

Arizona

State Description

Population of state: **5,130,632**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **1,076,635**
 Regulation of any child care facilities who are located on an Indian Reservation or in a tribal service area: **Yes, some non-exempt tribal facilities**
 Date of market rate survey on which profile is based: **1/15/2005**

Comments: The 567 number (see Table on left) reflects the total number of family child care providers who choose to register with the CCR&R.

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 Contractors
Collected price data from facilities:	Other Contractors
Cleaned the collected data:	Other Contractors
Analyzed price data:	Lead Agency
Interpreted findings:	Lead Agency
Wrote reports on findings:	Lead Agency
Published results:	Lead Agency

Data Collection

Method(s): **Phone**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **7,025**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **55**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **1,832**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **5,138**
 Date data collection was completed: **6/15/2004**
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **11-15 minutes**
 How facilities reported price information: **Into pre-determined modes provided on the survey**
 Asked about the # of children in care that receive subsidy: **No**

Comments:

+ While the most recent survey was not field tested, a field test had been conducted on the survey instrument at a previous point in time.
 + Specific rate information was not collected from providers on nonstandard hours care; however providers were asked if nonstandard hours care was provided.
 + For school-age rates, information was collected but not broken down by school year and summer. Rather data was collected by full and part day from which specific program time period rate could be inferred.

Facilities Surveyed

Database used to identify facilities:

Facilities regulated by child care licensing agency: **Yes**
 Facilities receiving child care subsidies: **Yes**
 Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **Yes**
 Other database: **Facilities participating in the Child & Adult Care Food Program.**

Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Head Start programs, State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Migrant Head Start**

Unit of analysis: **Slot; Number of children normally cared for on an average day**

Comments: Facilities listed above were excluded from analysis if no fee was charged to parents. Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Full day (Six or more hours per day) & Part day (Less than six hours per day)**

Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	All	6,909	Total
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	567	Total
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	Yes	0	
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.	Yes, all	Unknown	Total
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		7,476+	

Comments:

- + No-fee centers were excluded from the survey and therefore also excluded from the rate analysis.
- + Regions included county clusters as well as individual counties in some instances.
- + Rates in limited markets such as rural areas were not analyzed separately; but were indeed analyzed due to the very nature of our state's geographic regions.

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **10/01/2001**

Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **No**

Are payment rates set at or above the 75th percentile of prices? **No**

Important factors in setting current rates:

- 1 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**
- 2 – **State funding for child care**
- 3 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**

Comments:

+ Rates for relatives are not based on market rate survey. Friends/neighbors are not eligible for payment unless they meet family home requirements.

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$72,159

Lead Agency: **\$9,086**

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College:

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor: **\$63,073**

Report is Available for Download at:

www.de.state.az.us/childcare/survey.asp

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
Geography		
County	No	No
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	Yes	Yes
State	Yes	No
Other geographic area	-	No
Age Group		
Infant care	Yes	Yes
Toddler care	Yes	Yes
Preschool-age care	Yes	Yes
School-age care	Yes	Yes
Type of Care		
Center	Yes	Yes
Family	Yes	Yes
Group home	Yes	Yes
In-home	Yes	No
Family, friends, neighbors	No	Yes
School-age centers	No	No
School-age enrichment activities	No	No
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	No
Pricing Mode		
Hourly	No	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	Yes	
Weekly	No	
Monthly	No	