

Montana

State Description

Population of state: **902,195**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **171,616**
 Regulation of any child care facilities who are located on an Indian Reservation or in a tribal service area: **Yes, some non-exempt tribal providers**
 Date of market rate survey on which profile is based: **7/5/2005**
Comments: 5 of 7 tribes have an agreement with Montana to license/regulate providers on respective reservations. 7/05/2005 survey is an interim effort, for informational purpose only. Most recent market rate survey was completed on 6/30/06.

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey:	Lead Agency
Created survey questions:	Lead Agency
Assisted facilities to complete survey:	R&R
Collected price data from facilities:	R&R
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

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	1,227	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		
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.	Yes, all	Unknown	Total
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	No		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		1,227+	

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: **Yes**
Comments: Montana's Child Care Under the Big Sky (CCUBS) system incorporates licensing and subsidy programs. The subsidy program is administered locally by CCR&Rs. Unregulated providers are not participating in the licensing or the subsidy programs. Montana's Legally Unregistered providers are friends, family and neighbors. They tend to accept the 'State rate'. Survey results did not change over time.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Resource and Referral agency download**
 Updated rate data: **Yes, updated rate information from some providers**
 Strategies used to encourage facilities to give up-to-date price information: **Other - Providing rate data is required to participate in the subsidy program**
 Standard for how recent data should be at the time of the download: **Rate data should be less than 3 months old**
 Date data was downloaded: **7/05/2005**
Comments: CCR&R enter rate information on the same system used to license/register providers. Each provider receives a letter and a prepaid reply postcard. CCR&Rs call to remind those who have not responded.
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **Less than 5 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:
 Unit of analysis: **Facility**
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Hourly and Daily**
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**
Comments: Providers are required to provide hourly and daily rates.

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **7/01/2004**

Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **No**

Are payment rates set at or above the 75th percentile of prices? **Yes, for some categories**

Important factors in setting current rates:

1 – **Overall budget**

2 – **State funding for child care**

3 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$2,770

Lead Agency: **\$1,320**

Other agency:

State R&R Network: **\$1,450**

University/College:

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at: Not available

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
Geography		
County	No	No
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	Yes	Yes
State	Yes	Yes
Other geographic area	-	No
Age Group		
Infant care	Yes	Yes
Toddler care	No	No
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	No	Yes
School-age centers	No	Yes
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	No	
Monthly	No	