

Virginia

State Description

Population of state: **7,078,515**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **1,355,379**
 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: **8/15/2003**

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:	Lead Agency
Analyzed price data:	Lead Agency
Interpreted findings:	Lead Agency
Wrote reports on findings:	Lead Agency
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: Center and family providers are separated so there were actually two different survey data sets. Within the center data set, licensed centers, which are regulated, and religious exempt providers, which are considered unregulated, were combined. The total population of the center data set was surveyed. The family providers consisted of regulated and unregulated providers however the majority were regulated. Within the family data set, the selection was based on the number of providers within each FIPS location. For FIPS with a small number of providers, all providers were surveyed. A random sample was applied to FIPS locations with many providers.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail, Phone and Web**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **6,279**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **None reported**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **None reported**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **None reported**
 Date data collection was completed: **8/15/2003**
Comments: The survey instrument has been in use since 1990 with minor revisions. Although it was not field tested for this survey, the instrument has been tested over time. Of the 3,123 center providers surveyed, there was 91% response rate. There were 3,156 family providers surveyed with 68% response rate.
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **16-20 minutes**
 How facilities reported price information: **Actual rates in whatever mode they charge**
 Asked about the # of children in care that receive subsidy: **No**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	8,530	Stratified random
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	1,013	Stratified random
Family, friends, or neighbors who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	Unknown	Stratified random
Centers that are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	850	Total
After-school education (non-licensed)	Yes	Unknown	Total
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		10,393+	

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Head Start programs, Migrant Head Start, Facilities serving only subsidized children, Part-day, Part-week programs**

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? **Yes**

Comments: Daily and hourly rates are derived from the weekly rate. The assumptions used to calculate the daily and hourly rates are based on previous survey results.

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **9/15/2004**

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 – **Findings of recently completed market rate survey**

2 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**

3 – **Desire to invest in quality of child care initiatives**

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: **\$81,500**

Lead Agency: **\$16,500**

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College: **\$65,000**

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	Yes	Yes
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	No	No
In-home	No	No
Family, friends, neighbors	No	No
School-age centers	No	No
School-age enrichment activities	No	No
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	No
Pricing Mode		
Hourly	Yes	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	Yes	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	No	