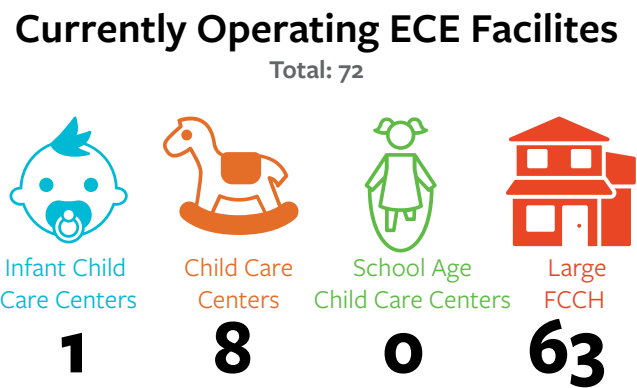
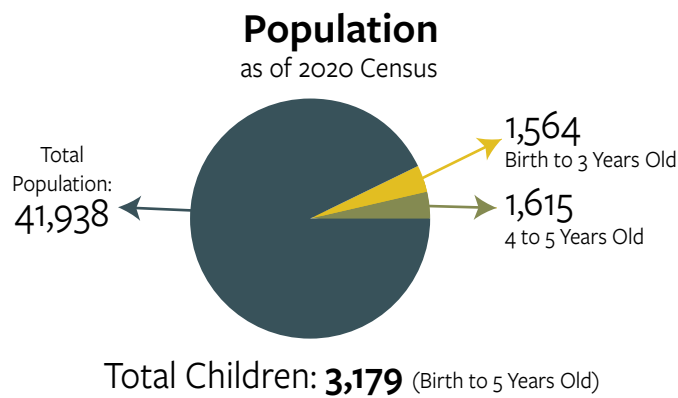


Establishing a Child Care Facility - Guide to Zoning and Permitting

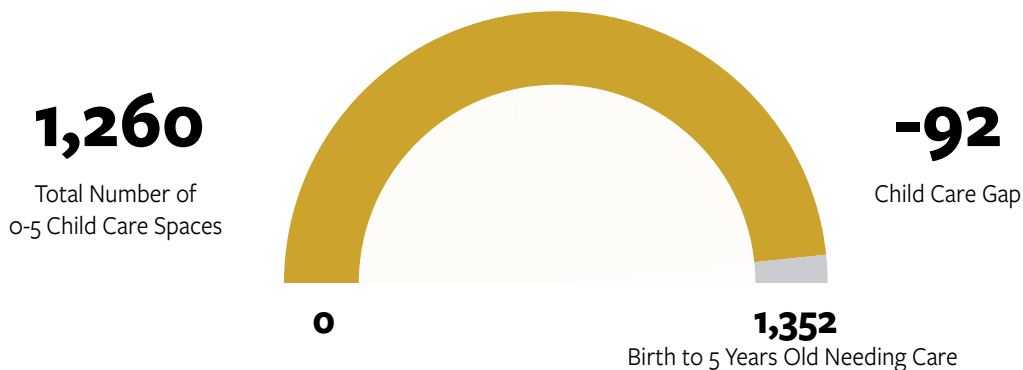
In 2021, Riverside County ranked 56 out of 58 for the availability of child care. This severely limits working families access to quality, safe, and healthy licensed child care spaces. The fact sheet below (with data self-reported through a survey conducted in 2023) provides a snapshot of current child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

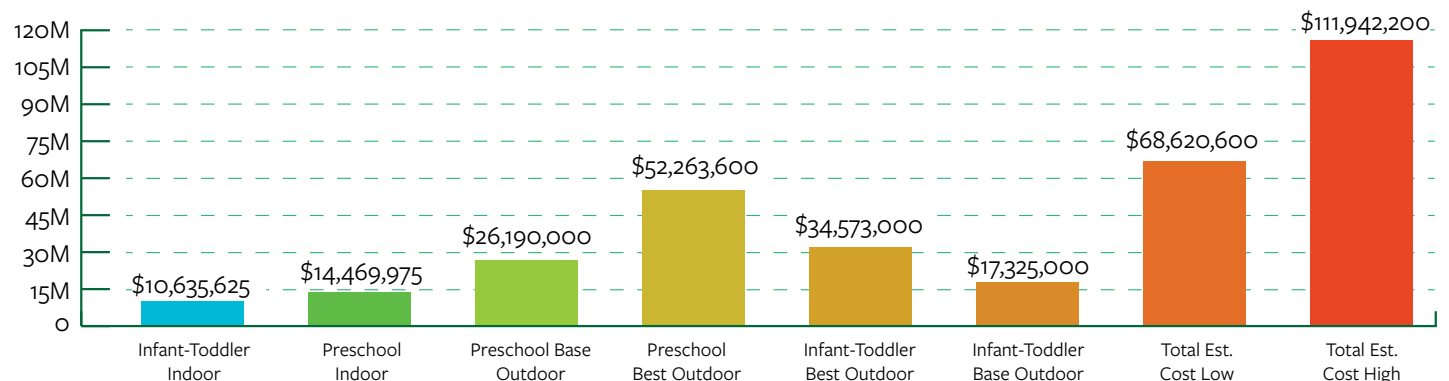


Child Care Gap



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)	✓	—	—	—	—
Prohibited	—	—	—	—	—
Zones where child care is allowed with a Conditional (Discretionary) Use Permit	✓	✓	—	✓	—

About the Permit Application Process

Approximate Timeline	0 - 6 weeks
Noise Requirements	Unanswered
Landscaping Requirements	Center-based - compliance with landscape ordinance
Parking Requirements	Center-based - compliance with parking requirements
Traffic Requirements	Center-based - compliance with safety/traffic flow
Setback Requirements	Center-based - compliance with setback requirements
Requirements to Obtain a Child Care Center Clearance From the Fire Department	Permits/Fees; Please Refer to Cal Fire's Requirements

About the Permit Hearing Process

Permit Hearing Caused By	Request by Adjacent Property Owners and CUP process
Hearing Conducted By	Development Services/Planning
Hearing Notification	Public
Who Approves or Denies the Permit	Planning Commission / City Council
Appeal Process	Step 1: Submit appeal Step 2: Appeal is heard at Planning Commission Step 3: Feedback is provided

Child Care Centers Costs and Fees*

Permit Hearing Costs:	\$0
Business License Fee:	\$0
Planning Permit Fees:	No fees for licensed family childcare homes

*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	—	—	—	—	No

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	3-4 years
Child Care Included In General Plan	Yes

Additional Information

The City of Coachella does not have a Childcare Center facility in its jurisdiction. CVUSD has Migrant Head Start programs and the City has many family child care home providers. The City would very much like to assist an organization that is currently trying to re-open its previously licensed facility (the old Campesinos Unidos site on Tyler St/Ave 52).

Facility must comply with fire safety

General Plan Update - <https://tinyurl.com/4jdby736>

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.