

Arkansas

State Description

Population of state: **2,673,400**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **522,903**
 Regulation of any child care facilities who are located on an Indian Reservation or in a tribal service area: **No**
 Date of market rate survey on which profile is based: **4/30/2005**

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey: **Lead Agency**
 Created survey questions: **Lead Agency**
 Assisted facilities to complete survey: **R&R**
 Collected price data from facilities: **R&R**
 Cleaned the collected data: **Lead Agency**
 Analyzed price data: **Lead Agency**
 Interpreted findings: **Lead Agency**
 Wrote reports on findings: **Lead Agency**
 Published results: **Lead Agency.**

Facilities Surveyed

Database used to identify facilities:

Facilities regulated by child care licensing agency: **Yes**
 Facilities receiving child care subsidies: **No**
 Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **No**

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	Most	2,231	Total
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	No		
Family, friends, or neighbors who are legally exempt from licensing	No		
Centers that are legally exempt from licensing	No centers are exempt from licensing		
After-school education (non-licensed)	No		
Providers located on military facilities	No		
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the STATE.	No		
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	No		
TOTAL facilities in final dataset		2,231	

Comments: The State of Arkansas mandates that all child care centers or child care family homes be licensed if you care for more than five children.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Resource and Referral agency download**

Updated rate data: **Yes, updated rate information from some providers**

Strategies used to encourage facilities to give up-to-date price information: **Providing rate data is required as part of licensing or re-licensing; Other - The four child care resource and referral organizations were paid \$8.00 for every valid and accurate contact they made with the provider to gather data.**

Standard for how recent data should be at the time of the download: **Rate data should be less than 3 months old**

Date data was downloaded: **5/01/2005**

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**

Data Analysis

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

Unit of analysis: **Facility**

Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **No**

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

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **7/01/2004**
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes; kept the same**

Are payment rates set at or above the 75th percentile of prices? **Yes, for all categories**

Important factors in setting current rates:

- 1 – **Level of federal CCDF funding**
- 2 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**
- 3 – **Findings of recently completed market rate survey**

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

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$30,848

Lead Agency: **\$13,000**

Other agency:

State R&R Network: **\$17,848**

University/College:

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at: **Not available**