations, 817 children 0 to 2 years old, 734 children 3 to 5 years old, and 2,081 children 6 to 12 years old are in CalWORKS, for a total of approximately 3,632 children 0 to 12 years old.

Table 6
Children in Families on CalWORKS by Age Group for 2014
Sonoma County Needs Assessment-2014 Update

Age	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-12 Years	Total 0 - 12 Years	13-17 Years	Total 0-17 Years
Total Children by Age Group	16,680	14,998	42,493	74,172	30,126	104,298
% of Total Children 0-17 Years	16.0%	14.4%	40.7%	71.1%	28.9%	100.0%
CalWORKS Child Population (1)	817	734	2,081	3,632	1,475	5,107
	16.0%	14.4%	40.7%	71.1%	28.9%	100.0%

(1) CalWorks data includes children 0-17 years old and those figures were necessary to figure out the percentages of each age group to apply to the CalWorks numbers, but children 13-17 are not part of this Needs Assessment.

Sources: California Department of Finance, P-3 Report; CalWORKS CA237CW Report for Sonoma County for April 2014; Nilsson Consulting.

Children by Family Income and Age

Table 7 calculates the number of children in families by income category and age group. Based on the American Community Survey 5 Year Estimates (2012), the percentage of families with incomes below the poverty level in the past 12 months for children under 5 years (18.8%) is applied to the total number of infants (0 to 2 years) and preschoolers (3 to 5 years). The percentage of families with incomes below the poverty level in the past 12 months for children ages 6 to 17 years (12.6%) is applied to school age children (6 to 12 years). These percentages are multiplied by the total number of children in each age group to calculate the number of children in families with incomes below the poverty level.

Using the Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool created for the CCCCA by the American Institutes for Research (AIR), data on the number of children in each age group with family incomes that are below 70% of State Median Income (SMI) is calculated. The AIR data shows that 42.1% of children ages 0 to 2, 46.0% of children ages 3 to 5, and 43.9% of children 6 to 12 years old live in families earning less than 70% of SMI. The AIR percentages are based on numbers from the American Community Survey and are calculated separately from the total children they report, which is based on data from the Department of Public Health. According to AIR, these percentage data are more accurate and we are using these factors here.²

Lastly, **Table 7** also calculates the number of children by age group who live in families earning more than 70% SMI. In 2012, the SMI for a family of four in California was \$77,167.³ The Federal poverty guidelines for a family of 4 in 2012 was \$23,050.⁴

² Based on emails with Karen Manship, Senior Researcher at AIR.org, on May 15, 2014.

³ Based on data from the U.S. Department of Justice. Viewed September 5, 2014.
http://www.justice.gov/ust/eo/bapcpa/20120501/bci_data/median_income_table.htm

⁴ Data from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Viewed September 5, 2014.
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/12poverty.shtml#guidelines>

Table 7
Number of Children in Families by Income Category and Age Group
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Age		0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-12 Years	Total
Total Children by Age Group		16,680	14,998	42,493	74,172
% of Families with Children Whose Income In the Past Year Below Poverty Level	(1)	18.8%	18.8%	12.6%	
# of Families with Children Whose Income In the Past Year Below Poverty Level		3,136	2,820	5,354	11,310
% of Children in Families earning less than 70% of State Median Income	(2)	42.1%	46.0%	43.9%	
# of Children in Families Earning less than 70% of State Median Income		7,026	6,899	18,638	32,562
Children in Families with Incomes Above 70% SMI	(2)	9,655	8,099	23,856	41,609

(1) This data is from the American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012.

(2) This data is from the Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool compiled by American Institutes for Research. The percentage used here is based on numbers from the American Community Survey for Sonoma County, according to the American Institutes for Research. The children in families earning less than 70% of State Median Income also includes the children living below the poverty level.

Sources: California Department of Finance; American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012; American Institutes for Research; Nilsson Consulting.

Children in Migrant Families

Data for children from migrant families is shown in **Table 8**. There are 1,323 children from migrant families in Sonoma County, according to the Butte County Office of Education which collects migrant student data for Sonoma County.

Table 8
Number of Children in Migrant Families for 2013-14
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	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-12 Years	Total
Children in Migrant Worker Families (1)	55	334	934	1,323
Percent Distribution	4%	25%	71%	100%

(1) Data for Sonoma County was provided by Angelica Mora, Butte County Office of Education.

Sources: Butte County Office of Education; Nilsson Consulting.

Children Eligible for Subsidized Care

Table 9 estimates the number of children by age group whose families work and are eligible for subsidized child care and development. This analysis uses Labor Force Participation Rates from the ACS 5 to Year Survey (2012) for children in households with two working parents to the number of families earning less than 70% of SMI. This data is used to estimate the number of children eligible for subsidized care. It is estimated that 22,001 children ages 0 to 12 qualify for subsidized care in Sonoma County.

Table 9
Number of Children in Families at or Below 70% of SMI with Working Parents
Sonoma County Needs Assessment-2014 Update

Age	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-12 Years	Total
Total Number of Children by Age Group	16,680	14,998	42,493	74,172
Children at or Below 70% of SMI	7,026	6,899	18,638	32,562
Labor Force Participation Rates	62.3%	62.3%	71.5%	
Children at or Below 70% of SMI with Working Parents	4,377	4,298	13,326	22,001

Sources: California Department of Finance; American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012; American Institutes for Research; Nilsson Consulting.

Child Care Demand

The child care demand for children in households with working parents is calculated in **Table 10** as of 2014. The total number of children by age group is multiplied by the Labor Force Participation Rates (62.3% for children under 6 years and 71.5% for children 6 to 17 years) to calculate the number of children with working parents (either two working parents or a single parent who works). The number of children with working parents is then multiplied by the percentage of children who need licensed care by age group (37% for infants, 85% for preschool, and 45% for school age). These percentages are both based on the percentages recommended by the CCCCA and agreed upon by the CCPC. The Needs Assessment instructions suggest 75% for preschool, unless additional information is available to use a more accurate local number. In other studies in similar jurisdictions, 85% has frequently been used to calculate preschool demand because demand for preschool is not only based on need. The benefits of preschool have demonstrated in various studies in recent years and parents are sending their children to preschool for its many benefits, not necessarily because they require child care. The Needs Assessment instructions also recommend 39% demand for school age care, but with more children in Transitional Kindergarten, we have adjusted this to 45% for the purposes of this study. Based on these percentages, it is estimated that 25,459 children ages 0 to 12 years require licensed care in Sonoma County.

Table 10
Estimated Number of Children in Families Where All Parents/Guardians Work-2012
Sonoma County Needs Assessment-2014 Update

Age	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-12 Years	Total
Number of Children by Age Group	16,680	14,998	42,493	74,172
Labor Force Participation Rates	62.3%	62.3%	71.5%	68%
Children With Working Parents	10,392	9,344	30,383	50,118
% Children Needing Licensed Care	37%	85%	45%	51%
Children Needing Licensed Care	3,845	7,942	13,672	25,459

Sources: California Department of Finance; American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012; American Institutes for Research; Nilsson Consulting.

Demand for Part-Time Preschool

Table 11 and 12 (one table which refers to sections 11 and 12 in the Needs Assessment form) calculates the demand for part-time preschool for children that have at least one non-working parent (Section 11) and also demand for part-time preschool for low-income children (Section 12). The total number of children ages 3 to 5 years is shown, and then the percentage of 3 and 4 years olds is calculated (72.2%) and applied to the number of children ages 3 to 5 with at least one non-working parent. This results in 4,084 children that are ages 3 and 4 years and have at least one non-working parent. Applying the 46.0% of families below 70% SMI to that figure results in 1,879 children ages 3 and 4 in families earning less than 70% of SMI and with one non-working parent. Because this table calculates children with at least one non-working parent, this is used to consider demand for part-time preschool care instead of full-time care. This figure represents children that may require subsidies for part-time child care. Part-time care is considered important for kindergarten-readiness and all of the benefits of early care and education but does not represent “child care” for all families. It should be noted that some of these parents may wish or need their preschool age child to be in full-time care as well.

Table 11 and 12
Demand for Part Day State Preschool for 3 and 4 Year Olds - 2012
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Item	3-5 Years Old	Notes
Total Children Countywide	14,998	
Number of Children in Working Families	9,344	
Children with At-Least One Non-Working Parent	5,654	
% of Children 3-5 Years that are 3- and 4-Years Old	72.2%	
Number of 3-& 4-Year Olds With At Least One Non-Working Parent	4,084	Section 11
% of Children in Families earning less than 70% of State Median Income	46.0%	
Number of 3-& 4-Year Olds With At Least One Non-Working Parent Earning Less than 70% SMI	1,879	Section 12

Sources: American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates 2012; California Department of Finance, P-3 Report;
 Nilsson Consulting.

Child Care Supply

Licensed capacity at centers and family child care homes is shown in Section 13. **Table 13** presents the number of licensed and license-exempt spaces provided by private child care centers by age. As shown there are a total of 9,199 spaces in 171 licensed child care centers, with 68% as preschool spaces. There are an additional 4,956 spaces in 64 different license-exempt programs. These are the license-exempt spaces that are listed with the local Child Care Resource and Referral (R&R) agencies.

The calculations used to derive the number of licensed spaces at Family Child Care Homes (FCCH) are also shown in **Table 13**. The local R&R agencies provided us with the number of licensed FCCHs and their desired capacity. The spaces included here are spaces that each FCCH would like to have filled, by age group, and does not necessarily reflect the number of children they are licensed for (some choose to have less children than they are licensed for). In general, small FCCHs can have up to 8 children and large FCCHs can have up to 14. As of July 2014, there are 308 small FCCHs and 93 large FCCHs. For small FCCHs in Sonoma County, there are a total of 699 infant spaces, 1,086 preschool spaces, and 376 school age spaces for a total of 2,161 spaces at small FCCHs. For large FCCHs, there are a total of 276 infant spaces, 831 preschool spaces, and 113 school age spaces in the County for a total of 1,220 spaces for children at large FCCHs. This provides a total of 3,381 licensed spaces at all Family Child Care Homes in the County.

Table 13

**Capacity at Licensed and License-Exempt Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes (FCCHs) and Data on Special Day Centers for Children with Special Needs as of July 2014
 Sonoma County Needs Assessment-2014 Update**

Age	# of Providers	0-2 Years	3-5 Years	6-12 Years	Total
Licensed Child Care Centers	171	314	6,267	2,618	9,199
Percent Distribution		3%	68%	28%	100%
License-Exempt Centers (1)	64	0	399	4,557	4,956
Percent Distribution		0%	8%	92%	100%
Total Center Spaces by Age	235	314	6,666	7,175	14,155
		2%	47%	51%	100%
FCCHs					
Spaces at Small FCCH (2)	308	699	1,086	376	2,161
Spaces at Large FCCH (2)	93	276	831	113	1,220
Total FCCH Spaces by Age	401	975	1,917	489	3,381
Percent Distribution		29%	57%	14%	100%
TOTAL CHILD CARE SUPPLY	636	1,289	8,583	7,664	17,536
		7%	49%	44%	100%
Spaces in Centers Specifically Serving Children with Exceptional/Special Needs (3)			300		300

(1) Supply data from Lorie Siebler, 4Cs as of July 2014 and from Elaina Boyce at RCCS as of July 2014.

This data includes only license-exempt centers that are listed with the local Resource and Referral agencies (R&Rs). There are a total of 3,431 after school slots, 93 before school slots, and 16,146 supplemental slots available through ASES and 21st Century Century programs in Sonoma County, however, some of these numbers are not reflected above because they have not chosen to be listed with the county's R&Rs.

(2) Based on desired capacity of each family child care home, which varies by provider.

(3) These are spaces in Special Day Centers (SDCs) in the Sonoma County. These numbers reflect enrollment and not capacity, and are not included in total child care supply numbers as they serve a specific population and not all children. These programs serve children ages 3 through 5.

As of August 21, 2014 the total spaces are missing data from two providers.

Also, 10% of all Head Start spaces are mandated for children with special needs, but those numbers are included in total supply of child care and are not reflected here.

Sources: Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs); River to Coast Community Services; Sonoma County LEA Preschool Operators; Nilsson Consulting.

The bottom of **Table 13** shows that there are 300 children, ages 3 to 5 years old, in Special Day Classes in Sonoma County for children with special needs. The numbers shown represent enrollment and not total capacity. The numbers are not included in the totals supply because they serve a specific population, and are not open to the general population.

Cost of Child Care by Type

Table 14 shows the maximum and average weekly cost of child care for part-time and full-time care at licensed centers and Family Child Care Homes. The maximum reimbursement rates come from the California Department of Education for 2012, the most recent data available, and the average rates for part-time and full-time care at centers and FCCHs comes from the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County and is current for 2014. The average child care preschool space at a center is \$190 per week, for full time care, and \$125 for part time care. In FCCHs, the average preschool cost for full time care is \$202 and \$135 for part-time care. Average rates for infant and school age care are also shown. For center-based part-time care, hourly rates were provided and the rates shown in the table assume 20 hours per week of care.

Table 14
Weekly Cost of Care by Age Group and Facility Type
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Age	Year of Data	Infants 0-2 Years	Preschool 3-5 Years	School-Age 6-12 Years
Center-Based Care				
Center Full-Time Maximum Reimbursement Rates (1)	2012	\$253	\$185	\$176
Center Full-Time Average (2)	2014	\$245	\$190	\$149
Center Part-Time Maximum Reimbursement Rates (1)	2012	\$238	\$134	\$112
Center Part-Time Average (3)	2014	\$124	\$125	\$119
Family Child Care Homes				
FCCH Full-Time Maximum Reimbursement Rates (1)	2012	\$203	\$187	\$156
FCCH Full-Time Average (2)	2014	\$212	\$202	\$179
FCCH Part-Time Maximum Reimbursement Rates (1)	2012	\$190	\$151	\$133
FCCH Part-Time Average (3)	2014	\$139	\$135	\$137

(1) Maximum reimbursement data from <http://www3.cde.ca.gov/rcscc/index.aspx>. Viewed June 10, 2014 and current as of July 1, 2012.

(2) Full time average weekly costs for centers and FCCHs from the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs) and River to Coast Community Services.

(3) Part time average weekly costs for centers and FCCHs are based on hourly rates provided from Lorie Siebler at the Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs) in July 2014. For these weekly averages, we are assuming 20 hours per week of part-time care.

Sources: California Department of Education; Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs); River to Coast Community Services; Nilsson Consulting.

Supply of Subsidized Child Care by Program

The existing capacity serving children who are eligible for subsidized care is shown in **Table 15**. The American Institutes for Research (AIR) Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool with 2012 data provided numbers for Center-based care, CSPP, FCCHEN, Migrant, Handicap, Alternative Payment, and Stage 2 and 3 CalWORKS. Data from the California Department of Social Services provided Stage 1 CalWORKS numbers. The Community Action Partnership of Sonoma provided data on Head Start and Early Head Start data for the County as of June 2014. As of 2014, there were 3,522 children enrolled in some form of subsidized care in the county.

Table 15 also shows the total demand for subsidized spaces that was calculated in **Table 9**. With a total demand of 22,001, it means only 16% of demand for subsidized spaces is currently met, though this varies by age group, and 18,479 children could still use subsidized care in Sonoma County.

Table 15
Income Eligible Children Enrolled in Programs
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Age	Year of Data	Infants 0-2 Years	Preschool 3-5 Years	School-Age 6-12 Years	Total
Center-Based (General) Program (CCTR) (1)	2012	52	40	127	219
CSPP (1)	2012	na	1,013	na	1,013
FCCHEN (1)	2012	65	36	31	132
Migrant (1)	2012	0	0	0	0
Handicap Program (1)	2012	0	0	0	0
Alternative Payment (1)	2012	74	109	129	312
CalWORKS Stage 1 (2)	2014	45	49	133	227
CalWORKS Stage 2 (1)	2012	186	357	318	861
CalWORKS Stage 3 (1)	2012	30	64	112	206
Head Start (3)	2014	na	520	na	520
Early Head Start (3)	2014	32	na	na	32
Other		na	na	na	0
Total		484	2,188	850	3,522
Percent Distribution		14%	62%	24%	100%

Demand for Subsidized Care by Age (See Table 9)

Children at or Below 70% of SMI with
 Working Parents

4,377 4,298 13,326 22,001

**Surplus/(Shortage) of
 Subsidized Care**

(3,893)	(2,110)	(12,476)	(18,479)
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Percent of Demand Met

11% 51% 6% 16%

(1) Data from American Institutes for Research Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool for 2012.
 (2) From California Department of Social Services CW115 and CW115A reports for Sonoma County for April 2014, the most recent data available as of June 10, 2014.
 (3) Head Start and Early Head Start data provided on June 16, 2014 by Lisa Grocott, Assistant Director, Client Services, Community Action Partnership of Sonoma.
 Sources: Community Child Care Council of Sonoma County (4Cs); River to Coast Children's Services; California Department of Social Services; Community Action Partnership of Sonoma; Nilsson Consulting.

Unmet Need for Child Care by Age

Table 16 determines the shortfall and surplus in child care availability by type and by age group included in the Needs Assessment Form. One data item that is calculated is the unmet need for child care for children by age group who require full time care because they have working parents. This is calculated by taking the number of total children with working parents, as calculated in **Table 10**, and subtracting that from the number of licensed spaces for that age group. It shows a shortage of 2,556 infant spaces, a surplus of 641 preschool spaces, and a shortage of 6,008 school age spaces.

Table 16 also calculates unmet need for children who need full time care and are eligible for subsidies. It shows that there are 32,592 children who qualify for subsidized care between the ages of 0 to 12 years and 29,040 of those don't receive it. There is an unmet demand of 1,897 for part-time preschool spots for enrichment and school readiness and an unmet demand of 1,879 part-time preschool spaces for enrichment and school readiness and eligible for a state subsidy. Our overall assessment of child care need is shown in **Table 17** below.

Table 16
Countywide Unmet Need for Subsidized Care by Type of Care and By Age (1)
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Type of Care Needed	Infants 0-2 Years	Preschool 3-5 Years	School-Age 6-12 Years	Total
Need for Full-Time Care for Working Parents - Surplus/(Shortage)	(2,556)	641	(6,008)	(7,923)
% of Unmet Need for Full-Time Working Parents (% of children for whom there are no spaces)	66%	-8%	44%	-31%
Full-Time Care Because of Work and Eligible for State Subsidy (total number of eligible children from low-income working families)	7,026	6,899	18,638	32,562
# of Available Subsidized Spaces	484	2,188	850	3,522
# of Eligible children for whom there is no subsidy	6,542	4,711	17,787	29,040
% of Unmet Need for those who Work and are Eligible for State Subsidy (% of eligible children for whom there is no subsidy)	93%	68%	95%	89%
Demand (Unmet Need) for Part time preschool care for enrichment/school readiness (2)		1,897		
Unmet Need as % of Demand for Part Time preschool care for enrichment/readiness		46%		
Demand (Unmet Need) for Part time preschool care for enrichment/school readiness and eligible for state subsidy (3)		1,879		
Unmet Need as % of Demand for part time preschool care for enrichment/school readiness and eligible for state subsidy		18%		

Note: Negative figures represent a surplus of spaces; positive numbers represent a shortfall or unmet need.

(1) This table and its calculations are based on a detailed worksheet provided by the Child Care Coordinators Association and was not developed by Nilsson Consulting or Brion & Associates.

(2) This figure includes need for half-day preschool for all families regardless of income with at least one parent at home. This includes Head Start, CSPP, and other 1/2 day licensed programs.

(3) This is the number of 3 and 4 year olds with at least one non-working parent and in household earning less than 70% SMI. See Tables 11 & 12.

Source: Nilsson Consulting.

Total County Supply and Demand for Child Care by Age Group

Table 17 summarizes the total child care supply and demand by age group in a format similar to that used in Needs Assessments previously prepared by Brion & Associates in conjunction with Nilsson Consulting, and that used in the 2009 Sonoma County Needs Assessment prior to the CCCCA creating its Needs Assessment form. The top of the table calculates the existing demand for child care based on the total number of children by age group in the County, and applying labor force participation rates to those totals to determine the number of children with working parents. Percentages are then applied to those numbers to determine the number of children by age group who require licensed care.

In the County, there are 3,845 infants, 7,942 preschool age children, and 13,672 school age children requiring licensed care for a total 25,459 spaces. Comparing this to current supply, the total surplus/shortfall of licensed spaces by age group is calculated. Currently in Sonoma County, there is a shortage of approximately 2,556 infant spaces, a surplus of approximately 641 preschool spaces, and a shortage of 6,008 school age spaces,⁵ for a total shortfall of approximately 7,923 spaces for all children ages 0 to 12 years in the County. In comparison, in 2009 there was a shortage of 6,048 total spaces for children ages 0-13 years.

Table 17 also summarizes the data from **Table 15**, showing the demand for subsidized care that was discussed previously.

⁵ This data excludes supply from local youth/recreation programs.

Table 17
Existing Child Care Demand and Supply in 2014 in Sonoma County
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SONOMA COUNTY	No. of Providers	Child Care as of 2014			
		0-2 Years	3 to 5 Years	6 to 12 Years	Total, 0 to 12 Years
EXISTING DEMAND		Child Care Demand			
Estimated Total Children	(1)	16,680	14,998	42,493	74,172
Avg. Labor Force Participation Rates	(2)	62%	62%	72%	68%
Children With Working Parents		10,392	9,344	30,383	50,118
% Children Needing Licensed Care	(3)	37%	85%	45%	51%
Total Demand for Child Care Spaces		3,845	7,942	13,672	25,459
% Distribution of Total Demand for Spaces by Age Group		15%	31%	54%	100%
% of Total Children Needing Licensed Care		23%	53%	32%	34%
EXISTING SUPPLY		Child Care Spaces			
Family Child Care Home Supply	(4)				
Licensed for 8	308	699	1,086	376	2,161
Licensed for 14	93	276	831	113	1,220
Child Care Center Supply	171	314	6,267	2,618	9,199
Other License Exempt Programs	64 (6)	-	399	4,557	4,956
Current Child Care Supply	636	1,289	8,583	7,664	17,536
Percent Distribution		7%	49%	44%	100%
Spaces in Centers Specifically Serving Children with Exceptional/Special Needs			300		300
EXISTING SURPLUS/(SHORTAGE)		(2,556)	641	(6,008)	(7,923)
Percent Distribution		32%	-8%	76%	100%
Percentage of Demand Met by Existing Facilities/Spaces		34%	108%	56%	69%
DEMAND FOR SUBSIDIZED CARE					
Children at or Below 70% of SMI with Working Parents		4,377	4,298	13,326	22,001
Surplus (or shortage) of Subsidized Care		(3,893)	(2,110)	(12,476)	(18,479)
Percent of Subsidized Demand Met		11%	51%	6%	16%

- (1) Based on population for 2014 from the California Department of Finance, P-3 Report, updated January 2013.
- (2) Labor force participation rates are from the 2012 5-Year American Community Survey and include children with two working parents or single working parents. Rates vary by age, under 6 years and over 6 years.
- (3) Not all children with working parents are assumed to need licensed care: the assumptions - % - under each age category are used. The remaining children are assumed to be cared for by family members, nannies, friends, and unlicensed care. Percentages are based on the LPC Child Care Needs Assessment Instruction Guide.
- (4) Data on child care supply provided by the Child Care Coordinating Council of Sonoma County (4Cs) and River to Coast Community Services. Data is for July 2014.
- (5) Family Child Care Home spaces by age are broken down by desired capacity of each FCCH.
- (6) License-Exempt program numbers were provided by the Child Care Coordinating Council of Sonoma County (4Cs) and River to Coast Community Services.
- (7) Spaces for Special Day Classes (SDCs) are not included in total supply, it is just for informational purposes. These numbers reflect current enrollment and not capacity.
- Sources: California Department of Finance; American Community Survey; Sonoma County Office of Education; Child Care Coordinating Council of Sonoma County (4Cs); River to Coast Community Services; Nilsson Consulting.