

Texas

State Description

Population of state: **20,851,820**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **4,585,446**
 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: **10/31/2004**
Comments: We have conducted a subsequent survey. The last data analysis was completed October 31, 2005. Answers in this survey are based on that data analysis completed in October, 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:	University
Wrote reports on findings:	University
Published results:	Lead Agency

Facilities Surveyed

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	18,830	Stratified random
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		18,830	

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**
Comments: Camps or other facilities with two-week terms are reviewed by a different agency and are not part of our sample.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Phone**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **4,370**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **208**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **1,755**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **2,231**
 Date data collection was completed: **10/15/2004**
Comments: We actually track about 20 'dispositions' that we assign to each call, telling us why we did or did not complete an interview. The 176 not included above were over dials. These providers never answered repeated calls; so they did not refuse to participate and were not dropped from the sample.
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **11-15 minutes**
 How facilities reported price information: **Actual rates in whatever mode they charge**
 Asked about the # of children in care that receive subsidy: **Yes**
 Were any facilities that served subsidized children excluded? **No**
Comments: The time for interviews varies a great deal according to facility type. In 2004 we also collected additional information on the financial basis of facilities and their desire for business-oriented training.

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Head Start programs, State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Migrant Head Start**
 Unit of analysis: **Both provider and slot; Licensed capacity for children, Actual current enrollment of children served by age group**

Comments: We also exclude facilities that only provide 'drop-in' care.
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Daily rate**
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$351,938

Lead Agency: **\$7,000**
 Other agency:
 State R&R Network:
 University/College: **\$344,938**
 Research or survey firm:
 Other contractor:

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **1/23/2003**
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **No**
 Are payment rates set at or above the 75th percentile of prices? **No**

Important factors in setting current rates:

- 1 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**
- 2 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**
- 3 – **State funding for child care**

Report is Available for Download at:
www.twc.state.tx.us/twcinfo/ccstateplan07.pdf

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
Geography		
County	No	No
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	Yes	Yes
State	Yes	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	No	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	No	
Monthly	No	