

South Carolina

State Description

Population of state: **4,012,012**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **783,634**
 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: **4/15/2004**

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey:	University
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:	Lead Agency
Wrote reports on findings:	Lead Agency
Published results:	University

Comments: We are working on developing a new licensing management information system which will capture rate information for all regulated facilities.

Facilities Surveyed

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	Most	Unknown	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	Yes	Unknown	Total
After-school education (non-licensed)	Yes	Unknown	Total
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.	No		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		Unknown	

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: Because we have terminated the contractual arrangement with the University that conducted the 2004 market rate survey we do not have access to the raw data.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Phone**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **None reported**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **None reported**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **None reported**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **None reported**
 # of facilities who completed the survey:
 Date data collection was completed: **3/15/2004**
 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**
Comments: SC contracted with Clemson University since 1991 to conduct our market rate survey. Over the years there was little to no revisions made to the data collected from providers. We have plans to include more detailed data collection in the market rate survey which will be completed by DSS in-house staff in the spring/summer of 2006.

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Migrant Head Start**
 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**

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **10/01/2005**
Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **No, not yet**

Are payment rates set at or above the 75th percentile of prices? **Yes, for all categories**

Important factors in setting current rates:

- 1 – **Findings of recently completed market rate survey**
- 2 – **Desire to invest in quality of child care initiatives**
- 3 – **State TANF policies**

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$11,871

Lead Agency:

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College: **\$11,871**

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	No	Yes
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	No	No
State	Yes	No
Other geographic area	Urban vs rural county designation	Yes
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	Yes
Family, friends, neighbors	No	Yes
School-age centers	Yes	Yes
School-age enrichment activities	Yes	Yes
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	Yes
Pricing Mode		
Hourly	No	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	No	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	No	