

Washington

State Description

Population of state: **5,894,121**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **1,167,803**
 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: **7/15/2004**
Comments: We are processing the 2006 survey data now (summer of 2006).

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

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	9,009	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		
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	Included in licensed facilities above	Stratified random
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	No		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		9,009	

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: We do not have a category of family home providers that are excluded from regulation. Basically, our sample is drawn from all regulated/licensed providers.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail, Phone and Web**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Financial incentives (6 \$50 grocery gift certificate lottery for both single centers and homes); Follow-up letters or calls**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **4,319**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **195**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **871**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **3,253**
 Date data collection was completed: **6/15/2004**
 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**
 Were any facilities that served subsidized children excluded? **No**
Comments: For family homes we ask for the age of each child and the rate charged- we do not collect information by rate categories at all. For family homes, the age categories listed do not correspond to licensing categories for the toddler/preschool group. For centers we collect by age categories and the age categories correspond to those used in licensing regulations.

Data Analysis

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

Unit of analysis: **Slot; Actual current enrollment of children served by age group**

Comments:

+ Include part-day (>4 hours) or part-week programs for rate analysis if they gave us a rate that we could convert into a daily or monthly rate and they had children in care for 30 hours or more.

+ Centers with 85% or more subsidized children were excluded from rate analysis. For homes, providers are asked how much they charge for each individual child that they serve and only rates for private-pay children are used in rate analysis.

+ Also weighted providers by county to account for non-response and (for family homes only) for sampling factor.

Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Monthly**

Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **Yes**

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **11/01/2005**

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 – **State funding for child care**

2 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**

3 – **Provider concerns**

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$180,000

Lead Agency: **\$90,000**

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College: **\$90,000**

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 - Centers in four counties
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	Yes	Yes
State	Yes	Yes - For activity and registration fees
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	Yes - Not set based on survey
Family, friends, neighbors	No	Yes
School-age centers	No	Yes - Not set based on survey
School-age enrichment activities	No	Yes - Didn't distinguish payment rates in school age centers from payments to centers serving school age children
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	Yes - Not set based on survey
Pricing Mode		
Hourly	No	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	No	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	Yes	