

Iowa

State Description

Population of state: **2,926,324**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **558,404**
 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: **12/15/2004**

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey: **Lead Agency**
 Created survey questions: **R&R**
 Assisted facilities to complete survey: **R&R**
 Collected price data from facilities: **R&R**
 Cleaned the collected data: **R&R**
 Analyzed price data: **Lead Agency**
 Interpreted findings: **Lead Agency**
 Wrote reports on findings: **Lead Agency**
 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 | All | 3,858 | Total |
| Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing | Yes | 788 | Total |
| Family, friends, or neighbors who are legally exempt from licensing | Yes | Included above | Total |
| Centers that are legally exempt from licensing | No | | Total |
| After-school education (non-licensed) | Yes | Unknown | Total |
| 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 | | 4,646+ | |

Data Collection

Method(s): **Resource and Referral agency download**
 Updated rate data: **Yes, updated rate information from all providers**
 Strategies used to encourage facilities to give up-to-date price information: **Providing rate data is required to be included in the R&R database; Other – drawings for certificate**
 Standard for how recent data should be at the time of the download: **Rate data updated by September 1 of each year.**
 Date data was downloaded: **11/15/2004**
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **Less than 5 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? **Yes; 100% of subsidized children lead to exclusion of the facility.**

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Head Start programs, State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Migrant Head Start, Facilities serving only subsidized children, Part-day, Part-week programs**
 Unit of analysis: **Facility**
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Half-day (up to 5 hours)**
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **9/01/2005**
 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? **Yes, for all categories**
Important factors in setting current rates:
 1 – **Overall budget**
 2 – **Findings of recently completed market rate survey**
 3 – **Provider concerns**

Comment: If non-registered provider, rates are frozen at a pre-1996 level.

| | Ways Price Data was Analyzed | Current Rates Set By |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| Geography | | |
| County | No | No |
| Zip-Code | No | No |
| Region | No | No |
| State | Yes | Yes |
| Other geographic area | Urban and Rural Counties | 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 | No |
| Family, friends, neighbors | Yes | 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. | No |
| Pricing Mode | | |
| Hourly | No | This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire. |
| Daily | No | |
| Weekly | No | |
| Monthly | No | |

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey:

- Lead Agency:
- Other agency:
- State R&R Network:
- University/College:
- Research or survey firm:
- Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at: **Not available**