

# Colorado

## State Description

Population of state: **4,301,261**  
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **855,443**  
 Regulation of any child care facilities who are located on an Indian Reservation or in a tribal service area: **No**  
 Date of market rate survey on which profile is based: **4/15/2005**

## Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey: **Lead Agency**  
 Created survey questions: **Lead Agency**  
 Assisted facilities to complete survey: **R&R**  
 Collected price data from facilities: **R&R**  
 Cleaned the collected data: **R&R**  
 Analyzed price data: **R&R**  
 Interpreted findings: **R&R**  
 Wrote reports on findings: **R&R**  
 Published results: **Lead Agency**

## Facilities Surveyed

Database used to identify facilities:

Facilities regulated by child care licensing agency: **No**  
 Facilities receiving child care subsidies: **No**  
 Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **Yes**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	Yes	4,785	
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	No		
Family, friends, or neighbors who are legally exempt from licensing	No		
Centers that are legally exempt from licensing	No		
After-school education (non-licensed)	No		
Providers located on military facilities	No		
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the STATE.	No		
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	No		
<b>TOTAL</b> facilities in final dataset		<b>4,785</b>	

## Data Collection

Method(s): **Resource and Referral agency download**  
 Updated rate data: **Yes, updated rate information from some providers**  
 Strategies used to encourage facilities to give up-to-date price information: **Providing rate data is required as part of licensing or re-licensing; Follow-up letters or calls**  
 Standard for how recent data should be at the time of the download: **Rate data should be no more than 4-6 months old**  
 Date data was downloaded: **4/06/2005**  
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **6-10 minutes**  
 How facilities reported price information: **Into pre-determined modes provided on the survey**  
 Asked about the # of children in care that receive subsidy: **No**

## Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Part-day, Part-week programs**  
 Unit of analysis: **Both provider and slot; Licensed capacity for children by age group**  
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Weekly**  
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**

## Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **Not Applicable. Counties set maximum rates on a rolling basis - state does not set these.**  
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes; kept the same**  
 Are payment rates set at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of prices? **Yes, for some categories**  
 Important factors in setting current rates:

- 1—
- 2—
- 3—

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
<b>Geography</b>		
County	Yes	Yes
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	Yes	No
State	No	No
Other geographic area	-	No
<b>Age Group</b>		
Infant care	Yes	Yes
Toddler care	Yes	Yes
Preschool-age care	Yes	Yes
School-age care	Yes	Yes
<b>Type of Care</b>		
Center	Yes	Yes
Family	Yes	Yes
Group home	No	Yes
In-home	No	Yes
Family, friends, neighbors	No	Yes
School-age centers	Yes	Yes
School-age enrichment activities	No	Don't know
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	Yes
<b>Pricing Mode</b>		
Hourly	No	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	No	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	No	

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$15,296

Lead Agency:

Other agency:

State R&R Network: \$15,296

University/College:

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at: Not available