Why don't the numbers match?

Understanding different national data sources and what information they tell us about children's participation in child care and early education (CCEE)

CCEEPRC 2023 Data Party / Data Dialogue Session
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Session Handout

What information was collected from all data sets for the roundtable?

1. Background: • Population covered by data • Frequency of data collection • Units of observation for child age and/or CCEE participation • Purpose of study • Agencies/organizations involved	**4. Ages and other characteristics of children/families for which CCEE participation is collected**
2. Child Age: • Time of year or child age when data are collected • Level of detail collected about child age • Time of year or child age for which CCEE participation are collected • Age range of children in data • Common age groupings reported & definitions	**5. Estimates of CCEE Usage:** • Example key statistics of CCEE usage • Associated notes or definitions • Published source if available
3. Types of CCEE: • Categories of CCEE in the data source and definitions (e.g., center-based care, home-based care)	**6. Extensions:** What more can researchers do with the data?

Sample of information collected: Types of CCEE (Sample survey data sources)

National Survey of Early Care and Education

NSECE

<u>Regular</u> **ECE (**Note: Regular ECE=non-parental ECE used at least 5 hours per week) types:
> **Center-based** = all Head Starts, Public Pre-Ks, community-based childcare, or any other center-based care that is not drop-in or single activity and occurs at least 5 hours weekly. This type of care is reserved for children under age 72 months.
> **Home-based** =
> 1) Individual, No Prior Relationship, Paid
> 2) Individual, Prior Relationship, Paid
> 3) Individual Unpaid (Individual may or may not have a prior personal relationship w/ the respondent)
> **Other Organizational** = any regular organizational care not included in categories above (Ex: drop-in or single-activity care or lessons)
> **All other setting unknown**= Regular ECE setting, but we have inadequate information to assign

<u>Irregular</u> **ECE** = Provider cares for child fewer than 5 hours weekly, may otherwise meet the requirements for any of categories above.

National Household Education Survey

NHES

Relative care: non-parental childcare provided by someone related to the child either in the child's own home or another home

Non-relative care: non-parental childcare provided by non-relatives, either in the child's own home or another home

Center-based care: preschools, prekindergarten, daycares; including Head Start programs

Sample of information collected: Types of CCEE (Sample administrative data sources)

Child Care and Development Fund - ACF 801

Unit of observation: Case-level data for children and families served by CCDF

Providers are divided into two broad categories: "licensed/regulated" and "legally operating without regulation."

"Legally operating without regulation": if not participating in the CCDF program, would not be subject to any State or local child care regulations.

The "licensed/regulated" and "legally operating without regulation" categories each include four types of providers (each State's definition of these terms apply):
- In-home
- Family home
- Group home
- Centers

Head Start Program Information Report

Unit of observation: Head Start Grantee Level

Head Start Preschool=includes all children in Head Start preschool. Head Start programs serve children ages 3-5* (*to compulsory school age)

Early Head Start=includes all children in Early Head Start (EHS). EHS programs serve children ages 0-3. Both Head Start and Early Head Start have the following program options:

Center-Based: services provided in a center-based setting
Home-Based: services provided via home visiting.
Family Child Care: services provided in a family child care setting.
Locally Designed Option: a locally-designed program option, to meet the unique needs of the communities or test alternative approaches.