

# Nebraska

## State Description

Population of state: **1,711,263**  
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **342,957**  
 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: **5/26/2005**  
**Comments:** Any tribal providers who receive child care subsidy must be regulated. The survey was conducted from January 8 through February 10, 2005. The report was completed May 26, 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>Lead Agency</b> |
| Collected price data from facilities:   | <b>Lead Agency</b> |
| Cleaned the collected data:             | <b>Lead Agency</b> |
| Analyzed price data:                    | <b>Lead Agency</b> |
| Interpreted findings:                   | <b>Lead Agency</b> |
| Wrote reports on findings:              | <b>Lead Agency</b> |
| Published results:                      | <b>Lead Agency</b> |

## Facilities Surveyed

| <i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>   | Included | Number        | Type of sample    |
|---|----------|---------------|-------------------|
| Licensed facilities   | All      | 3,910         | Stratified random |
| 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  | Yes      | 1             | 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       |               |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b> facilities in final dataset  |          | <b>3,911+</b> |                   |

## 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**  
**Comments:** The sample frame was subdivided by county clusters (Urban, Trade Center, and Rural based on county population size) and type of facility (Family Child Care Home I, Family Child Care Center II, and Child Care Centers) thus dividing the overall sample frame into 9 subframes. Within each subframe a random sample was selected. In some subframes the entire group was surveyed because of the low number of facilities within that subframe.

## Data Collection

Method(s): **Phone**  
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **None reported**  
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **1,245**  
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **0**  
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **0**  
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **896**  
 Date data collection was completed: **2/10/2005**  
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **Don't know**  
 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? **No**

## Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Head Start programs, Migrant Head Start**  
 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:** Weekly and monthly rate data were collected but not analyzed because Nebraska only uses hourly and daily rates.

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **7/01/2005**  
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes;**  
**Increased for some types of care and age categories**  
 Are payment rates set at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of prices? **No**

*Important factors in setting current rates:*

- 1 – **State funding for child care**
- 2 – **Overall budget**
- 3 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$5,350

Lead Agency: **\$5,350**  
 Other agency:  
 State R&R Network:  
 University/College:  
 Research or survey firm:  
 Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at:  
[www.hhs.state.ne.us/chs/chc/stateplan.htm](http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/chs/chc/stateplan.htm)

|                                  | Ways Price Data was Analyzed                                 | Current Rates Set By   |
|----------------------------------|--|--|
| <b>Geography</b>                 |  |  |
| County                           | No   | Yes  |
| Zip-Code                         | No   | No   |
| Region                           | Yes  | Yes  |
| State                            | No   | No   |
| Other geographic area            | -  | 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  | No (these are not set by the survey)                         |
| Group home                       | Yes  | Yes  |
| In-home                          | No   | Yes  |
| Family, friends, neighbors       | No   | Yes  |
| School-age centers               | No   | 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                           | Yes  | This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire. |
| Daily                            | Yes  |  |
| Weekly                           | No   |  |
| Monthly                          | No   |  |