

Tennessee

State Description

Population of state: **5,689,283**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **1,087,474**
 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: **6/01/2005**

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey:	Lead Agency
Created survey questions:	Lead Agency
Assisted facilities to complete survey:	Lead Agency
Collected price data from facilities:	Lead Agency
Cleaned the collected data:	Lead Agency
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: **Yes**
 Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **No**

Comments: The data set includes licensed family child care providers but not exempt providers.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Other - A completed survey is required for the issuance of a license to operate.**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **4,800**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **0**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **0**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **4,800**
 Date data collection was completed: **6/01/2005**
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **16-20 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 - We do not ask providers in the survey about subsidized care because the subsidy program is part of our overall child care database and we already have that information.**
 Were any facilities that served subsidized children excluded? **Yes; 50% of subsidized children lead to exclusion of the facility.**

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Facilities serving only subsidized children, Facilities serving a high percent of 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**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	4,800	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		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		4,800	

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 – **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: \$22,000

Lead Agency:
 Other agency:
 State R&R Network:
 University/College: **\$22,000**
 Research or survey firm:
 Other contractor:

Comments: The way we are set up I would have to pro-rate costs across my entire licensing staff.

Report is Available for Download at: **Not available**

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