



CONTRA COSTA COUNTY  
COMMUNITY SERVICES  
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# 2025 – 2027 COMMUNITY ASSESSMENT KEY FINDINGS



**Contra Costa County  
Employment and Human Services Department  
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## County Demography

- Since 2010, Contra Costa County has grown 12% to 1,172,607 residents, with 11,149 more since 2023, including increased estimates in Antioch (up 2,696), Brentwood (up 1,680), Pittsburg (up 1,257), and Walnut Creek (up 1,010) since 2023.
- The county's racial/ethnic makeup remains highly diverse with 40% White, 28% Latino, 20% Asian, 17% multi-racial, 8% Black/African American, 1% American Indian/Alaska Native, and less than 1% Pacific Islander/Native Hawaiian residents. Proportions of Black/African American and Asian residents are higher than in the state, while proportions of Latinos are much lower than in the state.
- In 2024, the county is 21% 0–17-year-olds (251,474), 8% 18–24-year-olds (94,767), 53% 25–64-year-olds (615,412), 14% 65–79-year-olds (164,013), and 4% residents 80 and over (46,941). Estimates of children are lower and estimates of seniors higher in both the state and county. Households (417,686) are 2% higher, families (301,302) are 3% higher, but families with children (121,157) are 7% lower. Married-couple families (229,301) are 3% higher, but those with children (93,354) are 6% lower. Single female-headed families (52,306) are 5% higher, but those with children (20,960) are 6% lower.
- Of all children (251,474), about 29% are under 6 (72,476), 5% or 4,003 less than in 2023. About 61,358 residents are age 0-4, including 34,309 age 0-2, 27,049 age 3-4, and 11,118 age 5.
- About 72% of residents are U.S. born (829,500), 28% are foreign-born (325,525), 12% are non-citizens (137,610), and 2% of non-citizens are 0–4-year-olds. Women with births (13,853) are 7% lower (50.7 per 1,000), while teen birth rates have risen to 8.2. In 2024, 9,592 native-born and 4,261 foreign-born women had births, 2% and 18% lower, respectively.

## County Economy

- Median family income (\$150,316) has risen 3% since 2023, however the 2024 Self-Sufficiency Standard for a family of one adult, an infant, and a preschooler is up 17% to \$161,195, and represents a full-time hourly wage of \$76.
- Since 2023, owner-occupied costs have risen 6% to \$2,843/month, with 94,363 (33%) unaffordable homes, up 14% or 11,430 units. Rental costs have risen 1% to \$2,340, with 71,607 (54%) unaffordable rentals, up 3% or 2,116 rentals. Fair market rent for a 2-bedroom unit (\$2,912) is 9% or \$230 higher.
- In 2023, 14,002 people in 9,632 households accessed homeless-related services from CoC providers, children make up 24% of those served, and 2,972 (31%) retained or exited to permanent housing. Homelessness in 2025 (2,118) is 26% lower, with 40% (840) in shelters, 5% families with children, 5% transitioning age youth, and 8% under age 18. Students with unstable housing (3,007) has improved 11% or 374 students since 2024.
- In September 2025, 587,800 residents participate in the civilian workforce, up 40,700 or 7% since January 2024, with gains in Antioch (up 9,500), Brentwood (up 2,000), Oakley (up 4,400), Pittsburg (up 4,400), Richmond (up 7,500), San Pablo (up 1,600), and San Ramon (up 2,100). Unemployed (29,500) have increased 9% or 2,500. Unemployment rates (5.0%) continue lower than in the state (5.6%) but both edged higher since 2024. About 451,611 workers (83%) commute, and 210,034 commuters (47%) are female, a 3% or 6,157 increase since 2023.
- Since 2023, females who work full-time rose 6% to 175,426 (66%), and their annual earnings (\$77,369) have risen to 78% that of full-time males (\$99,284). About 72% (10,022) of women with recent births work, and 73% (35,982) of women with 0–5-year-olds work, with estimates 4% or 1,516 higher than in 2023. Of householders with 0–5-year-olds, 73% (51,404) live in families in which all parents work.
- About 8% (98,205) of individuals, 9% (6,133) of children age 0-5, 6% (18,973) of families and 8% of families with children live below the FPL in 2024. About 8% of native-born, 10% of foreign-born, 7% of naturalized citizens and 13% of non-citizens live in poverty. About 1,518 women with births live below the FPL, with estimates 36% lower than in 2023.
- In 2024, 24,546 children of all ages live below the FPL, 4% or 938 fewer than in 2023. About 21% (2,090) of married-couples in poverty, 27% (1,773) of single female-headed families in poverty and 24% (532) of single male-headed families in poverty have 0–4-year-olds.
- CalWORKs cases fell 1% to 6,627 cash grant cases with 12,374 children and 1,650 (25%) with no parent. About 19,844 (5%) households rely on SSI, 10,909 (3%) receive cash PA, and 39,436 (9%) receive SNAP. About 5,298 (2%) women age 15-50, including 500 with infants, receive PA benefits. About 46,719

(19%) of all children live in PA households, with 59% (27,749) in married-couple families, 28% (13,261) in single female-headed families, and 11% (5,268) in single male-headed families.

## County Health and Safety

- In 2024, 4% (49,638) of all residents, 2% (6,162) of children age 0-17, and 2% (1,739) of children age 0-5 are uninsured. Rates of uninsured among native-born (3%), foreign-born (7%), naturalized citizens (3%), and non-citizens (13%) have all improved, despite higher estimates of naturalized and non-citizens. Medicaid-only coverage among children has risen 14% to 67,244 (29%).
- During pregnancy, 22% of women with births had inadequate weight gain, 44% had excessive weight gain, 14% utilized CalFresh, 19% experienced food insecurity, and 8% had low weight births in 2025. About 90% of pregnant women receive first trimester prenatal care, but only 65% receive adequate care throughout pregnancy. Infant mortality (3.1 per 1,000) has improved from 3.7 in 2024. About 30% of adults are obese, while 13% of 2–11-year-olds and 15% of 12–17-year-olds are overweight.
- Since 2023, chlamydia (422.1) has risen 3%, HIV/AIDS diagnoses (284.8) have risen 1%, but gonorrhea incidence has fallen 17% among females (275.4) and 7% among males (415.3). About 15,884 children and 79,697 adults with asthma are at risk from poor air quality, 11% of all residents and 5% of children have asthma currently, and asthma hospitalization rates are 13.7 per 10,000 among 0–4-year-olds.
- Since 2024, drug-induced deaths have risen 1 point to 263.7 (22.1 per 100,000), opioid-related deaths (123 or 11.2 per 100,000) are 30% lower, and opioid overdoses account for 99 (8.3) hospitalizations and 332 ER visits (31.7 per 100,000) in 2024.
- In 2024, adult felony arrests (5,425) are 7% lower, with violent offenses down 6%, property offenses down 6%, and drug and sex offenses both down 4%. Misdemeanors (11,208) are up 8% since 2023. The death by homicide rate has improved to 6.0 per 100,000, while firearm-related deaths have fallen to 8.8. Female incarceration rates in the county (20.0) continue much lower than in the state (52.0).
- Juvenile arrests (596) are 9% higher in 2024, with 278 (47%) felonies (down 15%) and 318 (43%) misdemeanors (up 46%). Violent offenses among juveniles have improved 5% since 2023.
- In 2024, domestic violence calls for assistance (3,252) are up 1%, substantiated child abuse rates (2.7 per 1,000) have risen 0.7 points with total cases (532) 4% higher, and cases involving infants (85) or 1-5-year-olds (148) are 20% and 12% higher, respectively. Yet, children in foster care (394) are 11% lower since 2023, with 39% (153) 0–5-year-olds. Of 187 first entries, 52% (96) are age 0-5.

## County Education

- The 2025-26 student population (169,261) is 39% Latino, 24% White, 15% Asian, 8% Black, 8% multi-racial, and 4% Filipino. About 45% (75,675) are FRPM-eligible, up 12% or 8,350. Foster student enrollment (436) is down 43% since 2021, with 7 TK students and 28 kindergarteners. Special education enrollment (24,659) is up 11%, with 2,773 3–5-year-olds. TK enrollment (5,322) is up 60%, with 2,053 (39%) socio-economically disadvantaged.
- In 2025, 52% of students meet the English Language Arts standard, up 1.45 points, and 42% meet the mathematics standard, up 1.46 points. Chronic absenteeism has fallen 5% to 33,214 (19%) students, and graduation rates (91%) have increased.
- Of all 280,837 residents in school, 6% (17,062) attend preschool, up 4%. About 52% (14,110) of 3–4-year-olds attend school, up 9%. Estimates of college enrollment (71,587) are 8% lower, with 32,395 (45%) males and 39,192 (55%) females. About 27,385 (29%) of residents in poverty attend school in 2024, including 7,513 in college.
- EL enrollment of all ages (27,195 or 16%) is down 4%, although estimates of children in linguistically-isolated households (15,109) are 32% higher than in 2023, with 9,076 (60%) who speak Spanish.
- Head Start serves 439 0–2-year-olds, including 44 unborn babies, and 889 3–5-year-olds. One-parent families represent 68% (298) of Early Head Start and 72% (602) of Head Start families. About 5,223 0–2-year-olds (down 31%) and 4,122 3–5-year-olds (down 10%) may be income-eligible for care in 2026.
- In 2025, the county has 17,797 center-based daycare slots (down 4%), 2,212 infant slots (down 3%), 4,999 slots in single-licensed centers (up 34%), and 6,553 daycare slots in homes (up 8%). Since 2021, costs have risen 21% for full-time infant care in centers, 12% for infant care in homes, 27% for daycare in centers, and 27% for daycare in homes.