

Wisconsin

State Description

Population of state: **5,536,201**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **907,987**
 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: **12/31/2004**
Comments: Providers were surveyed during the month of September, the results were calculated and reported to the counties by early December 2004. The 2006 market rate survey results were reported to counties in January 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:	Other Agency
Collected price data from facilities:	Other Agency
Cleaned the collected data:	Other 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	5,350	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		
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	Unknown	Total
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	No		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		5,350+	

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 include all licensed group and family programs that are open for public and care for children at least 5 hours/day, 5 days/week.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **5,350**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **None reported**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **None reported**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **4,547**
 Date data collection was completed: **9/01/2004**
Comments: See operation memo 05-26 in regards to the survey process in WI.
<http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/em/ops-memos/2005/default.htm>. The follow-up work varies from one county to another. The survey form instructs providers to report weekly fees as they were in the month of July 2004.
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **Less than 5 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? **Yes; 75% of subsidized children lead to exclusion of the facility**

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from 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, Part-day, Part-week programs**
 Unit of analysis: **Both provider and slot; Desired capacity of children**
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **No**
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **Yes**

Comments:

- + We interpret school age summer to be full time, and school age school year to be part time.
- + We possess enough information (we know the county and zip codes of the respondents) and could do the data in other ways. But overwhelmingly data is analysed by region.
- + Questions were asked in standardised units. What is the cost for full time weekly care.
- + The percentile ranking of the state rates in our mind serve as a measure of market access for subsidy children.

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **12/26/2004**

Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes;**

Decreased for some types of care and age categories

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 – **Establishment of a regional private market rate that is accurate. Other important factors follow.**

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Comments:

+ 2006 Rates began 2/26/06.

+ Current payment rate information available at:

<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/programs/childcare/wishare/pdf/2006rates.pdf>

+ 2006 Maximum rate policy information available at:

<http://www.dwd.state.wi.us/dws/programs/childcare/wishares/rates.htm>

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$14,900

Lead Agency: **\$2,500**

Other agency: **\$12,400**

State R&R Network:

University/College:

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	Analyzed data by county, region and state - Chose regional rates.	-
Age Group		
Infant care	Yes	Yes
Toddler care	Yes	Yes
Preschool-age care	Yes	Yes
School-age care	Yes	Yes
Type of Care		
Center (Licensed Group)	Yes	Yes
Family (Licensed Family)	Yes	Yes
Group home (Regularly Certified)	No	Yes
In-home (Professionally Certified)	No	Yes
Family, friends, neighbors	No	No
School-age centers	Yes	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	Yes	