

New Jersey

State Description

Population of state: **8,414,350**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **1,645,871**
 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: **5/27/2005**

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey: **Lead Agency**
 Created survey questions: **Lead Agency**
 Assisted facilities to complete survey: **Task not done**
 Collected price data from facilities: **University**
 Cleaned the collected data: **Task not done**
 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: **No**
 Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **Yes**

Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail and Phone**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **1,663**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **19**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **578**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **1,066**
 Date data collection was completed: **3/15/2005**
Comments: This survey has been used previously and was piloted then.
 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, Facilities serving only subsidized children, Part-day, Part-week programs**
 Unit of analysis: **Facility**
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Weekly**
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**
Comments: Modes of pricing - we analyzed data looking at weekly rates for most types of care and daily rates for 'holiday' care.

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **7/01/2005**
 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 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**
 2 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**
 3 – **State funding for child care**
Comments: Family, friends, and neighbor care rates are set lower than licensed providers.

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	3,063	Random
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	4,088	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	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		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		7,151	

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
Geography		
County	No	No
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	Yes	No
State	Yes	Yes
Other geographic area	GIS - to look at local variation	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	No	Yes
In-home	No	Yes
Family, friends, neighbors	No	Yes
School-age centers	No	No
School-age enrichment activities	Yes	No
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	No
Pricing Mode		
Hourly	No	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	Yes	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	No	

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$29,550

Lead Agency: **\$13,000**

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College: **\$16,550**

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at: Not available