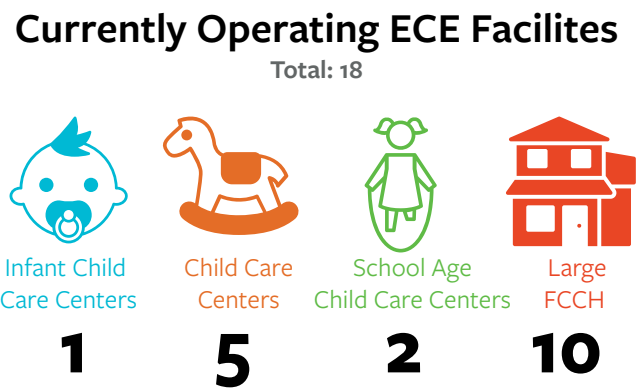
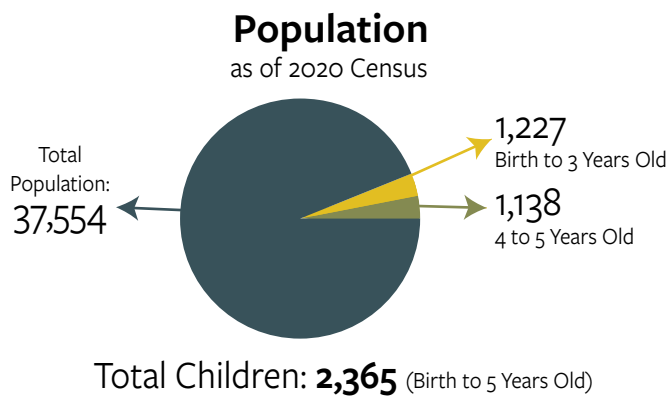


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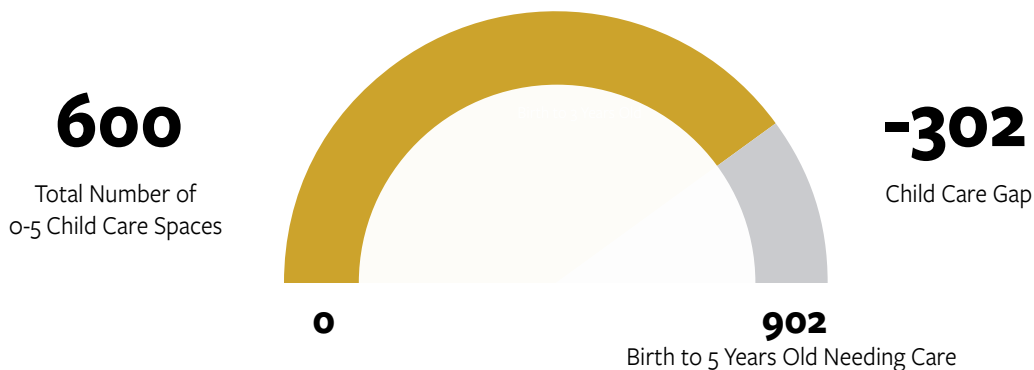
In 2021, Riverside County ranked 56 out of 58 for the availability of child care. This severely limits working families access to quality, safe, and healthy licensed child care spaces. The fact sheet below (with data self-reported through a survey conducted in 2023) provides a snapshot of current child care zoning, permitting and fees in each jurisdiction with the goal of helping guide changes to support and improve access to child care.

Riverside County Population Census 2020: 2,418,177

City of La Quinta by the Numbers:

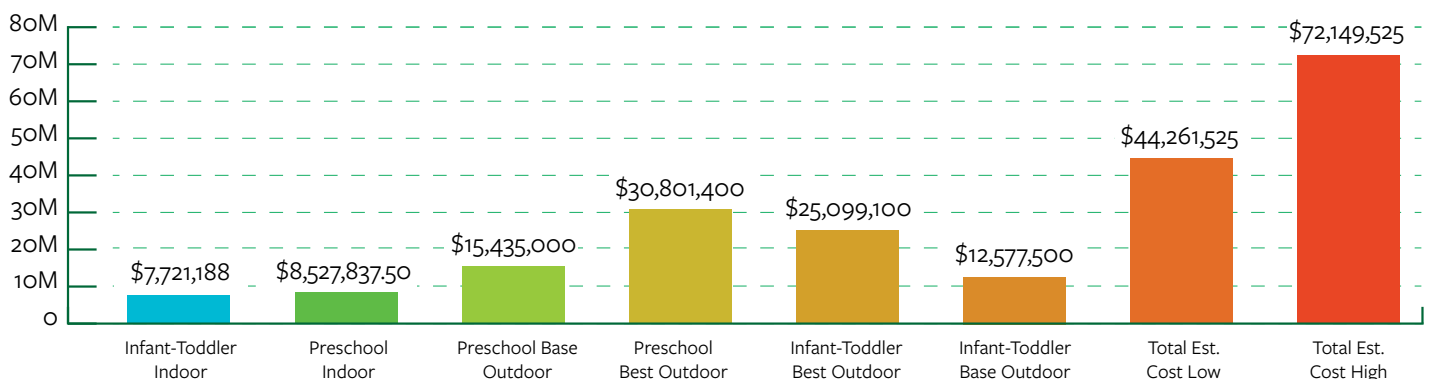


Child Care Gap



Estimated ECE Facility Cost 2021

(Average new construction sq. ft. per child is about 110 sq. ft.)



Zones where Child Care Centers are Allowed and are Not Allowed

Zones	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Mixed-Use	Other/Notes
Allowed By-Right (with an Administrative Permit)	✓	—	—	✓	—
Prohibited	—	✓	—	—	Only prohibited in Tourist Commercial, allowed as a Minor Use Permit in all other Commercial Zones
Zones where child care is allowed with a Conditional (Discretionary) Use Permit	—	—	—	—	None

About the Permit Application Process

Approximate Timeline	0 - 6 weeks
Noise Requirements	Per City Noise Municipal Code Standards
Landscaping Requirements	N/A in Residential
Parking Requirements	N/A in Residential
Traffic Requirements	N/A in Residential
Setback Requirements	N/A in Residential
Requirements to Obtain a Child Care Center Clearance From the Fire Department	Standard for Riverside County Fire requirements There are no permits or fees required for family day cares

About the Permit Hearing Process

Permit Hearing Caused By	No Public Hearings Required
Hearing Conducted By	N/A
Notification of Hearing	N/A
Approves or Denies the Permit	N/A (Design and Development Department for MUP) https://tinyurl.com/3epz934v
Appeal Process	Appeals: https://tinyurl.com/3ps2prsp

Child Care Centers Costs and Fees*

Permit Hearing Costs	\$1,526
Business License Fee	No
Planning Permit Fees	Minor Use Permit - \$454 (Only in Commercial)

*Estimate as of September 2023. Additional fees may apply, for more information review Helpful Contacts.

Zones Where Family Child Care Homes are Allowed and are Not Allowed

Zones	Residential	Commercial	Industrial	Mixed-Use	Other/Notes
Allowed By-Right	✓	✓	—	✓	La Quinta does not have industrial zones
Prohibited	—	—	—	—	—

State law SB 234 requirements which exempt small and large family child care home from any licenses, permits, home occupation permits, or fees ([Child Care Law Center’s Fact Sheet. Frequently Asked Questions: SB 234: The Keeping Kids Close to Home Act — Child Care Law Center](#)).

Find out where your city is with SB 234 implementation

	Non-Compliant	Compliant
FCCH Allowed in Residential	—	✓
FCCH Business License Fee Not Required	—	✓
Fire Department Permit Clearance and Fees for FCCH Not Required	—	✓

Costs and Fees*
FCCH Business License Fee: \$0

General Plan

Next Update to the General Plan	5-6 years
Child Care Included In General Plan	No

Additional Information

The City defers to State and County requirements for processing and regulation

Quick & Helpful Contacts*

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*We thank each jurisdiction for completing the survey. If you have any questions about this profile, please contact them directly. View the website for updated contact information.