

Rhode Island

State Description

Population of state: **1,048,319**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **193,554**
 Regulation of any child care facilities who are located on an Indian Reservation or in a tribal service area: **Yes, all non-exempt tribal providers**
 Date of market rate survey on which profile is based: **12/31/2004**

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey: **Lead Agency**
 Created survey questions: **Lead Agency**
 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**

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: **No**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	1,793	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.	Yes, all	1	Total
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	Yes, all	1	Total
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		1,795	

Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Financial incentives**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **1,793**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **919**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **0**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **874**
 Date data collection was completed: **12/31/2004**
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **31-60 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**
Comments: We did not exclude facilities with subsidized children, but we did some analysis on rates by percentage of subsidized children. This was the first year that we sent out both English and Spanish questionnaires. In the past they could be requested. The number of Spanish language questionnaires returned increased from 62 in 2002 to 248 in 2004.

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis:
 Unit of analysis: **Facility**
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **No**
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**
Comments: This year we asked only for weekly or what a provider would charge by the week.

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **1/04/2004**
 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? **Yes, for some categories**
Important factors in setting current rates:
 1 – **Desire to invest in quality of child care initiatives**
 2 – **Findings of recently completed market rate survey**
 3 – **Overall budget**

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
Geography		
County	No	No
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	No	No
State	Yes	Yes
Other geographic area	-	Don't know
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	Don't know	Yes
Group home	Don't know	Yes
In-home	Yes	Yes
Family, friends, neighbors	No	Yes
School-age centers	Don't know	Yes
School-age enrichment activities	Don't know	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	No	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	No	

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$14,000

Lead Agency:

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College: **\$14,000**

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Comments: Lead agency and Other agency costs are considered part of administration and are not calculated in the total costs.

Report is Available for Download at:

www.dhs.ri.gov/dhs/whatnew/child_care_rates_04.pdf