

# Provider Payment Rates: An Overview of State/Territory CCDF Policies

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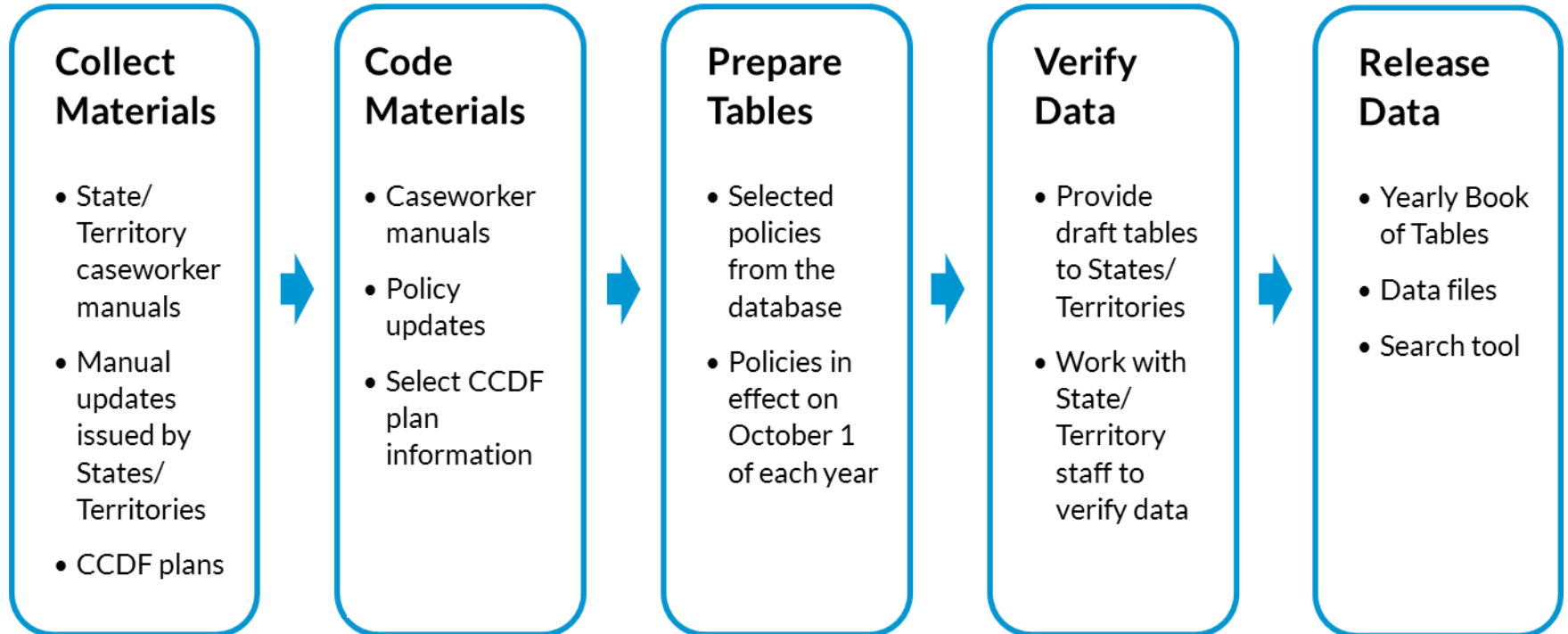
# Today's presentation

- The CCDF Policies Database
- State/Territory reimbursement rate policies
- Additional State/Territory provider payment policies

# The CCDF Policies Database

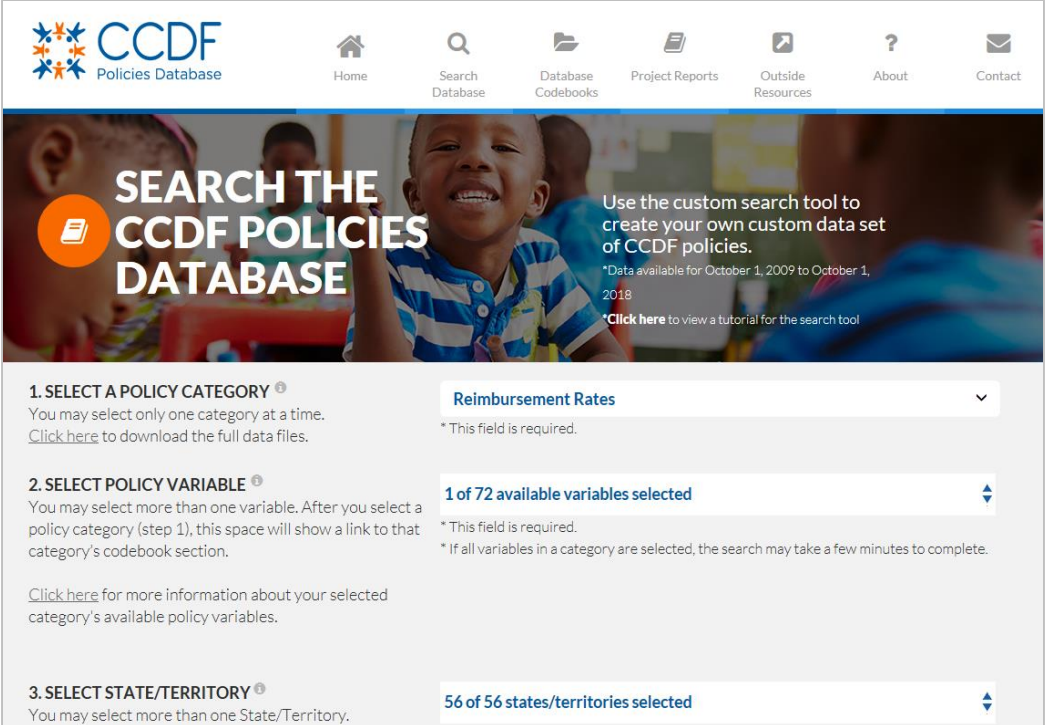
- Funded by HHS/ACF/OPRE and maintained by the Urban Institute
- A single source of detailed policy information
  - Coded from State/Territory caseworker manuals and updates
  - Captures detailed policies, with hundreds of policy variables
  - Captures policy changes over time and the exact dates they are implemented
- Data currently available for 2009 through 2018
  - New data released annually

# Data collection and review process



# Ways to access the data

- **Website and search tool**  
[ccdf.urban.org](http://ccdf.urban.org)
  - Access to full database detail
  - Produce custom tables
- **Annual reports**
  - Selected, key policies
  - Single point in time (October 1) each year
- **Full data files**
  - Full database detail
  - Policies over time



The screenshot shows the CCDF Policies Database search tool interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the CCDF logo and links for Home, Search Database, Database Codebooks, Project Reports, Outside Resources, About, and Contact. Below the navigation bar is a banner image of a smiling child with the text "SEARCH THE CCDF POLICIES DATABASE" and a sub-header "Use the custom search tool to create your own custom data set of CCDF policies." Below the banner, there are three selection steps: 1. SELECT A POLICY CATEGORY (with a dropdown menu showing "Reimbursement Rates"), 2. SELECT POLICY VARIABLE (with a dropdown menu showing "1 of 72 available variables selected"), and 3. SELECT STATE/TERRITORY (with a dropdown menu showing "56 of 56 states/territories selected"). Each step includes instructions and a "Click here" link for more information. There are also asterisks indicating required fields and a note about search completion time.

# Provider rate policies in the database

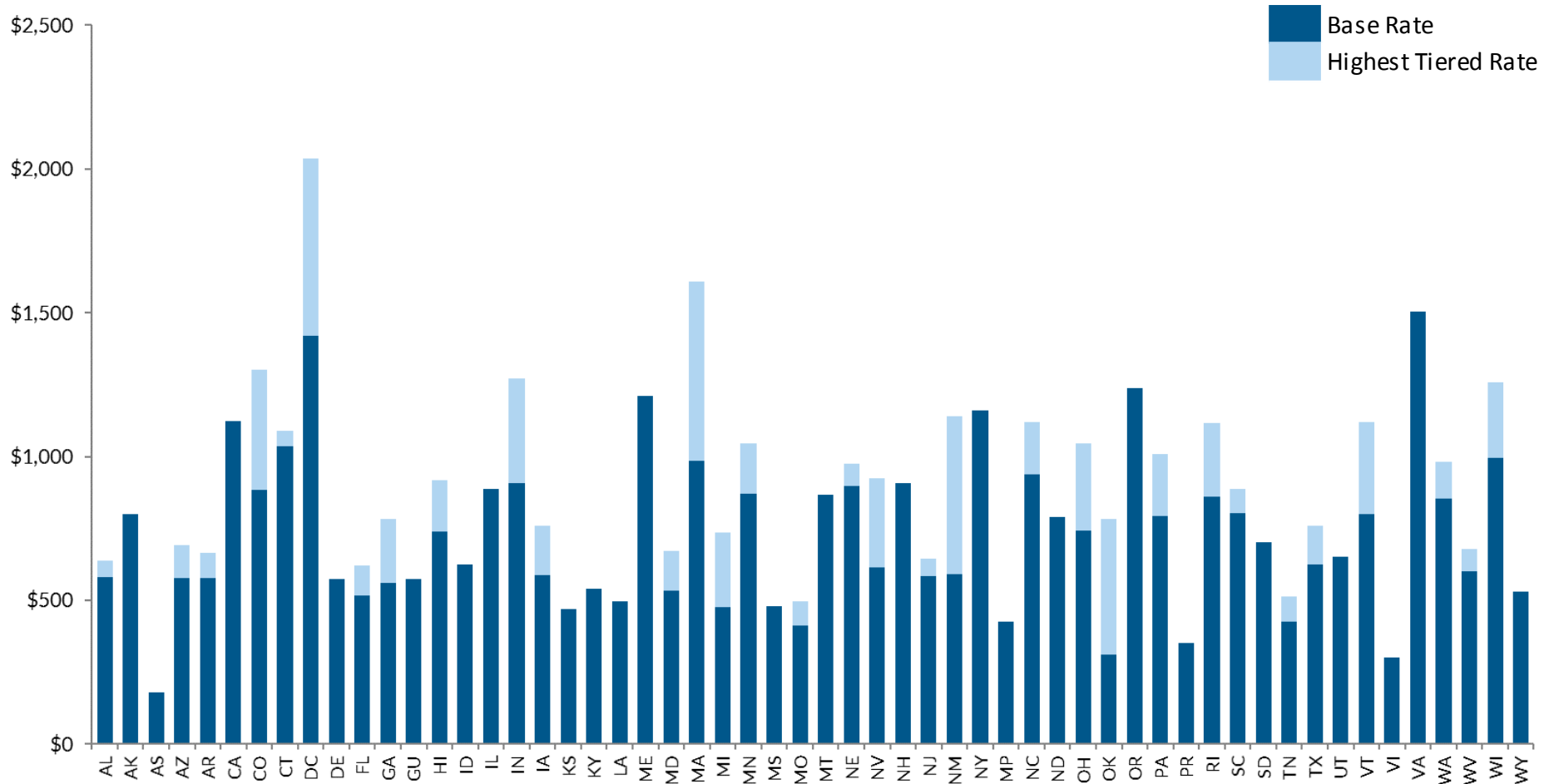
- Maximum reimbursement rates
  - The amount the State/Territory CCDF program will reimburse providers for care provided to children receiving CCDF subsidies
  - Often vary by provider type, age of children, amount of care provided, and geographic area
- Tiered rates
  - Base rates: The reimbursement rate for licensed providers (or unlicensed in-home providers) who have not received any additional quality add-on
  - Highest rates: The reimbursement rate for providers who have acquired the highest quality rating or accreditation
  - Additional tiers (between the base and highest) are also captured in the full database

# Provider rate policies in the database (cont.)

- Rates available for:
  - Different provider types (centers, family child care homes, group child care homes, in-home providers)
  - Different provider sub-types and quality ratings (licensed, accredited, faith-based, etc.)
  - Most populous area of the state in every state, additional sub-state areas for most states
  - Different age groups (variation by age group as defined by each state)
  - Part-time vs. full-time care
  - Before-and-after school care
  - Care provided to children with special needs

# Licensed center care

## Maximum monthly reimbursement rates for toddlers (2018)

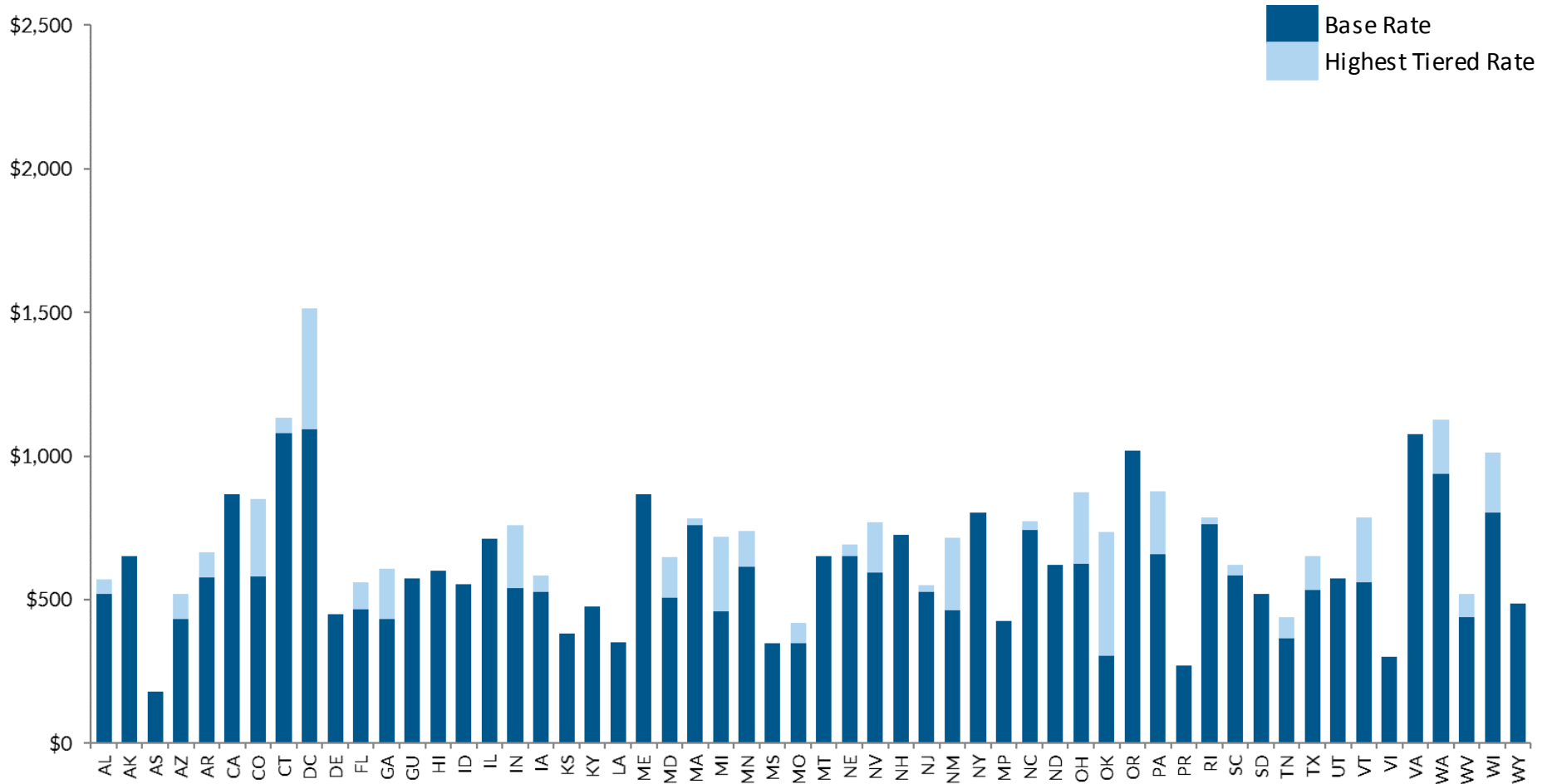


Toddlers defined as 35 months of age. Rates shown for most populous area of state.



# Licensed or registered family child care homes

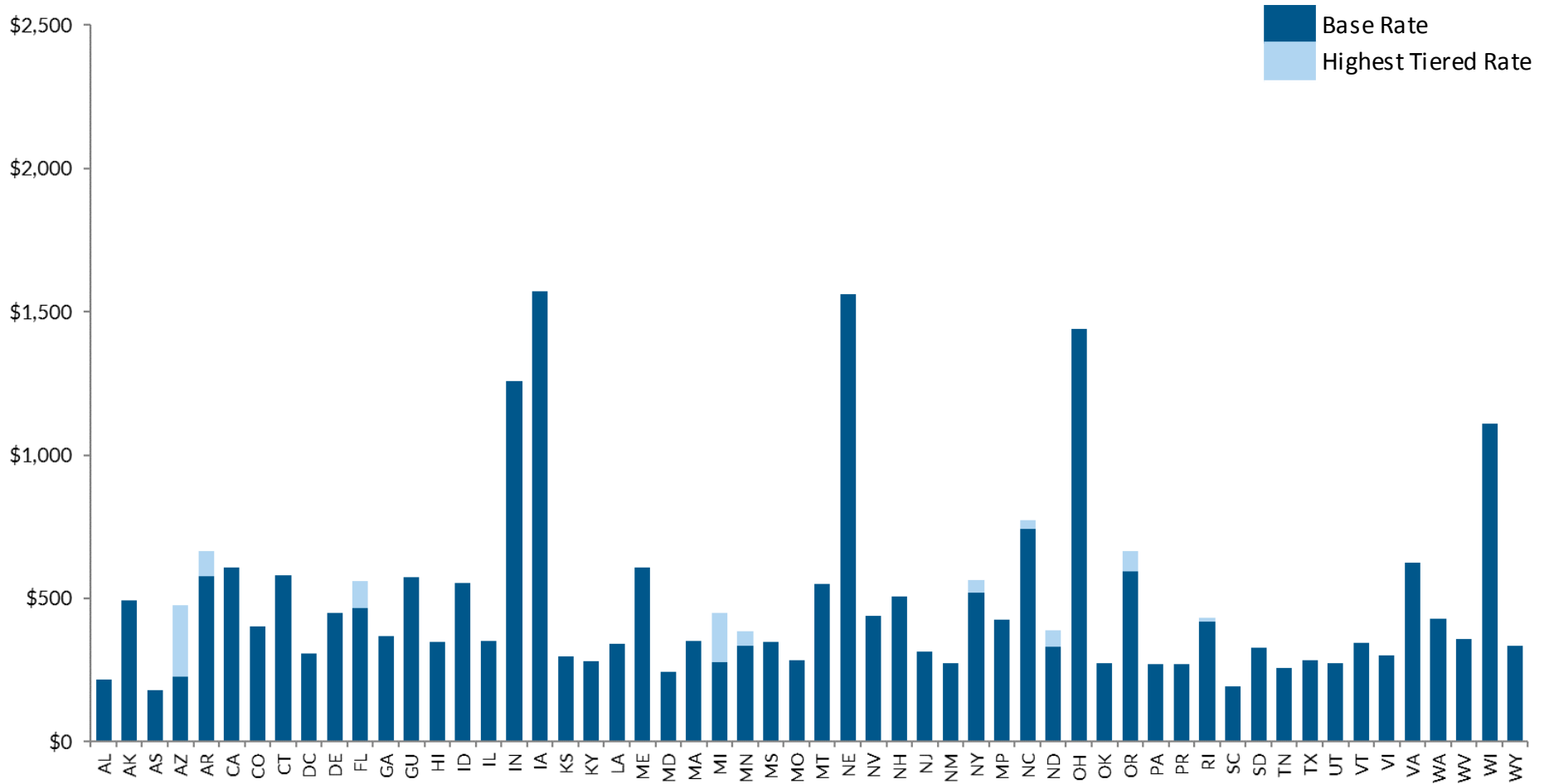
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# In-home child care (child's home)

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# Tiered reimbursement rates

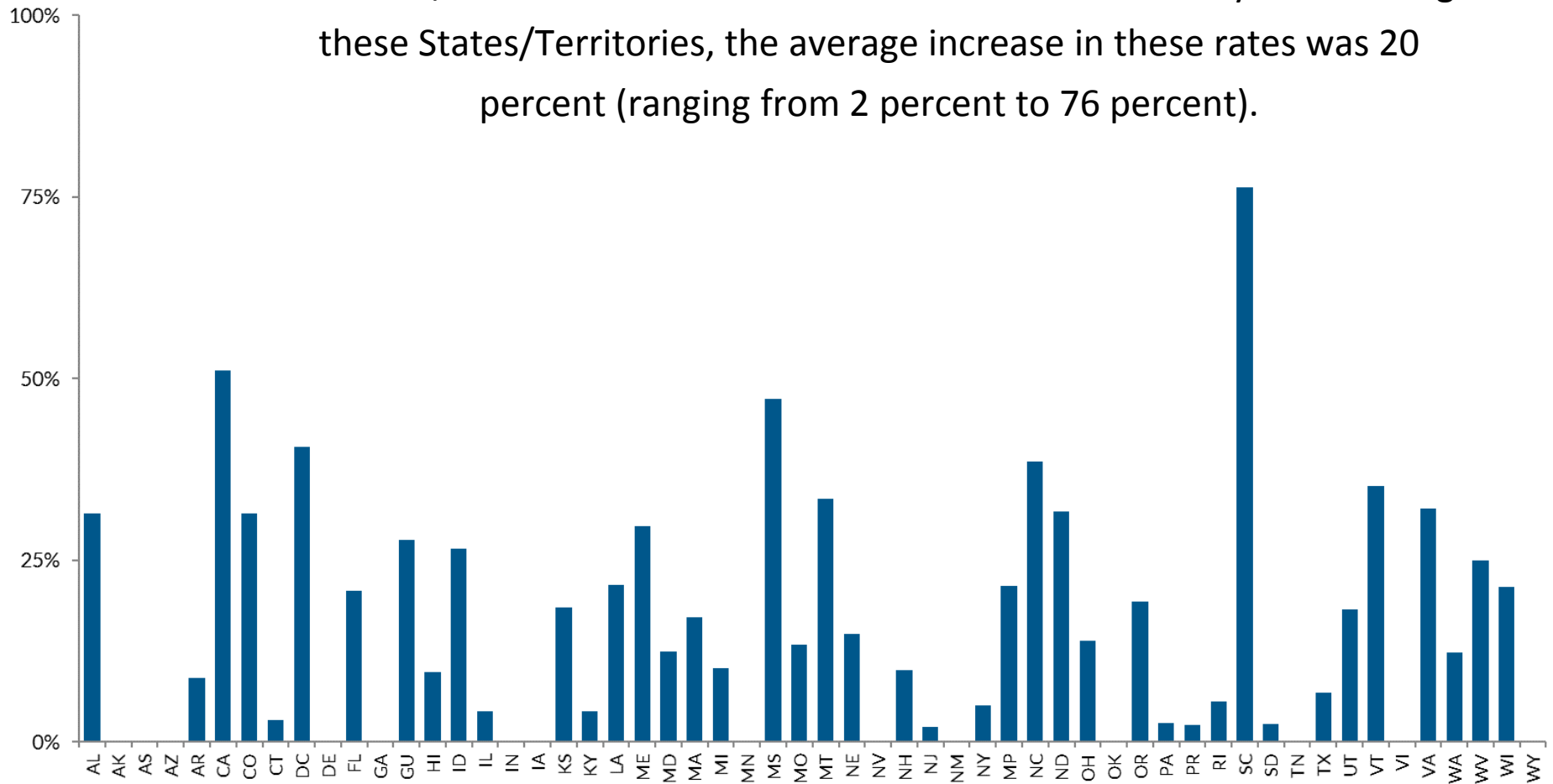
(2018)

- Use of tiered rates
  - 32 States/Territories use tiered rates for center care
  - 31 States/Territories use tiered rates for family child care homes
  - 10 States/Territories use tiered rates for care provided in the child's home
- Highest tiered rate compared to base rate for toddlers
  - Centers: tiered rates are on average 33 percent higher (ranging from 5 to 152 percent higher across states)
  - Family child care homes: tiered rates are on average 27 percent higher (ranging from 3 to 142 percent higher across states)
  - In-home providers: tiered rates are on average 27 percent higher (ranging from 3 to 110 percent higher across states)

# Change in center base rates over last 5 years

(Percent change in toddler rates between 2014 and 2018)

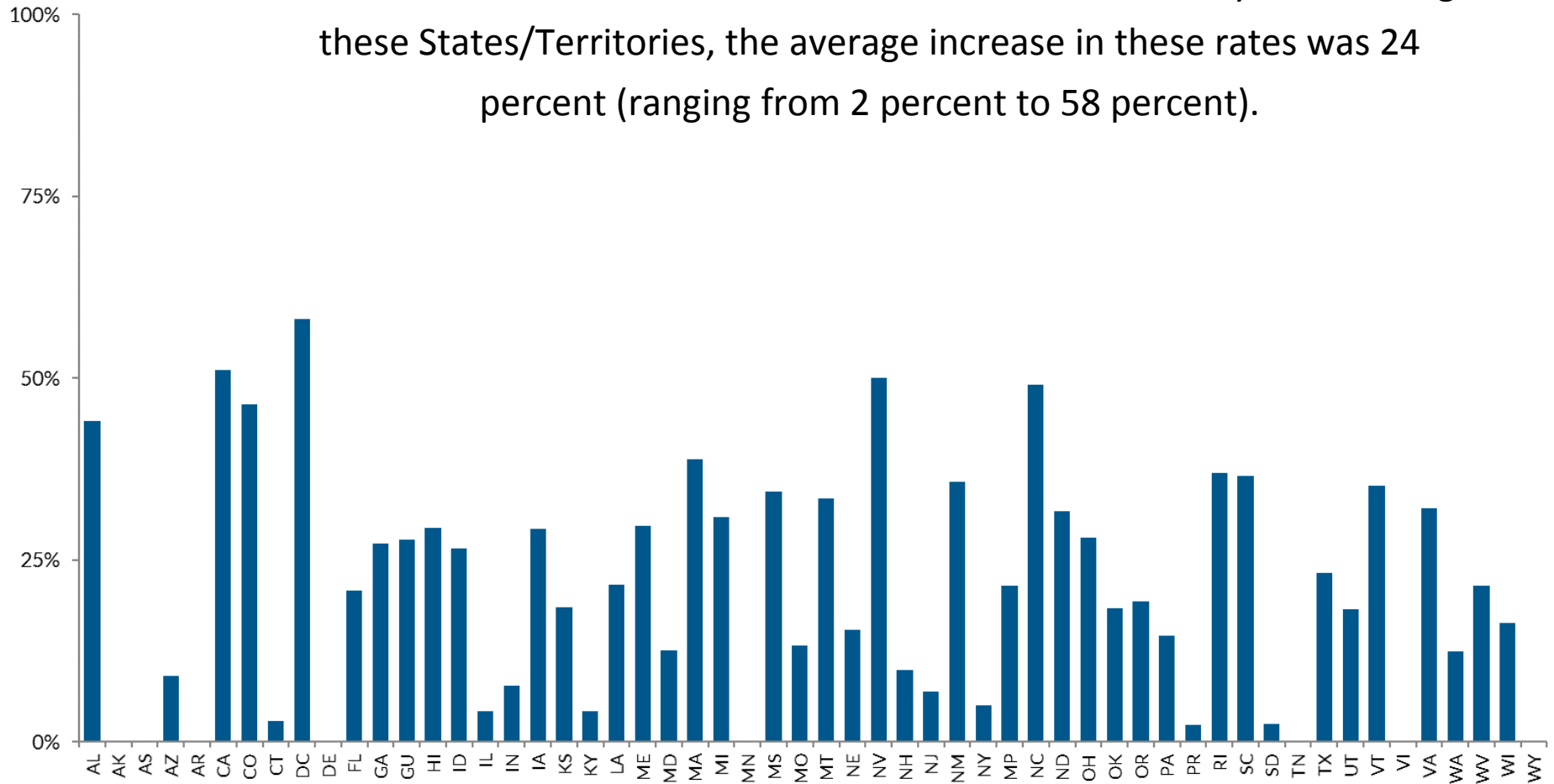
42 States/Territories increased these rates over the last 5 years. Among these States/Territories, the average increase in these rates was 20 percent (ranging from 2 percent to 76 percent).



# Change in center highest tiered rates over last 5 years

(Percent change in toddler rates between 2014 and 2018)

48 States/Territories increased these rates over the last 5 years. Among these States/Territories, the average increase in these rates was 24 percent (ranging from 2 percent to 58 percent).





# Additional provider payment policies

(2018)

- 35 States/Territories reimburse all providers for at least some days children are absent from care. An additional 19 States/Territories reimburse some providers (such as licensed providers) for these days.
- 30 States/Territories reimburse all providers for at least some days the provider is closed. An additional 10 States/Territories reimburse some providers (such as licensed providers) for these days.
- 37 States/Territories reimburse providers at a higher rate for care provided to children with special needs.\*

\*Data not verified; includes some missing data.

# Data sources

- All data in this presentation are from the CCDF Policies Database, <https://ccdf.urban.org>
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