Georgia

State Description

Population of state: **8,186,453**
Number of children under 13 years of age: **1,700,243**
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: **6/15/2003**

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

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

Facilities Surveyed

Database used to identify facilities:
Facilities regulated by child care <u>licensing</u> agency: **Yes**
Facilities receiving child care <u>subsidies</u>: **No**
Facilities enrolled with <u>R&R</u> agency: **No**
Other: **Informal Childcare providers**

Facilities included in the dataset	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	Most	7,500	Total
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	5,000	Total
Family, friends, or neighbors who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	1,400	Total
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		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		**13,900**	

Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail**
Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls**
Number of facilities tried to reach: **9,810**
# of facilities who refused to participate: **6,000**
# of facilities dropped from the sample: **200**
# of facilities who completed the survey: **3,009**
Date data collection was completed: **4/15/2005**
Time needed for a single facility to give information: **16-20 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: **None reported**
Unit of analysis: **Facility**
Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Monthly for Federal goverment, Weekly for State**
Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **4/04/2005**
Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes; Increased for all types of care and age categories**
Are payment rates set at or above the 75th percentile of prices? **No**
Important factors in setting current rates:
1 — **Overall budget**
2 — **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**
3 — **Level of federal CCDF funding**
Comments: By using data obtained from the market rate survey. However, rates for family, friends, and neighbors were set lower than rates for licensed and regulated providers.

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

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: **$106,572**
   Lead Agency:
   Other agency:
   State R&R Network:
   University/College:
   Research or survey firm:
   Other contractor: **$106,572**
   Comments: The total cost for the 2005 MRS was $120,000.

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