

Mississippi

State Description

Population of state: **2,844,658**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **595,941**
 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: **2/15/2005**

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey: **Lead Agency**
 Created survey questions: **Lead Agency**
 Assisted facilities to complete survey: **Lead Agency**
 Collected price data from facilities: **Lead Agency**
 Cleaned the collected data: **Lead Agency**
 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: **Yes**
 Facilities receiving child care subsidies: **Yes**
 Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **No**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	Most	1,746	Total
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	1,436	Stratified random
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	Unknown	Stratified random
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the STATE.	Yes, all	Unknown	Stratified random
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	No		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		3,182+	

Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Training/technical assistance on how to complete the survey**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **3,182**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **None reported**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **None reported**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **None reported**
 Date data collection was completed: **1/15/2005**
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **11-15 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**
 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**
Comments: Group homes were included with centers.

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **1/15/1999**
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **No**
 Are payment rates set at or above the 75th percentile of prices? **No**
Important factors in setting current rates:
 1 –
 2 –
 3 –

	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	-	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	Yes	Yes
School-age enrichment activities	Yes	Yes
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	Yes
Pricing Mode		
Hourly	No	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	Yes	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	Yes	

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$1,500

Lead Agency: **\$1,500**

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College:

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

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