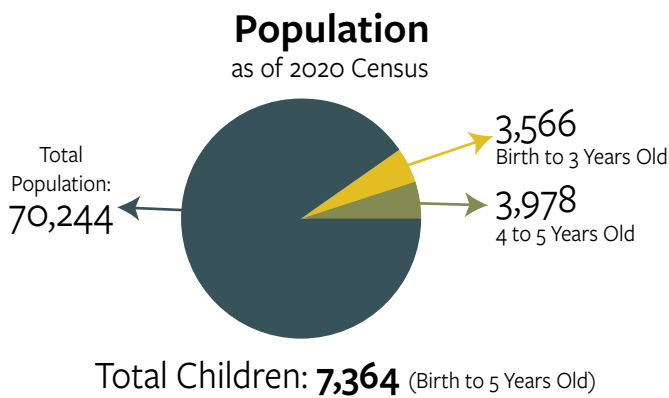


## Establishing a Child Care Facility - Guide to Zoning and Permitting

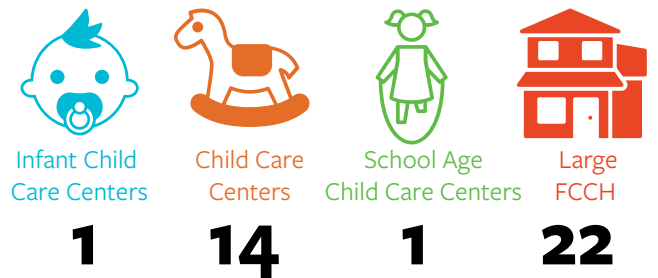
In 2021, Riverside County ranked 56 out of 58 for the availability of child care. This severely limits working families access to quality, safe, and healthy licensed child care spaces. The fact sheet below (with data self-reported through a survey conducted in 2023) provides a snapshot of current child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

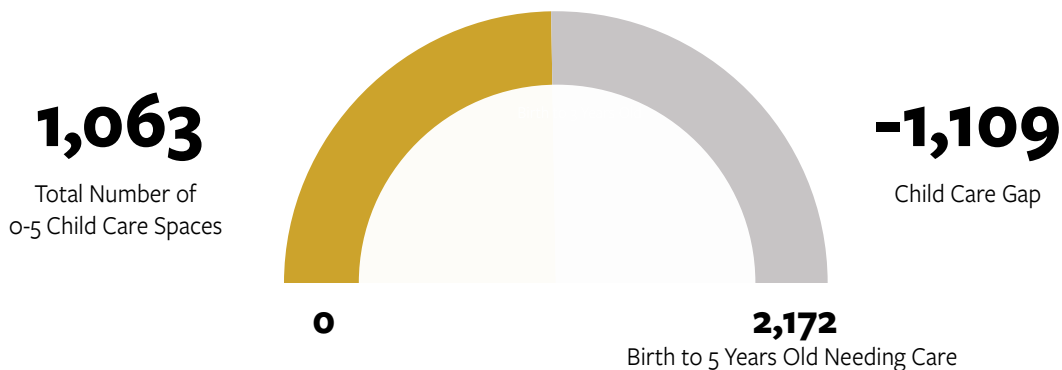
#### City of Lake Elsinore by the Numbers:



#### Currently Operating ECE Facilities Total: 38

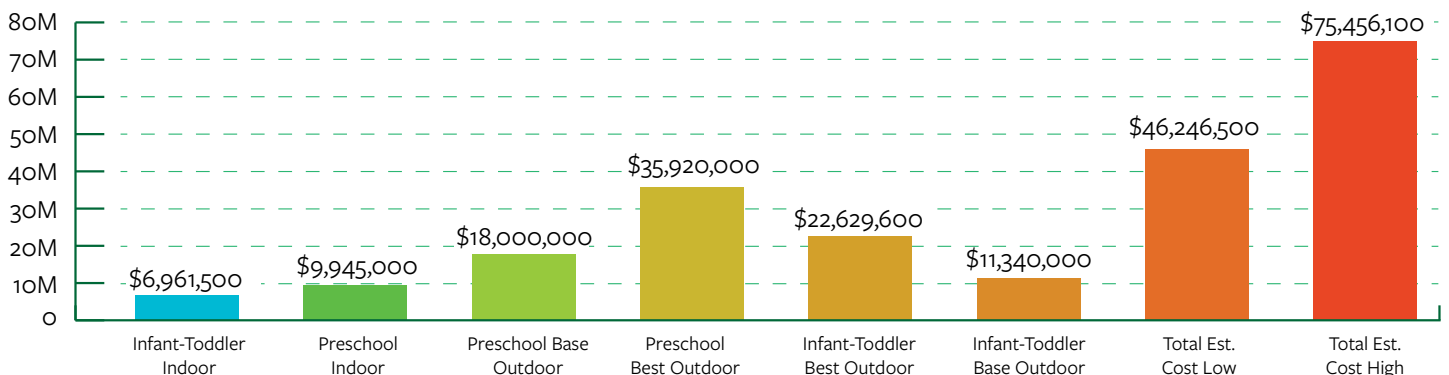


#### Child Care Gap



#### 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	—	—	—	—	None
Zones where child care is allowed with a Conditional (Discretionary) Use Permit	—	✓	—	✓	Public Facility Zone

## About the Permit Application Process

Approximate Timeline	6 weeks to 3 months
Noise Requirements	Unanswered
Landscaping Requirements	Unanswered
Parking Requirements	Adequate parking and driveways, as required for the zoning district in which the facility is located
Traffic Requirements	Unanswered
Setback Requirements	Unanswered
Other	A six-foot-high wood fence or masonry wall shall be erected around the side and rear property lines, behind the required front yard setback
Requirements to Obtain a Child Care Center Clearance From the Fire Department	The Fire Department requires permit and inspection fees

## About the Permit Hearing Process

Permit Hearing Caused By	Request by adjacent property owners
Hearing Conducted By	Community Development Director
Notification of Hearing	Surrounding property owners
Approves or Denies the Permit	Planning Commission
Appeal Process	<b>Step 1:</b> Action by the Community Development Director is appealed to the Planning Commission <b>Step 2:</b> Action by the Planning Commission is appealed to the City Council

## Child Care Centers Costs and Fees\*

Permit Hearing Costs	\$593.50
Business License Fee	Not Sure
Planning Permit Fees	Fee 1 - Large Family Day Care Fee - \$139.11
	Fee 2 - Minor CUP Fee - \$4,880.98

*\*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	✓	—	✓	—	—
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: \$139.11

### General Plan

Next Update to the General Plan	1 – 2 years
Child Care Included In General Plan	No

## 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.