

Connecticut

State Description

Population of state: **3,405,565**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **662,423**
 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: **4/30/2001**
Comments: Tribal facilities are legally exempt but submit verification of compliance with state licensing standards.

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

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

Facilities Surveyed

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	2,000	Stratified random
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	12,000	Stratified random
Family, friends, or neighbors who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	12,000	Stratified random
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		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		26,000	

Database used to identify facilities:

Facilities regulated by child care licensing agency: **Yes**
 Facilities receiving child care subsidies: **No**
 Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **Yes**
Comments: Family child care facilities that are legally exempt from licensing are included if they receive a subsidy or advertise.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Phone**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Financial incentives**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **2,131**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **150**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **245**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **1,245**
 Date data collection was completed: **5/04/2005**
 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: **Yes**
 Were any facilities that served subsidized children excluded? **Yes; 100% of subsidized children lead to exclusion of the facility.**

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **None reported**
 Unit of analysis: **Slot; Actual current enrollment of children served 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? **Yes**

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **1/01/2002**
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes; Kept the same**
 Are payment rates set at or above the 75th percentile of prices? **No**
Important factors in setting current rates:
 1 – **Overall budget**
 2 – **State funding for child care**
 3 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**

Comments: Special needs rates have two levels. A percent increase in the standard rate, plus specified amounts for identifiable costs.

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

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$64,000

Lead Agency: **\$1,500**

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College: **\$62,500**

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at:

www.dss.state.ct.us/ccare/care4kids/care4kid_rates.pdf