

Ohio

State Description

Population of state: **11,353,140**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **2,233,755**
 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: **6/30/2004**

Comments: The survey gathers 'private pay' rates only, and the regulated family home provider is a segment of regulated providers created by the state. Only a small percent of these providers also provide private pay services, and a majority of them charged private pay families the same rate they are paid by the state.

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey:	Lead Agency
Created survey questions:	University
Assisted facilities to complete survey:	University
Collected price data from facilities:	University
Cleaned the collected data:	University
Analyzed price data:	University
Interpreted findings:	University
Wrote reports on findings:	University
Published results:	Lead Agency

Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **11,935**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **0**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **0**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **4,739**
 Date data collection was completed: **5/15/2004**
 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: **Yes**
 Were any facilities that served subsidized children excluded? **No**

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**

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Facilities serving only subsidized children**
 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: It is extremely challenging collecting pay rates from regulated providers that do not serve subsidized children. A significant majority of Ohio's home providers have literacy issues that a mail-in survey does not and maybe can not address. Limiting responses to predetermined rate categories forced many providers to calculate a rate that fit the listed rate category as opposed to reporting the facilities rates.

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	11,935	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.	No		
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	No		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		11,935	

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 75th percentile of prices? **No**

Important factors in setting current rates:

- 1 – **Overall budget**
- 2 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**
- 3 – **Desire to invest in quality of child care initiatives**

Comments: Methodology employed for establishing regions was extremely challenging and not well received.

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$257,000

Lead Agency:
 Other agency:
 State R&R Network:
 University/College: **\$257,000**
 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	Yes	No
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	No	Yes
State	No	No
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	No	No
Family, friends, neighbors	No	Yes
School-age centers	Yes	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	Yes	
Monthly	Yes	