

# Maryland

## State Description

Population of state: **5,296,486**  
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **1,061,258**  
 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: **7/30/2005**

## Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey: **R&R**  
 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: **R&R**  
 Interpreted findings: **R&R**  
 Wrote reports on findings: **R&R**  
 Published results: **R&R**

## 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: **No**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	14,020	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	Yes	2	Total
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>14,022</b>	

## Data Collection

Method(s): **Resource and Referral agency download**

Updated rate data: **No**

Strategies used to encourage facilities to give up-to-date price information: **None reported**

Standard for how recent data should be at the time of the download: **No standard**

Date data was downloaded: **7/30/2005**

### **Comments:**

+ Information on market rate is collected on a continual basis as part of a provider update questionnaire that is sent out annually. About 50% of providers have returned a questionnaire within the current survey year. All reported fee information is used in the market rate analysis. The questionnaires are distributed and collected by local CCRR's, then forwarded to the state coordinating agency, Maryland Committee for Children, which does all data entry, data maintenance, and analysis and reporting. + 7/30/2005 is the date that provider data for fiscal year 7/2004 - 6/2005 was 'frozen' for analysis.

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: **No**

## Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Head Start programs, State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Migrant Head Start, Part-day, Part-week programs**

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: **1/01/2002**  
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes; kept the same**

Are payment rates set at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of prices? **No**

*Important factors in setting current rates:*

**1 – Overall budget**

**2 – State funding for child care**

**3 – Level of federal CCDF funding**

**Comments:** Our payment rates were set at the 75th percentile of the 2001 market rate survey. Therefore, due to rising cost of child care, they are now below that percentile based on the 2005 market rate survey (which is the most current one).

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey:

Lead Agency:

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College:

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

**Comments:** Total costs of the market rate survey are included in the full contract for services by the CCR&R agency and are difficult to separate out.

Report is Available for Download at:

[www.mdchildcare.org](http://www.mdchildcare.org)

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
<b>Geography</b>		
County	Yes	No
Zip-Code	Yes	No
Region	Yes	Yes
State	Yes	No
Other geographic area	Census tract	No
<b>Age Group</b>		
Infant care	Yes	Yes
Toddler care	Yes	No
Preschool-age care	Yes	No
School-age care	Yes	No
<b>Type of Care</b>		
Center	Yes	Yes
Family	Yes	Yes
Group home	Yes	No
In-home	No	No
Family, friends, neighbors	No	No
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
<b>Pricing Mode</b>		
Hourly	No	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	No	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	No	