

# North Carolina

## State Description

Population of state: **8,049,313**  
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **1,547,109**  
 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:  
**Comments:** Providers located on Indian reservations are exempt from NC licensure. However, they may choose to be licensed. Data not available on number that are licensed.

## 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>University</b>
Collected price data from facilities:	<b>University</b>
Cleaned the collected data:	<b>University</b>
Analyzed price data:	<b>University</b>
Interpreted findings:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Wrote reports on findings:	<b>University</b>
Published results:	<b>Lead Agency</b>

## Facilities Surveyed

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	8,695	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	Unknown	Total
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the STATE.	Yes, some	Unknown	Total
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	Yes, some	Unknown	Total
<b>TOTAL</b> facilities in final dataset		<b>8,695+</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:** Tribal or military child care programs are not identified separately in the database of licensed child care facilities.

## Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail and Phone**  
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls**  
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **8,695**  
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **147**  
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **959**  
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **7,589**  
 Date data collection was completed: **6/30/2005**  
 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**  
**Comments:** The survey asks for enrollment and payment date for private, paying children only.

## Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Head Start programs, State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Migrant Head Start, Facilities serving only subsidized children, Part-day, Part-week programs**  
 Unit of analysis: **Slot; Actual current enrollment of children served, Actual current enrollment of children served by age group**  
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Monthly**  
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **Yes**

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **4/01/2003**

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

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

*Important factors in setting current rates:*

**1 – Level of federal CCDF funding**

**2 – State funding for child care**

**3 – Findings of recently completed market rate survey**

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$238,453

Lead Agency:

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College: **\$238,453**

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at:  
[ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/](http://ncchildcare.dhhs.state.nc.us/)

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
<b>Geography</b>		
County	Yes	Yes
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	Yes	Yes
State	Yes	Yes
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	Yes
Group home	No	No
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	No	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	Yes	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	Yes	