

# Pennsylvania

## State Description

Population of state: **12,281,054**  
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **2,248,416**  
 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: **1/10/2005**

## 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>R&amp;R</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

*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**

**Comments:** Family child care is regulated in PA.

## Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail and Web**  
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls; Training/technical assistance on how to complete the survey**  
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **9,184**  
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **3,480**  
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **0**  
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **5,704**  
 Date data collection was completed: **2/15/2005**  
**Comments:** Span of time to collect data ranged from January to February.  
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **11-15 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: **State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Migrant Head Start**  
 Unit of analysis: **Facility**  
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Daily**  
 Was Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**

## 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 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**  
 2 – **State funding for child care**  
 3 – **Findings of recently completed market rate survey**

**Comments:** The policy has been to use the existing funding to serve more families rather than increase rates.

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	Most	9,000	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	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		
<b>TOTAL</b> facilities in final dataset		<b>9,000</b>	

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
<b>Geography</b>		
County	Yes	Yes
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	No	No
State	Yes	No
Other geographic area	-	Don't know
<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	Yes	Yes
In-home	No	No
Family, friends, neighbors	No	No
School-age centers	Yes	No
School-age enrichment activities	Don't know	No
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	Yes
<b>Pricing Mode</b>		
Hourly	No	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	No	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	No	

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$6,000

Lead Agency: **\$6,000**

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College:

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at:

[www.dpw.state.pa.us/Child/ChildCare/ChildCareDevFund/003673729.htm](http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/Child/ChildCare/ChildCareDevFund/003673729.htm)