

Table 1: Summary Table of Available National Measures of Child Care Barriers to Employment

Data Source	National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) ^a	National Household Education Survey - Early Childhood Program Participation component (ECPP-NHES)	National Survey of America's Families (NSAF) ^a	National Study of the Changing Workforce (NSCW)	Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP)	Current Population Survey (CPS)	New Chance	Survey of Program Dynamics (SPD)
Survey Main Goal	Produce national and state-level estimates of children's health	Provides descriptive data on education-related issues at the national level	Provides a comprehensive look at the well-being of children and non-elderly adults, and provides quantitative measures of child, adult and family well-being in the United States, with an emphasis on persons in low-income families.	Provides a model for understanding how work, family, and personal life fit together	Provide information on income and program participation of individuals and households	Primary source of information of U.S. labor force characteristics	To evaluate the New Chance program, which aimed to help young mothers who were receiving cash assistance.	Provide information on participation in welfare, examine causes and consequences of program participation, and monitor the changes that result from welfare reform.
Sample Population	Households with children less than 18 years old	Households with children less than 10 years old	Telephone households (CATI interview) and nontelephone households (in-person interview) with people under age 65 living in the United States. Sample also representative of 13 states, including Alabama, California, Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts, Missouri, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Wisconsin, Texas, Washington, and Minnesota	Wage and salaried workers 18 years or older	National panels of household members 15 years and older	Random sample of households in all 50 states and District of Columbia	In-person interviews with mothers who had first given birth as teenagers, had dropped out of high school, and were receiving cash welfare assistance.	Those in sample from the 1992 and 1993 Survey of Income and Program Participation (SIPP) panels.
Sample Size (unweighted)	102,353	7,198	44,000	2,900	14,000 to 36,700 (range due to duration of panel ranging from 2 1/2 to 4 years)	50,000	over 2,000	Average sample over years is 21,717
Unit of Analysis	Child	Child	Parent/Household member	Employed adult	Adult	Adult	Teen mothers receiving cash assistance	Person, family, household
Respondent	Adult most knowledgeable about child's health	Parent most knowledgeable about child's education and care	Most knowledgeable adult	Employed adult	All members of household 15 years old and over	Member of household 15 years old and over (provides information for all household members)	Mother receiving cash assistance	Member of Household 15 years and older
Age of Focal Child (or age of child in child care-related questions)	0-17 (0-5 for child care questions)	0-6 (not yet enrolled in kindergarten)	0-12	0-5	Not specified	0-17	Not specified	Not specified
Base Year	2003	1991	1997	1992	1984	1948	1989	1998 ^b
Follow-Up Years	2007 (planned)	1995, 1999, 2001, 2005, 2009 (planned)	1999, 2002 (extended survey)	1997	1984-1993 panel, 1996-2000 panel, 2001-2004 panel, 2004-2007 panel	1949- present	1992	2002

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Item Wording:								
<p>Child Care Barriers to Employment</p>	<p>Did you or anyone in the family have to quit a job, not take a job, or greatly change your job because of problems with child care for [CHILD]?</p>	<p>Does (that arrangement/the time (CHILD) is in school) cover all the hours that [you/(CHILD's mother/stepmother/foster mother] (are/is) at (work) or (school or training)? (1995, 2001) <i>(same question for father)</i></p> <p>Have (CHILD's) (child/after-school) care needs influenced [your/(his/her) (mother/stepmother/foster mother/grandmother/(NAME)'s] choice of a job or work schedule in any way? (2005) <i>(same question for father)</i></p> <p>(Do you and (CHILD's) (OTHER PARENT/GUARDIAN/ Do (CHILD's) parent's) arrange your work schedules so that a parent is available to care for [(CHILD/ the children)]? (2005)</p> <p>Would (your/child's) mother/stepmother/foster mother) be working outside of the home if (you/she) could find acceptable and affordable (child/before- and after-school) care for (CHILD)? (2001, 2005) <i>(same question for father)</i></p> <p>Would (you/CHILD's) mother/stepmother/ foster mother) enter job training or school if (you/she) could find acceptable and affordable (child/before- and after-school) care for (CHILD)? (2005) <i>(same question for father)</i></p>	<p>Sometimes it is difficult to make arrangements to look after children all the time. During the last month, did (CHILD) take care of (himself/herself) {or stay alone with (his/her) brother or sister who is under 13 years old} on a regular basis even for a small amount of time? <i>Follow Up:</i> How many hours per week does (CHILD2) take care of (himself/herself) {or stay alone with (his/her) brother or sister who is under 13 years old}}? <i>Follow Up:</i> Were you working, looking for a job, or in school during any of these hours?</p> <p>During the last month, did you and (SPOUSE/PARTNER) work different hours so that the two of you could take turns caring for (your child/your children) while the other person worked?</p>	<p>How many days of work have you missed in the past three months because your usual child care arrangement was unavailable?</p> <p>In the past three months, how often have you experienced child care breakdowns?</p>	<p>What was the main reason you worked less than 35 hours in those weeks? (1) Could not find full-time job, (2) Wanted to work part-time, (3) Temporarily unable to work full-time because of injury, (4) Temporarily unable to work full-time because of illness, (5) Unable to work full-time because of chronic health condition/disability, (6) Taking care of children/other persons, (7) Full time workweek is less than 35 hours, (8) Slack work or material shortage, (9) Participated in a job-sharing arrangement, (10) On vacation, (11) In school, (12) Other</p> <p>Are you not able to work/work more hours because of problems in obtaining child care?</p> <p>Considering all of your children, how much time, if any, was lost in total from work or school last month either because of failures in child care arrangements or because you could not find a child care provider?</p>	<p>What is the main reason you were not looking for work during the Last 4 Weeks? (1) Believes No Work Available In Line of Work Or Area (2) Couldn't Find Any Work (3) Lacks Necessary Schooling/Training (4) Employers Think Too Young Or Too Old (5) Other Types Of Discrimination (6) Can't Arrange Child Care (7) Family Responsibilities (8) In School Or Other Training (9) Ill-Health, Physical Disability (10) Transportation Problems (11) Other - Specify</p>	<p>What are the main reasons you're not looking for a job? (1) Pregnancy; (2) Wants to stay home with child(ren);(3) Child care too expensive; (4) Can't find/arrange (adequate) child care; (5) In school or training; (6) Child's ill health, disability; (7) Family responsibilities, other than personal child care; (8) Own ill health, disability; (9) Does not want to work or look for work now; (10) Getting welfare; (11) Believes no work is available in line of work/area; (12) Not prepared, needs school/training/GED first; (13) Transportation problems; (14) Housing problems/unstable living arrangement; (15) Other</p> <p>During the past month, did you miss at least one day of work, school, or training because of a problem with your child care arrangements (for any of your children)?</p>	<p>What was the MAIN reason you did not work in [LASTYEAR]? (1)Retired,(2)Taking care of home or family,(3)Going to school,(4)Could not find adequate child care (or child problems),(5)Pregnant/Just had a baby,(6)Ill or disabled,(7)Could not find work/No work available,(8)On layoff,(9)Transportation problems,(10)Did not want to work,(11) Never worked,(12) Other (specify)</p> <p>Last year, did [MOM] lose any time from work because [your/hisher] usual child care provider was unavailable to care for [NAME]? This does not include times when [NAME] was sick and couldn't be cared for by the usual child care provider. How much time did [MOM] lose from work? Did [MOM] lose any time from work last year because [you/heshe] couldn't find a child care provider for [NAME]? How much time did [MOM] lose from work?</p> <p>At any time between January and December [LASTYEAR], did [MOM] have to do any of the following because of child care problems:(1) Quit or have to leave a job,(2) Quit looking for work, (3) Quit a training activity or school</p> <p>At any time between January and December [lastyear], were you unable to do any of the following because of child care problems:(1) Unable to take or start a job, (2) Unable to start looking for work,(3) Unable to start a training activity or start school?</p>

Reference Group: ^c	Focal child	Focal child	Parent(s)	Parent	Parent	Parent	Mother	Parent
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Employment status	Was anyone in the household employed at least 50 weeks out of the past 52 weeks?	About how many total hours per week (do you/does she) usually work for pay or income, counting all jobs? (2005)	How many hours per week [do you/does (SPOUSE/PARTNER)] usually work on the job [you have/(SPOUSE/PARTNER) has] now? How many hours per week [do you/does (SPOUSE/PARTNER)] usually work on [your/(his/her)] main job?	How many regularly scheduled work hours are there for your main job? (all respondents are employed)	Did you have at least one paid job, either full or part time, at anytime between [reference month 1] 1st and today?	Do you usually work 35 hours or more per week [at all your jobs combined/in the family business/at your job]?	On average, how many hours per week (do/did) you usually work at (EMPLOYER/SELF-EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITY) (now/just before you left)? Please include regular overtime hours. Are you currently working for pay?	Including paid vacations and paid sick leave, did you work during all 52 weeks in [LASTYEAR]? Think about the weeks that you worked last year. How many hours did you USUALLY work per week in [LASTYEAR].
Reference Group:	Household	Parent(s)	Parent(s)	Parent	Parent/Household members	Parent/Household members	Mother	Parent/Household members
Income/Poverty Level	Percentage of the federal poverty level (derived)	Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived by the user, because exact household income is reported. (2005)	Percentage of the federal poverty level (derived)	Total family income from all sources is collected. Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived by the user.	Exact income and poverty level data are collected at the monthly level. Percentage of the federal poverty level could be derived by the user by multiplying the reported monthly income by 12 to get annual income amount.	Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived by the user, using income categories.	Income data are collected at the monthly level. Percentage of the federal poverty level could be derived by the user by multiplying the reported monthly income by 12 to get annual income amount.	Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived by the user, using reported household income.
Reference Group:	Household	Household	Parent; family	Family	Household	Household	Mother	Household
Type of Care	During the past month, did [CHILD] regularly attend: * child care center; * family-based child care outside of your home; * child care in your home provided by a nanny or relative other than a parent/guardian; * nursery school, preschool, or kindergarten; * Head Start or Early Start Program?	Is (CHILD) now receiving care from a relative other than a parent on a regular basis, for example from grandparents, brothers or sisters, or any other relatives? (2005)	First, did (CHILD1) attend Head Start; Other than Head Start, what about a nursery school, a preschool, a pre-kindergarten, or a day care center? Please do not include child care or babysitting in someone else's home; A program that provided before or after-school care?; Did (CHILD1) have child care or babysitting in your home (by someone other than (you/you or your spouse/partner));? What about child care or babysitting in someone else's home?	Main care type for youngest child: * Respondent cares for child while working * Sibling(s) provide care * Relative cares for child in relative's home * Relative cares for child in child's home * Non-relative cares for child in non-relative's home * Non-relative cares for child in child's home * Child care center, preschool, head start * Child cares for self	During a typical week last month, please tell me if you used any of the following arrangements to look after the child on a regular basis. [Child's other parent or stepparent?] [Did you care for the child while you were working or at school?] Brother or sister age 15 or older? Brother or sister under age 15? Grandparent? Any other relative? Family day care provider caring for 2 or more children outside of your home? A child care or day care center? A nursery or preschool? A federally supported Headstart program? A non-relative such as a friend, neighbor, sitter, nanny, or au-pair? Other arrangement?	None	(Is your child/Are any of your children) currently in any kind of school, nursery school, Head Start, day care, or regular child care arrangement either with a family member or a nonrelative?	In addition to school, please tell me which of these [MOM] used for [NAME] on a regular basis between January [LASTYEAR] and May [CURYEAR]. (1)Child's other parent/stepparent cared for child while,[MOM] was/were at work.(2)[MOM] cared for child while [youheshe][ATWORK].(3)Child's brother or sister.(4)Child's grandparent.(5) Any other relative.(6)Family day care home (caring for 2+ kids in provider's home).(7)A nonrelative such as a friend,neighbor, sitter or nanny (8)Child care/day care center or nursery school/preschool. (9)Federally-funded Head Start program.(11)Before or after school care.(12)Child cares for [SELF].(13)Any other type of arrangement.(14)No regular arrangement used.
Number of arrangements:	Up to 5	unlimited	Up to 5	One main arrangement	Up to 5		Up to 2	Up to 14

Reference Group:	Focal child age 0-5	Focal child age 0-7	Child	Youngest child	Child		Mother	Child
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Child Care Subsidy Receipt	None	Is a state government or welfare agency currently helping you pay for any (child/before- or after-school) care costs (for any child)? (2005)	Now thinking about the child care arrangements you use for (CHILD1/CHILD2/your other child(ren)), what person or agencies paid for or provided child care for (CHILD1/CHILD2/your other children) so that you didn't have to pay for it? WELFARE OR SOCIAL SERVICES.....1 In 2001, apart from Food Stamps, did anybody receive vouchers or coupons from the welfare office to help pay for special expenses?	None	Did you receive: (5) Child Care Services or Assistance so you could go to work or school or training?	None	None	Who or what agency helped pay for [NAME]'s child care arrangements during [LASTYEAR]? 1. Government (Federal, state, or local government agency, or welfare office), 2. Child's other parent (parent doesn't live with child), 3. Employer, 4. Other
Reference Group:		Parent	Parent		Parent/Household members			Parent/Household members
TANF	At any time during the past 12 months, even for one month, did anyone in this household receive any cash assistance from a state or county welfare program, such as [state TANF name]?	Do any of the following people or organizations help to pay for (CHILD) to go to that program? (a) a relative of (CHILD) outside your household who provides money specifically for that program, not including general child support; (b) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families of TANF, (c) Another social service, welfare, or child care agency, (d) an employer, not including tax-free spending account for child care, (e) someone else? (2005)	At any time during 2001, even for one month, did anybody receive any cash assistance, welfare, or emergency help from a state or county welfare program such as {STATE TANF PROGRAM} or {STATE NAME FOR GENERAL ASSISTANCE}? <i>Follow Up</i> : Was this assistance received from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or TANF, which used to be called AFDC?	Do you currently receive welfare benefits?	Did you receive: (1) Public Assistance such as AFDC, TANF or [state public assistance]? (2) General Assistance or General Relief (3) Energy Assistance Program (4) Transportation Assistance to help you get to work or school or training such as gas vouchers, bus passes, or help repairing a car? (5) Child Care Services or Assistance so you could go to work or school or training? (6) Any short-term cash assistance to tide you over when you needed it to help you stay off welfare; or for an emergency? (7) Any other cash or other assistance from a state or county welfare program?	Public assistance or welfare benefits received Yes/No	Many young mothers receive money from welfare. Are you or your child(ren) currently receiving cash aid from welfare on your own grant?	At any time during [LASTYEAR], even for only one month, did you receive any CASH assistance from a state or county welfare program such as: Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)? (gives break down by state of each type of TANF/assistance available)
Reference Group:	Household	Focal child; family	Household	Parent	Parent	Household	Mother	Parent

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Other Assistance	During the past 12 months, did any child in the household receive Food Stamps? During the past 12 months, did any child in the household receive free or reduced-cost breakfasts or lunches at school? Does anyone who lives in the household currently receive benefits from the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program?	In the past 12 months, that is since (CURRENT MONTH) of 2004, has your family received benefits from any of the following programs? How about... a. Temporary Assistance for Needy Families of TANF, b. your (STATE WELFARE PROGRAM), c. women, infants, and children, or WIC, d. food stamps, e. Medicaid or (State Medicaid program), f. Child Health Insurance Program or (STATE CHIP PROGRAM?) (2005)	In 2001, did anybody receive Food Stamps or a {STATE EBT CARD}?	Do you currently receive food stamps?	Were you authorized to receive food stamps? (1) Yes (2) No	None	Is (CHILD) now covered by (Medicaid/Medi-Cal), that is, do you have a valid medical card that covers medical bills for (him/her)?	This is a list of benefits or income sources people sometimes receive. Please tell me if anyone in this household received benefits during [LASTYEAR] from any of these sources. Supplemental Security Income, also called SSI, is a federal program to provide money to low-income elderly and low-income disabled persons. During [LASTYEAR], did you receive SSI?
Reference Group:	Household	Family	Parent	Employed adult	Parent		Last month, that is in (PREVIOUS MONTH), did you receive food stamps?	Did you get food stamps at any time during [fill LASTYEAR]? Which adults received WIC?

^aData also provide state representative samples.

^bThe SPD was designed to create a longitudinal database spanning a ten-year period and consisting of three components: information collected in the 1992 and 1993 panels of the SIPP; information collected in 1997 using a modified version of the March CPS; and information collected from 1998 to 2002 using the SPD instrument.

^cReference group refers to the person/group referred to in the question text. The reference person can change throughout a survey depending on the question wording.

Table 2: Summary Table of Available State Measures of Child Care Barriers to Employment

Data Source ^a	Women's Employment Study	Oregon Adult and Family Services (AFS) Child Care Consumer Survey	Survey of Wisconsin Works Families	Minnesota Statewide Household Child Care Survey	Missouri TANF Leavers and Stayers	Florida Family Transition Program	The Washington State Department of Social & Health Services Survey	New Hope	ASPE Employment Barriers for TANF Caseload	ASPE Funded TANF Leavers Studies	ASPE Funded TANF Applicants Studies	Nebraska Client Barriers Survey	New York Leavers Study
Survey Main Goal	Examine how the labor market, mental health, physical health, and family problems affect a welfare recipient's ability to obtain and retain employment over time	To conduct a periodic survey of parents who receive child care assistance through the state of Oregon, in order to inform changes in the Integrated Child Care Program	To evaluate how the Wisconsin Works program affects families participating in the program	To examine child care use in Minnesota and whether it is affordable, available, and quality care.	Follow the progress of those who leave TANF.	Examine the impacts of a welfare program with time limits.	Examine child care experiences, including experiences with the Working Connections Child Care Program, in order to improve child care and other services for DSHS clients.	Evaluate New Hope's ability to 1) run programs that effectively move people out of poverty and 2) work with elected officials to create policies that provide greater work opportunities.	ASPE funded six states to study the characteristics and needs of current TANF caseloads. Focus on identifying potential barriers to employment among TANF recipients across the six states.	Examine TANF leavers process from welfare to work and how successful they are at self-sufficiency.	Examine TANF applicants and look at the difference between families who did not complete the application process and those who completed it and received TANF services.	Determine what services Nebraska residents need and how the state can improve its Employment First welfare program.	Examine the outcome of welfare reform by looking at those who left TANF.
Sample Population	Single mothers on welfare	Parents who were receiving child care assistance	Resident mothers participating in the program and nonresident fathers of children participating in the program	Households with children age 11 or younger	TANF leavers (1999 & 2000) TANF recipients (2001)	Welfare applicants and recipients	Parents eligible for or receiving child care subsidies	New Hope applicants or recipients who had at least one child under 11 at start of survey	Single parent who receives TANF	TANF leavers	TANF applicants	Mothers ages 18-54 receiving TANF	TANF leavers
Sample Size (unweighted)	874	2,366	2,980 mothers 2,028 fathers	1,363	around 600 (several rounds)	1,000-2,000, depending on round	947	745	varies by state	varies by state	varies by state	412	1,409
Available State(s)	Michigan	Oregon	Wisconsin	Minnesota	Missouri	Florida	Washington State	Wisconsin	South Carolina, California, Colorado, DC, Maryland, and Missouri	Arizona, California (Los Angeles County), DC, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Ohio (Cuyahoga County), South Carolina, Washington, Wisconsin ^b	New York, Wisconsin, Washington, Arizona ^b	Nebraska	New York
Unit of Analysis	Single mother on welfare	Parent receiving child care assistance	Parent of children participating in the program	Household	TANF Leavers or Recipients	Welfare applicants and recipients	Parent eligible for or receiving child care subsidies	New Hope applicants/recipients	Single parent who receives TANF	TANF leavers	TANF applicants	Mothers receiving TANF	TANF leavers
Respondent	Single mother on welfare	Parent receiving child care assistance	Parent of children participating in the program	Most knowledgeable adult about child care arrangements	TANF Leavers or Recipients	Welfare applicants and recipients	Parent eligible for or receiving child care subsidies	New Hope applicants/recipients	Single parent who receives TANF	TANF leavers	TANF applicants	Mothers receiving TANF	TANF leavers
Age of Focal Child (or age of child in child care related questions)	0-14 for child sections, but not in employment sections	0-17	0-18	0-12	0-16	0-17	0-11	1-10	not specified	not specified	not specified	0-18	0-18
Base Year	1997	1990	1999	1999	1999	1994	1998	1994-1995	varies by state	varies by state	varies by state	2000	200-2001
Follow-Up Years	1998, 1999, 2001, 2003	1994, 1998	2000	2004	2000, 2001 (Please note 1999 questions used here, as the follow-up questions were not available).	1998	none	1996-1997, 1999-2000, 2003 (Note: questions from 2 year follow-up were most applicable and used here)	varies by state	varies by state	varies by state	no known follow-up	no known follow-up

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Reference Group:	Mother	Parent	Parent(s)	Parent(s)	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Mothers	Parent
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Employment status	Are you currently working for pay? Yes/No Follow Up: Including overtime, how many hours per week do you usually work on all jobs?	None (Parent is working due to their participation in the ICCP program)	During 1997, did you do any work for pay? Follow Up: Including regular and overtime hours, how many hours a week did you usually work?	During most of last week were you...working for pay at a job? Or looking for work?	First, since you left AFDC on (date) have you worked for pay? Please don't count unpaid work experiences you may have had.	Are you currently working for pay?	One of the main purposes of this study is to find out how families care for children WHILE PARENTS ARE AT WORK, IN SCHOOL OR TRAINING, OR LOOKING FOR WORK. So would you please tell me, are you currently working?	Since (RA MONTH/YEAR), have you worked for pay at all?	Are you currently working for pay? Including overtime, how many hours per week (do/did) you usually work on this job? Follow-up: (Is/Was) the number of hours per week you usually (work/worked) less than 20 hours, 20 to 34 hours, or 35 hours or more?	varies by state	varies by state	About how many months during the past 12 months did you work for pay?	During the last six months you were receiving Family Assistance, or TANF, in New York, that is the six months prior to (RECALL TERM/DATE), did you work for pay? Since you left Family Assistance, or TANF, have you worked for pay?
Reference Group	Mother		Parent(s)	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent	Parent			Parent	Parent
Income/Poverty Level	Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived by the user, using exact income reported.	The following levels of household income are available: Under \$25,000; \$25,000 to \$44,999; \$45,000 and above	Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived by the user, using exact income reported.	Income collected by putting people into an income range. Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived using this range.	Income data are collected at the monthly level. Percentage of the federal poverty level could be derived by the user by multiplying the reported monthly income by 12 to get annual income amount.	Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived by the user, using reported income.	Income data are collected at the monthly level. Percentage of the federal poverty level could be derived by the user by multiplying the reported monthly income by 12 to get annual income amount.	Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived by the user, using reported income.	Income data are collected at the monthly level. Percentage of the federal poverty level could be derived by the user by multiplying the reported monthly income by 12 to get annual income amount.	varies by state	varies by state	Income data are collected at the monthly level. Percentage of the federal poverty level could be derived by the user by multiplying the reported monthly income by 12 to get annual income amount.	Percentage of the federal poverty level can be derived by the user, using reported income.
Reference Group	Family	Household	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family	Family			Family	Family
Type of Care	How many different child care arrangements are you using now? * One * Two * Three * Four * None	Type of care used: * In the home of relative or ex-spouse * In the home of a non-relative * In a child care center or nursery school * In after-school activities or programs * At home with my spouse/partner * At home with adult relative age 18 or over * At home with adult non-relative age 18 or older * At home with non-relative under 18 * At home with an older brother or sister under 18 * Looks after self * Other	During the last month, did any of your children attend: * Head Start, preschool, or nursery school? * Another day or group care center, including family day care? * Summer day care, summer camp, or summer school classes? * Did any members of your family, other than a spouse or partner, take care of any of your children last month? * Did a sitter, friend, or neighbor take care of any of your children last month?	Which of the following child care arrangements have you used most often at least once a week in each of the last two weeks? * Kindergarten * Head Start * Group care center, nursery, preschool, prekindergarten * Before or after school program * Childcare of babysitting in your home * Childcare or babysitting in someone else's home * Activities at a rec center, library, church, camp, gym * Overnight camp * Child cared for self	Who provided this care for children living in your household who are too young to go to school during prior month? * Friend * Relative * Church * Child Care Center * Family Day Care Home * Head Start Program * Babysitter * Other Now thinking about children living in your household who are in school, do you have some kind of extended care or after-care for them while you are at work, looking for a job, or going to school that you have used in (prior month)?	Has anyone besides you regularly taken care of (NAME) at least once a week for the past month or more, like a relative, sitter, child care center, or family day care home? Who usually takes care of (NAME) for the most hours? Please exclude time (NAME) spends in school during the regular school day. Child's other biological parent, child's stepparent's/R's spouse/partner, child's grandparent/great-grandparent, child's sibling/half sibling, child's other relative, babysitter or nonrelative in child's home, family day care or non-relative in another home, preschool, nursery school or day care center, head start, extended-day, before/after school program/ lessons or activities/ boys or girls club, YMCA or YWCA, summer day care, camp, or summer school classes, other	Parents use many sorts of arrangements to care for their children while they are at work. For example, these arrangements might include the child being cared for by a brother, sister or grandparent, or going to a school or child care facility. How is your youngest child USUALLY cared for when you are at work, in school or training, or looking for work? 1. A brother / sister / stepbrother / stepsister, 2. A grandparent or step-grandparent or relative, 3. A relative other than sibling or grandparent, 4. A non-relative in own home, 5. A non-relative outside own home, 6. A child care facility (family / center preschool), 7. Headstart or ECEAP, 8. Public school, 9. Before/After-school program in the school, 10. Respondent works at home, 11. Respondent cares for child at work, 12. Spouse / partner takes care of child, 13. Child cares for self., 14. Some other arrangement	I'd like to ask you about any regular child care arrangements you may have used in the last two years when you were not available to care for your child(ren), because you were... Since (RA MONTH/YEAR), while you were doing (this/these things) has a child of yours been cared for... in a Head Start program? In a pre-school, nursery school, or child care center other than Head Start? In an "extended-day" program, that is, before- or after-school care at the child's regular school? In another child care program other than in someone's home? By a person other than a member of your family or household? By another member of your family or household?	During the past 12 months, have any of your children received child care from someone other than their parent or guardian on a regular basis? Please include care provided before or after school. Please exclude time (NAME) spends in school during the regular school day. Child's other biological parent, child's stepparent's/R's spouse/partner, child's grandparent/great-grandparent, child's sibling/half sibling, child's other relative, babysitter or nonrelative in child's home, family day care or non-relative in another home, preschool, nursery school or day care center, head start, extended-day, before/after school program/ lessons or activities/ boys or girls club, YMCA or YWCA, summer day care, camp, or summer school classes, other	varies by state	varies by state	During the past year, when you were working, looking for a job, or participating in activities such as education or training, who usually took care of your youngest child? A before- or after-school care arrangement, A family day care home, A summer camp program, A baby-sitter not related to the child, The child's other parent, By a relative, other than the child's other parent, Through after-school activities, Community center, Childcare center at work, takes care of himself or herself alone, other	Where was your child taken care of during the past month? Was it at a: Head Start Program, Preschool, nursery school, or day care center, A before- or after-school care arrangement, A family day care home, A summer camp program, A baby-sitter not related to the child, The child's other parent, By a relative, other than the child's other parent, Through after-school activities, Community center, Childcare center at work, takes care of himself or herself alone, other
Number of arrangements	Up to 4	Up to 11	Up to 5	0 to 9	Up to 8	Up to 13	14	One	One			unlimited	One
Reference Group	Mother	Parent	Parent	Parent	Children in household	Parent	Youngest child	Parent	Parent			Youngest child	Focal child
Child Care Subsidy Receipt	None	None (Sample is those receiving child care assistance)	Does a government agency (your employer), or anyone else outside your household help pay for any of your child care? Follow Up: Who helps you pay for child care? * Welfare, W-2, or social services	Do you currently receive child care financial assistance through a state or county subsidy program?	Do any of the following help you pay for childcare? * Welfare or social service agency * Employer * Non-custodial parent * Someone else I haven't mentioned	None	None	Who paid for this care? Respondent, spouse/partner, other family member, welfare department/jobs, new hope project, other	During the past 12 months have you received help in paying for child care from a welfare or social service agency?	varies by state	varies by state	Are you currently receiving assistance or a subsidy from the state government, the welfare office or HHS to help pay for all or some of your child care costs?	Did you receive any assistance from the government, a community agency, or someone else with paying for this childcare? This type of payment may be considered a subsidy or a prorated payment where the amount you pay is based on a sliding scale. Parent
Reference Group			Parent(s)	Parent	Parent			Parent	Parent			Parent	Parent
TANF	None	None (Sample is those receiving child care assistance)	None	In any time during 2003, did you or anyone in your household have any income from any of the following sources? MFIP or welfare?	Did you ever receive cash assistance from the state of Missouri's ACDF program?	Are you currently receiving cash assistance through AFDC, the WAGES program, or TANF?	Are you currently receiving a welfare grant, such as TANF or Workfirst?	In (PRIOR MONTH), did you (or anyone in your household) receive... AFDC cash aid, not counting any child support money or child care payments received from the welfare department?	During the past month, did you (or anyone in your household) receive... Cash assistance from (STATE TANF PROGRAM)?	varies by state	varies by state	Last month, did you or any other adult in your household receive money or financial support from any of the following sources... Aid to Dependent Children, that is, either ADC or TANF?	Are you currently receiving cash assistance, or welfare, from New York's Family Assistance or TANF program?
Reference Group				Household	Parent	Parent	Parent	Household	Household			Household	Parent

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 2: Summary Table of Available State Measures of Child Care Barriers to Employment, Continued

Data Source	Women's Employment Study	Oregon Adult and Family Services (AFS) Child Care Consumer Survey	Survey of Wisconsin Works Families	Minnesota Statewide Household Child Care Survey	Missouri TANF Leavers and Stayers	Florida Family Transition Program	The Washington State Department of Social & Health Services Survey	New Hope	ASPE Employment Barriers for TANF Caseload	ASPE Funded TANF Leavers Studies	ASPE Funded TANF Applicants Studies	Nebraska Client Barriers Survey	New York Leavers Study
Other Assistance	In (prior month), did you (or your husband/partner) receive money from any of the following sources? A. ADC or FIP B. Food stamps	None	At any time during 1997, did you receive any government payments because your income was low, such as public assistance or welfare or anything else?	Are your child-care expenses reduced because of a discount, bargain rate, sliding scale, scholarship, or general program subsidy by a church, child-care provider, employer, or agency?	Are you currently receiving cash assistance, or welfare, from another state's AFDC, ANFC, or TANF program?	Do you currently live in a public housing project? Please do not include Section 8 housing.	Are you CURRENTLY receiving help from the State to pay for your child care?	In (PRIOR MONTH), did you (or anyone in your household/immediate family) receive . . . Food Stamps? General Assistance, or welfare for individuals without dependent children? WIC, that is, Women, Infants, and Children Nutrition Program? SSI, that is, Supplemental Security Income for the disabled?	Is your housing owned by a public housing authority, or do you (or someone you live with) receive a rent subsidy, or do you pay a lower rent because the government pays part of the cost?	varies by state	varies by state	Last month, did you or any other adult in your household receive money or financial support from any of the following sources . . . Food Stamp Benefits? Benefits from WIC, the Women, Infant, and Children Nutrition Program? Unemployment insurance or worker's compensation?	Have you ever applied or received any of the benefits that are available to people who have left Family Assistance, or TANF?
Reference Group:	Parent(s)		Parent	Parent	Parent/household	Parent/household	Parent	Parent/household	Household			Parent/household	Parent
			In total, during (month prior), how much money did children living in your household who are under the age of 16 receive in supplemental security income, or SSI?	First, during (prior month) did you or anyone in your household receive food stamps? Do you or anyone in your household currently receive WIC assistance?	In (PRIOR MONTH), did you (or anyone else in your household) receive Food stamps, WIC—that is, Women, Infants and Children food program, Disability income through Supplemental Security Income?	Do you currently receive assistance from the government in paying for your housing? For example, do you receive a rent subsidy or pay a lower rent because the government pays part of the cost?	Do you . . . Live in public housing, pay less rent because the government pays for part of it, for example, through the Section 8 program, or Neither one?	The government has an energy assistance program that helps pay heating costs. The assistance can be received directly by the household, or it can be paid directly to the utility company, fuel dealer, or landlord. Has your household ever received assistance of this type in the past year?	During the past month, did you (or anyone in your household) receive . . . Food Stamp benefits? SSI (Supplemental Security Income) or disability insurance? Any other money such as W.I.C., child support, unemployment benefits, alimony payments, or money from friends or relatives?		Last month, did you or any other adult in your household receive money or financial support from any of the following sources . . . Aid for the disabled (including any for dependent children) such as SSI, Social Security, or any other kind of private or government pension?	Which benefits did you receive? Medicaid or health insurance, food stamps, other	

^aThe National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH) and the National Survey of American Families also include data representative at the state level. Both surveys are described in Table 1, which lists nationally representative surveys.

^bFor Georgia, the questions concerning child care barriers were randomly assigned to 20% of respondents. The survey items used for in Arizona's Leavers study are also used in a parallel survey of Arizona TANF applicants.

^cReference group refers to the person/group referred to in the question text. The reference person can change throughout a survey depending on the question wording.

^dAlthough ASPE funded leaver studies are intended to collect similar data on TANF leavers at the state level, actual wording of survey items varies across states. We list examples that are representative of question types.

Table 3: Summary Table of Available Local Measures of Child Care Barriers to Employment

Data Source^a	Philadelphia Survey of Child Care and Work	Alameda County CalWORKS Needs Assessment and Outcome Studies
Survey Main Goal	To broaden knowledge and understanding of the relationship between child care problems and work outcomes	Examine potential barriers to work for participants in CalWORKS. Determine how to promote a successful transition from welfare to work.
Sample Population	Mothers who applied for child care subsidies and who worked at least 6 out of the last 12 months	Adult respondents participating in CalWORKS
Sample Size (unweighted)	215	512
Available location	Philadelphia	California
Unit of Analysis	Subsidy applicants	CalWORKS participants
Respondent	Mothers	CalWORKS participants
Age of Focal Child (or age of child in child care-related questions)	Unknown	0-18
Base Year	2001-2002	1998
Follow-Up Years	None	2000, 2001

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Table 3: Summary Table of Available Local Measures of Child Care Barriers to Employment, Continued

Data Source	Philadelphia Survey of Child Care and Work	Alameda County CalWORKS Needs Assessment and Outcome Studies
Item Wording:		
<p>Child Care Barriers to Employment</p>	<p>Sometimes child care causes so much disruption with their work that people decide to quit their job altogether. Did you quit this job because of child care in the past 12 months?</p> <p>Did you change your schedule/shift because of child care?</p> <p>Did you reduce your work hours because of child care?</p> <p>Some child care causes so much disruptions at work that people get fired from their job. Do you have reason to believe that your child care situation was responsible for your being fired from your job in the past 12 months?</p> <p>Reference Group^b: Mother</p>	<p>Could you have taken a job last week working 32 or more hours a week if someone had offered you one? Follow-up: Why not? a. caring for children, b. caring for other adults, c. illness/injury/pregnancy, d. in school/training, e. lack of transportation, f. other</p> <p>In the past 12 months, has it been difficult for you to find or keep a job, or go to school or training, because... someone refused to help you, or went back on promises to help you with child care, transportation, or housework?</p> <p>For the last job that you left, why did you leave that job? Which is the most important reason? Illness-responder's illness, child or other family member, new child, labor dispute, fired, lay-off, problems arranging or keeping child care, domestic violence or family harassment, couldn't get enough hours, couldn't work the required hours, it was a temporary job, other</p> <p>In the last 12 months, did you ever worry about (any of) your child(ren)'s safety so much that you skipped work, school or a training program to stay home with him/her/them?</p> <p>In the last 30 days, how many days did you miss any time from work, school, or training because you had to take care of one of your children?</p> <p>At any time in the past 12 months, were you unable to take a job, or start school, a training activity, or a CalWORKs activity because you had problems arranging or keeping child care or sitters?</p> <p>At any time in the past 12 months, did you quit a job, school, a training activity, or a CalWORKs activity because you had problems arranging or keeping child care or sitters? (Note: questions taken from wave 3)</p> <p>Parent</p>

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 3: Summary Table of Available Local Measures of Child Care Barriers to Employment, Continued

Data Source	Philadelphia Survey of Child Care and Work	Alameda County CalWORKS Needs Assessment and Outcome Studies
<p>Employment status</p> <p>Reference Group:</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Were you doing any work for pay, or were you on paid vacation or paid sick leave last week?</p> <p>Parent</p>
<p>Income/Poverty Level</p> <p>Reference Group:</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Combination of questions about job income, income from governmental assistance and other family members, and amount of bills.</p> <p>Household</p>
<p>Type of Care</p> <p>Number of arrangements: 1</p> <p>Reference Group:</p>	<p>What is [CHILD's] primary arrangement?</p> <p>A) Child care center/nursery school; B) Grandparent; C) Other relative; D) Sitter/Family daycare; E) School only; F) Spouse/Child's Father; G) Myself/none; F) Not working</p> <p>Child</p>	<p>Are any of your children regularly cared for in any of these ways? By regularly, we mean on a schedule that you know in advance. a. In a Head Start program, b. In a pre-school, nursery school, child care center, or other formal program other than Head Start?, c. In an extended day program, that is before or after-school care at the child's regular school?, d. In a day care home or by a baby sitter not related to the child?, e. By his/her father/mother or your current or former partner or husband/wife?, f. By his/her older brother or sister?, g. By his/her grandparent?, h. By his/her aunt or uncle?, i. By another relative?, j. In an activity or place, like at a club or a sports team or going to a library, k. In some other way I didn't mention?</p> <p>11</p> <p>Parent</p>
<p>Child Care Subsidy Receipt</p> <p>Reference Group:</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Did you get any help paying for your child care or sitter costs in the last 30 days, or is someone supposed to help pay, but hasn't yet? That is, did a government agency or someone else pay for all or part of your child care, or did your employer help pay for your child care?</p> <p>Parent</p>
<p>TANF</p> <p>Reference Group:</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Are you currently enrolled in CalWORKS (TANF/AFDC)?</p> <p>Parent</p>
<p>Other Assistance</p> <p>Reference Group:</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>In the past 12 months, did you receive a housing subsidy such as Section 8, public housing, Shelter Plus Care or other housing assistance?</p> <p>In the past 12 months, has your CalWORKs check ever been stopped or reduced?</p> <p>Parent</p>

^aThe TANF leaver study was also conducted in Cuyahoga and Bay Area counties. This survey is described in Table 2, which summarizes measures available at the state level.

^bReference group refers to the person/group referred to in the question text. The reference person can change throughout a survey depending on the question wording.