

# District of Columbia

## State Description

Population of district: **572,059**  
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **92,466**  
 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: **8/18/2004**

## 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

*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**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	601	Total
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 centers are exempt from licensing		
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>601</b>	

## Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail and Phone**  
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls; Training/technical assistance on how to complete the survey; Other - promised copy of final report.**  
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **601**  
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **31**  
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **41**  
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **454**  
 Date data collection was completed: **8/18/2004**  
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **31-60 minutes**  
 How facilities reported price information: **Actual rates in whatever mode they charge**  
 Asked about the # of children in care that receive subsidy: **Yes**  
 Were any facilities that served subsidized children excluded? **No**

## Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Migrant Head Start**  
 Unit of analysis: **Both provider and slot; Actual current enrollment of children served by age group**  
**Comments:** Prices are analyzed by enrolled slots and providers; other data is analyzed by provider.  
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Daily**  
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**  
**Comments:** Pricing is also analyzed annually.  
 Converted to daily, hourly, weekly, monthly, and annual.

## Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **4/15/2000**  
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **No, not yet**  
 Are payment rates set at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of prices? **No**  
*Important factors in setting current rates:*  
 1 – **State funding for child care**  
 2 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**  
 3 – **Findings of recently completed market rate survey**

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

**Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$112,845**

Lead Agency: **\$4,445**

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College: **\$108,400**

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at:

**[www.dhs.dc.gov](http://www.dhs.dc.gov)**