

# Louisiana

## State Description

Population of state: **4,468,976**  
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **930,462**  
 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: **9/15/2005**

## Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Created survey questions:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Assisted facilities to complete survey:	<b>Survey Firm</b>
Collected price data from facilities:	<b>Survey Firm</b>
Cleaned the collected data:	<b>Survey Firm</b>
Analyzed price data:	<b>Survey Firm</b>
Interpreted findings:	<b>Survey Firm</b>
Wrote reports on findings:	<b>Survey Firm</b>
Published results:	<b>Lead Agency</b>

## Facilities Surveyed

*Database used to identify facilities:*

Facilities regulated by child care licensing agency: **Yes**  
 Facilities receiving child care subsidies: **Yes**  
 Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **No**  
 Other: **Database for Dept of Education Food Program**

## Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail**  
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls; Training/technical assistance on how to complete the survey**  
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **12,000**  
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **3,959**  
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **1,548**  
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **6,493**  
 Date data collection was completed: **9/15/2006**  
**Comments:** The method has been used in previous surveys. We assume those providers that did not respond chose not to participate because their completed survey was not returned and the survey was not returned as having a bad address. We would not necessarily characterize all providers who did not complete a survey as refusing to participate.  
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **26-30 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: **Head Start programs, State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Migrant Head Start**  
 Unit of analysis: **Facility**  
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **No**  
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**

## Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **5/01/2004**  
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **No**  
 Are payment rates set at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of prices? **No**  
*Important factors in setting current rates:*  
 1 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**  
 2 – **State funding for child care**  
 3 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	12,000	Total
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	No		
Family, friends, or neighbors who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	3,403	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		
<b>TOTAL</b> facilities in final dataset		<b>15,403</b>	

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
<b>Geography</b>		
County	No	No
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	Yes	No
State	No	Yes
Other geographic area	Urban and rural	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	No
In-home	Yes	Yes
Family, friends, neighbors	No	No
School-age centers	Yes	Yes
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: \$49,982

Lead Agency:

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College:

Research or survey firm: **\$49,982**

Other contractor:

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