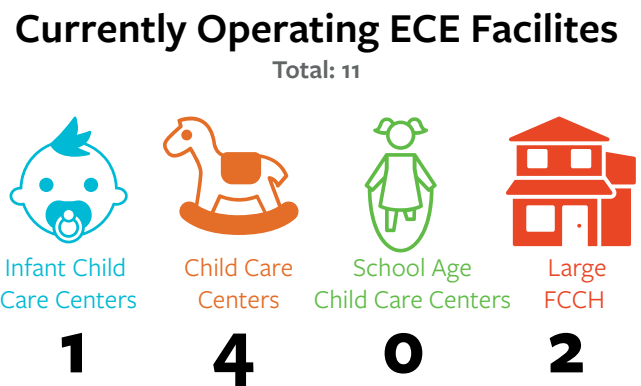
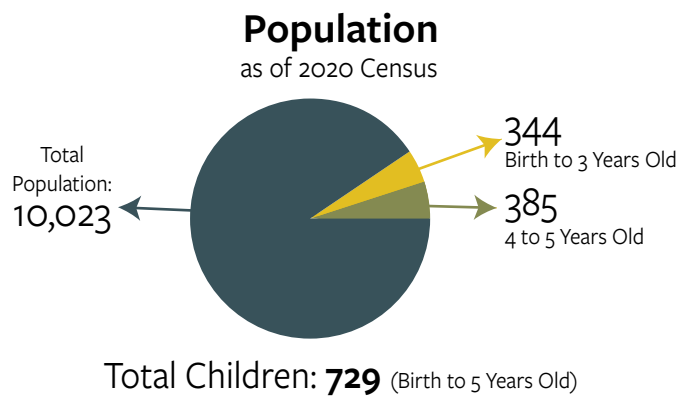


Establishing a Child Care Facility - Guide to Zoning and Permitting

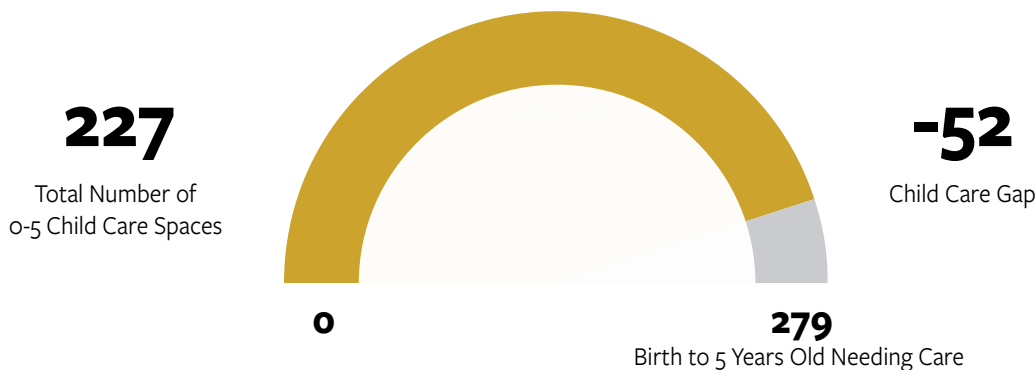
In 2021, Riverside County ranked 56 out of 58 for the availability of child care. This severely limits working families access to quality, safe, and healthy licensed child care spaces. The fact sheet below (with data self-reported through a survey conducted in 2023) provides a snapshot of current child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

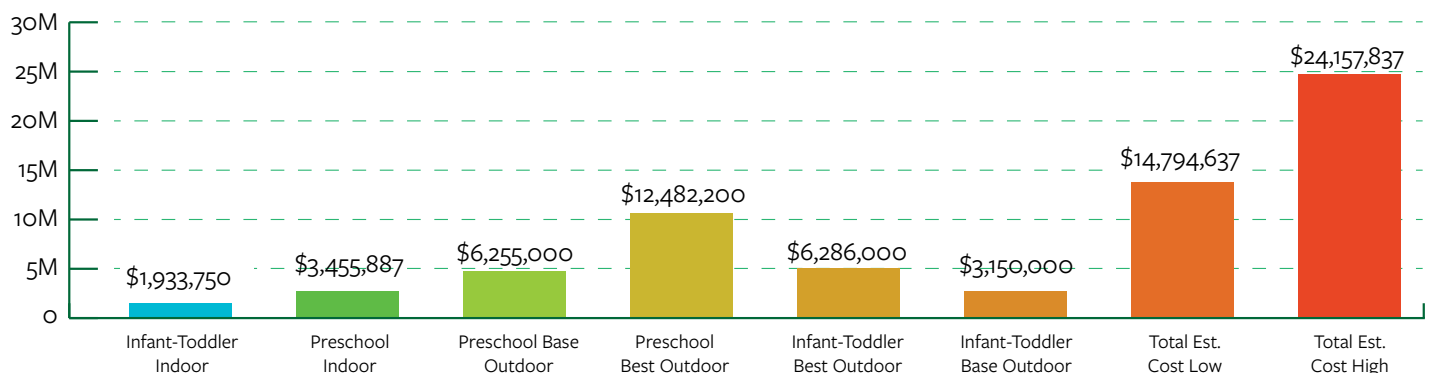


Child Care Gap



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 Not Allowed

| Zone | Residential | Commercial | Industrial | Mixed-Use | Other/Notes |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|----------------------------|
| Allowed By-Right (with an Administrative Permit) | — | — | — | — | Downtown Business District |
| Prohibited | ✓ | — | ✓ | — | — |
| Zones where child care is allowed with a Conditional (Discretionary) Use Permit | — | ✓ | — | ✓ | — |

About the Permit Application Process

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| Approximate Timeline | 6 weeks to 3 months |
| Noise Requirements | Calimesa Municipal Code (CMC) Chapter 8.15 |
| Landscaping Requirements | CMC Chapter 18.70 |
| Parking Requirements | CMC Chapter 18.45 |
| Traffic Requirements | Case-by-case based on environmental review |
| Setback Requirements | Case-by-case based on zone (no specific requirements for child care center use) |
| Requirements to Obtain a Child Care Center Clearance From the Fire Department | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A child care center falls under commercial use, so it would be based on the requirements of the current adopted Fire Code. A permit is required but the city currently has no fee associated with this permit |

About the Permit Hearing Process

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| Permit Hearing Caused By | Conditional Use Permit (CUP) Process |
| Hearing Conducted By | Planning Commission |
| Hearing Notification | Property owners within 300 feet of the proposed project plus any members of the public that have requested notification for this type of use or for that specific property |
| Who Approves or Denies the Permit | Planning Commission |
| Appeal Process | <p>Step 1: Planning Commission decision is made</p> <p>Step 2: Application for appeal is filed within 15 days</p> <p>Step 3: Hearing is scheduled with City Council</p> <p>Step 4: City Council is the final authority on the decision</p> |

Child Care Centers Costs and Fees*

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|-----------------------|--|
| Permit Hearing Costs: | \$1,100 |
| Business License Fee: | \$28 |
| Planning Permit Fees: | Conditional Use Permit, based on actual cost (deposit collected) |

*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: \$28

General Plan

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|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| Next Update to the General Plan | 3-4 years |
| Child Care Included In General Plan | No |

Additional Information

[Certificate Of Occupancy Business License Packet \(Certificate-Of-Occupancy-Business-License-Packet-Pdf \(Cityofcalimesa.Net\)\)](#)

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.