



Market Rate Analysis Child Care in the State of Maine

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Introduction

Overview

The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of 1990, as amended by the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act (PRWORA) of 1996 (P.L. 104-103) requires all families with children to have equal access to child care.¹ The “equal access” clause requires states “to provide a summary of the facts relied on by the state to determine that such rates are sufficient to ensure such access.”²

Federal regulations issued in 1998 require a biennial child care market rate survey conducted no earlier than two years prior to the effective date of the currently approved child care state plan.³ The deadline for submission of the market rate survey was further clarified by a 2009 Program Instruction, which required such plans to be submitted in odd-numbered years by July 1. The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is to approve such plans no later than 90 days following the date on which the plan is received.⁴

Child Care Aware® of America conducted this market rate survey under the guidance of the Maine Department of Health and Human Services. Pursuant to the Child Care and Development Block Grant law, the market rate survey of child care providers is used to inform the state in providing “a summary of the facts” to ACF to meet the requirements of the CCDBG law to ensure equal access for families whose children receive a subsidy.

This report provides summary data based on the reported market rates for child care throughout the state by age of the child and by setting. For each type of child care program, full-time, part-time, and before/after school, market rates are provided at both the statewide level (50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles) and at the county levels (50th and 75th percentiles). Where applicable, rates were also collected based on the quality of care (inclusion in Maine’s Quality Rating and Improvement System – Quality for ME and for accredited care).

Introductory Statement

The concept behind a child care market rate survey is to provide a statistically credible analysis of market rate prices in each region of the state by setting and by age of the child of private pay rates that parents face as they seek child care in their community.

Under the Child Care and Development Block Grant law, “the state plan shall certify that payment rates for the provision of child care services for which assistance is provided under this subchapter are sufficient to ensure equal access for eligible children to comparable child care services in the state or sub-state area that are provided to children whose parents are not eligible to receive assistance under this subchapter or

for child care assistance under any other Federal or State programs and shall provide a summary of the facts relied on by the State to determine that such rates are sufficient to ensure such access.”

HHS regulations⁵ require the following three key elements in determining that its child care program provides equal access for eligible children:

- Choice of the full range of categories of types of providers;
- Adequate payment rates, based on a local market rate survey conducted no earlier than two years prior to the effective date of the current plan; and
- Affordable copayments.

The regulations explain, *“a system of child care payments that does not reflect the realities of the market makes it economically infeasible for many providers to serve low income children – undermining the statutory and regulatory requirements of equal access and parental choice.”*⁶

The regulations recommend a benchmark of provider payments at the 75th percentile of the market rate to ensure equal access. While HHS does not require provider reimbursement at the 75th percentile, the regulations say, *“we believe that a survey is an essential part of the “facts” upon which payment rates are established.”* The regulations also are clear that they are not intended to preclude a state from exceeding the 75th percentile in general, or for special circumstances (i.e., nontraditional hour care or care for children with special needs).

The regulations discuss the focus of PRWORA on work highlighting the need for Lead Agencies to establish payment rates that support work. *“Child care is often the major factor which determines whether families are able to work – and access to a variety of child care arrangements is necessary both to support today’s increasingly diverse workforce and workforce demands and to ensure that the healthy development of children is not compromised.”*

While the law requires a statement of the facts and HHS has interpreted that to mean facts based on a market rate survey, a specific methodology for conducting a market rate survey is not required. As a result, state market rate surveys vary greatly both in the way they are undertaken and analyzed and the definitions and terms used.

While no explicit instructions are included in the regulations with regard to the market rate survey, the regulations anticipate *“that market rate surveys will show variations in rates among categories of care and we expect any significant variations to be reflected in the Lead Agency’s payments... we do not believe that Congress expected Lead Agencies to establish a single payment rate for all types of child care and all children irrespective of age.”*

Pursuant to the concepts embodied in the law and the regulations, Child Care Aware® of America has worked with Maine DHHS on a common sense approach to gathering

the facts to inform ACF in the most logical manner possible as to current market rates throughout the state for various settings and ages of children.

Methodology

Survey Universe

While some market rate surveys may rely on a sample of the population of child care providers in the state, Child Care Aware® of America and Maine DHHS surveyed every licensed provider in an attempt to collect their rates. A list of these providers was made available through the Division of Licensing and Regulatory Services, which is responsible for issuing Child Care Center Licenses, Family Child Care certificates, and Nursery School licenses. The list provided contained 1,951 unique providers including 577 center based providers, 1,261 family child care providers and 113 legal, unregulated providers (LUR).

Over the course of the survey, the universe of providers saw various reductions. “Head Start only” programs and other special needs programs that do not charge and/or follow a different rate structure which is not representative of the private market rate for child care were excluded from the analysis of market rates. Providers that had moved and were now unreachable or had closed their doors were also excluded from the survey. Of the 1,951 providers, 15 were excluded due to the fact that they represented a “Head Start only” program and 25 were returned as having closed bringing the new total to 1,911. In addition, LURs were not included in the analysis, bringing the total universe to 1,808.

Survey Description

All center and home participants were asked to provide current enrollment, licensed and desired capacity in one table followed by their full- and part-time rates across each of the age groups served at their location. Providers were asked to provide hourly, daily, weekly and monthly rates as applicable as well as their hours and days of operation. While there was some variation between the surveys for child care centers and family child care homes, the questions pertaining to hours of operation, rates charged and capacity information were identical.

Respondents were also asked about any accreditations they may have been working to obtain or have already earned. Providers were also asked to indicate whether they provide before and/or after school care, full and/or part time care as well as the number of hours per operating day (for full and part time rates) and number of days in a part-time operating week. Legal, unregulated providers were not asked to provide data on their capacity and enrollment or accreditation

Each survey packet contained a cover letter, postage paid return envelope, an FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) sheet and the appropriate survey as determined by the provider’s setting. The FAQ sheet sought to address questions providers were likely to

pose. This sheet also included telephone and email contact information in case a question arose that was not answered on the sheet.

Survey Administration and Tracking

This survey was designed with an electronic, online component as well as a more traditional paper survey mailing. All surveys were labeled with the provider's OCFS-issued license ID number which was used to track responses, non-responders and excluded providers. Both the electronic and paper components of the survey were conducted in multiple waves with some overlap to allow providers to have adequate opportunity possible to participate. Postcards were sent to all 1,951 providers on November 21, 2012 to inform them that they would soon be receiving invitations to participate in the Market Rate Survey.

A total of 1,575 providers were sent an invitation on December 4, 2012 to participate in the online version of the survey (all providers for whom emails were provided). This email was opened by 463 (33.2 percent) of recipients and contained basic instructions about how to complete the survey. The invitation was followed up with an email containing the link to the survey as well as a unique username and password for each provider.

Two follow-up emails were sent to all providers who received the initial email invitation but had not yet submitted data to remind them that the online update was open and available to use. These messages were sent on December 10th, 2012 (to 1,427 providers) and December 13th, 2012 (to 1,324 providers) and were opened by 532 (38.3 percent) and 372 (29 percent), respectively.

Those who did not respond to the survey electronically (1,881) were sent survey packets via mail on December 12, 2012. This included 543 child care center surveys, 1,225 family child care home surveys and 113 LUR surveys.

A second survey mailing similar to the first was sent on January 9, 2013 to providers who had not responded to the survey. This mailing went to 1,235 providers consisting of 340 child care centers, 802 family child care homes and 93 LUR providers.

Finally, on February 12, 2013, telephone calls were made to non-responders in counties where the response rate was below 60 percent and to providers who had sent in surveys containing invalid data. This was done to ensure that each county was properly represented in the final analysis and to boost the quality of the data. Additionally, we reached out to all Legal, Unregulated providers by telephone to try and collect their data.

Due to requests from multiple providers, electronic data collection was reopened and select email invitations resent on March 11, 2013 with a submission deadline of March 15, 2013 after which data received was not included in the survey.

Response Rates

As mentioned previously, 1,951 providers across the state were sent surveys, either electronically or via regular mail. The only providers who were not sent a paper survey were those who completed the survey online prior to the first mailing. We received and processed a total of 1,115 valid unique surveys for a total response rate of 58.3 percent. The response rate among centers far exceeded the response rate among homes, however. As shown below, slightly more than half of family child care home providers responded to the survey compared to nearly three-quarters of center-based providers.

Table 1: Response Rates by Provider Type

Provider Type	Universe	Excluded	Adjusted Universe	Responses	Response Rate	% of Total Responders
Centers	577	25	552	389	70.5%	34.9%
Family Homes	1,261	7	1,254	691	55.1%	62.0%
LURs	113	8	105	35	33.0%	3.1%
Total	1,951	40	1,911	1,115	58.3%	100.0%

After accounting for 15 centers that do not offer child care beyond Head Start programming and 10 centers which had closed their doors, we were left with a universe of 552 centers. Of these centers, 389 returned unique surveys for a response rate of 70.5 percent. Our total universe of family child care homes was reduced to 1,254 upon factoring in the seven homes which had closed their doors. Of these, we received 691 unique responses, giving us a response rate of 55.2 percent. LUR providers proved difficult to reach. Our initial universe of 113 LUR providers was reduced to 105 after adjusting for the eight who no longer offered care. Despite several efforts at reaching them with written mailed surveys as well as phone calls to every LUR provider, we were only able to obtain data for 35 of these providers for a response rate of 33 percent. We reached 100 percent of included LUR providers in Cumberland County.

Table 2 below shows overall response rates by county for all providers.

Table 2: Response Rates by County – All Provider Types

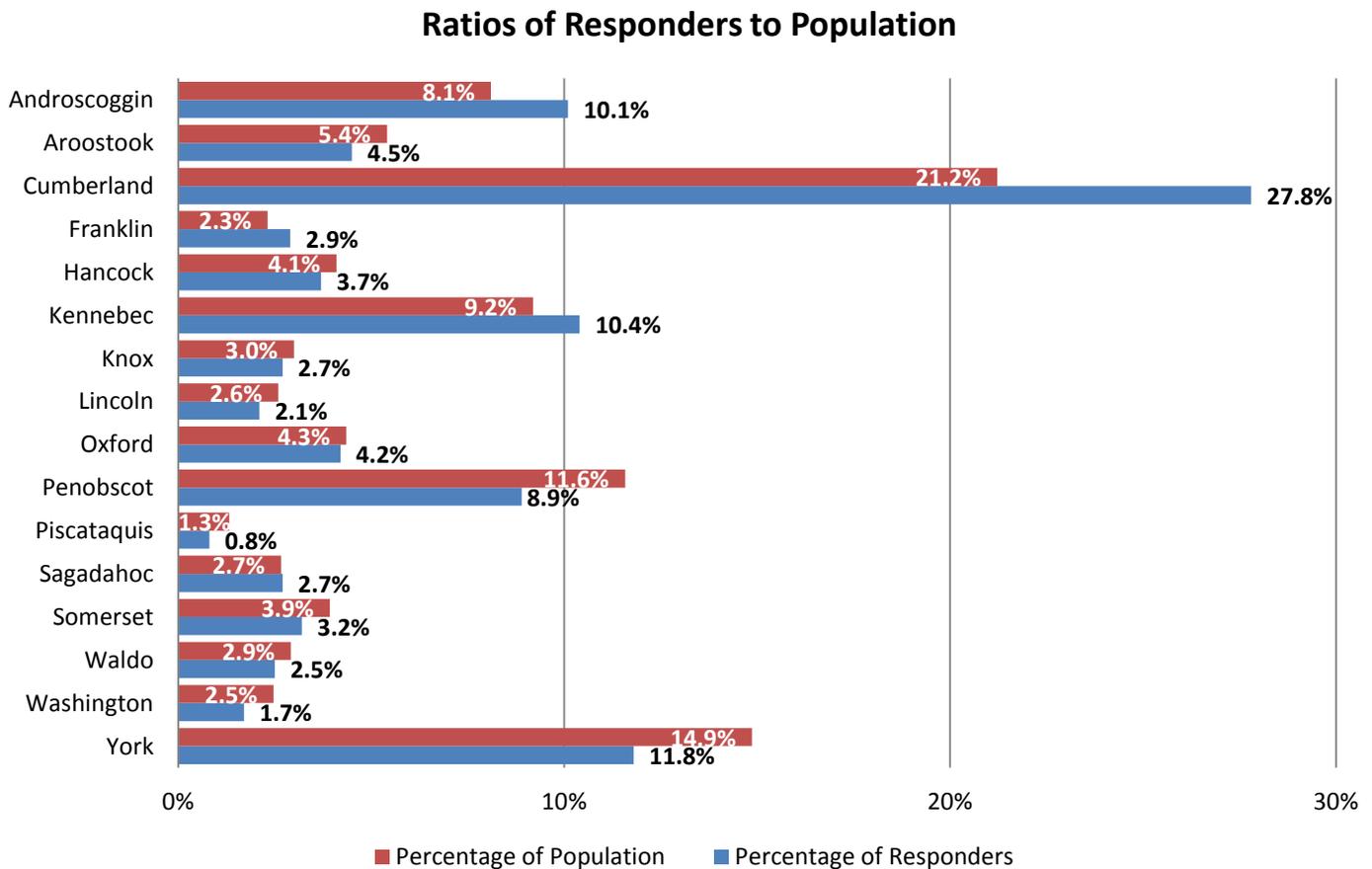
County	Universe	Excluded	Adjusted Universe	Responses	Response Rate	% of Total Responders
Androscoggin	222	5	217	113	52.1%	10.1%
Aroostook	94	3	91	50	54.9%	4.5%
Cumberland	426	7	419	310	74.0%	27.8%
Franklin	53	0	53	32	60.4%	2.9%
Hancock	72	0	72	41	56.9%	3.7%
Kennebec	210	4	206	116	56.3%	10.4%
Knox	47	1	46	30	65.2%	2.7%
Lincoln	43	4	39	23	59.0%	2.1%

County	Universe	Excluded	Adjusted Universe	Responses	Response Rate	% of Total Responders
Oxford	79	3	76	47	61.8%	4.2%
Penobscot	181	3	178	99	55.6%	8.9%
Piscataquis	19	0	19	9	47.4%	0.8%
Sagadahoc	61	2	59	30	50.8%	2.7%
Somerset	72	2	70	36	51.4%	3.2%
Waldo	57	3	54	28	51.9%	2.5%
Washington	35	0	35	19	54.3%	1.7%
York	280	3	277	132	47.7%	11.8%
Total	1,951	40	1,911	1,115	58.3%	100.0%

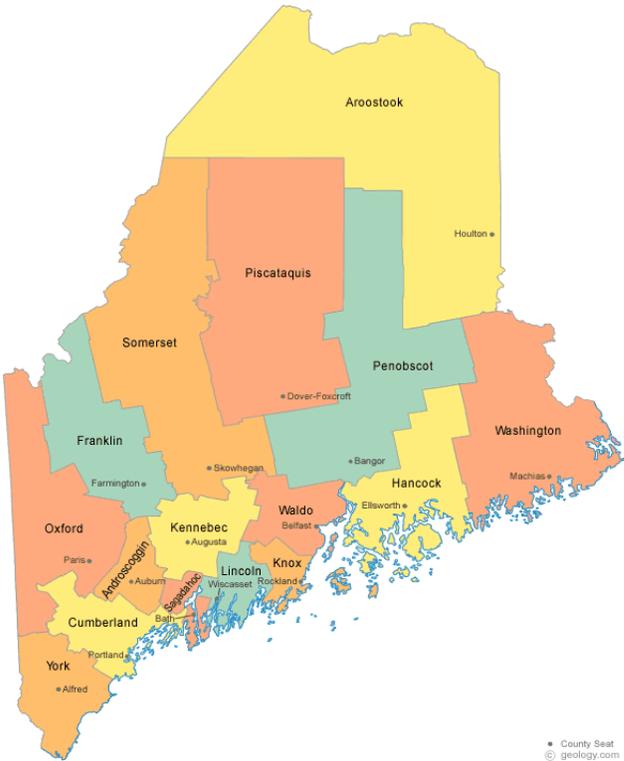
Data Validity

As a whole, the data collected in this survey is sound and representative of the distribution of the availability and cost of care across the state. The percentage of statewide responders within each county is roughly proportional to the percentage of the statewide population residing within each county (see graph 1 below).

Graph 1:



Data from Maine’s more lightly populated counties should be regarded with caution. For example, the total universe of child care centers in Piscataquis County was only five and of those only two responded to the survey, neither of which serves infants. Because of this we are unable to report a market rate for infants in a center in Piscataquis County.



Piscataquis County, located in north-central Maine, has the lowest population of all counties in Maine: 17,518. In fact, the county is so lightly populated and rural that the Census Bureau does not even provide annual estimates of the county’s population – only five-year-average estimates. With just 1.3% of the state’s population, Piscataquis County is also 43% less populated than the next least populous county: Franklin, with 30,697 residents.

Weighting

In order to most accurately represent the number of slots presently available, a “weighted” methodology was used. If a provider indicated a desired capacity for a given age group was ten, the rate for this age group was counted ten times. Desired capacity was selected as the weighting factor because it is the best representation of the availability of care. For example, if a provider currently enrolls four toddlers and is licensed for up to 10, but only desires to care for six at any given time, then six represents the true capacity of this provider and is used in this analysis.

Each rate was given weight equal to the provider’s desired capacity for that each age group. For instance, if a center indicated a desire to care for 12 full-time infants at a rate of \$10 per hour, then \$10 was given a weight of 12. If a provider gave a rate for infants, but indicated an infant desired capacity of zero, that rate was not included in the analysis.

Market Rate Conversions

Market rates in this report are provided on a daily and weekly basis. Using the information given to us by survey respondents, rates were converted into daily and weekly rates based on the following formulas:

Unit Provided	Conversion to Daily Rates	Conversion to Weekly Rates
Conversions for full-time rates		
Hourly	Hourly rate x average number of daily hours of service	Hourly rate x number of hours per week
Daily	None required	Daily rate x # of days of operation per week
Weekly	Weekly rate/Number of days of operation per week	None required
Monthly	Monthly rate/Number of days per month	Monthly rate / # weeks per month
Conversions for part-time rates		
Hourly	Hourly rate x part time hours per day	Hourly rate x part time hours per week x part time days per week
Part-day	None required	(Part-time daily rate/ part-time hours per day) x part-time hours per week
Full-day	Full-day rate/Number of part time hours per day	(Full-day rate/# hours per full-day) x # hours per part-week
Part-week	Part-time weekly rate / Number of part-time days per week	None required

Analysis

Characteristics of Providers

The 1,080 respondents in Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes reported a combined full-time desired capacity of 16,804 slots and a part-time desired capacity of 17,985 (see table 3). While only 34.9 percent of survey responders were center-based, these centers constitute 67.4 percent (11,328) of all available full-time slots and 68.3 percent (12,287) of all part-time slots.

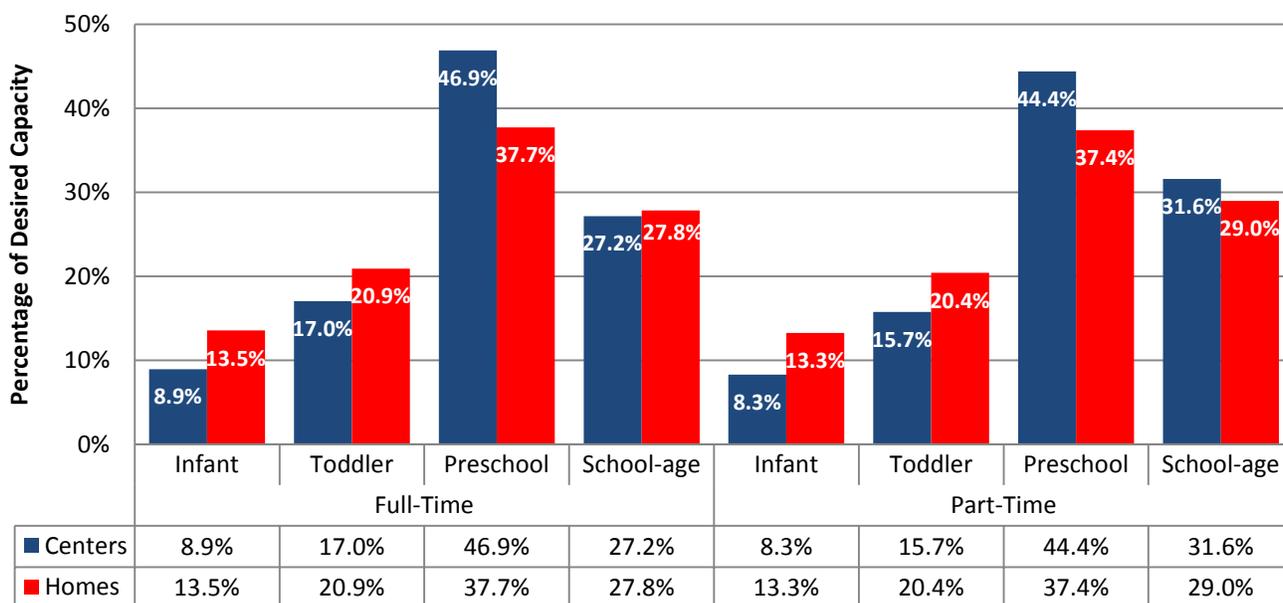
Table 3: Statewide Desired Capacity

Setting	Full-Time Slots					Part-Time Slots				
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School-age	Total	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School-age	Total
Centers	1,011	1,929	5,312	3,076	11,328	1,020	1,935	5,454	3,878	12,287
Homes	741	1,145	2,066	1,524	5,476	755	1,162	2,130	1,651	5,698
Total	1,752	3,074	7,378	4,600	16,804	1,775	3,097	7,584	5,529	17,985

The most served age grouping in our survey was preschoolers, which account for 43.9 percent of all full-time slots and 42.2 percent of part-time slots. When we only look at centers, the ratio of all available slots going to preschoolers is even greater at 46.9 percent and 44.4 percent for full- and part-time care, respectively (see graph 2). In homes, the distribution of slot availability is only slightly more uniform (see graph 3), but preschoolers still consist of over a third of full- and part-time slots.

Graph 2:

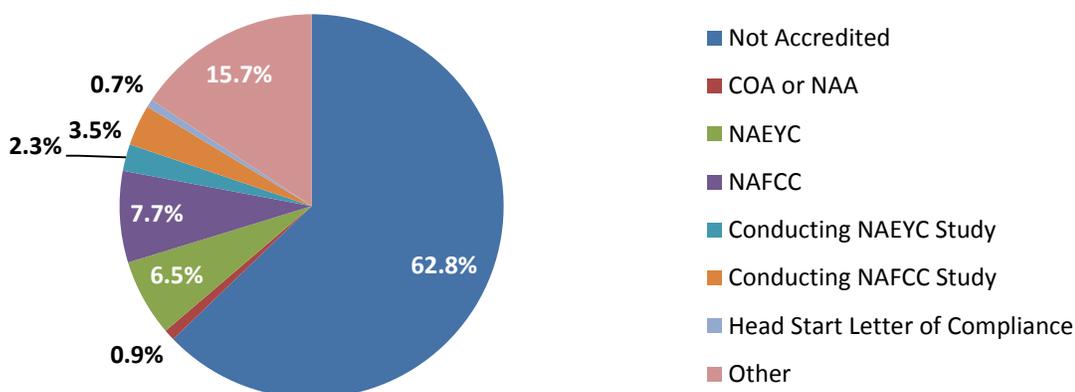
Distribution of Available Slots



Respondents were asked to provide us with information on their current accreditations, if any. Over 750 responded, approximately two-thirds (68.5 percent) of which are not accredited by a national organization. However, 8.3 percent of unaccredited respondents are currently working towards obtaining accreditation through either the National Association of Family Child Care (NAFCC) or the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Of accreditations currently held, 3 percent were through the Council on Accreditation (COA) or National Afterschool Association (NAA), 21.1 percent were from NAEYC, 25 percent were via NAFCC and the remaining 50.9 percent were from some other organization. A large percentage of providers indicated that they hold some other type of accreditation not listed in the survey. However, few provided specific detail as to the source of these accreditations. Future surveys should focus on gathering more detailed information. A summary of accreditations may be found below (see graph 3). Full breakouts of accreditation by provider type may be found in the appendix.

Graph 3:

Accreditation Types - All Providers



Nationally, approximately 8 percent of center-based providers hold a NAEYC accreditation⁷ and less than 1 percent of homes are accredited by the NAFCC⁸. Given that 12.6 percent of centers responding to the survey indicated holding a NAEYC accreditation with an additional 3.9 percent currently working towards obtaining one, Maine centers outperform the national average by over 50 percent. 8.4 percent of homes responding to the survey indicated holding an NAFCC accreditation. This is over eight times greater than the national average.

Accreditation is a mark of high-quality care, and the volume of providers who either have or are seeking accreditation in Maine is a very positive note. Being able to determine exactly what standards other organizations are holding these providers to, and what these organizations are, would be highly beneficial.

Market Rates

At the state level, the market rates are reported at the 50th, 75th, and 90th percentiles. At the county level, the 50th and 75th percentiles are reported. A percentile is defined as the percentage of providers whose rates are at or below the reported market rate. Another way of stating this would be that an hourly market rate of \$20 at the 90th percentile would mean that 90 percent of providers charge an hourly rate of \$20 or less.

The rates reported here represent only those providers who completed both the market rate and capacity portions of the survey. Each provider's rates are only included if they indicated that they served the particular age group. Two providers were also excluded as outliers. As a result of this, 301 Child Care Centers and 590 Family Child Care Homes represent the total sample size used to determine the market rates.

Legal, Unregulated Providers are not included in this analysis. The informal nature of these child care arrangements sets them sufficiently apart from licensed home-based care that they should be considered separately. However due to very small sample size (35) and the fact that 85.7 percent of LUR responders were located in the same county (Cumberland) a sound analysis of LUR data is not feasible in this report.

As indicated in table 4 below, rates charged by Family Child Care Homes are typically lower than those at Child Care Centers. At the 75th percentile, full-time weekly rates in Family Child Care Homes are between 71.4 percent to 88.9 percent of equivalent prices in Child Care Centers. The lower prices of home-based providers are most pronounced in infant rates, particularly in part-time care. The two settings approaching parity as age increases.

Table 4

Statewide Weekly Rates by Setting and by Age							
Setting	Age Group	Full-Time			Part-Time		
		50 th percentile	75 th percentile	90 th percentile	50 th percentile	75 th percentile	90 th percentile
Center	Infant	\$180.00	\$210.00	\$259.00	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
	Toddler	\$170.00	\$200.00	\$238.00	\$105.00	\$139.00	\$175.00
	Preschool	\$160.00	\$185.00	\$220.00	\$90.00	\$125.00	\$160.00
	School-age	\$112.00	\$135.00	\$160.00	\$60.00	\$85.00	\$110.00
Home	Infant	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$179.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$132.75
	Toddler	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$175.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$135.00
	Preschool	\$125.00	\$145.00	\$165.00	\$75.00	\$97.50	\$130.00
	School-age	\$95.00	\$120.00	\$135.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$90.00

Geographic Variation

The cost of care varies rather significantly by county. The weekly full-time rate for an infant in a center ranges from \$259 in Cumberland County to \$130 in Somerset County. While the cost of care is generally higher in the more populous counties, this is not necessarily the rule. The county with the third highest weekly rate (Washington County) is also the third least populated county, while the least expensive county (Somerset) has a higher population than seven other more expensive counties.

The difference in rates between center- and family-based care also varies by county. This difference is most apparent for Washington County school-age care, where homes charge only 45% and 47.1% of center rates for full- and part-time care, respectively. Home-based settings are not always less expensive than centers, however, with full-time school-age care in homes costing just as much or more per week than center-based care in six counties (in order from least expensive to most: Sagadahoc, Oxford, Penobscot, Hancock, Somerset and Knox). For other age groups, only toddlers in Washington County have no price advantage in homes, with weekly prices there equal to those in centers.

Part-time care at the county level tells a slightly different story. Infants are the only age group where part-time home-based care is universally less expensive, although only by 1.4 percent in Androscoggin County. Part-time care in homes is more expensive than in centers in four counties for toddlers (Kennebec, Lincoln, Piscataquis and Somerset), four counties for preschoolers (Androscoggin, Kennebec, Piscataquis and Somerset) and in six counties for school-age children (Kennebec, Knox, Lincoln, Oxford, Piscataquis and Somerset)¹.

For three of the four age groups, the lowest weekly rates for center-based care can be found in Somerset County. The only age group where centers in Somerset do not charge the lowest weekly rates is preschoolers, where the lowest rates can be found in Kennebec County. These statements are based on median county rates (see table 5 below).

Table 5: Lowest Center Rates by Age Group

County	Age Group	Child Care Center Weekly Rates	
		Full-Time	Part-Time
Somerset	<i>Infants</i>	\$130.00	\$80.00
Somerset	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$130.00	\$80.00
Kennebec	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$120.00	\$60.00
Somerset	<i>School Age</i>	\$65.00	\$50.00

¹ Note that centers in Piscataquis and Somerset counties did not respond to the survey in very high numbers (two centers for 40 percent and five centers for 41.7 percent, respectively) and as such the center rates for these counties may not be fully representative of the true center rate for these locations.

The median weekly, full-time, home-based rates for infants, toddlers and preschoolers are the lowest in Aroostook County. Somerset County has the lowest weekly rates for school-age children (see table 6).

Table 6: Lowest Home Rates by Age Group

County	Age Group	Family Child Care Weekly Rates	
		Full-Time	Part-Time
Aroostook	<i>Infants</i>	\$95.00	\$55.00
Aroostook	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$95.00	\$62.50
Aroostook	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$90.00	\$54.00
Somerset	<i>School Age</i>	\$76.00	\$50.00

The daily and weekly market rates are presented in table format in the appendices. The 'N's for each market rate are presented in Appendix F and G. The detailed market rates themselves can be found in Appendix H through Appendix L.

Cost of Care in Context:

The rates charged by child care providers can also be examined through the lens of those who pay them. Knowing the affordability of care for the parents who pay for it can tell us much about the greater economic impact of these rates. When formal child care costs exceed affordability, parents are forced to consider alternative arrangements.

In order to know whether child care is affordable, we must know a few things about the consumers. Specifically, if we know their incomes, we can examine the ratio of the cost of care to parents' incomes. According to the Census Bureau, the median income of a married couple family with children under 18 in Maine is \$75,236⁹. This means that when we annualize the weekly rates, a family paying the median rate for full-time infant care in a center will devote 12.3 percent of their annual income to pay for child care. For a toddler, they will be paying 11.7 percent. For preschool-aged children, parents will still be paying 11 percent of their income for care. Only once children enter school do child care costs as a proportion of median family income drop into the single digits at 7.7 percent.

Family Child Care Homes take a significantly smaller portion of family income at 8.9 percent for both infants and toddlers and 8.6 percent for preschoolers before dropping to 6.5 percent for school-age care.

Given that 34.4¹⁰ percent of children in Maine live with just one parent, any look at the ratio of the cost of care to family income would be incomplete without accounting for single-parent families. Also, as 73¹¹ percent of these children live with their mother, this is where we will focus. Unfortunately, the cost of care as a percentage of a single mothers income is much higher than that of a married couple family, given that the median income for a single mother in Maine is \$21,594.¹²

For full-time care in a Child Care Center, the median cost is greater than a quarter of a single mother’s income regardless of the child’s age. For infants, this ratio is 43 percent. Care for toddler’s claims 40.6 percent of family income and preschoolers require 38.2 percent. The cost of center care for a school age care still accounts for 26.8 percent of a single mother’s income. Home-based care is more affordable, but still comes in at 31.1 percent of income for infant and toddler care, lowering to 29.9 percent and 22.7 percent for preschool and school age children, respectively.

Table 7

Annual Child Care Fees as a Percent of Median Income*								
Age Group	Married-Couple Household w/ Children under 18				Single Female Headed Household w/ Children under 18			
	FT Center	FT Family Home	PT Center	PT Family Home	FT Center	FT Family Home	PT Center	PT Family Home
Infant	12.3%	8.9%	8.2%	5.1%	43.0%	31.1%	28.7%	17.9%
Toddler	11.7%	8.9%	7.2%	5.1%	40.6%	31.1%	25.1%	17.9%
Preschool	11.0%	8.6%	6.2%	5.1%	38.2%	29.9%	21.5%	17.9%
School-age	7.7%	6.5%	4.1%	4.1%	26.8%	22.7%	14.3%	14.3%

*Based on median child care rates

Conclusion

The market rate survey shows that nearly two-thirds of licensed child care programs in Maine are operated out of family child care homes. Given the primarily rural nature of the state, this is not surprising. Child care fees are high compared to income for both centers and homes, particularly for single parent families with children.

One reason for higher rates in this survey compared to the 2010 report could be related to the economy, as a decline in programs could result in higher average rates. Another possible cause is Maine's trend toward higher quality care. Maine has a relatively large share of programs with accreditation, far outstripping the national average rates for both centers (8 percent) and homes (less than 1 percent) with nearly one-third of Maine's programs responding to the survey reporting that they hold an accreditation of some type. In addition, another 8.3 percent of programs that are not accredited reported currently working toward accreditation. This is great news for the families who can access those programs. Given the research that shows the link between quality child care and school readiness (as well as greater school performance), the growing trend toward accreditation means more Maine children will start school ready to succeed.

Unfortunately, too few of Maine’s children have access to this quality care. The disparity between child care capacity and child care need (working parents with children under age 6) is large. Licensed programs (centers and homes) serve less than half of the potential children who may need child care. As families struggle with the cost of care, they may be more likely to choose informal arrangements such as friends,

neighbors, relatives, or a mix of the above, including care that may not be licensed. Another possibility is the use of care that potentially exceeds the state's licensing threshold.

We suggest the following as areas that the state may want to consider reviewing in more detail, some of which are within the scope of this current market rate survey project while others may exceed the scope of this particular contract.

Additional areas to review:

Within scope:

- Cost of accredited care by county (there may be variations across counties, but it would be interesting to look at).
- Geocoding of providers by setting type, by location, and where possible quality of care (ie, accredited programs, quality certificate programs (Level 4 Quality for ME), and general Quality for ME participation (versus non-participants). *[We have this data in NACCRRAware, but not as a result of the survey; which may mean it is out of date].*

Beyond Scope:

- The market rate survey didn't capture quality information. We could follow up to obtain quality information, which would potentially better inform the state as to rates and also areas the state may want to target for training and technical assistance to raise the quality of the lower level programs (including those that do not participate in Quality for ME).
- The market rate survey didn't capture the full picture of accreditation. We could follow up to obtain greater detail on accredited programs within the state.
- We could look at the geocoding and match it against available U.S. Department of Education data by elementary school related to 3rd or 4th grade test scores with a look back to type and quality of setting available in those communities (which would help inform and target training).
- From CCDF Maine reported subsidy data, we know that 69 percent of children receiving a subsidy are in center-based care somewhere in the state. We also know that 94 percent of them are working low wage families (not receiving TANF). Given the research showing that quality care makes the biggest difference for low income families, we could look at where the children who receive subsidy are to capture a better picture of:
 - Where children receiving a subsidy are,
 - The quality of the setting the children are in, and
 - Use such information to inform the state to better target training and technical assistance to improve settings within communities to expand the number of low income children who have access to quality child care.

Appendix A



STATE OF MAINE 2012 SURVEY OF CHILD CARE CENTERS

** IMPORTANT: If you have more than one center location, please be sure that you are filling out this survey only for the location shown above. Each center location will receive a separate survey.*

Update your contact information:

Main contact person for this location: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

DAYS OF CARE:

1. Check all days below that you are open to provide child care. Then enter the start and end time in the boxes to the right for each day.

Check below for the days you are open:	Start time: (hour:minutes, am/pm) e.g., 7:00 am	End time: (hour:minutes, am/pm) e.g., 6:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Friday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday		

2. You offer (*check one*):

Full time care only Part-time care only Full-time AND part-time care

3. Other types of care (*check all that apply*):

24-hour care After-school Before-school School-Age Vacation/Summer Weeks

ACCREDITATION for CENTERS

4. Below are the different types of accreditation that are available for child care centers. For each one, please check if your center has this form of accreditation. (*Please check all that apply.*)

Type of Accreditation	Yes	Not sure
Currently conducting NAEYC self-study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAEYC accredited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Currently conducting COA self-study	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAA or COA accredited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Head Start letter of compliance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (Specify): _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not accredited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RATES

5. Enter the typical rate charged below. Only enter rates for the type you charge. For example, if you do not provide any part-time care, leave all Part-Time columns blank. If you do not charge by the hour, leave the hourly columns blank. Only fill in the columns if you actually charge rates in that way.

Please DO NOT include any voucher or subsidy rates (e.g. TANF, Subsidy Vouchers, etc.), sliding scale rates, employee discounts or any other discounted rates that you may offer. Enter the full rate that a parent would pay.

Only enter rates for the type you charge. For example, if you do not provide any part-time care, leave all Part-Time columns blank. If you do not charge by the hour, leave the hourly columns blank. Only fill in the columns if you actually charge rates in that way.

Age Group (Skip rows below if you do not serve this age group)	Hourly (only if you have hourly rates)		Daily (only if you have daily rates)		Weekly (only if you have weekly rates)		Monthly (only if you have monthly rates)	
	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time
Infant 1 (6 wks-12 mos)	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/mth	\$ ____/mth
Toddler 1 (13 mos-2-1/2 yrs)	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/mth	\$ ____/mth
Preschool 1 (2-1/2 – 5 yrs)	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/mth	\$ ____/mth
Preschool 2 (nursery school)	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/mth	\$ ____/mth
School-age 1 (1 st -5 th grade)	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/mth	\$ ____/mth
School-age 2 (Kindergarten)	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/mth	\$ ____/mth

6. If you provided Full-Time rates above, tell us how many hours per day this rate covers:

Full-Time rates: typically for _____ hours per day

7. If you provided Part-Time rates above, tell us how many hours per day, and days per week the rate above covers. (Skip if you do not offer Part-Time care) Part-Time rates: for _____ hours per day Part-Time rates: for _____ days per week

CAPACITY AND VACANCIES:

8. Please tell us about the children you serve, and vacancies/ openings. Use the following definitions for each category below, for each age group:

Age Group <i>(Skip rows below if you do not serve this age group)</i>	Desired Capacity <i>(how many children you PREFER to serve at one time)</i>	Licensed Capacity <i>(the max # of children you may serve at one time)</i>	Subsidy Capacity <i>(the max # of subsidy children you are willing to serve)</i>	Full-Time Vacancies <i>(The # of Full-time openings you have available today)</i>	Part-Time Vacancies <i>(The # of Part-Time openings you have available today)</i>	Vacancy Date <i>(The next date an opening will be available in that age group)</i>	Enrollment <i>(The maximum # of children you have present at one time)</i>	Child:Adult Ratio <i>(# of children present per each adult present)</i>	Group Size <i>(Maximum number of children per EACH classroom or group area)</i>
Infant 1 (6 wks-12 mos)									
Toddler 1 (13 mos-2-1/2 yrs)									
Preschool 1 (2-1/2 – 5 yrs)									
Preschool 2 (nursery school)									
School-age 1 (1 st -5 th grade)									
School-age 2 (Kindergarten)									

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Q: Do I have to answer the survey?

A: You are not required to answer, but we need to hear from you to make this survey a success! We need to know the rates you charge for all families so we can have a better idea of what child care rates are in Maine.

Q: Who will be allowed to see my information?

A: This information will be entered into an online database for researchers to summarize. This information will also be used by the Maine Department of Health and Human Services for ongoing child care resource and referral services. This will allow Maine DHHS to provide parents with accurate information on child care providers. (Note: Addresses are not made public for Family Child Care Providers.)

Q: I don't like to use computers or put my information online. What if I don't want to do the survey online?

A: You can still participate even if you don't want to do the survey online. Just be sure to return the paper survey in the envelope provided, as soon as possible, to Child Care Aware® of America.

Q: When do I have to finish the survey?

A: Please finish the survey by December 17, 2012 and return to Child Care Aware® of America in the enclosed envelope.

Q: I lost the survey paper (or lost/deleted the email with the online link). Where can I get a new one?

A: We will send a reminder and a second survey if we don't hear from you after about one week. But please complete the survey as soon as you receive it and return in the envelope provided, as soon as possible, to Child Care Aware® of America. For the online update, we will send a reminder email with your custom link.

Q: Why is this survey so much shorter than in previous years?

A: We are trying to keep the survey as simple as possible this year. It's very important that you answer all questions and return in the envelope provided, as soon as possible, to Child Care Aware® of America.

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Appendix B



STATE OF MAINE
2012 SURVEY OF FAMILY CHILD CARE PROVIDERS

Update Your Contact Information:

Address where care is provided: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Do you currently provide Family Child Care on a...

- Regular basis Sometimes, depending on the time of year No longer offer family child care

If you answered yes to either regular basis and/or Sometimes, please skip to question #3

2. If you no longer offer family child care services, do you plan to offer child care services again in the near future?

- Yes No (please explain why: _____)

IF YOU NO LONGER OFFER FAMILY CHILD CARE SERVICE, PLEASE STOP HERE AND RETURN THE SURVEY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE. THANK YOU.

DAYS OF CARE:

3. Check all days below that you are open to provide child care. Then enter the start and end time in the boxes to the right for each day.

Check below for the days you are open for care:	Start time: (hour:minutes, am/pm) e.g., 7:00 am	End time: (hour:minutes, am/pm) e.g., 6:00 pm
<input type="checkbox"/> Monday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Tuesday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday		

4. You offer (*check one*):

- Full time care only Part-time care only Full-time AND part-time care

5. Other types of care (*check all that apply*):

- 24-hour care After-school Before-school School-Age Vacation/Summer Weeks

ACCREDITATION for Family Child Care Homes

6. Below are the different types of accreditation that are available for family child care programs. For each one, please check if your program has this form of accreditation. *(Please check all that apply.)*

Type of accreditation	Yes	Not sure
Currently conducting the NAFCC self-study (National Association for Family Child Care)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
NAFCC accredited (currently valid; not expired)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other: Specify _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Not accredited	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

RATES

7. Enter the typical rate charged below. Only enter rates for the type you charge. For example, if you do not provide any part-time care, leave all Part-Time columns blank. If you do not charge by the hour, leave the hourly columns blank. Only fill in the columns if you actually charge rates in that way.

Please DO NOT include any voucher or subsidy rates (e.g. TANF, Subsidy Vouchers, etc.), sliding scale rates, employee discounts or any other discounted rates that you may offer. Enter the full rate that a parent would pay.

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Note: School-age FT is only for Full-time care, as in Summer/Vacation Weeks or School’s Out Days, if you offer this type of care. If you do not, please leave blank.

Age Group <i>(Skip rows below if you do not serve this age group)</i>	Hourly <i>(only if you have hourly rates)</i>		Daily <i>(only if you have daily rates)</i>		Weekly <i>(only if you have weekly rates)</i>		Monthly <i>(only if you have monthly rates)</i>	
	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time
Infant 1 (6 wks-12 mos)	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/mth	\$ ____/mth
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School-age 1 (1 st -5 th grade)	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/mth	\$ ____/mth
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8. If you provided Full-Time rates above, tell us how many hours per day this rate covers:

Full-Time rates: typically for _____ hours per day

9. If you provided Part-Time rates above, tell us how many hours per day, and days per week the rate above covers. (Skip if you do not offer Part-Time care) Part-Time rates: for _____ hours per day

Part-Time rates: for _____ days per week

CAPACITY AND VACANCIES:

10. Tell us about the number of children you usually serve, and your current openings, for each age group you currently serve. Use the following definitions for each category below, for each age group:

Age Group <i>(Skip rows below if you do not serve this age group)</i>	Desired Capacity <i>(how many children you PREFER to serve at one time)</i>	Licensed Capacity <i>(the max # of children you may serve at one time)</i>	Subsidy Capacity <i>(the max # of subsidy children you are willing to serve)</i>	Full-Time Vacancies <i>(The # of Full-time openings you have available today)</i>	Part-Time Vacancies <i>(The # of Part-Time openings you have available today)</i>	Vacancy Date <i>(The next date an opening will be available in that age group)</i>	Enrollment <i>(The maximum # of children you have present at one time)</i>	Child:Adult Ratio <i>(# of children present per each adult present)</i>	Group Size <i>(Maximum number of children per EACH classroom or group area)</i>
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3. Q: Do I have to answer the survey?

A: You are not required to answer, but we need to hear from you to make this survey a success! We need to know the rates you charge for all families so we can have a better idea of what current child care rates are in Maine.

4. Q: Who will be allowed to see my information?

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Appendix C



STATE OF MAINE
2012 SURVEY OF LEGAL, UNREGULATED PROVIDERS

Update Your Contact Information:

Address where care is provided: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Do you currently provide Child Care on a...

- Regular basis Sometimes, depending on the time of year No longer offer child care

If you answered yes to either regular basis and/or Sometimes, please skip to question #3

2. If you no longer offer child care services, do you plan to offer child care services again in the near future?

- Yes No (please explain why: _____
_____)

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<input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday		
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<input type="checkbox"/> Friday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday		

4. You offer (*check one*):

- Full time care only Part-time care only Full-time AND part-time care

5. Other types of care (*check all that apply*):

- 24-hour care After-school Before-school School-Age Vacation/Summer Weeks
 Care in child's home Care in your home

RATES

6. Enter the typical rate charged below. Only enter rates for the type you charge. For example, if you do not provide any part-time care, leave all Part-Time columns blank. If you do not charge by the hour, leave the hourly columns blank. Only fill in the columns if you actually charge rates in that way.

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School-age 2 (Kindergarten)	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/hr	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/day	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/wk	\$ ____/mth	\$ ____/mth

8. If you provided Full-Time rates above, tell us how many hours per day this rate covers:

Full-Time rates: typically for _____ hours per day

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6. Q: When do I have to finish the survey?

A: Please finish the survey by November 30, 2012.

7. Q: I lost the survey paper (or lost/deleted the email with the online link). Where can I get a new one?

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Appendix D: Response Rates by County by Type of Care

Child Care Center Response Rate

County	Universe	Excluded	Adjusted Universe	Responses	Response Rate	% of Total Responders
Androscoggin	50	2	48	39	81.3%	10.0%
Aroostook	24	2	22	10	45.5%	2.6%
Cumberland	155	4	151	128	84.8%	32.9%
Franklin	11	0	11	9	81.8%	2.3%
Hancock	24	0	24	20	83.3%	5.1%
Kennebec	49	2	47	24	51.1%	6.2%
Knox	19	1	18	12	66.7%	3.1%
Lincoln	19	4	15	10	66.7%	2.6%
Oxford	32	3	29	23	79.3%	5.9%
Penobscot	43	1	42	33	78.6%	8.5%
Piscataquis	5	0	5	2	40.0%	0.5%
Sagadahoc	20	2	18	9	50.0%	2.3%
Somerset	13	1	12	5	41.7%	1.3%
Waldo	14	2	12	11	91.7%	2.8%
Washington	8	0	8	6	75.0%	1.5%
York	91	1	90	48	53.3%	12.3%
Total	577	25	552	389	70.5%	100.0%

Family Child Care Homes Response Rate

County	Universe	Excluded	Adjusted Universe	Responses	Response Rate	% of Total Responders
Androscoggin	161	2	159	74	46.5%	10.71%
Aroostook	68	1	67	40	59.7%	5.79%
Cumberland	239	1	238	152	63.9%	22.00%
Franklin	42	0	42	23	54.8%	3.33%
Hancock	42	0	42	20	47.6%	2.89%
Kennebec	154	1	153	92	60.1%	13.31%
Knox	26	0	26	18	69.2%	2.60%
Lincoln	23	0	23	13	56.5%	1.88%
Oxford	40	0	40	24	60.0%	3.47%
Penobscot	116	0	116	64	55.2%	9.26%
Piscataquis	14	0	14	7	50.0%	1.01%
Sagadahoc	41	0	41	21	51.2%	3.04%
Somerset	58	0	58	31	53.4%	4.49%
Waldo	39	1	38	17	44.7%	2.46%
Washington	25	0	25	13	52.0%	1.88%
York	173	1	172	82	47.7%	11.87%
Total	1,261	7	1,254	691	55.1%	100.0%

Legal, Unregulated Provider Response Rate

County	Universe	Excluded	Adjusted Universe	Responses	Response Rate	% of Total Responders
Androscoggin	11	1	10	0	0.0%	0.0%
Aroostook	2	0	2	0	0.0%	0.0%
Cumberland	32	2	30	30	100.0%	85.7%
Franklin	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Hancock	6	0	6	1	16.7%	2.9%
Kennebec	7	1	6	0	0.0%	0.0%
Knox	2	0	2	0	0.0%	0.0%
Lincoln	1	0	1	0	0.0%	0.0%
Oxford	7	0	7	0	0.0%	0.0%
Penobscot	22	2	20	2	10.0%	5.7%
Piscataquis	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Sagadahoc	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Somerset	1	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0%
Waldo	4	0	4	0	0.0%	0.0%
Washington	2	0	2	0	0.0%	0.0%
York	16	1	15	2	13.3%	5.7%
Total	113	8	105	35	33.0%	100.0%

Appendix E: Accreditation by Provider Type

Centers	389
No Data	89
Not Accredited	165
COA or NAA	6
NAEYC	49
Conducting NAEYC Study	15
Conducting NAFCC Study	5
Other	55
Head Start Letter of Compliance	5
Homes	691
No Data	238
Not Accredited	308
COA or NAA	1
NAFCC	58
Conducting NAEYC Study	2
Conducting NAFCC Study	21
Other	63

Appendix F: Child Care Center 'N' Table

County	Full-Time				Part-Time			
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School-age	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School-age
Statewide	1,011	1,929	5,312	3,076	1,020	1,935	5,454	3,878
Androscoggin	123	252	596	612	123	252	596	642
Aroostook	13	18	45	4	13	18	45	4
Cumberland	363	634	1,855	881	369	640	1,907	1,033
Franklin	9	21	83	18	9	21	83	18
Hancock	37	77	282	106	37	77	282	124
Kennebec	55	78	211	112	55	78	211	397
Knox	35	68	157	63	38	68	157	63
Lincoln	26	54	185	50	26	54	185	98
Oxford	45	89	139	348	45	89	139	395
Penobscot	94	171	581	283	94	171	605	408
Piscataquis	-	6	12	12	-	6	12	12
Sagadahoc	46	79	87	76	46	79	87	76
Somerset	8	35	113	15	8	35	113	15
Waldo	29	39	111	23	29	39	111	84
Washington	20	38	66	34	20	38	86	46
York	108	270	789	439	108	270	835	463

Appendix G: Family Child Care Home 'N' Table

County	Full-Time				Part-Time			
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School-age	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School-age
Statewide	741	1,145	2,066	1,524	755	1,162	2,130	1,651
Androscoggin	84	134	184	253	85	138	201	270
Aroostook	41	55	111	82	41	55	111	85
Cumberland	205	302	489	256	209	304	494	273
Franklin	24	34	86	77	24	34	86	77
Hancock	18	35	61	40	18	35	61	40
Kennebec	78	123	254	170	79	123	254	172
Knox	12	29	57	41	12	29	57	41
Lincoln	14	23	40	33	14	23	46	42
Oxford	27	54	96	86	27	54	96	86
Penobscot	73	104	186	140	73	104	186	178
Piscataquis	10	14	13	13	10	17	15	16
Sagadahoc	13	31	39	26	13	31	49	40
Somerset	32	48	92	73	32	48	92	73
Waldo	15	35	58	51	23	43	66	51
Washington	15	24	48	21	15	24	48	21
York	80	100	252	162	80	100	268	186

Appendix H: Statewide Market Rates

Full-time Statewide Child Care Center Rates						
Age Group	Daily Rates			Weekly Rates		
	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile
Infant	\$38.00	\$47.00	\$55.00	\$180.00	\$210.00	\$259.00
Toddler	\$35.00	\$43.00	\$50.00	\$170.00	\$200.00	\$238.00
Preschool	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$48.00	\$160.00	\$185.00	\$220.00
School-age	\$24.00	\$27.60	\$32.00	\$112.00	\$135.00	\$160.00

Part-time Statewide Child Care Center Rates						
Age Group	Daily Rates			Weekly Rates		
	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile
Infant	\$27.60	\$40.00	\$55.00	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$200.00
Toddler	\$26.00	\$40.00	\$51.00	\$105.00	\$139.00	\$175.00
Preschool	\$24.00	\$35.75	\$45.00	\$90.00	\$125.00	\$160.00
School-age	\$14.80	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$60.00	\$85.00	\$110.00

Full-time Statewide Family Child Care Rates						
Age Group	Daily Rates			Weekly Rates		
	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile
Infant	\$27.00	\$33.00	\$40.00	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$179.00
Toddler	\$26.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$175.00
Preschool	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$37.00	\$125.00	\$145.00	\$165.00
School-age	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$95.00	\$120.00	\$135.00

Part-time Statewide Family Child Care Rates						
Age Group	Daily Rates			Weekly Rates		
	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile	50th percentile	75th percentile	90th percentile
Infant	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$132.75
Toddler	\$19.50	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$135.00
Preschool	\$18.00	\$26.67	\$35.00	\$75.00	\$97.50	\$130.00
School-age	\$13.00	\$18.00	\$25.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$90.00

Appendix I: Daily Market Rates by County (75th Percentile)

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Androscoggin	<i>Infants</i>	\$34.00	\$20.00	\$29.00	\$28.33
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$33.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$25.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$25.00	\$16.00	\$25.00	\$15.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Aroostook	<i>Infants</i>	\$33.40	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$16.67
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$30.75	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$16.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$27.20	\$20.40	\$20.00	\$16.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$20.40	\$16.67	\$19.00	\$17.25

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Cumberland	<i>Infants</i>	\$54.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$35.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$50.00	\$44.75	\$40.00	\$35.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$46.80	\$41.00	\$40.00	\$35.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$32.00	\$21.00	\$30.00	\$20.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Franklin	<i>Infants</i>	\$32.00	\$22.00	\$25.75	\$25.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$25.75	\$20.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$31.25	\$25.00	\$24.00	\$20.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$23.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$20.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Hancock	<i>Infants</i>	\$38.00	\$26.40	\$26.00	\$30.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$35.00	\$24.60	\$25.00	\$30.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$32.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$25.00	\$8.50	\$25.00	\$25.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Kennebec	<i>Infants</i>	\$38.00	\$19.00	\$28.00	\$30.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$30.00	\$16.50	\$27.00	\$30.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$27.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.42
	<i>School-age</i>	\$25.00	\$21.50	\$20.00	\$15.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Knox	<i>Infants</i>	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$28.00	\$30.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$40.00	\$42.00	\$27.50	\$30.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$37.00	\$42.00	\$27.00	\$30.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$15.00	\$10.00	\$28.50	\$26.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Lincoln	<i>Infants</i>	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$30.25	\$33.33
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$34.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$34.80	\$22.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$28.14	\$14.07	\$25.00	\$22.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Oxford	<i>Infants</i>	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$21.25
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$34.00	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$20.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	\$15.19

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Penobscot	<i>Infants</i>	\$37.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$27.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$34.00	\$55.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$33.50	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$20.00	\$37.00	\$25.00	\$20.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Piscataquis	<i>Infants</i>	-	-	\$25.00	\$23.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$24.00	\$25.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$22.00	\$25.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Sagadahoc	<i>Infants</i>	\$35.00	\$36.25	\$30.00	\$30.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$35.00	\$42.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$35.00	\$42.00	\$29.00	\$22.50
	<i>School-age</i>	\$28.00	\$26.25	\$26.00	\$14.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Somerset	<i>Infants</i>	\$32.00	\$16.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$32.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$23.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$27.30	\$12.00	\$25.00	\$20.75
	<i>School-age</i>	\$13.00	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$16.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Waldo	<i>Infants</i>	\$37.40	\$28.00	\$33.00	\$30.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$37.00	\$27.80	\$27.00	\$30.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$33.60	\$26.60	\$30.00	\$27.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$32.00	\$18.00	\$22.00	\$15.40

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Washington	<i>Infants</i>	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$33.33
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$33.00	\$25.60	\$33.75	\$25.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$32.75	\$23.00	\$28.75	\$17.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$18.00	\$18.50

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
York	<i>Infants</i>	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$35.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$50.00	\$40.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$43.00	\$37.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$30.00	\$16.00	\$27.00	\$18.00

Appendix J: Weekly Market Rates by County (75th Percentile)

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Androscoggin	<i>Infants</i>	\$167.00	\$87.50	\$135.00	\$86.25
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$157.00	\$85.50	\$130.00	\$85.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$138.00	\$78.00	\$125.00	\$97.50
	<i>School-age</i>	\$125.00	\$80.00	\$112.50	\$65.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Aroostook	<i>Infants</i>	\$167.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$153.75	\$115.00	\$110.00	\$75.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$136.00	\$102.00	\$95.00	\$68.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$102.00	\$77.00	\$95.00	\$75.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Cumberland	<i>Infants</i>	\$259.00	\$184.00	\$192.50	\$130.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$238.00	\$157.50	\$175.00	\$120.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$220.00	\$140.00	\$165.00	\$112.50
	<i>School-age</i>	\$150.00	\$94.00	\$140.00	\$88.75

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Franklin	<i>Infants</i>	\$147.50	\$80.00	\$127.50	\$75.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$150.00	\$80.00	\$128.75	\$75.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$125.00	\$78.13	\$110.00	\$60.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$115.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$50.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Hancock	<i>Infants</i>	\$190.00	\$127.00	\$130.00	\$120.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$175.00	\$123.00	\$125.00	\$87.50
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$160.00	\$105.00	\$125.00	\$81.25
	<i>School-age</i>	\$90.00	\$85.00	\$125.00	\$62.50

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Kennebec	<i>Infants</i>	\$165.00	\$95.00	\$135.00	\$87.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$146.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$90.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$125.00	\$90.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$125.00	\$60.00	\$100.00	\$63.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Knox	<i>Infants</i>	\$180.00	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$97.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$180.00	\$105.00	\$130.00	\$80.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$185.00	\$105.00	\$135.00	\$90.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$75.00	\$37.50	\$130.00	\$85.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Lincoln	<i>Infants</i>	\$180.00	\$145.00	\$136.25	\$112.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$170.00	\$135.00	\$130.00	\$150.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$174.00	\$110.00	\$130.00	\$100.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$140.70	\$90.00	\$125.00	\$90.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Oxford	<i>Infants</i>	\$150.00	\$87.50	\$130.00	\$75.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$140.00	\$84.00	\$132.50	\$75.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$130.00	\$78.00	\$125.00	\$65.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$118.00	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$70.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Penobscot	<i>Infants</i>	\$175.00	\$162.50	\$145.00	\$87.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$170.00	\$158.00	\$140.00	\$78.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$160.00	\$142.00	\$142.50	\$87.50
	<i>School-age</i>	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$65.63

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Piscataquis	<i>Infants</i>	-	-	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$150.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	\$100.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$150.00	\$62.50	\$120.00	\$100.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$150.00	\$62.50	\$110.00	\$100.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Sagadahoc	<i>Infants</i>	\$175.00	\$145.00	\$147.50	\$75.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$175.00	\$145.00	\$135.00	\$125.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$175.00	\$145.00	\$140.00	\$105.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$140.00	\$105.00	\$140.00	\$70.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Somerset	<i>Infants</i>	\$130.00	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$75.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$130.00	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$87.50
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$136.51	\$60.00	\$125.00	\$87.50
	<i>School-age</i>	\$65.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$65.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Waldo	<i>Infants</i>	\$187.00	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$90.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$185.00	\$139.00	\$135.00	\$90.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$168.00	\$133.00	\$146.25	\$91.25
	<i>School-age</i>	\$160.00	\$90.00	\$110.00	\$63.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Washington	<i>Infants</i>	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$135.00	\$100.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$165.00	\$128.00	\$165.00	\$100.00
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$151.25	\$102.00	\$113.75	\$85.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$90.00	\$82.50

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
York	<i>Infants</i>	\$215.00	\$195.00	\$160.00	\$125.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$195.00	\$166.25	\$155.00	\$111.38
	<i>Preschool</i>	\$175.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$100.00
	<i>School-age</i>	\$145.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$75.00

Appendix K: Daily Market Rates by County (50th Percentile)

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Androscoggin	<i>Infants</i>	\$31.60	\$17.00	\$26.00	\$20.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$30.00	\$16.50	\$25.00	\$17.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$27.60	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$24.00	\$12.60	\$17.00	\$12.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Aroostook	<i>Infants</i>	\$28.00	\$25.00	\$19.00	\$15.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$28.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$12.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$18.00	\$12.80
	<i>School Age</i>	\$15.20	\$16.03	\$18.00	\$11.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Cumberland	<i>Infants</i>	\$47.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$31.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$43.72	\$29.70	\$35.00	\$20.80
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$41.00	\$27.07	\$34.00	\$20.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$27.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Franklin	<i>Infants</i>	\$30.00	\$5.78	\$24.00	\$17.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$30.00	\$5.78	\$24.00	\$15.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$30.00	\$15.63	\$20.00	\$12.50
	<i>School Age</i>	\$23.00	\$15.00	\$18.80	\$10.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Hancock	<i>Infants</i>	\$36.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$35.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$29.00	\$14.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$17.00	\$8.50	\$19.50	\$12.50

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Kennebec	<i>Infants</i>	\$32.00	\$17.00	\$26.00	\$15.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$29.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$24.00	\$14.00	\$22.00	\$18.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$25.00	\$12.50	\$18.00	\$11.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Knox	<i>Infants</i>	\$36.00	\$42.00	\$27.00	\$27.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$36.00	\$20.40	\$25.00	\$13.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$35.00	\$22.75	\$25.00	\$25.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$15.00	\$7.50	\$24.00	\$16.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Lincoln	<i>Infants</i>	\$34.00	\$29.00	\$30.00	\$27.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$33.00	\$27.00	\$26.00	\$30.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$30.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$28.14	\$9.22	\$19.00	\$16.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Oxford	<i>Infants</i>	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$13.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$28.00	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$13.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$26.00	\$19.50	\$20.00	\$13.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$14.00	\$11.00	\$19.00	\$13.50

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Penobscot	<i>Infants</i>	\$35.00	\$28.50	\$25.00	\$18.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$32.00	\$37.00	\$25.00	\$18.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$28.40	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$16.39
	<i>School Age</i>	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$13.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Piscataquis	<i>Infants</i>	-	-	\$25.00	\$12.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$24.00	\$25.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$30.00	\$25.00	\$20.00	\$21.50

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Sagadahoc	<i>Infants</i>	\$35.00	\$36.25	\$29.00	\$18.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$34.00	\$36.25	\$26.00	\$13.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$34.00	\$36.25	\$25.00	\$13.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$28.00	\$26.25	\$25.00	\$12.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Somerset	<i>Infants</i>	\$32.00	\$16.00	\$25.00	\$16.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$32.00	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$19.17
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$27.30	\$12.00	\$21.00	\$17.50
	<i>School Age</i>	\$13.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$15.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Waldo	<i>Infants</i>	\$37.40	\$28.00	\$25.00	\$27.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$37.00	\$27.80	\$25.00	\$18.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$33.60	\$26.60	\$25.00	\$16.50
	<i>School Age</i>	\$25.00	\$16.00	\$20.00	\$11.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Washington	<i>Infants</i>	\$35.00	\$27.60	\$25.00	\$18.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$33.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$17.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$27.00	\$20.40	\$21.00	\$16.25
	<i>School Age</i>	\$26.00	\$25.00	\$16.00	\$12.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
York	<i>Infants</i>	\$40.00	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$38.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$34.00	\$27.00	\$28.00	\$26.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$25.00	\$16.00	\$21.00	\$15.00

Appendix L: Weekly Market Rates by County (50th Percentile)

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Androscoggin	<i>Infants</i>	\$155.00	\$85.00	\$130.00	\$75.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$150.00	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$65.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$133.00	\$70.00	\$115.00	\$75.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$120.00	\$63.00	\$90.00	\$60.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Aroostook	<i>Infants</i>	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$95.00	\$55.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$140.00	\$70.00	\$95.00	\$62.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$125.00	\$62.50	\$90.00	\$54.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$76.00	\$63.50	\$85.00	\$50.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Cumberland	<i>Infants</i>	\$225.00	\$137.50	\$160.00	\$100.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$215.00	\$125.00	\$155.00	\$100.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$187.00	\$110.00	\$150.00	\$90.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$130.00	\$70.00	\$115.00	\$75.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Franklin	<i>Infants</i>	\$145.00	\$80.00	\$117.50	\$63.75
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$145.00	\$80.00	\$115.00	\$60.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$125.00	\$78.13	\$100.00	\$60.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$115.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$50.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Hancock	<i>Infants</i>	\$180.00	\$95.00	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$170.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$145.00	\$81.54	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>School Age</i>	\$70.00	\$42.50	\$87.50	\$43.75

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Kennebec	<i>Infants</i>	\$160.00	\$85.00	\$130.00	\$70.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$145.00	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$110.00	\$62.50
	<i>School Age</i>	\$125.00	\$55.00	\$90.00	\$50.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Knox	<i>Infants</i>	\$170.00	\$105.00	\$135.00	\$77.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$170.00	\$101.00	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$160.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$75.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$75.00	\$37.50	\$120.00	\$60.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Lincoln	<i>Infants</i>	\$170.00	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$80.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$160.00	\$110.00	\$130.00	\$77.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$140.70	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$65.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$140.70	\$70.35	\$95.00	\$80.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Oxford	<i>Infants</i>	\$145.00	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$136.05	\$75.00	\$125.00	\$61.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$126.74	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$50.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$100.00	\$45.00	\$95.00	\$50.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Penobscot	<i>Infants</i>	\$160.00	\$148.00	\$125.00	\$69.77
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$158.00	\$137.50	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$140.00	\$105.00	\$125.00	\$67.50
	<i>School Age</i>	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$110.00	\$62.50

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Piscataquis	<i>Infants</i>	-	-	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$150.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	\$100.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$150.00	\$62.50	\$120.00	\$100.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$150.00	\$62.50	\$100.00	\$100.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Sagadahoc	<i>Infants</i>	\$175.00	\$130.00	\$135.00	\$72.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$170.00	\$105.00	\$130.00	\$75.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$170.00	\$105.00	\$125.00	\$72.50
	<i>School Age</i>	\$140.00	\$98.00	\$130.00	\$50.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Somerset	<i>Infants</i>	\$130.00	\$80.00	\$125.00	\$62.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$130.00	\$80.00	\$105.00	\$72.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$136.51	\$60.00	\$105.00	\$61.25
	<i>School Age</i>	\$65.00	\$50.00	\$76.00	\$50.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Waldo	<i>Infants</i>	\$187.00	\$140.00	\$125.00	\$90.00
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$185.00	\$139.00	\$120.00	\$65.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$168.00	\$133.00	\$125.00	\$80.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$50.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
Washington	<i>Infants</i>	\$175.00	\$138.00	\$125.00	\$92.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$165.00	\$82.50	\$120.00	\$87.50
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$135.00	\$68.00	\$100.00	\$75.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$130.00	\$62.50	\$80.00	\$60.00

County	Age Group	Child Care Center		Family Child Care	
		Full-Time	Part-Time	Full-Time	Part-Time
York	<i>Infants</i>	\$195.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$87.50
	<i>Toddlers</i>	\$185.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$85.00
	<i>Preschooler</i>	\$165.00	\$100.00	\$135.00	\$75.00
	<i>School Age</i>	\$125.00	\$45.00	\$100.00	\$70.00

¹ Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PL104-103), <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/PLAW-104publ193/html/PLAW-104publ193.htm>

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