

California

State Description

Population of state: **33,871,648**
 Number of children under 13 years of age: **7,289,433**
 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: **12/15/2001**
Comments: The actual survey took place between October and December, 2001. With further analysis in '02 and '03.

Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

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

Facilities Surveyed

| <i>Facilities included in the dataset</i> | Included | Number | Type of sample |
|---|--------------------------------------|---------------|-------------------|
| Licensed facilities | Most | 40,307 | Stratified random |
| 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 | | 40,307 | |

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: **Yes**
Comments: The rates for license exempt providers are derived from rates of licensed family child care homes.

Data Collection

Method(s): **Phone**
 Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls; Other - 8 attempts were made to contact each provider, prenotification letters were sent encouraging participation.**
 Number of facilities tried to reach: **19,359**
 # of facilities who refused to participate: **968**
 # of facilities dropped from the sample: **4,298**
 # of facilities who completed the survey: **12,893**
 Date data collection was completed: **12/15/2001**
Comments: Survey was piloted (tested) when first developed.
 Time needed for a single facility to give information: **6-10 minutes**
 How facilities reported price information: **Actual rates in whatever mode they charge**
 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, Facilities serving only subsidized children**
 Unit of analysis: **Slot; Actual current enrollment of children served by age group**
 Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes; Weekly rate**
 Did state measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**
Comments: Prices were converted to a weekly mode for licensed family child care homes only.

Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **10/01/2003**
 Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes; increased for some types of care and age categories**
 Are payment rates set at or above the 75th percentile of prices? **Yes, for all categories**

Important factors in setting current rates:

- 1 – **Findings of recently completed market rate survey**
- 2 – **TANF policies**
- 3 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$562,698

Lead Agency: **\$62,828**
 Other agency:
 State R&R Network: **\$279,925**
 University/College:
 Research or survey firm: **\$219,945**
 Other contractor:
Comments: Other CDE staff and Department of Social Services staff participated in meetings. Unable to determine their cost.

Report is Available for Download at:
www.dhs.ca.gov

| | Ways Price Data was Analyzed | Current Rates Set By |
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| Geography | | |
| County | Yes | Yes |
| Zip-Code | No | No |
| Region | Yes | Yes |
| State | No | No |
| Other geographic area | Sub-county | Yes |
| Age Group | | |
| Infant care | Yes | Yes |
| Toddler care | No | No |
| 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 | No | Yes |
| 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 | Yes | This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire. |
| Daily | Yes | |
| Weekly | Yes | |
| Monthly | Yes | |