Home-Based Child Care Providers: Who Are They? What Do They Need?

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National Survey of Early Care & Education

What the NSECE tells us about Homebased Providers

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NSECE Design



NSECE Purpose: Address Key Policy Needs

- Comprehensive national data
- Match parental needs and preferences and availability of providers at the local level
- Profile all families with age-eligible children in a location
- Document all care in that location
 - Center-based providers to children not yet in kindergarten
 - > Home-based providers to children under age 13 years
- Characterize early care and education (ECE) teachers and caregivers
- Describe place-based aspects of child care provision/use





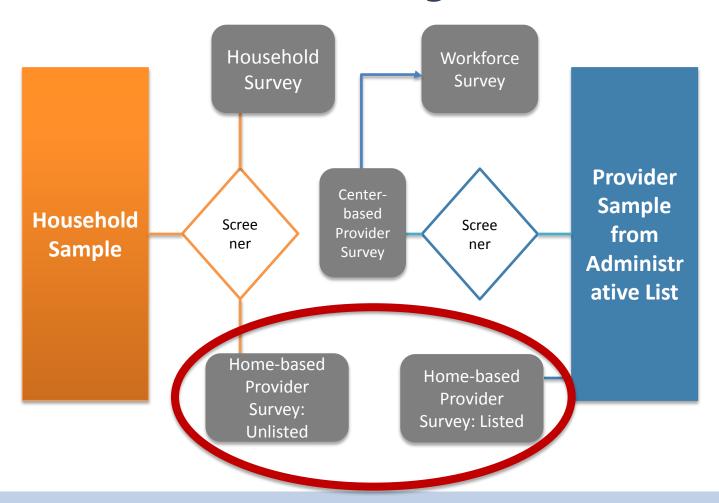
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- An integrated set of surveys conducted in 2012 with
 - Households with children under 13
 - Home-based providers regularly providing early care and education to children under 13
 - Center-based programs providing early care and education to children not yet in kindergarten
 - Center-based classroom-assigned staff
- Sponsored by Office of Planning, Research and Evaluation, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services





Home-based Provider Survey







NSECE Classification of HB Providers: Examples

NSECE Classification	Examples of Home-Based Care
Listed or Unlisted-Paid, depending on state requirements and provider's status	Family Child Care Providers
Unlisted-Paid or Unlisted-Unpaid, depending on whether she is paid (whether by the family or through a subsidy)	Grandmother caring for one grandchild who does not live with her
Any category depending on: - payment status of any child in care - appearance of provider in state administrative lists	Family, friend or neighbor providing at least 5 hours per week of care





Family Child Care-like Characteristics

	Listed		Unlisted Paid	
	Number of providers	%	Number of providers	%
Total	118,000	100	919,000	100
Provider Paid for ECE	115,000	97.6	919,000	100
And, At least 1 child without prior relationship	106,000	89.9	325,000	35.3
And, Care is in provider's home	104,000	87.8	199,000	21.7
And, Care is for 4 or more children	95,600	80.8	131,000	14.3
And, Provides care 20 or more hours/week	89,700	75.9	111,000	12.1





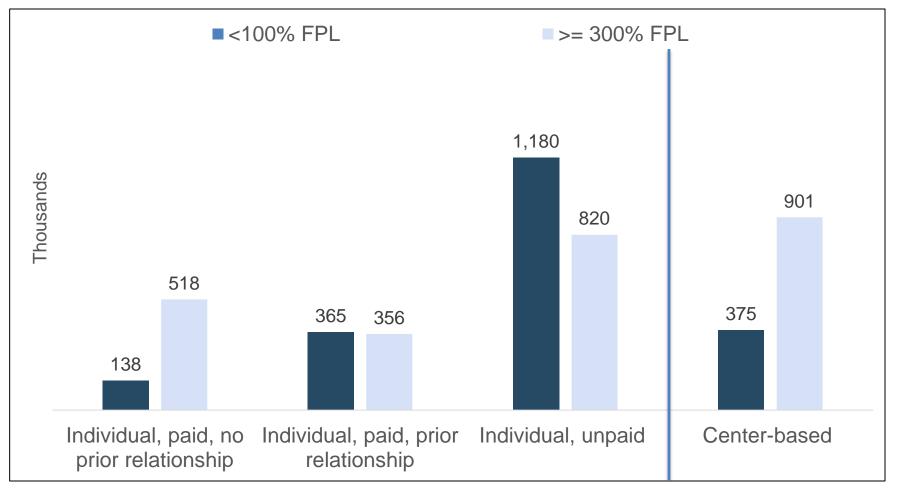


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Children's ECE usage from Household Data



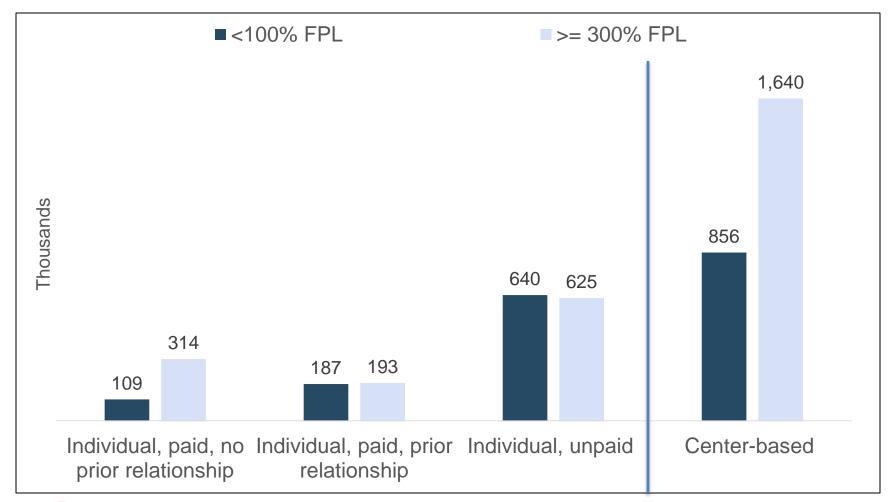
Number of children in care by type of care: Children 0-36 months







Number of children in care by type of care: Children 37-60 months







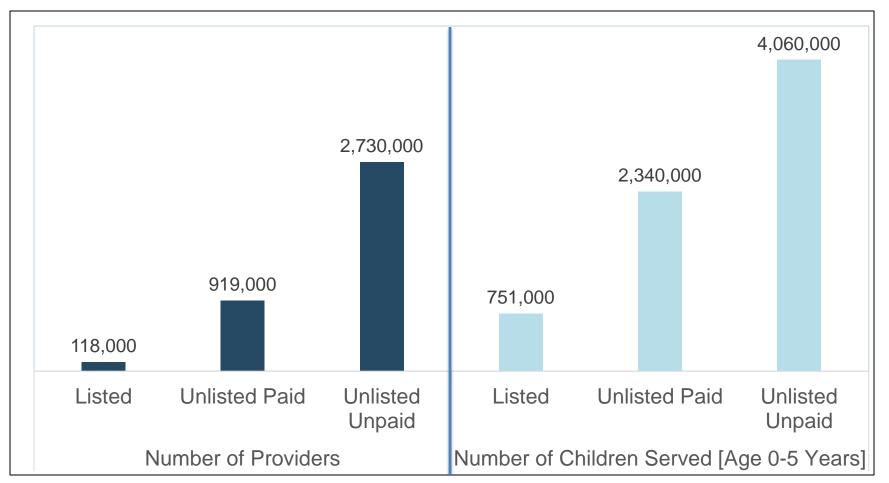


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Home-Based Early Care and Education Providers



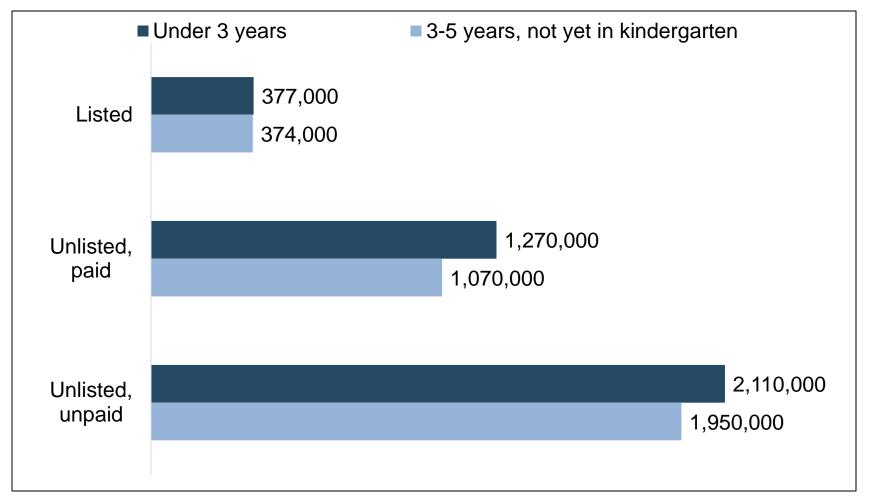
Number of Home-based Providers and the Children They Serve







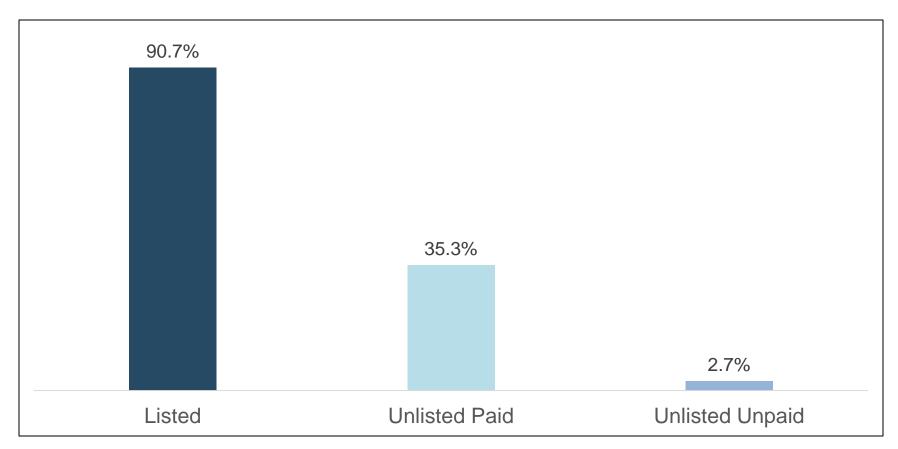
Enrollment of Infants/Toddlers and Preschool-Age Children in HB ECE







Percent Serving at Least One Child with No Prior Personal Relationship







Number of Children Age 0 to 13 Years Cared for by Each Provider

	Listed	Unlisted Paid	Unlisted Unpaid
Mean	8.3	3.9	2.1
Median	6.9	2.3	1.2





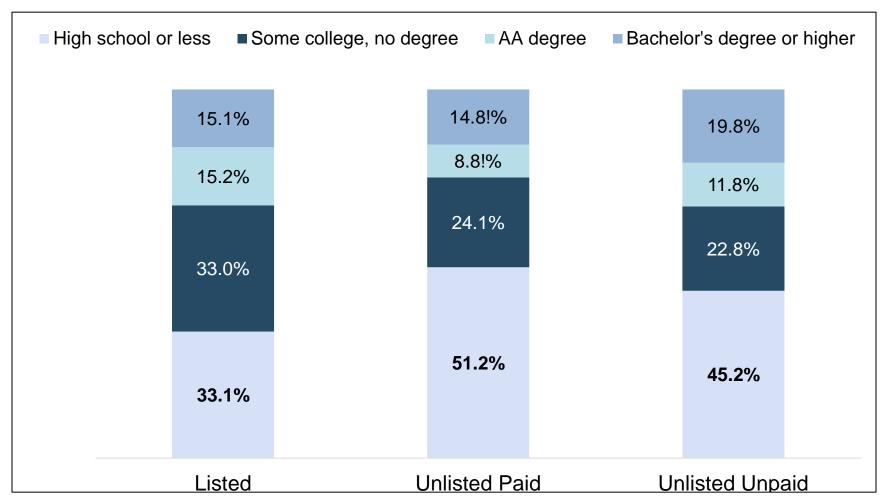
Weekly Hours of Direct Care Provided

	Listed	Unlisted Paid	Unlisted Unpaid	
Mean	56.5	40.9	34.1	
Median	53.7	39.7	24.4	





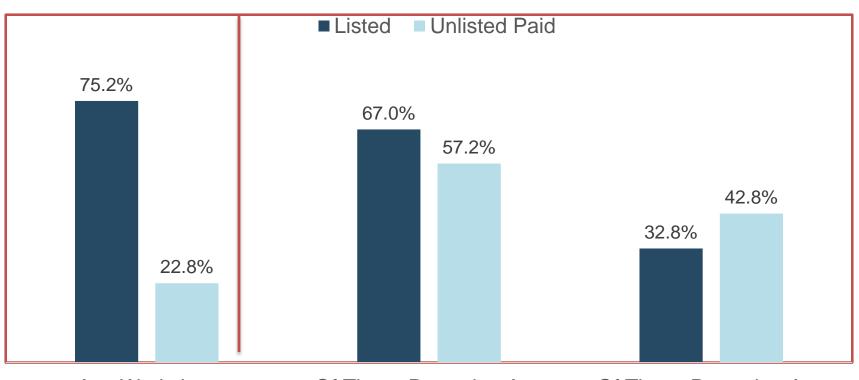
Highest Educational Level Attained







Percent Participating in Recent **Professional Development**



Any Workshop

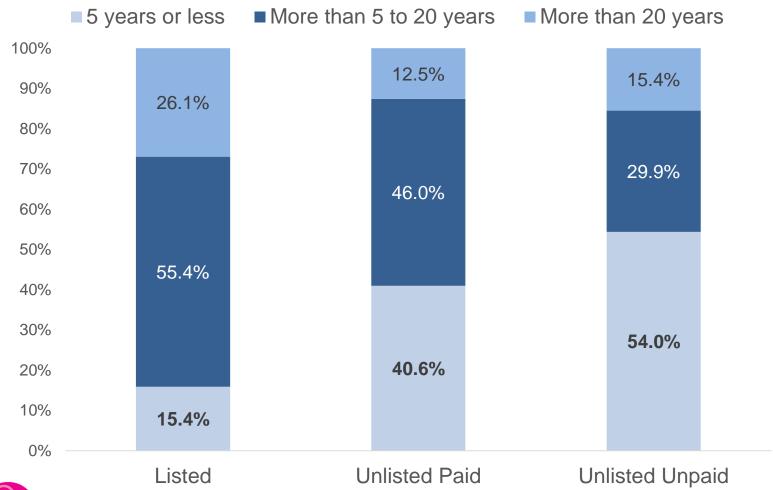
Of Those Reporting Any

Of Those Reporting Any Workshop: Single Workshop Workshop: Workshop Series





Years of Experience Caring for Children Other than their Own







Primary Reason for Looking after Children

	Listed	Unlisted Paid	Unlisted Unpaid
It is my personal calling or career	47.4	17.8	8.5
To earn money	8.2	12.4	_
To have a job that lets me work from home	4.6	7.5!	‡
To help children	9.4	14.9	10.6
To help children's parents	7.9	44.5	76.6
To have a job that lets me care for own children	2.4	_	_





Reported Main Responsibility when Looking after Children

	Listed	Unlisted Paid	Unlisted Unpaid
Help their development	4.9	8.6!	4.4!
Keep them safe/out of trouble	27.2	60.4	53.4
Provide nurturing and love	14.8	19.4	24.5
Teach them values	1.9	‡	4.5!
Help them learn	2.9	‡	2.4!
Provide their basic needs (volunteered)	30.2	4.4!	5.6
Provide a good environment (volunteered)	13.7	‡	3.3!





NSECE Publications on Home-Based Care

Available:

Measuring Predictors of Quality in Early Care and Education Settings in the National Survey of Early Care and Education

Fact Sheet: Who is Providing Home-Based Early Care and Education

Coming:

Characteristics of Home-Based Early Care and Education Providers: Initial Findings from the National Survey of Early Care and Education

http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/opre/research/project/national-survey-of-early-care-and-education-nsece-2010-2014







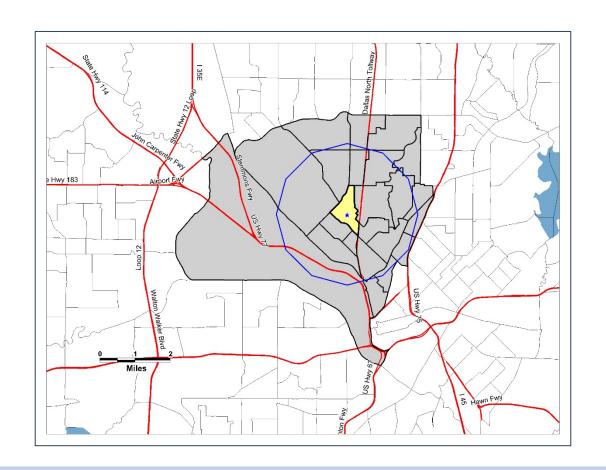
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Thank you!



NSECE Provider Cluster

Supports National and Local Analyses

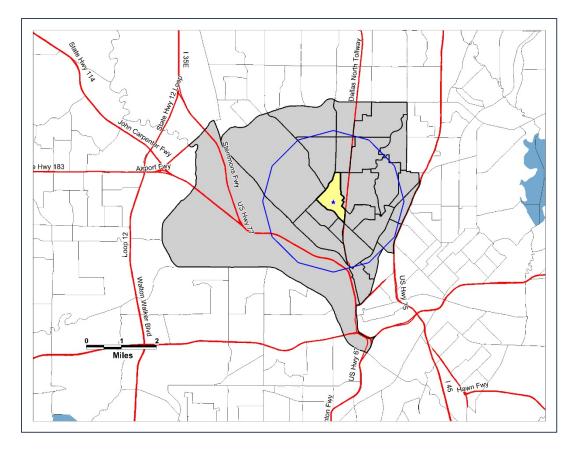






Hypothetical Provider Cluster

- Yellow
 - anchor tract selected for Household survey
- Blue star
 - population centroid
- Blue circle
 - > a radius of 2 miles
- Grey
 - intersecting "scatter" tracts



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