

Land Use & Zoning Regulations for Child Care Programs in Santa Clara County

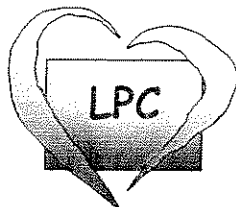
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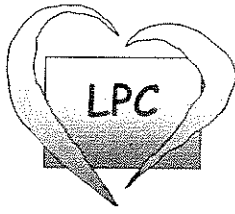
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Specific questions regarding permit/zoning regulations should be directed to the Planning Department for the city in question.

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Introduction

The fluctuations of Silicon Valley's economy have had dramatic impacts on Santa Clara County's child care system. Child care providers, both in centers and family child care homes, have struggled to keep up with real estate costs for years and finding or affording new property has become virtually impossible. According to the California Association of Realtors, the median price of a single-family home was \$201,000 in 1998; by 2000, it had jumped over 20 percent, to \$250,000. And despite the economic slowdown, home prices are expected to continue rising, thanks to growing demand. Many child care facilities have been forced to close because of rising rents and the difficulty of retaining staff who cannot afford to live on the wages offered to child care workers. Additionally, the sharp decline in employment in the bay area, specifically in the technology sector, has resulted in sudden drops in enrollment at many child care centers. Because the population of children under the age of 13 is expected to grow in the next decade, families that reside in the county will continue to need quality care as many households require a two-parent income in order to meet the high cost of living. With the number of centers closing and the properties being absorbed by other businesses, when the economy picks up, who's going to care for the children?

There is an increasing recognition that many child care centers and homes have significant difficulty in developing and improving their facilities in the face of rising real estate and construction costs in Santa Clara County. Despite efforts to remedy the situation, the lack of affordable, accessible quality care remains acute. In an effort to give child care providers, planners, and policy makers, tools to help increase the supply and quality of child care, the Local Investment in Child Care (LINCC) Project created this Land Use and Zoning Report. It outlines key land use and zoning policies and practices that impact the operation of child care programs in Santa Clara County's 15 cities. In a written survey completed in February of 2003, planners reviewed their cities' current zoning and permitting policies. The next component will be to identify best practices with respect to child care facilities and get new developers to assess the need for child care facilities when building new businesses or housing developments.

The purpose of this report is twofold - to detail how city/county planners and elected officials can ease barriers to child care facilities development by designing permit practices and land use policies with child care providers' needs and goals in mind and to assist individuals and companies interested in developing a child care program through the maze of local zoning ordinances. As a result of this work, we look to local governments for their aid in streamlining and coordinating the permit and planning process to alleviate conflicting requirements from different government agencies; restrictive zoning regulation and lengthy, costly and complex approval processes for child care providers.

Background

As of March 2003 there are 2027 child care programs operating in Santa Clara County. Licensed Child Care is separated into two categories – Family Child Care Homes (private residences caring for not more than 14 children, including the children of the care provider) and Child Care Centers. In Santa Clara County, these Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers provide approximately 53,000 spaces for the care of 199,365 children 0-13 with working parents.

Child Care facilities and the services they provide are vital to the lives and livelihoods of many residents. Although there has been a slight population decline recently, the number of births has not declined, and Santa Clara County's population is projected to grow aggressively. This growth will create a demand for the entire education system; including children of traditional ages for schooling and for children aged 0 to 5 as well. By identifying creative methods for supporting the development of child care centers and family child care homes county-wide, we hope to foster collaboration between city/county planners, local elected officials, and the child care field in order to meet child care demand and build the supply of high quality, accessible and affordable child care services.

Community development agencies and local planning departments seek to protect the health, safety, and welfare of their communities by regulating land use through enforcing current zoning policies and developing guidelines for future developments in the form of long-range general plans.

Recently the necessity of including child care in local land use planning has gained statewide attention. In addition to various developer fees and agreements addressing child care in the past, recent state legislation which was endorsed by the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors, passed the legislative process and was forwarded to the Governor's desk for signature. This bill would have required all cities and counties to address the distribution of child care facilities within the Land Use element of their general plan. Ultimately the bill remained unsigned by the Governor as there was concern regarding the costs associated with implementation. During the 2002-2003 Legislative session, Assemblyman Joseph Simitian (Dem-21st Dist) reintroduced the legislation (AB51) with modifications aimed at addressing the cost issues. This legislation emphasizes that child care services are an integral component of local community planning.

In addition to addressing child care in key community planning documents, local planners and zoning officials can play a critical role in facilitating the development of new child care services by:

- Guiding child care providers through the permit process with advice tailored to the needs and goals of their new or expanding businesses;
- Preparing child care providers to anticipate and resolve concerns from adjacent property owners who may oppose a child care site in their neighborhood before these complaints are brought before public hearings;
- Supporting the child care industry by incorporating child care planning within other local planning initiatives for residential and commercial developments;
- Identify and secure suitable land for the development of new facilities or the expansion of existing ones or identify vacant buildings that can be used for a child care business.

Santa Clara

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Building Permits

A building permit must be obtained before you erect, construct, enlarge, alter, move, repair, improve, convert, or demolish any building or structure. For required inspections and fee schedules, refer to www.sccgov.org

Business License Info/Application

The County of Santa Clara does not issue business licenses. If your business is located in the unincorporated area of the County, there is no business license requirement. If your business is located in a city, contact the city office for information regarding business licensing requirements and fees.

See www.sccplanning.org for more details.

Property Tax Assessment

All businesses, under certain circumstances, are required by California State Law to annually report (via the Business Property Statement, Form 571) the cost of their business personal property (i.e. equipment, furniture, computers, etc.) and improvements (i.e. leasehold/tenant improvements, trade fixtures etc.) to the Assessor and are responsible for the potential taxes on that property. The State Constitution says ALL property is subject to property tax. Most people are familiar with the property taxes on their home. Similarly the assets of businesses are subject to assessment.

See www.scc-assessor.org for more details.

Currently there are 2027 child care programs operating in Santa Clara County. Licensed child care is separated into two categories – Family Child Care Homes (private residences caring for not more than 14 children, including the children of the care provider) and Child Care Centers. Of the 2027 programs referenced above:

- 1381 are Family Child Care Homes – with the capacity to serve up to 12,700 children under the age of 14 and,
- 646 of the 2027 programs are Child Care Centers, with the capacity to serve up to 43,819 children under the age of 14.

These facilities and the services that they provide are an essential element to the lives of the families who live and work in the county, as 22% of the county population is under the age of 13.

Addressing land use issues barriers that make it difficult to set up child care programs - both Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers – can help increase child care capacity and address families need for accessible, affordable, quality child care. The importance of including child care in local land use and planning is gaining significant momentum as evidenced by recent legislation introduced by Assemblyman Joseph Simitan (Dem 21st district). This bill (AB51) would require that the land use element of the general plan address the distribution of certain child care facilities. By introducing this legislation it is recognized that child care services are an integral piece of local community planning.

The information presented in this report is intended to assist Family Child Care Providers and Child Care Center Operators in obtaining information related to the permit process for their individual city. Specific questions should be directed to the city planner's offices.

Fee and contact information is current as of January 2003. All fees, processes and contact information outlined on this page should be used as general guidelines as they are subject to periodic review and modification.

Population (2000):	1,700,000
Projected growth (2010):	1,879,000
Number of Households:	565,863
Languages Spoken:	100+
Children under age 13:	374,000

Interpreting the data:

- The total number of programs indicated includes all licensed programs that are actively providing child care services. Those programs which are on a temporary leave of absence are not included in this report.
- Age groups are defined as:
 - Infant (newborn – 1 year 11 months)
 - Preschool (2 years – 5 years 11 months)
 - School Age (6 years and older)
- Part-time care is defined as less than 35 hours per week.
- Full - time Care is 35 hours or more per week.
- A vacancy rate of less than 20% indicates that there is an inadequate supply of child care options for parents/guardians to choose from.

Child Care data provided by the Community Child Care Council of Santa Clara County, Inc (4C Council) and is current as of March 28, 2003. Data reflects information gathered from all known licensed Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers. For further information, please contact 4C Council at (408) 487-0747.

Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	1381			
Total Spaces		3332	5779	3589
Full-time Vacancies		1502	2522	1288
Vacancy Percent		45%	44%	36%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 203	\$ 186	\$ 161
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 110

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	646			
Total Spaces		3221	27,418	13,180
Full-time Vacancies		348	2433	1350
Vacancy Percent		11%	9%	10%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 262	\$ 169	\$ 133
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 94

Campbell

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Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Fees: Refer to
www.ci.campbell.ca.us/doingbus/startbusiness for
fee schedules.

Approximate Time for Approval: 3- 4 weeks

Parking Restrictions: Contact planning department for
information.

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning
Commission is required; all residents within a 300 foot
radius are notified.

Appeal Process: Appeal applications are submitted to the
City Clerk for placement on City Council Agenda. See city
website for fees related to Appeals.

Fire Inspection: Required – contact the fire department
to schedule appointment.

Business License: Required – please visit the city website
for application and fee information.

Small Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 8 children, including providers own
children less than 10 years old.

Small Family child care is allowed “by right” in all
residential districts. A home occupation permit is
required

Large Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 14 children, including provider’s own
children less than 10 years old.

Large Family Child Care is allowed “by right” in all
residential districts. Although no specific land
permits are required, providers must maintain
property in accordance with established residential
zoning ordinances. A home occupations permit is
required in addition to a business license. Fire
clearance must be obtained. Please see city website
for business license and fire inspection fees.

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modification.

Population (2000): 38,138
 Median Age: 35.2
 Median Household Income: \$67,214

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	31			
Total Spaces		80	107	55
Full-time Vacancies		29	44	26
Vacancy Percent		36%	41%	47%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 178	\$ 158	\$ 127
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 106

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	26			
Total Spaces		171	1139	319
Full-time Vacancies		72	237	44
Vacancy Percent		42%	21%	14%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 237	\$ 161	\$ 121
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 82

Cupertino

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Fire Department
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Business License Info/Application
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Local Child Care
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www.4c.org

Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Fees: Contact the city planning office for fee schedule.

Approximate Time for Approval: 3- 4 weeks

Parking Restrictions: Contact planning department for information.

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning Commission is required; all residents within a 300 foot radius are notified.

Appeal Process: Appeal applications are submitted to the City Clerk for placement on City Council Agenda. See city website for fees related to Appeals.

Fire Inspection: Required – contact the fire department to schedule appointment.

Business License: Required – an application can be obtained online at www.cupertino.org

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Large Family Child Care Homes

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Population (2000): 50,456
 Median Age: 38
 Median Household Income: \$100,411

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	37			
Total Spaces		100	183	62
Full-time Vacancies		38	67	15
Vacancy Percent		38%	0%	24%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 208	\$ 191	\$ 159
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 111

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	22			
Total Spaces		116	791	860
Full-time Vacancies		72	237	44
Vacancy Percent		42%	21%	14%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 299	\$ 181	\$ 128
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 82

Gilroy

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Fire Department

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Business License Info/Application

Planning Department
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Local Child Care

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Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Permit Fees: \$113

Approximate Time for Approval: 3-4 weeks

Business License Fees: \$30 annually

Parking Restrictions: Requires 1 space for each employee plus 1 space for every 15 children the center is licensed for.

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning Commission is required; all residents within a 300 foot radius are notified.

Appeal Process: Appeal applications are submitted to the City Clerk for placement on City Council Agenda. The City Council has decision on all requests for appeal.

Appeal Costs: \$180 plus \$60.84 per hour of staff time

Fire Inspection: Required – contact the fire department to schedule appointment.

Business License: Required – please visit the city website for application and fee information.

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Population (2000): 41,464
 Median Age: 29.9
 Median Household Income: \$65,135

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	83			
Total Spaces		186	317	233
Full-time Vacancies		107	162	91
Vacancy Percent		58%	51%	39%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 160	\$ 143	\$ 125
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 93

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	21			
Total Spaces		150	826	299
Full-time Vacancies		16	38	53
Vacancy Percent		11%	5%	18%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 212	\$ 164	\$ 144
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 100

Los Altos

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Fire Department

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Local Child Care

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Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Permit Fees: Contact the city planning department for fee schedule.

Approximate Time for Approval: Variable

Parking Restrictions: Contact the planning department for municipal code requirements.

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning Commission is required; all residents within a 300 foot radius are notified. The planning commission meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Appeal Process: Appeal applications are submitted to the City Clerk for placement on City Council Agenda. The City Council has decision on all requests for appeal.

Appeal Costs: Contact the city clerk for fee schedule.

Fire Inspection: Required – contact the fire department to schedule appointment.

Business License: Required – please visit the city website for application and fee information.

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Population (2000): 27,693
 Median Age: 44.2
 Median Household Income: \$126,740

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	11			
Total Spaces		31	63	24
Full-time Vacancies		7	7	0
Vacancy Percent		22%	11%	N/A
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 221	\$ 210	\$ 172
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 97

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	17			
Total Spaces		109	660	453
Full-time Vacancies		15	19	15
Vacancy Percent		14%	3%	3%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 322	\$ 163	\$ 127
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 97

Los Gatos

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Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Permit Fees: Contact the city planning department or city website for fee schedule.

Approximate Time for Approval: Variable

Parking Restrictions: Contact the planning department for municipal code requirements.

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning Commission is required.

Appeal Process: Appeal applications are submitted to the City Clerk for placement on City Council Agenda. The City Council has decision on all requests for appeal.

Appeal Costs: Contact the city clerk for fee schedule.

Fire Inspection: Required – contact the fire department to schedule appointment.

Business License: Required – please visit the city website for application and fee information.

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Population (2000): 26,592
 Median Age: 41.2
 Median Household Income: \$94,319

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	12			
Total Spaces		28	48	16
Full-time Vacancies		16	22	8
Vacancy Percent		57%	46%	50%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 224	\$ 244	\$ 175
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 94

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	17			
Total Spaces		38	1054	219
Full-time Vacancies		2	43	10
Vacancy Percent		5%	4%	5%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 288	\$ 190	\$ 148
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 93

Milpitas

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Fire Department

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Community Care Licensing

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Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Permit Fees: \$1,000 must be deposited in a Private Job account with the City. Staff charge their time to this account as they work on the permit. The City can request up to 4 times the initial deposit (or \$4,000 total) for this type of application, to cover staff costs associated with processing the application. Money remaining in the account after project approval and implementation is returned to the applicant. The money in this deposit account is in addition to fees associated with any building permits to construct the day care facility.

Approximate Time for Approval: 6-8 weeks

Business License Fees: The business license tax for child care centers is \$35, plus \$5 for each employee up to 10 employees, then \$1 for each employee after that. The City prorates this fee throughout the year, based on when the business starts, but does not charge less than \$35 for the year.

Parking Restrictions: 1 space per 1.5 employees.

Loading/unloading requirements: 1 space per 6 children, up to 5 spaces, and thereafter 1 space per 10 children. Driveways, garage aprons and street frontage may be counted if appropriate permits are first received when calculating spaces for day care home. Tandem spaces are prohibited. Parking spaces shall be on same lot as the day care facility, or located not more than 300 feet away, and they shall be improved with paving.

Appeal Process: The appeal process involves filing an appeal application, along with filing fee of \$100, project description materials (plans, letter of description), and public hearing notification materials, to the City's Planning Division. The Planning Division schedules the appeal for a City Council hearing date.

Fire Inspection: Required - contact the Milpitas Fire Department to schedule an appointment.

Small Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 8 children, including providers own children less than 10 years old.

Small Family child care is allowed "by right" in all residential districts. No zoning, fire or business permits are required.

Large Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 14 children, including provider's own children less than 10 years old.

A Conditional Use Permit is required to operate a large Family Child Care Program in all residential, commercial and mixed use districts. At least two (2) parking spaces are required, plus one (1) space for each 1.5 employees. A 6 ft fence is required for all outdoor play areas. Fire Clearance is required.

Fee and contact information is current as of January 2003. All fees, processes and contact information outlined on this page should be used as general guidelines as they are subject to periodic review and modification.

Population (2000): 62,840
 Median Age: 33.4
 Median Household Income: \$84,429

Interpreting the data:

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- Age groups are defined as:
 - Infant (newborn – 1 year 11 months)
 - Preschool (2 years – 5 years 11 months)
 - School Age (6 years and older)
- Part-time care is defined as less than 35 hours per week.
- Full - time Care is 35 hours or more per week.
- A vacancy rate of less than 20% indicates that there is an inadequate supply of child care options for parents/guardians to choose from.

Child Care data provided by the Community Child Care Council of Santa Clara County, Inc (4C Council) and is current as of March 28, 2003. Data reflects information gathered from all known licensed Family Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers. For further information, please contact 4C Council at (408) 487-0747.

Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	59			
Total Spaces		150	237	143
Full-time Vacancies		65	97	46
Vacancy Percent		43%	41%	32%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 156	\$ 140	\$ 117
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 88

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	29			
Total Spaces		284	2074	177
Full-time Vacancies		23	321	30
Vacancy Percent		8%	15%	17%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 247	\$ 172	\$ 159
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 105

Morgan Hill

City Hall

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general@ch.morgan-hill.ca.gov

Fire Department

(408) 378-4010

Community Care Licensing

111 North Market St, Ste 300
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 277-1286

Business License Info/Application

Community Development Dept.
(408) 779-7247

Local Child Care

Resource & Referral Agency

4C Council
111 E Gish Road, San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 487-0747
www.4c.org

Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Permit Fees: \$2,493

Approximate Time for Approval: 8 weeks

Business License Fees: Initial fee of \$123.00 plus

- \$6.00 per Full - time employee (first 2 are free)
- \$3.00 for each Part-time employee (first 2 are free)
- \$20.00 annual renewal fee

Parking Restrictions: Requires on-site parking, one space per each 300 square feet of gross floor area

Impact Requirements: Determined on a case by case basis. Major concerns are noise and traffic.

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning Commission is required; all residents within a 300 foot radius are notified.

Appeal Process: Applicant's of any concerned party have 10 days from written notification of Planning Commission action to file an appeal.

Appeal fees: \$1442 per appeal

Fire Inspection: Required: all inspections are made through the Santa Clara County Fire Department – please visit city website for more information.

Business License: Required – please visit the city website for application.

Small Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 8 children, including providers own children less than 10 years old.

Small Family child care is allowed "by right" in all residential districts. No zoning, fire or business permits are required

Large Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 14 children, including provider's own children less than 10 years old.

Large Family Child Care is allowed "by right" in all residential districts. Although no specific land permits are required, providers must maintain property in accordance with established residential zoning ordinances. Fire clearance must be obtained

Fee and contact information is current as of January 2003. All fees, processes and contact information outlined on this page should be used as general guidelines as they are subject to periodic review and modification.

Population (2000): 33,556
 Median Age 34
 Median Household Income: \$85,600

Interpreting the data:

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 - Preschool (2 years – 5 years 11 months)
 - School Age (6 years and older)
- Part-time care is defined as less than 35 hours per week.
- Full - time Care is 35 hours or more per week.
- A vacancy rate of less than 20% indicates that there is an inadequate supply of child care options for parents/guardians to choose from.

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	23			
Total Spaces		60	94	58
Full-time Vacancies		22	40	13
Vacancy Percent		37%	43%	22%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 162	\$ 14	\$ 128
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 88

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	24			
Total Spaces		84	739	615
Full-time Vacancies		12	82	94
Vacancy Percent		14%	11%	15%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 223	\$ 149	\$ 130
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 96

Mountain View

City Hall

500 Castro St
Mountain View, CA 94039
(650) 903-6306 (phone)
(650) 903-6474 (fax)

Fire Department

(650) 903-6365

Community Care Licensing

111 North Market St, Ste 300
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 277-1286

Business License Info/Application

Business Inspection Services.
(650) 903-6313

Local Child Care

Resource & Referral Agency

4C Council
111 E Gish Road, San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 487-0747
www.4c.org

Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Permit Fees: \$113.00

Approximate Time for Approval: 8 weeks

Business License Fees: Initial fee of \$123.00 plus

- \$6.00 per Full - time employee (first 2 are free)
- \$3.00 for each Part-time employee (first 2 are free)
- \$20.00 annual renewal fee

Parking Restrictions: Requires on-site parking, one space for each employee plus one space for every 15 children the center is licensed for.

Impact Requirements: Outdoor play areas shall be set back from adjoining residential dwellings and enclosed with a minimum six foot wood or masonry fence. Proposed site shall not be adjacent to a gas station, automobile repair shop or similar businesses that use, sell or store significant amounts of hazardous materials or create high noise levels.

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning Commission is required; all residents within a 300 foot radius are notified.

Appeal Process: Applicant's of any concerned party have 10 days from written notification of Planning Commission action to file an appeal.

Appeal fees: Contact city planner for fee schedule.

Fire Inspection: Required: all inspections are made through the Santa Clara County Fire Department – please visit city website for more information.

Business License: Required – please visit the city website for application. Cost of permit is \$30

Small Family Child Care Homes

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Large Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 14 children, including provider's own children less than 10 years old.

Large Family Child Care is allowed "by right" in all residential districts. Although no specific land permits are required, providers must maintain property in accordance with established residential zoning ordinances (SEC.36.39.24) – see city website for further information. Fire clearance is required.

Fee and contact information is current as of January 2003. All fees, processes and contact information outlined on this page should be used as general guidelines as they are subject to periodic review and modification.

Population (2000): 70,708
 Median Age: 34.6
 Median Household Income: \$69,362

Interpreting the data:

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 - School Age (6 years and older)
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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	37			
Total Spaces		100	147	59
Full-time Vacancies		49	70	21
Vacancy Percent		49%	48%	36%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 190	\$ 180	\$ 160
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 108

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	25			
Total Spaces		156	988	450
Full-time Vacancies		15	79	17
Vacancy Percent		10%	8%	4%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 271	\$ 174	\$ 142
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 98

Palo Alto

City Hall
250 Hamilton Ave
Palo Alto, CA 94301
(650) 329-3100

Fire Department
www.pafd.org

Community Care Licensing
111 North Market St, Ste 300
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 277-1286

Business License Info/Application
(650) 329-2441
plandiv_info@city.palo-alto.ca.us

Local Child Care
Resource & Referral Agency
4C Council
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www.4c.org

Permit/License/Fee
Information Pending

Please visit city website for
information

Small Family Child Care Homes

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Large Family Child Care Homes

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Fee and contact information is current as of January 2003. All fees, processes and contact information outlined on this page should be used as general guidelines as they are subject to periodic review and modification.

Population (2000): 61,200
 Median Age: 40.2
 Median Household Income: \$90,377

Interpreting the data:

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	27			
Total Spaces		79	152	23
Full-time Vacancies		20	31	4
Vacancy Percent		25%	20%	17%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 260	\$ 234	\$ 211
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 149

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	54			
Total Spaces		435	1853	1225
Full-time Vacancies		23	91	19
Vacancy Percent		5%	5%	2%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 334	\$ 231	\$ 107
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 94

San Jose

City Hall

801 N First St
San Jose, CA 95110
(408) 277-4000 (phone)
(408) 277-2277 (fax)

Fire Department

(408) 277-4071

Community Care Licensing

111 North Market St, Ste 300
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 277-1286

Business License Info/Application

Building and Code Enforcement
(408) 277-4541

Local Child Care

Resource & Referral Agency

4C Council
111 E Gish Road, San Jose, CA 95112
(408) 487-0747
www.4c.org

Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Permit Fees: \$2,900

Approximate Time for Approval: 5 months

Business License Fees: Fee is based on the number of employees

- \$150 for first 8 employees (including owner)
- \$18 per additional employee
- Religious and school programs may be exempt (see application for further information)

Parking Restrictions: One space per 6 children (up to 5 spaces) and thereafter 1 space per every 10 children.

Impact Requirements: Must comply with city noise standards (see city website for details).

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning Commission is required; all residents within a 500 foot radius are notified.

Appeal Process: Applicant's of any concerned party have 10 days from written notification of Planning Commission action to file an appeal.

Appeal fees: \$50 per appeal

Fire Inspection: Required, see city website for scheduling details.

Business License: Required – please visit the city website for application.

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Large Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 14 children, including provider's own children less than 10 years old.

Large Family Child Care requires a Conditional Use Permit – see city website for application and fee information. Fire clearance is required.

Fee and contact information is current as of January 2003. All fees, processes and contact information outlined on this page should be used as general guidelines as they are subject to periodic review and modification.

Population (2000): 894,943
 Median Age: 32.6
 Median Household Income: \$70,243

Interpreting the data:

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 - School Age (6 years and older)
- Part-time care is defined as less than 35 hours per week.
- Full - time Care is 35 hours or more per week.
- A vacancy rate of less than 20% indicates that there is an inadequate supply of child care options for parents/guardians to choose from.

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	866			
Total Spaces		2030	3631	2487
Full-time Vacancies		943	1675	890
Vacancy Percent		46%	46%	36%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 167	\$ 151	\$ 133
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 100

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	311			
Total Spaces		1037	11772	6850
Full-time Vacancies		101	1039	776
Vacancy Percent		10%	9%	11%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 242	\$ 159	\$ 118
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 86

Santa Clara

City Hall

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(408) 615-2450 (phone)
(408) 247-9857 (fax)
planning@ci.santa-clara.ca.us

Fire Department

(408) 615-4900

Community Care Licensing

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Business License Info/Application

Permit Center
(408) 615-2450

Local Child Care

Resource & Referral Agency

4C Council
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www.4c.org

Child Care Centers

Zones: Commercial, Mixed Use, Industrial and Public

Permit Fees: \$2,493

Approximate Time for Approval: 8 weeks

Business License Fees: \$1550

Parking Restrictions: N/A

Impact Requirements:

Hearings:

Appeal Process: Planning commission conducts appeals; all property owners within 300 feet are notified .

Appeal fees: \$100 per appeal – unless a city council member sponsors the appeal.

Fire Inspection: Required - contact the fire department to schedule appointment.

Business License: Required – please visit the city website for application and fee schedule.

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Large Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 14 children, including provider's own children less than 10 years old.

Large Family Child Care is allowed “by right” in all residential and mixed-used districts. Although no specific land permits are required, providers must maintain property in accordance with established residential zoning ordinances. Fire clearance must be obtained

Fee and contact information is current as of January 2003. All fees, processes and contact information outlined on this page should be used as general guidelines as they are subject to periodic review and modification.

Population (2000): 102,361
 Median Age: 33.4
 Median Household Income: \$69,466

Interpreting the data:

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 - School Age (6 years and older)
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- Full - time Care is 35 hours or more per week.
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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	84			
Total Spaces		224	367	171
Full-time Vacancies		100	135	66
Vacancy Percent		45%	37%	39%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 170	\$ 154	\$ 137
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 98

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	37			
Total Spaces		100	1553	423
Full-time Vacancies		19	100	62
Vacancy Percent		19%	6%	15%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 230	\$ 155	\$ 128
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 98

Saratoga

City Hall
13777 Fruitvale Ave
Saratoga, CA 95070
(408) 868-1212
Fire Department
(408) 868-1217

Community Care Licensing
111 North Market St, Ste 300
San Jose, CA 95113
(408) 277-1286

Business License Info/Application
Permit Center
(408) 615-2450

Local Child Care
Resource & Referral Agency
4C Council
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www.4c.org

Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, and Mixed Use

Permit Fees:

Approximate Time for Approval: 3-4 weeks

Business License Fees: \$100 per business, plus \$10 per employee to a maximum of \$300.

Parking Restrictions: Requires 1 space for each employee plus 1 space for every 15 children the center is licensed for.

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning Commission is required; all residents within a 300 foot radius are notified.

Appeal Process: Appeal applications are submitted to the City Clerk for placement on City Council Agenda. The City Council has decision on all requests for appeal.

Appeal Costs:

Fire Inspection: Required – contact the fire department to schedule appointment.

Business License: Required – please visit the city website for application and fee information.

Small Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 8 children, including providers own children less than 10 years old.

Small Family child care is allowed “by right” in all residential districts. A home occupation business license is required, please see city website for forms and fee schedule.

Large Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 14 children, including provider's own children less than 10 years old.

Large Family Child Care is allowed “by right” in all residential and mixed-used districts. A home occupation business license is required. Please city website for forms and fee schedules.

Fee and contact information is current as of January 2003. All fees, processes and contact information outlined on this page should be used as general guidelines as they are subject to periodic review and modification.

Population (2000): 32,500
 Median Age:
 Median Household Income: \$177,600

Interpreting the data:

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 - School Age (6 years and older)
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- Full - time Care is 35 hours or more per week.
- A vacancy rate of less than 20% indicates that there is an inadequate supply of child care options for parents/guardians to choose from.

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	6			
Total Spaces		16	35	15
Full-time Vacancies		6	13	12
Vacancy Percent		38%	37%	80%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 204	\$ 167	\$ 150
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 78

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	14			
Total Spaces		131	738	190
Full-time Vacancies		13	57	10
Vacancy Percent		10%	8%	5%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 249	\$ 161	\$ 165
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 102

Sunnyvale

City Hall

603 All America Way
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
(408) 703-7438

Fire Department

(408) 730-7100

Planning Department

456 W Olive
Sunnyvale, CA 94086
(408) 730-7444

Community Care Licensing

111 North Market St, Ste 300
San Jose, CA 95113
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Business License Info/Application

Permit Center
(408) 615-2450

Local Child Care

Resource & Referral Agency

4C Council
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www.4c.org

Child Care Centers

Zones: Residential, Commercial, Industrial and Mixed Use ; A conditional Use Permit must be obtained.

Permit Fees: \$2091

Approximate Time for Approval: 8 weeks

Business License Fees: Please contact city planner for fee schedule.

Parking Restrictions: Please contact City Planner for restriction information

Hearings: A public hearing before the Planning Commission is required; all residents within a 100 foot radius are notified. The City strongly discourages Child Care Center Development in Industrial areas. Please contact City planner for details.

Appeal Process: Appeal applications are submitted to the City Clerk for placement on City Council Agenda. The City Council has decision on all requests for appeal.

Appeal Costs: \$79

Fire Inspection: Required – contact the fire department to schedule appointment.

Small Family Child Care Homes

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Large Family Child Care Homes

Maximum of 14 children, including provider’s own children less than 10 years old.

Large Family Child Care requires a Conditional Use Permit – see city website for application and fee information. Fire clearance is required.

Fee and contact information is current as of January 2003. All fees, processes and contact information outlined on this page should be used as general guidelines as they are subject to periodic review and modification.

Population (2000): 131,760
 Median Age: 34.3
 Median Household Income: \$74,409

Interpreting the data:

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Family Child Care Homes

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	89			
Total Spaces		233	370	232
Full-time Vacancies		93	148	91
Vacancy Percent		40%	40%	39%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 180	\$ 167	\$ 143
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 108

Child Care Centers

		Infant	Preschool	School Age
Total Programs	44			
Total Spaces		410	3095	1034
Full-time Vacancies		31	265	131
Vacancy Percent		8%	9%	13%
Average Full-time Weekly Rate		\$ 256	\$ 175	\$ 148
Average Part- time weekly Rate				\$ 94

Glossary of Zoning Terms

Sources: A Survey of Zoning Definitions, American Planning Association, Planning Advisory Service Report Number 421, the California General Plan Glossary, California Planning Roundtable, 1990

Allowed Use: A use which is allowed or permitted by the local jurisdiction in a particular zoning district without obtaining an administrative, or conditional use permit.

Child Care Center: A building or structure in a non-residential structure where care, protection and supervision are provided for children for less than 24 hours per day. Centers are most often permitted in commercial zones, and less frequently in all districts, residential districts or in light industrial districts.

Community Center: A place, structure or other facility use for and providing religious, fraternal, social and/or recreational programs generally open to the public and designed to accommodate and serve significant segments of the community.

Conditional Use: A use that, owing to some special characteristics attendant to its operation or installation (for example – potential danger, smoke, noise) is permitted in a district subject to discretionary approval by the jurisdiction, and subject to special requirements, different from those usual requirements for the district in which the conditional use may be located. Or, a use that would be appropriate generally or without restriction throughout the zoning district but which, if controlled as to number, area, location or relation to the neighborhood, would not be detrimental to public health, safety or general welfare.

General Plan: A compendium of city or county policies regarding long-term development, in the form of maps and accompanying text. The General Plan is a legal document required by the State.

Home Occupation: A commercial activity conducted solely by the occupants of a particular dwelling unit in a manner incidental to residential occupancy.

Large Family Child Care Home: A private residence where care, protection and supervision are provided for a fee at least twice a week, to no more than 14 children at any one time, including children of the care provider. Care must be for less than 24 hours per day.

Multifamily dwelling: a building or portion thereof for occupancy used for occupancy by three or more families living independently of each other and containing three or more dwelling units. Includes apartment buildings, but not group, row, townhouses or condominiums.

Non-conforming use: A lawful use of land that does not comply with the use regulations for its zoning district but which complied with applicable regulations at the time the use was established.

Ordinance: A law or regulation set forth and adopted by a government authority, usually a city or county.

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Setback: The required minimum horizontal distance between the building line and the related front, side or rear property line.

Single Family Dwelling: A residential building containing not more than one dwelling unit, or one or two more residential buildings, containing dwelling units (which may be attached), each of which houses a single family, and which has access to the outside (as in the case of townhouses or duplexes).

Site ("Lot"): A parcel of land used or intended for one use or a group of uses and having frontage on a public or an approved private street.

Small Family Child Care Home: A private residence where care, protection and supervision are provided for a fee, at least twice a week, to no more than eight children at one time, including the children of the provider. Care must be for less than 24 hours per day. Small family child care is an allowed use throughout the State of California. State law exempts small family child care homes from zoning regulations.

Use Permit: The discretionary and conditional review of an activity or function or operation on a site or in a building or facility. An Administrative Use Permit is approved in-house rather than by a judicial or executive body (Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustments, or City Council). A Conditional Use Permit may impose extra conditions that accompany the application and may require approval by a judicial or executive body.

Variance: A variation in requirements permitted on individual parcels of property as a method of alleviating unnecessary hardship by allowing a reasonable use of the building, structure or property, which because of unusual or unique circumstances is denied by the terms of the zoning code. Usually applicable to deviations from the dimensional requirements of the ordinance (i.e. height, yard), not to establish use of land that is otherwise prohibited in that zoning district.

Zoning: The division of a city or county by legislative regulation into areas, or zones that specify allowable uses for real property and size restrictions for building within these areas; a program that implements policies of the General Plan.

Zoning District: A designated section of a city or county for which prescribed land use requirements and building and developmental standards are uniform, such as ("R-1" Single Family Residential, or "C" Commercial.