



Final Report:

CITY OF PACIFICA PROFILE

San Mateo County

Child Care Needs Assessment 2022 and 2032:

Supply and Demand Summary

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CITY OF PACIFICA CHILD CARE SUMMARY

Brion Economics, Inc. prepared this summary report for the San Mateo County Office of Education (SMCOE), in partnership with the San Mateo County Child Care Partnership Council, First 5 San Mateo County, and the Silicon Valley Community Foundation. This summary report is based on a countywide study of child care needs for children 0 to 12 years old and is one part of a larger, countywide study that identifies current and future child care needs by city, also known as supply and demand analysis.

DEMOGRAPHICS¹

| Pacifica | 2022 | 2032 | Net Change | % Change |
|---|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total Population | 38,162 | 39,113 | 951 | 2.5% |
| Total Employees | 6,178 | 6,281 | 103 | 1.7% |
| Children Under 2 Years Old | 757 | 722 | (36) | -4.7% |
| Children 2 to 4 Years Old | 1,047 | 997 | (49) | -4.7% |
| Children 5 to 12 Years Old | 2,780 | 2,672 | (108) | -3.9% |
| Total Children 0 to 12 Years Old | 4,584 | 4,391 | (193) | -4.2% |
| Children 0 to 12 as % of Total Population | 12.0% | 11.2% | | -0.8% |

Note: 40% of 4-year-olds are shifted to School Age, or 5- to 12-year-olds at 2032 for Transitional Kindergarten.

CHILD CARE SUPPLY AND DEMAND AS OF 2022

- **Child Care Providers:** 42 total providers: 22 Family Child Care Homes (FCCH Spaces) and 20 Child Care Centers (Center Spaces) with a total of 1,638 spaces.
- **2022 and 2032 Estimated Supply of Child Care Spaces²**

| 2022 Supply in Pacifica | | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|
| Age Group | FCCH Spaces | Center Spaces | Total Spaces | % of Supply |
| Infants | 56 | 37 | 93 | 6% |
| Preschool | 112 | 629 | 741 | 45% |
| School Age | 70 | 734 | 804 | 49% |
| Total Supply | 238 | 1,400 | 1,638 | 100% |
| % of Supply | 15% | 85% | 100% | |

| 2032 Supply in Pacifica | | | | | Change 2022 to 2032 | |
|-------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|-------------|---------------------|-----------|
| Age Group | FCCH Spaces | Center Spaces | Total Spaces | % of Supply | Net Change | % Change |
| Infants | 59 | 37 | 96 | 6% | 3 | 3% |
| Preschool | 115 | 629 | 744 | 45% | 3 | 0% |
| School Age | 70 | 734 | 804 | 49% | - | 0% |
| Total Supply | 244 | 1,400 | 1,644 | 100% | 6 | 0% |
| % of Supply | 15% | 85% | 100% | | | |

¹ Population and employment data is from ABAG's *Projections 2040*, ELNAT, and ABAG's *Projections 2013*. Please note that totals in charts may be slightly off due to rounding.

² Infants include birth up to 2 years, Preschool includes 2 to 4-year-olds, and School Age includes 5 to 12-year-olds.

- **Planned Spaces:** In Pacifica, there is one new planned child care project, with three Infant, and three Preschool spaces.
- **2022 Estimated Demand for Licensed Child Care Spaces:** Total need equals 2,311 spaces, including 2,226 spaces for residents and 85 spaces for non-resident employees working in Pacifica and commuting in from outside the County.

| 2022 Demand in Pacifica | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|
| Age Group | Resident Demand | Employee Demand | Total Spaces Needed | % of Demand |
| Infants | 282 | 34 | 316 | 14% |
| Preschool | 641 | 51 | 691 | 30% |
| School Age | 1,304 | - | 1,304 | 56% |
| Total Demand | 2,226 | 85 | 2,311 | 100% |
| % of Demand | 96% | 4% | 100% | |

- **2032 Estimated Demand for Licensed Spaces and Net Change**

| 2032 Demand in Pacifica | | | | | Change 2022 to 2032 | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Age Group | Resident Demand | Employee Demand | Total Spaces Needed | % of Demand | Net Change | % Change in Demand |
| Infants | 253 | 34 | 287 | 12% | (29) | -9% |
| Preschool | 646 | 52 | 698 | 28% | 6 | 1% |
| School Age | 1,475 | - | 1,475 | 60% | 171 | 13% |
| Total Demand | 2,373 | 86 | 2,459 | 100% | 148 | 6% |
| % of Demand | 97% | 3% | 100% | | | |

- **Estimated Shortage or Surplus of Child Care Spaces in 2022 and 2032**

| Estimated Surplus or Shortage of Spaces by Year - Pacifica | | | | |
|--|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|
| Age Group | Surplus (Shortage) - 2022 | % of Demand Met - 2022 | Surplus (Shortage) - 2032 | % of Demand Met - 2032 |
| Infants | (223) | 29% | (191) | 33% |
| Preschool | 50 | 107% | 46 | 107% |
| School Age | (500) | 62% | (671) | 55% |
| Total Surplus/(Shortage) | (673) | 71% | (815) | 67% |

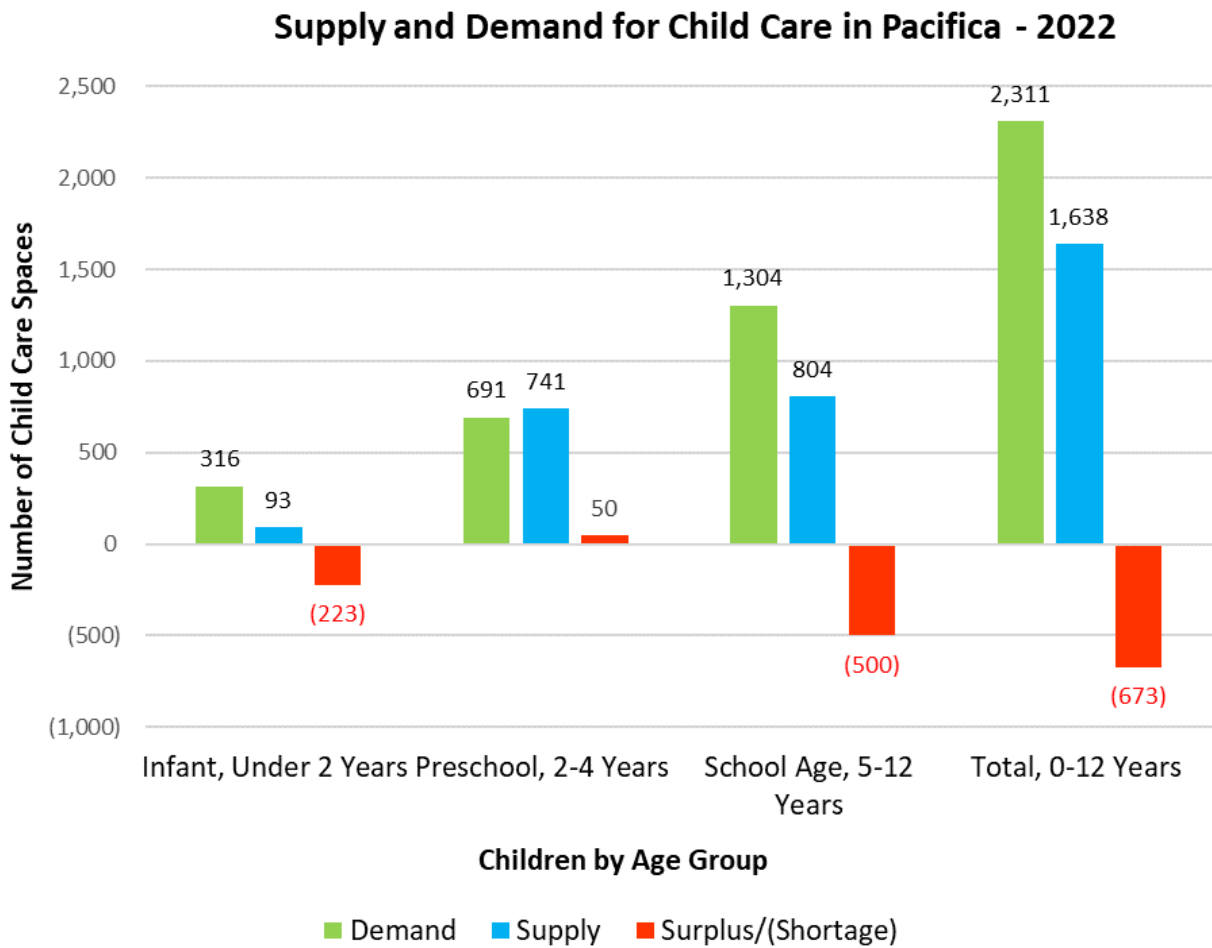
- **Subsidized Need and Spaces:**³ According to data from SMCOE and the California Department of Education, Pacifica has six Infant and 39 Preschool subsidized spaces. According to 2020 data for children 0 to 4 years old from ELNAT,⁴ Pacifica has 741 children ages 0 to 4 that qualify for subsidized care. This translates into 6% of the current need being met. There is an unmet need for 696 subsidized spaces for children 0 to 4 years old. The City has an additional 72 School Age center-based subsidized spaces (not shown below).

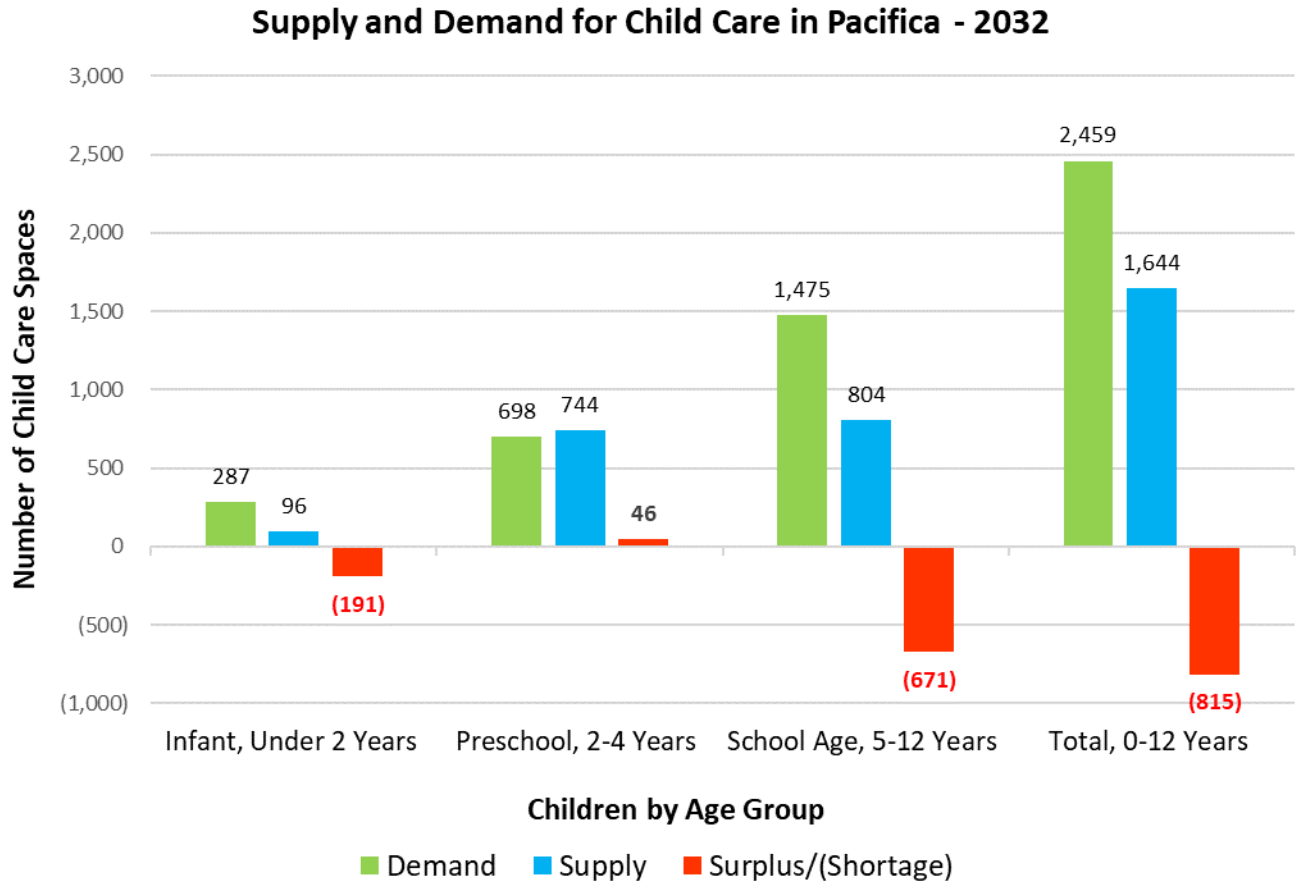
³ Includes State Preschool, General Child Care, ASES, Early Head Start, and Head Start, CalWORKs – Stage 2 and 3, and Alternative Payment programs. Age groups for subsidized care are Infants, birth to 2 years old, and Preschool, 3 and 4 years old.

⁴ Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool created by American Institutes for Research (AIR).

| Pacifica - 2020 - Subsidized Care and Need | | | |
|--|----------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Item | Infants 0-2 Years | Preschool 3-4 Years | Total 0-4 Years |
| Estimated Children | 1,073 | 867 | 1,940 |
| Eligible (Need) for Subsidized Spaces | 332 | 409 | 741 |
| Percent of Total Children | 31% | 47% | 38% |
| No. of Subsidized Spaces | 6 | 39 | 45 |
| Unmet Need | (326) | (370) | (696) |
| Percent of Need Met | 2% | 10% | 6% |

▪ Supply and Demand Summary by Year





METHODOLOGY OVERVIEW

- **Resident Population:** Total population and children estimates are based on ABAG's *Projections 2040* for 2022 and 2032. Population data from the Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool (ELNAT) is incorporated to estimate children by age for each City/Area and countywide.
- **Child Care Demand by Age Group:** The following factors are applied to estimates of total children by age group and year. These data are from the *2022 Parent Survey* (see Chapter 3 of the full Needs Assessment) prepared for this study.

| Age Group | 2022 Demand | 2032 Demand | Difference |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| Infants - Under 2 Years | 37.2% | 35.0% | -2.2% |
| Preschool, 2-4 Years | 61.2% | 68.8% | 7.7% |
| School Age, 5 or older | 46.9% | 54.0% | 7.2% |

- **Transitional Kindergarten (TK):** For 2032 estimates, 40% of 4-year-olds are assumed to utilize TK, increasing the need for School Age child care spaces, and decreasing the need for Preschool spaces. These 4-year-olds are included in the School Age category of children 5 to 12 years old for 2032.

- **Employee Demand:** Using the 2019 5-Year American Community Survey Journey-to-Work data, the number of employees that work in each City/Area and reside outside of San Mateo County is calculated. It is assumed that 3.0% of these non-resident employees commuting from outside the County require child care in the City/Area where they work. This total demand is split 40% for Infant spaces and 60% for Preschool spaces.⁵
- **Subsidies:** Subsidized space data and analysis is from a combination of sources including SMCOE 2022 survey results of direct state contracts, CalWORKs Stage 2 and 3, and Alternative Payment (AP) data from the California Department of Education, and CD-801A Monthly Report for October 2020,⁶ by family residence location. Note that the Early Learning Needs Assessment Tool (ELNAT) does not provide 2020 subsidized data for School age children. ELNAT data is by zip code and has to be combined and/or divided into the study's defined Cities/Areas.

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⁵ It is assumed that School Age children of non-resident employees require child care near their school.

⁶ This is the most current data available.