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1. Executive Summary

Care Solutions, Inc., a management consulting firm under contract with the Louisiana Department of Education and in concert with the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), conducted a survey of child care providers in the fall of 2014 to determine local child care market rates and other information about child care providers in the state.

Louisiana subsidizes a portion of child care expenses incurred by some low income families and families receiving protective services. The survey data are used, in part, to assist the state in setting child care reimbursement rates.

Survey Method

In Louisiana, child care is provided in a variety of settings: Class A centers, Class B centers (not eligible for federal or state funding), exempt providers (such as school-based child care programs), registered and/or certified family child care home providers (may also be certified to participate in the Child Care Assistance Program), and certified in-home child care providers (certified to participate in the Child Care Assistance Program).

A list of more than 10,400 non-duplicated child care providers was compiled using lists provided by DCFS (licensing and subsidized care) and the Louisiana Department of Education (registered and/or certified family providers/food program participants). Duplicates that could be identified based on matching criteria, e.g., location address, or provider or facility name, were removed prior to the initial mailing. A sample of 4,000 (approximately half) of the family food program participants and all listed providers in the other categories were included in the mailing.

The survey protocol had multiple stages: first, a postcard announcement was sent in September to all providers to alert them to the upcoming mailing and invite them to complete the survey online. In October, a first-class mailing of survey materials (questionnaire, cover letter and pre-paid business reply envelope) was sent to all providers who had not completed the survey online. This mailing was followed immediately by an email to all providers for whom the state provided an email address. Additionally, immediately following the first mailing, each child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agency and the Child Care Association of Louisiana (CCAL) received an email requesting their support and containing reference copies of the survey materials. A second mailing of survey materials to non-respondents was sent in November, and a third, targeted mailing to non-respondents in specific provider categories by region in which response rates were less than 50 percent (except those on the food program list due to budget constraints) was sent in December.

Providers received instructions with each mailing inviting them to visit a website and complete their surveys through an online form. Of the 998 center-based providers who reported they currently provide child care, 452 (45 percent) completed the form online (compared to 28 percent in 2012); of the 774 home-based providers who reported they currently provide child care, 81 (10 percent) completed the form online (compared to eight percent in 2012). (A few providers who completed the form online and also returned a paper survey are counted only as completed online.)

Of the 6,532 included providers, 2,416 returned responses and 485 could not be reached at the addresses provided by the state. This report presents the results for the 1,803 providers in the above categories who reported they currently provide child care.

Rate Highlights

Unsurprisingly, 75th percentile rates increased from 2012 to 2014 by an average of six percent overall, although family child day care home provider (DCFS- and DOE-listed) 75th percentile rates did not increase and have remained flat since 2010.[1]

Rate increases between 2012 and 2014 ranged from zero percent for registered/certified family child day care homes to 10 percent for certified in-home child care providers.

The small increase for Class A centers and zero increase for family child care homes in the 75th percentile rates suggest that parts of Louisiana's child care industry continue to experience lagging economic growth. Class B centers had a stronger 7% increase. Certified in-home providers experienced a 10% increase, perhaps due at least in part to the reduced availability of this type of provider.

Even as statewide population figures remained stable, provider numbers and capacity again fell in three categories (Class A centers, family child care homes providing subsidized child care, and certified in-home subsidized child care providers). In 2012 the effect on certified in-home child care providers was greatest: even as the number of providers in the category fell by more than 50% compared to 2010, rates increased only a negligible amount, suggesting that supply may exceed demand for this type of care. However, in 2014, as the supply dwindled even further, this provider category had the greatest 75th percentile rate increase, suggesting that demand may now exceed supply.

[1] Prior to 2010, surveys were conducted in odd-numbered years; in 2010, the state began conducting the surveys in even-numbered years for planning purposes.

The following table presents the 75th percentile rates and percent increases from 2003 to 2014.

Table 1: 75th Percentile Rates for Weekday Child Care* and Percent Change from Previous Survey, 2003-2014

Type of Provider	2014 (weighted)	2012	2010	2009	2007	2005	2003
Class A centers	$130.03 (4%)	$125.00 (7%)	$116.41 (6%)	$112.00 (12%)	$100.00 (11%)	$90.00 (6%)	$85.00
Class B centers	$130.00 (7%)	$121.32 (5%)	$116.00 (5%)	$111.00 (11%)	$100.00 (11%)	$90.00 (6%)	$85.00
Registered/certified family child day care homes (from DOE and DCFS lists)	$100.00 (0%)	$100.00 (0%)	$100.00 (8%)	$93.00 (9%)	$85.00 (10%)	$77.50 (3%)	$75.00
Certified in-home child care providers	$100.00 (10%)	$90.75 (1%)	$90.00 (2%)	$88.00 (10%)	$80.00 (6%)	$75.00 (7%)	$70.00
Total providers (includes school-based providers)	$122.00 (6%)	$115.00 (8%)	$106.00 (6%)	$100.00 (10%)	$90.83 (7%)	$85.00 (13%)	$75.00

* Based on average weekly weekday rates for each type of provider; proportionally weighted within all providers.

Additional Provider Data Highlights

In addition to rate data, providers in the 2014 market rate survey were asked about a number of other aspects of their program. Topic areas included:

- Subsidized care and food program participation
- Special services offered and fees charged
- Length of time providing child care
- Accreditation and participation in *Quality Start*, Louisiana's quality rating system
- Pay rates for lead and assistant teachers
- Credentials and educational attainment of lead and assistant teachers
- Job turnover of lead and assistant teachers

Responses to the above questions were tabulated and analyzed by provider type.

Key survey findings include:

- The maximum amount of state assistance available for regular child care in 2014 was below the median cost of child care for most age groups and care settings. For Class A centers, state assistance for both infants/toddlers and children ages three to five were below the tenth percentile of actual reported rates; for in-home providers, state assistance was between the 45th and 55th

percentiles for infants and toddlers, and assistance for children ages three to five was at the 20th to 40th percentiles.

- Not including Class B providers, which by definition do not qualify for subsidies, 87 percent of centers, school- and home-based providers reported receiving CCAP funds for children in their care, up from 64 percent in 2012 and 56 percent in 2010. More than half of all child care providers (58 percent) reported participation in the state's food program, including 38 percent of center- and school-based providers and 77 percent of home-based providers, similar to 2012 figures of 37 and 74 percents, respectively.

- The number and capacity of most provider types fell since the 2012 survey. The exceptions were Class B centers, which rose two percent, and DOE-registered family child care homes, which rose 11 percent. Decreases were most dramatic for DFCS-registered/certified family child care homes (down 48 percent) and certified in-home child care providers (down 62 percent). Recent declines are part of a longer trend; by 2014, the state had only six percent of the certified in-home child care providers and one third of the family child care homes providing subsidized child care listed in 2005.

- Among Class A centers, 72 percent reported participation in Louisiana's Quality Start quality rating system (QRS), up from 67 percent in 2012 and 55 percent in 2010.

- Of the respondents currently providing child care, 43 percent were Class A centers, 13 percent were Class B centers, and 41 percent were registered/certified family child care homes. Less than five percent were school-based programs or certified in-home child care providers.

- Across all provider types, respondents typically reported providing care 10 years or more (45 percent); fewer than 10 percent had been providing care less than one year or declined to answer the question.

- Class B centers were most likely to be privately owned (41 percent) or church-based (32 percent); most Class A centers were privately owned (65 percent).

- Class E school-based programs were mostly likely to provide before- or after-school care (88 percent), followed by certified in-home child care providers (71 percent) and Class A centers (66 percent). Among provider types, certified in-home child care providers were most likely to provide weekend and night/overnight care. Class A centers and certified in-home providers were more likely than other providers to offer summer care.

- Class A and B center respondents were more likely than other respondents to use the online survey form to submit their data (48 and 36 percents, respectively). Only three percent of responses from certified in-home child care providers and 11 percent from registered/certified family child care homes were received online.

- Compared to other providers, certified in-home providers and Class A centers were more likely to report providing transportation to and from school (34 and 28 percents, respectively); certified in-

home providers were also more likely to report providing transportation to and from the child's home (31 percent).

- Registered/certified family child care and certified in-home providers were more likely to provide sick child care (32 and 46 percents, respectively) than were centers and school-based programs (10 percent or less).

- Centers and school-based programs were much more likely than home-based providers to report offering care for children with physical or mental disabilities. School-based programs were most likely to provide care for children with other special needs (60 percent), followed by Class B (42 percent) and Class A centers (37 percent).

- As in previous survey years, turnover (the number of teachers who left divided by the total number of teachers) among centers and school-based providers ranged from zero to more than 100 percent. The median turnover for lead teachers increased to 40 percent from 33 percent in 2012 and 2010); median turnover for assistant teachers remained at 50 percent, the same as the 2012 rate (which was up from 37 percent in 2010).

- Providers again tended to over-report accreditation. As of March 2015, there were three NAFCC-accredited homes in Louisiana, but 186 home-based respondents reported being accredited by NAFCC. Sixty-six Class A and Class B centers reported NAEYC accreditation and 19 reported NECPA accreditation; actual association accreditation figures for March were 24 and zero, respectively.

- Home-based child care providers who reported educational attainment typically had no more than a high school education (64 percent); an additional 13 percent indicated they had not completed high school. Among center staff, a high school diploma or GED was the most common level of education for both lead and assistant teachers (52 and 67 percents, respectively); half of directors (50 percent) reported holding at least an associate degree.

- School-based programs and Class B centers were more likely than Class A centers to report paying lead teachers more than $10.15 per hour on average; across providers, part-time teachers and assistant teachers were generally paid at or slightly above minimum wage.

2. Introduction

The Louisiana Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) pays all or a percentage of the child care expenses incurred by some low-income families and some families caring for children in protective services.

Child care subsidies allow low-income families to participate in a training program, attend school, or maintain employment. Child care costs represent a substantial work-related expense for low-income families. Many have worked their way off welfare but still cannot afford the full cost of child care. Child care subsidies are often the only assistance needed for families to support themselves. In child protective services, child care is subsidized to enable children to stay in their homes. Families may also need child care to prevent family breakdown; for example, when a low-income family takes in a relative's child to prevent foster care placement.

Child care reimbursement rate scales are based, in part, on local market rates for child care as determined by regular market rate surveys. These surveys are used to obtain rate information as well as other information on the child care setting, other services offered, such as transportation or sick child care, center staffing and teacher education/credentials.

The Louisiana Department of Education, in concert with the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), contracted with Care Solutions, Inc., in 2014 to survey the local market costs of child care throughout the state of Louisiana with the intention of using the results to assist the state in setting payment rates for subsidized child care.[2] The 2014 survey was the third following the new biannual schedule of surveys in even years; the next market rate survey is to be conducted in 2016. Since 2012, providers have also been offered the option to complete the survey form online.

The state departments sought rate information for various types of child care, care providers, and ages of children, including:

Categories for Rate Information Collected	
Types of child care	Weekly child care, before- and/or after-school care, summer care, overnight care and weekend care
Types of child care providers	Class A and Class B licensed centers, school-based programs, registered/certified family child care homes and certified in-home child care providers
Age groups	Infants, toddlers (13-35 months), 3-year-olds, 4-year-olds, 5-year-olds and school-age (5-12 years)

Rates reported for weekly, monthly and other rate intervals were converted to weekly rates for the sake of comparison, except hourly rates, which were considered drop-in care and not converted. Rates were determined for infants, toddlers, pre-school age and school-age children. In addition to rate data, the survey included questions about factors that might affect the cost and quality of care. These include special services offered, registration fees, accreditation and participation in Quality Start, and teacher/director credentials and turnover.

[2] In 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010, and 2012 the Louisiana Department of Children and Family Services contracted with Care Solutions, Inc. to conduct the statewide child care market rate surveys.

3. Background

The Child Care Universe in Louisiana

Child care in Louisiana is provided in a variety of settings. *Regulated* child care includes Class A and Class B licensed child care centers as well as registered and/or certified family child care homes. Class A centers are those that adhere to higher regulatory standards (for example, more annual training) and are eligible to participate in the state's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), as are registered/certified family child care homes and Class E school-based child care programs. *Exempt* programs include certain school-based programs and others that are legally exempt from regulation. *Certified in-home* child care providers are typically a relative, friend or neighbor who takes care of a child in the child's home and receives CCAP payment. (See definitions, Appendix I).

CCAP helps low-income families to pay for child care while working or attending school or training. Monthly payments are based on the number of hours the parents work or attend school or training, as well as the amount charged by the child care provider, family size and household income. Parents may select any Class A child care center, school-based before and after school program, licensed child care center determined by the Department of Defense, registered family child day care home, or in-home child care provider that has been certified for CCAP by the Louisiana Department of Education (DOE) CCAP Provider Certification Section. Class B centers are prohibited by law from receiving public funds and are therefore not eligible to participate in CCAP.

Regulated Child Care

In October 2014, the DOE Licensing became responsible for licensing child care facilities. In February 2015, the DOE Child Care Assistance Program became responsible for certifying providers for participation in CCAP. The DOE also registers child care providers for participation in the Child and Adult Food Care Program, as it did previously.

Child care centers are licensed to accept up to a certain number of children based on size and facilities. Registered/certified family child day care home providers are limited to six children not related to the provider; if they participate in CCAP, they are limited to a total of six children including their own.

Exempt Child Care

Many public schools offer before- and after-school programs as well as summer programs. These programs typically do not offer night, overnight or weekend care. It is important to note that not all school-based programs and other exempt providers could be identified, since the state does not license or register these providers; only those listed with the state for providing subsidized child care and/or meals were included in the study.

Certified In-Home Child Care

In order to participate in CCAP, a child care provider must provide care in the child's home and be certified as an in-home child care provider. The numbers of providers in this category have declined significantly since 2004 due to factors described later in this section.

The total in-home child care sector is, of course, much larger than the number of certified in-home providers; however, there are no statistics available on the total size of the in-home sector in Louisiana. Only those receiving child care subsidies are included in the current study. While this sector defies quantification by its very nature, it most resembles the registered/certified family child care home sector from a structural and cost standpoint. There may also be family child care home providers who have not registered with the state.

Child Care Provider Numbers and Capacity

The following comparisons are based on the originally provided licensing lists of Class A and Class B child care centers, the DCFS lists of registered/certified family child care homes and in-home child care providers providing subsidized care, and the DOE listing of registered family child care homes participating in the state's food program (August 2014), including duplicate listings across categories. Note that the DOE list of registered family child care homes also includes grandparents, relatives and foster parents participating in the food program. These caregivers may or may not care for other children and/or receive payment for the care they provide.

New for the 2014 survey, a list of child care centers participating in the state's food program was also provided; however, most of these (89 percent) were also on the DCFS list of licensed centers.

Some of the DOE-registered family child care homes (six percent) also appear on the DCFS list of registered or certified providers. Additionally, the food program list included foster parents, grandparents caring for their own grandchildren, and other relative caregivers. These were excluded from the survey if they did not provide care for unrelated children and/or did not charge for the care they provide.

In 2014, Class A centers showed small decreases in both number and capacity, whereas Class B centers showed small increases in number and capacity. DOE-registered family child care homes (food program participants) continue to show growth, as in each survey since 2005. However, the numbers of registered/certified family child care homes and certified in-home child care providers eligible for the child care subsidy program decreased significantly (48 percent and 62 percents, respectively). These declines continued a trend starting in 2009, the last survey period that showed gains in these categories. The number of registered family child care homes has decreased 67 percent and the number of certified in-home providers has decreased 88 percent since that year.

The following chart shows the changes in state-listed child care providers by type of provider and year based on the original lists provided in advance of child care market rate surveys.

Table 2. Changes in Louisiana's Child Care Provider Numbers and Capacity from 2005 to 2014

Type of Provider		2005	2007	% change 2005-2007	2009	% change 2007-2009	2010	% change 2009-2010	2012	% change 2010-2012	2014*	% change 2012-2014
Class A centers	Num	1,615	1,427	-11.6%	1,515	6.2%	1,550	2.3%	1,423	-8.2%	1,281	-10.0%
	Cap	110,590	107,148	-3.1%	112,784	5.3%	113,899	0.9%	106,754	-6.3%	97,573	-8.6%
Class B centers	Num	383	330	-13.8%	327	-1.0%	331	1.2%	328	-0.9%	334	1.8%
	Cap	30,005	25,962	-13.5%	26,860	3.5%	27,331	1.8%	28,658	4.9%	29,613	3.3%
DOE-registered centers	Num	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	485	n/a
DOE-registered family child care homes	Num	6,322	6,416	1.5%	6,786	5.8%	7,092	4.5%	7,596	7.1%	8,402	10.6%
DCFS-registered/ certified family child care homes	Num	1,875	1,431	-23.7%	1,899	32.7%	1,798	-5.3%	1,194	-33.6%	626	-47.6%
Certified in-home child care providers	Num	3,258	1,427	-11.6%	1,487	4.2%	1,116	-24.9%	474	-57.5%	181	-61.8%

*Three Class A providers were missing a capacity count; the DOE-registered centers list was provided only in 2014 and the majority (89%) also appeared on DCFS licensing lists.

The continued decreases in the number of DCFS registered/certified family child care homes and certified in-home child care providers may be an ongoing effect of increased requirements for certification (CPR and 1st Aid training as well as criminal background checks) implemented in 2005.[3] The number of Class A providers decreased again as well, marking the first time since 2005 that this category has shown decreases in two consecutive survey periods.

Decreases in all three categories may be due in part to an automated time and attendance system called Tracking of Time Services (TOTS) implemented in July 2010. This system requires authorized clients to sign the child in and out using a biometric (finger) image or interactive voice response. Providers (and parents) unwilling or unable to use this technology could not continue to participate in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). Additionally, policy changes related to client eligibility and required participation hours implemented in June 2011 reduced the number of families served, which may also have led to a reduction in the number of providers. Other policy changes implemented since the 2010 survey may also have affected providers' decisions to participate.

[3] The population changes resulting from the 2005 hurricane season, notably Hurricane Katrina, may have contributed to previous declines as well.

Meanwhile, the number of Class B centers increased slightly from 2012 to 2014 after experiencing a slight decline from 2010 to 2012. Family child care providers registered by DOE for the food subsidy program has increased each period, with a more than 10 percent increase from 2012 to 2014, possibly due to economic conditions for families in the state.

4. Profile of Respondents Currently Providing Child Care

This report presents the results for the 1,803 providers who responded and reported they currently provide child care. These providers are grouped into five categories:

- Class A centers (772)
- Class B centers (226)
- Class E school-based programs (31)
- Registered family child care homes (731)
- Certified in-home child care providers (43)

As for previous survey reports, family child care provider respondents identified from the DOE list of food program participants (410) are included in the registered family child care home category.[4] The small number of center respondents (17) identified from the DOE list of center food program participants after removal of duplicates are included in the Class A center category.

Table 3 presents a profile of the market rate survey respondents currently providing child care for the previous and current surveys.

Table 3. Survey Respondent Characteristics

Characteristic	2012	2014
Type of Provider	(2,738)	(1,803)
Class A centers	34.2%	42.8%
Class B centers	8.9%	12.5%
Class E school-based programs	2.4%	1.7%
Registered/certified family child care homes	49.7%	40.5%
Certified in-home child care providers	4.9%	2.4%
Number of Years Providing Child Care		
Less than one year	8.0%	6.4%
1-2 years	13.6%	14.2%
3-5 years	18.8%	19.1%
6-9 years	13.8%	13.4%
10 years or more	44.3%	45.0%
No response	1.5%	1.9%

[4] The responses from the sampled list of DOE family child care homes were proportionally weighted as described in Appendix III.

Characteristic	2012	2014
Child Care Setting (Classes A, B, E)	(1,245)	(1,029)
Church-based	14.5%	14.1%
Corporate-sponsored	2.4%	2.6%
School-based	7.7%	5.0%
Privately owned and operated	54.7%	58.0%
Head Start	12.0%	10.2%
Full-day or half-day non-profit or faith-based preschool	n/a	5.2%
Full-day or half-day private preschool	2.7%	1.9%
Publicly-funded preschool or pre-k	0.2%	0.2%
College or university-based/sponsored	n/a	0.6%
Other	4.7%	1.3%
No response	1.0%	0.8%
*Primary Language**	(2,738)	(1,803)
English	97.3%	96.2%
French	<1%	0.1%
Spanish	<1%	0.3%
Bilingual	<1%	0.6%
Other	<1%	0.6%
No response	1.5%	2.2%
*Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Region***		
Region 1	13.8%	14.5%
Region 2	12.3%	13.2%
Region 3	11.2%	11.8%
Region 4	11.6%	11.7%
Region 5	19.3%	18.9%
Region 6	4.6%	5.0%
Region 7	5.8%	5.0%
Region 8	12.2%	10.8%
Region 9	9.1%	9.0%
*Market Rate Study Zone****		
Zone 1 (20 parishes)	63.0%	62.1%
Zone 2 (44 parishes)	37.0%	37.9%

* Of those who answered this question, 98 percent reported English as their primary language.
** 2014 respondents represented 63 of 64 parishes in the state.
*** Zone 1 consists primarily of parishes with medium to large-sized cities and neighboring parishes affected by those more urban areas; Zone 2 consists primarily of parishes with small cities, towns and rural areas.

In this survey, center and school-based providers were asked about the child care setting – whether it was a privately owned center, church-based, school-based, corporate-sponsored, or a Head Start or Early Head Start program. The most Class A centers (65 percent) were privately owned and operated, whereas Class B centers were almost equally likely to be privately owned and operated (41 percent) or church-based (32 percent). (Class B by definition cannot receive state or federal funds for child care and are therefore ineligible for publicly funded categories, such as Head Start, below.) Figure 2 shows the reported settings for Class A and Class B child care centers.

Overall, 16 percent of the Class A, Class B and school-based programs were part of a chain with multiple sites; Class A centers were more likely to be part of a chain than were Class B centers (20 percent vs. four percent, respectively).

Figure 3 shows the types of child care reported by type of provider.[5] Note that few providers offered night/overnight or weekend care except for certified in-home care providers (66 percent) and registered/certified family child care providers (16-17 percent).

The surveys for center- and school-based providers included two additional choices for types of child care: half-day preschool or pre-k, and full-day preschool or pre-k. Class B centers were more likely than Class A centers or Class E school-based programs to report providing half-day preschool or pre-k (31 percent vs. 10 and zero percents, respectively). Class E school-based programs were more likely than were Class A and B centers to report providing full-day preschool or pre-k (56 percent vs. 36 and 39 percents,

[5] By indicating the type of care was provided and/or by providing a rate for the type of care.

respectively). The Class E school-based programs reporting full-day preschool or pre-k (27 percent) represented an increase from the 17 percent reporting such programs in 2012, which may be due in part to the small number of respondents in this category. Class E school-based programs were most likely to provide before- and/or after-school care (88 percent) followed by certified in-home care providers (71 percent) and Class A centers (66 percent).

5. Key Market Rate Findings

The 75th, 50th (median) and 25th percentile weekly rates and additional statistical measures were calculated for each type of care, age group and category of provider. For example, the 75th percentile weekly rate for toddler care statewide was reported at $135 per week for Class A centers, $137 per week for Class B centers, $100 for registered/certified family child care providers and $106 per week for certified in-home child care providers.[6]

Class E school-based programs typically provide only before- and/or after-school care for school-aged children. The reported rates for responding school-based programs that do provide weekday child care are reflected in some tables and charts, but these counts are too small for generalization.

The following graph shows the weekly child care rate quartiles (75th, 50th and 25th percentiles) for each type of provider. There is a somewhat wider range for Class B centers ($36) compared to home-based and

[6] Rate data are proportionally weighted as described in Appendix

Class A providers ($25 and $28, respectively). The widest range from the 25th to the 75th percentile rates is for school-based programs ($92), but again, these are based on only eight school-based programs reporting rates for weekday child care.

Zone Comparison

Parishes were aggregated into two market rate zones based on parish population and population growth as well as median income and income growth, median child care rates and geographical location. These zones allow for a better understanding of actual child care costs across the state without analyzing rate data at the parish level, which is often based on a small number of providers in the more rural parishes.

- Zone 1 generally includes parishes with medium and large-sized cities such as New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Lafayette, Lake Charles, etc. Rates are typically higher in Zone 1.
- Zone 2 generally includes, with a few exceptions, parishes with a population of less than 60,000, smaller cities/towns and/or rural populations.

Zone assignments were first made in 2003 and reviewed for each subsequent child care market rate survey analysis. No changes to the zone composition were made in 2007 due in part to changes in the state related to the 2005 hurricanes. In 2009, four parishes – Beauregard, Morehouse, Rapides and Vernon – were moved from Zone 1 to Zone 2 based on rate, income, and population data. No parishes were moved in 2010, 2012 or 2014.

(For a more detailed description of zones, see Section 8, Market Rate Zones.)

There are clear differences between Zone 1 (generally parishes with medium and large-size cities) and Zone 2 (generally parishes with small cities, towns and more rural areas), with child care typically more expensive in Zone 1 than in Zone 2.

Looking at weekly weekday care average rates, the 75th percentile rate for Class A centers in Zone 1 is $138; for Zone 2, it is $109. Similarly for Class B centers, the 75th percentile rate is $135 in Zone 1 and $105 in Zone 2. Following is a comparison of Zone 1 and Zone 2 rates by type of provider.

Table 4. 75th Percentile Average Weekly Rates for Weekday Care by Zone and Provider Type*

	Statewide		Zone 1		Zone 2	
	75th Percentile (weighted)	Number of Responses	75th Percentile (weighted)	Number of Responses	75th Percentile (weighted)	Number of Responses
Class A centers	$130.03	619	$138.00	450	$108.93	169
Class B centers	$130.00	152	$135.07	122	$105.00	30
Class E school-based programs	$141.91	8	$144.78	7	$89.30	1
Registered/certified family child care homes	$100.00	444	$111.51	248	$92.11	196
Certified in-home child care providers	$100.00	29	$111.04	14	$86.65	15
All providers	$122.00	1,252	$129.00	841	$100.00	411

*Rate data based on small numbers of respondents should be interpreted with caution.

Figure 5 presents the weekly rate quartiles for weekday child care by zone and statewide for all providers.

Child care market rate percentiles by zone and by DCFS region are included in Appendices V and VI.

Historical Comparisons

Market rate studies are conducted regularly to determine local market rates. The 2001 Louisiana market rate survey was conducted by DCFS by telephone with 1,376 Class A licensed centers, registered family child care homes and certified in-home care providers, representing 20 percent of each of these three provider types from each of the eight DCFS regions in effect at the time.

Care Solutions, Inc. conducted the 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009, and 2010 market rate surveys by mailing surveys to all providers on lists provided by DCFS along with the DOE website listing of registered family child care homes. In 2012, providers on those lists received mailed surveys as well as the option to complete the survey online. In 2014, providers received an initial invitation to complete the survey online followed by survey mailings to those who had not responded online, and the list of DOE-registered family child care homes was sampled (4,000, or just over half of these providers were included in the mailing) due to budget considerations. Additionally, the 2014 survey was conducted in the fall rather than in the spring, as in previous years.

Over time, both the 75th and 50th percentiles for average weekday child care rates have risen, although inconsistently, for each type of provider, with the exception of median rates for certified in-home child care providers, which increased in 2012 and then fell back to previous levels in 2014. Table 5 shows the 75th and 50th percentile rates from 2001 to 2014, and Table 6 shows the rate amount and percentage increases over the past five years.

Table 5. Historical Rate Comparison: Average Weekly Rates for Weekday Child Care, 2001 to 2014*

Type of Provider	Rate Percentile	2001	2003	2005	2007	2009	2010	2012	2014
Class A centers	75th	$80	$85	$90	$100	$112	$116	$125	$130
	50th	$75	$76	$85	$91	$100	$103	$110	$115
Class B centers	75th	n/a	$85	$90	$100	$111	$116	$121	$130
	50th	n/a	$77	$80	$89	$98	$102	$109	$115
Registered/certified family child care providers	75th	$65	$75	$78	$85	$93	$100	$100	$100
	50th	$60	$60	$75	$78	$80	$84	$90	$90
Certified in-home child care providers	75th	$60	$70	$75	$80	$88	$90	$91	$100
	50th	$60	$60	$69	$75	$75	$75	$80	$75
Total providers (includes Class E school-based programs)	75th	n/a	$75	$85	$91	$100	$106	$115	$122
	50th	n/a	$65	$75	$80	$88	$91	$100	$101

*There was only one year between the 2009 and 2007 surveys, compared to a two-year time span between the other surveys (2.5 years for 2014). The survey methodology changed from 2001 to 2003 and again from 2012 to 2014. (See above and Section 6 of this report, Survey Methodology.)

Table 6. Historical Rate Comparison: Five-Year Increases in Average Weekly Rates for Weekday Child Care, 2009-2014

Type of Provider	Rate Percentile	Increase from 2009 to 2014	
		$	Percent
Class A centers	75th	$18	16%
	50th	$15	15%
Class B centers	75th	$19	17%
	50th	$17	17%
Registered/certified family child care providers	75th	$7	8%
	50th	$10	13%
Certified in-home child care providers	75th	$12	14%
	50th	$0	0%
Total providers (includes Class E school-based providers)	75th	$22	22%
	50th	$13	15%

Market Rates vs. Child Care Assistance Rates

A historical comparison of market rates and child care assistance rates for Class A centers and registered/certified family child day care homes shows that in general, while 75th and 50th percentile market rates have progressively increased since 2003, child care assistance rates have remained relatively flat, with current assistance rates well below the median (50th percentile) weekday weekly care rates. Weekly assistance rates are based on maximum daily regular care rates for infants and toddlers multiplied by five; assistance rates for regular care for preschool children age 3-5 are $1 less per day. Figures 6 and 7 compare weekly market rate percentiles and assistance rates for average weekday care rates (all ages) for child care centers centers and for registered/certified family child care homes.

Statewide Market Rate Percentile Data

Tables 7a through 7d present the 2014 statewide market rate findings (75th, 50th and 25th percentile rates) for the different types of child care by child age group and type of provider.

Table 7a. Statewide Weekday Child Care Weekly Rate Percentiles ($)

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			75th	50th	25th
Infants	Class A child care centers	547	140.00	125.00	105.72
	Class B child care centers	79	140.00	125.06	109.32
	Class E school-based programs	1	93.02	93.02	93.02
	Registered/certified family child care homes	380	110.00	100.00	80.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	12	119.36	87.50	71.25
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	609	135.00	119.09	105.00
	Class B child care centers	131	137.52	119.85	100.00
	Class E school-based programs	1	93.02	93.02	93.02
	Registered/certified family child care homes	399	100.00	90.00	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	13	108.31	77.20	72.27
Threes	Class A child care centers	609	125.00	112.60	100.00
	Class B child care centers	146	125.58	111.53	93.02
	Class E school-based programs	5	146.10	102.43	89.45
	Registered/certified family child care homes	372	100.00	90.00	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	15	99.32	75.00	70.11
Fours	Class A child care centers	577	125.00	115.00	100.00
	Class B child care centers	132	125.00	110.00	93.02
	Class E school-based programs	7	132.71	122.22	37.68
	Registered/certified family child care homes	313	100.00	90.00	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	15	100.00	75.82	70.23
Fives	Class A child care centers	415	125.00	110.00	100.00
	Class B child care centers	71	124.70	104.97	81.52
	Class E school-based programs	2		64.67	34.88
	Registered/certified family child care homes	249	100.00	85.00	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	16	93.75	75.00	70.00
Weekday Child Care Summary					
Average rates across five age groups	Class A child care centers	619	130.03	114.91	102.00
	Class B child care centers	152	130.00	114.77	93.52
	Class E school-based programs	8	141.91	102.92	50.25
	Registered/certified family child care homes	444	100.00	90.00	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	29	100.00	75.00	70.00

Table 7b. Statewide Out-of-School-Time Child Care Weekly Rate Percentiles ($)

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			75th	50th	25th
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	236	55.00	37.50	30.00
	Class B child care centers	39	41.65	29.15	17.61
	Class E school-based programs	9	17.19	10.00	10.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	91	69.70	46.51	25.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	7	104.12	75.00	70.27
After-school care	Class A child care centers	315	55.98	45.00	35.00
	Class B child care centers	63	60.13	49.69	35.00
	Class E school-based programs	19	35.82	34.88	25.45
	Registered/certified family child care homes	126	75.00	50.00	25.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	11	98.87	75.00	72.61
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	328	70.00	60.00	50.00
	Class B child care centers	51	72.41	65.00	50.00
	Class E school-based programs	11	50.82	35.00	34.98
	Registered/certified family child care homes	146	77.65	50.00	46.16
	Certified in-home child care providers	14	100.00	75.00	70.00
Summer care	Class A child care centers	432	120.00	105.00	97.50
	Class B child care centers	66	123.08	110.00	100.00
	Class E school-based programs	3		85.51	70.75
	Registered/certified family child care homes	219	100.00	90.00	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	17	109.97	75.00	71.39

Table 7c. Statewide Night-time/Overnight Child Care Weekly Rate Percentiles ($)*

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			75th	50th	25th
Infants	Class A child care centers	24	125.00	110.00	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	65	134.71	100.00	85.29
	Certified in-home child care providers	8	169.68	100.00	75.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	25	122.73	110.00	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	74	125.00	100.00	80.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	9	154.06	99.10	75.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	24	119.57	102.50	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	74	121.97	100.00	80.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	10	145.74	94.15	72.50
Fours	Class A child care centers	25	117.65	100.00	95.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	69	125.00	100.00	79.70
	Certified in-home child care providers	11	133.24	98.42	74.66
Fives	Class A child care centers	23	114.19	100.00	94.66
	Registered/certified family child care homes	62	119.65	100.00	75.80
	Certified in-home child care providers	10	145.74	90.25	74.15
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	25	109.99	100.00	91.39
	Registered/certified family child care homes	81	100.00	90.00	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	15	129.12	75.00	72.16
Night/Overnight Child Care Summary					
Average rates across six age groups	Class A child care centers	25	113.88	101.76	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	97	106.37	90.71	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	19	114.19	80.23	73.41

* No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight care; Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care.

Table 7d. Statewide Weekend Child Care Weekly (2-day) Rate Percentiles ($)*

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			75th	50th	25th
Infants	Class A child care centers	16	67.50	51.00	41.83
	Registered/certified family child care homes	83	50.00	40.00	32.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	10	59.20	35.00	29.32
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	16	67.50	51.00	41.83
	Registered/certified family child care homes	79	50.00	40.00	32.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	10	54.52	33.66	29.32
Threes	Class A child care centers	16	67.50	51.00	38.50
	Registered/certified family child care homes	80	44.00	36.58	32.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	10	44.15	30.00	28.81
Fours	Class A child care centers	16	67.50	51.00	38.50
	Registered/certified family child care homes	80	48.75	38.00	31.25
	Certified in-home child care providers	11	41.65	30.90	28.66
Fives	Class A child care centers	16	67.50	51.00	38.50
	Registered/certified family child care homes	71	45.68	37.77	30.06
	Certified in-home child care providers	11	53.63	30.00	29.73
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	15	61.35	50.18	38.09
	Registered/certified family child care homes	79	40.00	35.00	30.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	18	48.83	30.00	28.00
Weekend Child Care Summary					
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	16	67.50	51.00	39.33
	Registered/certified family child care homes	104	43.33	36.00	31.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	22	48.00	31.83	28.81

* No Class B centers provided rates for weekend care; Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care.

6. Survey Methodology

Questionnaire Design

For 2014, Care Solutions, Inc. updated the survey forms used in 2012, adding a question about reasons families receiving child care assistance leave care, providing a few additional response options, and tweaking the wording on some of the instructions, questions and response options. Additionally, a new abbreviated version of the center form was developed for Class E school-based programs, eliminating questions about night/overnight and weekend child care.

The family and in-home provider survey form, similar to the one used in 2012, included questions to identify and screen out grandparents, relative caregivers and foster parents participating in the state's food program but caring only for related or foster children and not charging for the care they provide.

Each paper survey form consisted of a cover letter as the first page followed by a three-page questionnaire. The survey forms included basic questions about child care and rates as well as questions about special services, accreditation, credentials and education. The center and school survey forms included additional questions about staffing, turnover, and director/teacher credentials and education as well as hourly wages. (See copies of survey forms in Appendix VII.)

In 2012, the survey forms were slightly simplified for both centers/schools and family homes. First, the fields for enrollment were separated from the questions about child care rates. This change, retained in 2014, was a response to frequent confusion among respondents that often resulted in missing or unclear rate data.

CCAP enrollment was also handled differently for licensed centers and school-based programs. Prior to 2012, the center/school survey instrument collected total enrollment and CCAP enrollment for each age group. In 2012 and again in 2014, a single question collected total CCAP enrollment (for all age groups). Questions added in 2012 to collect data about part-time enrollment, night-time/overnight enrollment, before- and/or after-school enrollment, and estimated summer enrollment for school-age children were also retained in 2014. Questions added to the surveys in 2009 about Louisiana's Quality Start rating system and the state's School Readiness Tax Credits have also been retained in subsequent surveys.

The survey cover letters, on DCFS letterhead, were signed by Kim Matherne, Executive Director, Economic Stability, DCFS. Survey forms were mailed in a window envelope bearing the State of Louisiana seal. A toll-free telephone number was included to assist providers with any questions, and a pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope was included for return of surveys.

Care Solutions again created, hosted and provided technical support for a website to capture the same data fields included on the updated mail survey forms. Responding providers were required to provide a provider-specific survey ID in order to access the online survey.

Unlike the paper survey forms, the online survey forms could be and were programmed to be self-correcting as a method for reducing anomalies, as well as to require providers to complete the most important fields. For example, registered/certified family child care and certified in-home child care

providers routinely indicate on the paper surveys that they are grandparents who do not charge for care, but go on to complete the full form regardless of the instruction, "If checked, please skip the rest of this questionnaire and return it…" Respondents who used the online version of the form, however, were automatically taken to the thank-you page if they indicated that they were grandparents, avoiding this error. Programming logic was also used to require providers to answer all parts of a question in an interpretable way, for instance by preventing providers from entering a rate for weekday child care without also indicating the payment cycle (hourly, daily, etc.).

With the initial postcard mailing and each subsequent mailing, providers received instructions inviting them to visit the website and complete their surveys online. Providers with email addresses in the state-provided lists were also contacted via email about the online data-entry form following the initial mailing.

Mail surveys, while taking longer to administer, have proven effective over time; they are less costly than telephone surveys, less of an imposition on providers' time, and less likely to prompt resistance, as many providers are unwilling to share rate and enrollment information over the phone. Development of the online forms is an added convenience for respondents.

Mailing List Development

The lists provided by DCFS and DOE (obtained in August 2014) were imported into a MS Access database. Records with matching names and addresses were identified as duplicates and eliminated from the initial mailings (969 of 11,372 records; 1 additional duplicate was identified prior to and two additional duplicates after the initial mailing). In 2014, as in 2009, 2010, and 2012, the duplicate check was performed manually, rather than through automated Access queries; as a result, more than 99 percent of duplicates were identified before the initial mailing. This step lowered mailing costs and reduced confusion for individual providers who might otherwise have received multiple copies of the survey.

The source of most of the identified duplicates was the DOE list of registered family child care homes, which includes many of the same providers identified on the DCFS subsidized care listing. However, because the DOE listing also includes registered food program participants providing care that is not subsidized by the state (family, friend and neighbor care, for example), this list is incorporated into the initial mailing to ensure that the survey reaches as many of Louisiana's child care providers as possible. Close review of the mailing lists is necessary to identify and eliminate duplicates.

Table 8 presents information on duplicate identification from 2007 through 2014.

Table 8. Identification of Duplicates

		2007	2009	2010	2012	2014
Imported Lists	Total	11,583	12,153	12,019	11,148	11,372
Duplicates identified prior to initial mailing	Number	567	1,264	1,398	960	969
	Percent	4.9%	10.4%	11.6%	8.6%	8.5%
Duplicates identified after returns	Number	519	18	2	9	2
	Percent	4.5%	0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%	<0.1%
Total identified duplicates	Number	1,086	1,282	1,400	969	971
	Percent	9.4%	10.5%	11.6%	8.7%	8.5%

In addition, as for previous mailings, the mailing lists were run through postal service software to update addresses of those who had moved (121 records). No additional duplicates were identified by the software prior to mailing.

Data Acquisition Procedures

Postcard Mailing

In order to promote the availability of the online survey instruments, the first 2014 mailing was a postcard sent to more than 6,500 providers on September 15. It included the web address to complete the survey online as well as the five-digit ID number used to identify each provider on the mailing list. Reference copies of the survey materials were emailed to the Child Care Association of Louisiana and the state's child care resource and referral agencies on September 16.

On September 22, a follow-up email was sent to 425 center providers with email addresses in the state-provided lists; 92 emails were returned as undeliverable. All subsequent mailings and emails to providers included reminders of the online survey instruments. A reminder email was sent to the 333 non-responding center providers with valid email addresses on October 8.

Paper Survey Mailings

On October 15 (October 19 for Class E), paper survey packets were sent to nearly 6,300 identified child care providers who had not completed the survey online and whose postcards had not been returned as undeliverable. Each packet included a four-page survey form including the cover letter, a #10 window envelope, and a postage-paid, pre-addressed reply envelope.

Survey packets were mailed presorted first class to ensure that forms reached their destinations more rapidly and that undeliverable mail was returned. When undeliverable mail was returned and included a forwarding address, the database was updated and packets were sent to the forwarding address; otherwise the questionnaires were marked as "*bad address*" or *"no mail receptacle,"* depending on the post office markings. Data on providers with bad addresses are included in the survey response summary section and in the response summary report, Appendix II.

The state emailed a reminder to approximately 1,500 child care providers on October 24, and Care Solutions emailed a reminder to 271 providers with valid email addresses who had not yet responded to the survey on November 11. The state subsequently provided an additional list of provider emails, and Care Solutions emailed an additional reminder on December 8.

A second survey packet mailing to almost 5,000 non-respondents whose initial mailings had not been returned as undeliverable was completed November 19.

A targeted third survey mailing was completed December 30 to about 700 child care providers in regions/provider groups whose response rate was less than 50%, excluding DOE-identified family child care home providers due to budget limitations. This percentage was ultimately achieved in all region/provider categories with the exception of certified in-home providers in Region 1 and DOE-registered child care homes in all regions participating in the food program, many of which are grandparents, relatives and foster parents.

Throughout the process, Care Solutions staff fielded numerous telephone queries about the survey, sent replacement copies to providers who misplaced their survey form or did not receive one at all, responded to email messages, and assisted those providers who could not read or understand to complete the survey form. They also provided technical support for respondents completing the online survey instruments.

Response Processing

Each provider included in the survey mailings was assigned a control number that was printed on the survey. When survey responses were received, they were opened and the control numbers recorded so those respondents did not receive a subsequent questionnaire mailing. Providers who completed the survey online were also identified by control number and excluded from subsequent mailings.

If the questionnaire indicated that the respondent currently provided care, the questionnaire was reviewed for suitability for data entry, if necessary. All clarifications were marked appropriately to maintain an audit trail if further questions arose. Questionnaires completed in the expected format were entered into a SQL database via an online data entry form (password protected and separate from the online survey form used by providers) by Care Solutions associates. If the questionnaire indicated the respondent no longer provided care, this was entered in the database as well. Providers who indicated online that they no longer provided care were taken directly to the final page of the survey and thanked for their participation.

A small group of providers returned multiple copies of the survey, either duplicates with different control numbers, second or third mailings with the same control number, or one or more paper surveys in addition to completing an online response. For each set of duplicates with different control numbers, one was marked received and entered as usual, and the other was marked as received and marked as a duplicate, with a note referencing the control number of the duplicate and/or how the duplicate was identified. If the provider returned multiple forms with the same control number, the first received was entered and additional copies were filed with it; if the provider completed the survey online and also returned a paper form, the online response was used, and the paper form was marked "duplicate – completed online" and filed.

Responses received through February 10, 2014, were included in survey returns; after this date, the public survey form used by providers was closed to further data entry, and no additional mail was recorded. After a series of initial analyses was run to identify anomalies in the data, incongruous data points and data points at both ends of their distributions were identified; paper questionnaires were then reviewed for appropriateness or errors and data were corrected as necessary. Online responses were only corrected for obvious data entry errors based on other data provided. For example, if the respondent indicated weekday weekly rates of $115, $110, $1,100, $110 and $110, the $1,100 was changed to $110.

Normalization Assumptions & Data Cleansing

Providers reported rates on a variety of bases. For example, the questionnaire provided for child care rates per hour, day, week or month depending on the category. To ensure consistency, rates were normalized before performing calculations. Normalization assumptions were as follows:

- One week of child care includes five days. One month of care is considered to include 4.3 weeks. One semester of care is considered to include 18 weeks and one academic year, 36 weeks.
- One week of night care is considered to include five nights.
- Total rates for weekday care, night/overnight care and weekend care are based on the average rate per provider across all age groups for which the provider reported rates for that type of care.
- One week of weekend care is considered to include two days of nine hours each.
- Drop-in care is reported on an hourly or daily basis; in practice, many providers impose half- or full-day minimums. Child care reported on an hourly basis is also considered drop-in care.
- Before-school care is considered to be one hour per day, five days per week; after-school care is assumed to be three hours per day, five days per week.
- If a range of costs was cited for an age group or other category, the higher of the rates was used. (Note that the online survey instruments did not allow providers to enter a range of rates.)
- If an income-based sliding scale was cited, the highest rate was used. (Note that the online survey instruments did not allow providers to enter a range of rates.)

Other Data Cleansing

- If pay rates for center/school staff were reported in two adjacent categories, the higher category was used; if pay rates were reported in two categories with a category between them, the middle category was used. (Note that the online survey instruments did not allow providers to enter a range of pay rates.)
- If a provider reported a rate for a type of care, the type of care was marked, as appropriate, if the provider had not done so.

- If a provider indicated reasons for families receiving assistance leaving care but clearly had no children in care receiving CCAP, those responses were eliminated.

After rate data were normalized based on the assumptions listed above, statistical analyses were performed using MS Access and/or SPSS software.

7. Survey Response

A total of 596 providers (compared to 565 in 2012) completed a market rate survey online. Of those, 540 indicated that they currently provide child care. (Providers who completed the form online and also returned a paper survey are counted as online completion only.)

Unsurprisingly, center-based providers were much more likely to complete the survey online than were home-based providers. Center facilities are more likely to have computerized records, Internet access, and staff who are comfortable navigating the Internet. Figure 8 presents the survey completion method by type of provider currently providing child care (weighted percents).

Only 58 providers (47 centers/school-based programs and 11 home-based providers) began the online survey and indicated they currently provide child care or early education, but failed either to complete it (submit the last page of the online survey form) or submit a paper instrument. Of those, 24 completed enough questions to be included in the analyses and were counted as completed online.

Survey Response Summary

From mailings to 6,532 providers, a total of 2,416 responses were received, of which 1,803 indicated they currently provide child care (excluding duplicate and unusable questionnaires). The survey protocol produced an overall response rate (received or completed online) of 37 percent and an overall return rate (received or completed online plus bad addresses) of 44 percent.

Response and return rates varied by type of provider, with the highest return rates for Class B centers (70%) and the lowest rates for DOE-registered family child care homes (33%). The latter group also had the highest rate of bad addresses, with 10 percent of the initial mailing returned as undeliverable. This list includes many caregivers for whom the survey is not relevant, including grandparents, relatives and foster parents participating in the food program and not caring for other children and/or receiving payment for the child care they provider, which may make them less likely to respond. If DOE family child care homes are excluded from the calculations, the overall response rate rises to 58 percent, with a 62 percent overall return rate.

Table 9 summarizes the 2014 survey response and return rates for all child care provider categories.

Table 9. Survey Response and Return Rates by Type of Provider, 2014*

Type of Child Care Provider	Number Sent	Percent Received or Completed Online (Response)	Total Return Percent **
Class A centers	1,282	60%	61%
Class B centers	334	69%	70%
Registered centers (DOE listing)	47	51%	66%
Class E school-based programs	63	54%	57%
Registered/certified family child care homes (DCFS listing)	626	56%	59%
Registered family child care homes (DOE listing)	3,999*	23%	33%
Certified in-home child care providers	181	39%	60%
Total excluding DOE-registered family child care homes	2,533	58%	62%
Total	6,532	37%	44%

* One provider in the DOE sample was later identified as a duplicate in the mailing process. This provider was not included in response reports or analyses.
**Including returns marked bad address and no mail receptacle.

These overall response and return rates are somewhat lower than in previous years, reflective of a downward trend in response/return rates over time, perhaps due in part to changes in the numbers of providers and the 2014 change in survey time frame from winter/spring to fall.

For Class A and Class B centers, 2014 return rates were lower than in 2010 or 2012, but well within the range of the preceding surveys. The Class E school-based program return rate was slightly higher than in 2012, which may be due in part to the abbreviated survey form, although this is a relatively small number of providers. The return rate for DOE-registered family child care homes continued to trend downward in 2014, but the rate for DCFS-registered/certified family child care homes was down only slightly and remained close to the level of previous surveys. The return rate for certified in-home child care providers improved in 2014. The reason for this is not clear, but it may be an artifact of the continued decrease in and small number of providers in this category.

Table 10. Survey Return Rates by Type of Provider: 2003 – 2014*

Type of Child Care Provider	2003	2005	2007	2009	2010	2012	2014
Class A centers	70%	61%	69%	67%	70%	67%	61%
Class B centers	77%	73%	72%	74%	80%	75%	70%
Class E school-based programs	82%	75%	68%	70%	65%	55%	57%
Registered/certified family child care homes (DSS/DCFS list)**	n/a	62%	61%	67%	63%	61%	59%
Registered family child care homes (DOE list)	63%	55%	**	46%	45%	37%	33%
Certified in-home child care providers	64%	58%	57%	65%	54%	48%	60%
Total	65%	58%	56%	56%	54%	46%	44%

*Returns include survey responses and returned mail (bad addresses)
**Department of Social Services, now Department of Children and Family Services
***Not reported separately; included in DSS percentage

The overall percent returned by region ranged from a low of 37 percent to a high of 60 percent. The regions with the highest response rates typically had lower proportions of DOE-registered family child care homes and certified in-home child care providers on the initial mailing. Excluding the DOE-registered family child care homes, response rates fell into a higher, narrower range of 59 to 68 percent. Table 11 summarizes response and returns by region. (See also detailed response summary report, Appendix II.)

Table 11. 2014 Survey Response and Returns by Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Region

Region	Number Sent	Received by Mail	Completed Online	Total Response	Total Return *	Total Return Excluding DOE-Registered Homes*
1	617	34%	19%	53%	56%	66%
2	853	27%	11%	38%	45%	61%
3	836	26%	8%	34%	42%	61%
4	869	25%	6%	31%	46%	63%
5	1,694	25%	5%	30%	37%	61%
6	192	42%	16%	58%	60%	68%
7	274	32%	12%	44%	55%	61%
8	612	34%	10%	44%	50%	60%
9	585	26%	8%	34%	39%	59%
Total	6532	28%	9%	37%	44%	62%

*Including bad addresses returns.

While the overall response and return rates were still quite good for a mailed survey, additional research may be necessary to pinpoint the reasons for lower response rates in some regions and for some provider types.

These response and return rates were largely predicated on the following survey protocols:

1. Initial postcard mailing	The announcement postcard increases awareness of the project as well as reducing costs; providers whose postcards were returned and who completed the survey online as a result were not sent surveys in the subsequent mailings.
2. Additional support	Emails and reference materials sent to CCAL and CCR&Rs support a consistent message to providers.
3. Online option	Providers are able to choose a method to complete the survey that suited their preferences.
4. Follow-up mailings	People misplace, ignore, or do not receive individual mailings with surprising frequency.
5. Email reminders	Emails remind providers to complete the survey online or on paper.
5. Postpaid return envelope	A complete paper survey packet makes it psychologically and practically easier to return the form.
6. Toll-free number	The ability of respondents to call for information is vital to minimizing misunderstandings.

7. Format	While the survey was not mandatory, the format and cover letters on state letterhead with a state official's signature serve to underscore the importance of the information.

Use of the online form increased in 2014 compared to 2012, when it was first offered. Overall, in 2014, 25 percent of the completed responses were received online, compared to 14 percent in 2012. (A few providers who completed the form online and also returned a paper survey are counted only as completed online.)

Considering that the use of the online forms increased while overall response rates fell slightly, the impact of the online survey form is difficult to determine. However, the cost savings associated with reduced mail volume and processing make online completion a promising approach. As reported above, only a few providers began the online survey and failed to either complete it or submit a paper instrument, so technical problems and confusion about expectations do not seem to have been issues.

Usability

The number of usable responses in each category is lower than the number of returns primarily because of bad addresses, respondents who were no longer providing child care, and a few forms not completed or completed in such a way as to render them unusable. Such returns/responses are typical of any large address listing. In 2014, 21 of the returned surveys were unusable because they were duplicates, blank, or incoherent; an additional 591 respondents reported they did not currently provide child care or were grandparents, relatives or foster parents caring for children and not charging for that care.

Response Verification

Several measures address the validity of the survey responses. First, the reasonably high response rates allay some concerns; even if some respondents adjusted their figures, the sheer volume of responses would minimize any effect on median and 75th percentile rates at the statewide and zone levels.

Second, while the statistical *mean* can be skewed by individual responses, *medians and percentiles* are much less affected by individual rates. For example, if five providers quote rates of $50, $60, $70, $80 & $90, the mean and median are $70. If the highest provider accidentally quoted his rate as $180, the mean would jump to $88, but the median (or middle rate) would remain at $70.

8. Market Rate Zones

The amount paid by families for child care varies across the state, as does overall cost of living. Although it can be useful to analyze statewide percentiles, for example to compare Class A and Class B weekday rates or to identify historical trends, these figures do not provide the most accurate picture of actual child care prices. Recognizing the influence of population density, local costs and income, and other factors that affect the local cost of child care requires analyzing smaller units than the state as a whole.

However, selecting smaller units – such as individual cities or parishes – creates other problems. First, subdividing the data yields a smaller number of responses in each group, meaning that a single response could significantly skew survey results. Second, producing separate market rate data for each parish or city would not support the state's needs for an efficient and manageable child care assistance program.

To balance these needs, market rate data for Louisiana are presented in zones as well as statewide. Zones are useful in understanding rate differences within the state and would also support development of a tiered rate structure if the state desired to move in that direction.

Parishes included in a single zone share similar demographics. Zone 1 tends to include areas with larger, more urban populations, higher household incomes, and higher child care rates; Zone 2, areas with smaller, more rural populations, lower household incomes, and lower child care rates. Child care rates are factored into zone assignments because some low-income and less densely populated parishes located near wealthier urban areas have higher child care costs than might be predicted based on parish population and median income alone. This spillover effect places additional financial pressure on low-income parents in those areas.

For purposes of market rate analysis, the state was originally divided into two zones in the 2003 study based primarily on three factors -- parish population/growth, median household income/growth and median child care rates:

- Zone 1 included parishes with medium and large-sized cities such as New Orleans, Baton Rouge, Shreveport, Lafayette, Lake Charles, etc.
- Zone 2 included parishes generally with less than 50,000 population, small cities/towns and/or rural populations.

In the 2005 zone analysis, zones were based on the two zones presented in the 2003 market rate study, except that DeSoto parish was moved from Zone 1 to Zone 2 due to population and median household income levels below state averages/medians, and child care market rates for both centers and home-based providers below state median rates.

For the 2007 analysis, three parishes were identified as potential candidates for changing zones: St. Helena, West Feliciana, and Morehouse. However, no changes were made to the 2005 zone composition at that time, pending changes in the state's population, numbers of child care providers,

child care capacity, population, income and rate data as the state recovered from the impact of the 2005 hurricanes.

In 2009, four parishes (Beauregard, Morehouse, Rapides and Vernon) were moved from Zone 1 to Zone 2 based on rate, income, and population data. No changes were made based on the 2010 survey data. For 2012, four parishes (Assumption, Tangipahoa, Caddo and St. John) were considered for potential zone changes, but the data did not support any changes at that time.

For 2014, a two-step cluster analysis was conducted using parish population, three-year population growth rate, median household income, and median weekly weekday care rate (weighted). This analysis confirmed the current zone configuration, with the exception that the cluster analysis suggested moving St. John and West Baton Rouge parishes from Zone 1 to Zone 2. However, center median rates for West Baton Rouge and family median rates for St. John were well above the respective statewide median rates. Additionally, St. John is bordered by Zone 1 parishes on three sides, and West Baton Rouge is adjacent to two Zone 1 parishes, and both have median household incomes well above the state median. For these reasons, no changes to the zone composition were made based on the 2014 analysis.

Table 12 presents the ranges of parish median child care rates for weekday toddler care and for the weekday average across all age groups for each zone and the state as a whole.

Table 12. Range of Parish Median Rates for Weekly Toddler Weekday Care and Average Weekday Weekly Care, 2014

		Median of Toddler Weekday Care		Median of Average Weekday Care	
		Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
Zone 1	Center-based care	$107.82	$151.16	$105.23	$147.29
	Home-based care	$75.00	$130.00*	$70.49	$125.00
	Combined center and home care	$99.32	$145.00	$90.59	$140.16
Zone 2	Center-based care	$67.44	$125.00	$67.44	$125.00
	Home-based care	$20.00	$100.00	$40.00	$100.00
	Combined center and home care	$54.27	$112.57	$45.06	$108.76
Statewide	Center-based care	$67.44	$151.16	$67.44	$147.29
	Home-based care	$20.00	$130.00*	$40.00	$125.00
	Combined center and home care	$54.27	$145.00	$45.06	$140.16

*Single home-based rate of $130 reported in one parish; otherwise the top of the range would be $125.00.

Following is a listing of the key cities and parishes in each of the 2014 market rate zones and a state map showing zones as they align with regions and parishes.

Zone Composition

Zone 1	Key Cities	20 Parishes
	Baton Rouge	East Baton Rouge, West Baton Rouge, Livingston, Ascension, West Feliciana
	New Orleans	Orleans, St. Bernard, Jefferson, St. Charles, Plaquemines, St. John the Baptist
	Bossier City/ Shreveport	Bossier, Caddo
	Lake Charles	Calcasieu
	Lafayette	Lafayette
	Houma	Terrebonne, Lafourche
	Monroe	Ouachita
	Hammond	Tangipahoa
	Covington, Mandeville	St. Tammany
Zone 2		**44 Parishes**
	Smaller cities/towns, rural areas	All other parishes: Acadia, Allen, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Caldwell, Cameron, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, De Soto, East Carroll, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Franklin, Grant, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson, Jefferson Davis, La Salle, Lincoln, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Red River, Richland, Sabine, St. Helena, St. James, St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Tensas, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Carroll, Winn

There are some provider differences between the two zones: Class A and B centers and school-based programs are more likely to be located in Zone 1 parishes (74 percent) than in Zone 2 parishes (26 percent). Home-based care providers are nearly evenly divided, with just over 51 percent in Zone 1 and just under 49 percent in Zone 2.

Figure 9. Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Zones, Parishes and Department of Children and Family Services Regions, 2014

9. Additional Market Rate Data

Market Rates and Types of Care

Weekday Care

Just over three fourths (76%) of center/school-based providers reported weekday child care rates; these were reported on an hourly, daily, weekly and/or monthly basis.[7] Most of the centers/schools reporting weekday rates reported them on a weekly basis (51%). Sixteen percent reported monthly rates, with an additional 11 percent reporting daily rates; only one percent reported any hourly rates.

Home-based providers reporting weekday rates (nearly two-thirds) tended to report rates on a daily (32 percent) or weekly (28 percent) basis; less than two percent reported rates on a monthly basis, and less than three percent reported hourly rates for weekday care.[8] Once rates were converted to a weekly rate (see normalization assumptions), the average weekly rate (average of rates by age group) was calculated for each provider reporting weekday rates.[9]

The weekly cost of child care varies a great deal throughout the state. For example, the average weekly rate for weekday child care ranged from a low of $15 to a high of $263. These rates also varied by type of provider, as indicated in Table 13. Tables 13 and 14 show the average weekly rates for weekday child care by provider type and by zone.[10]

Table 13. 2014 Average Weekly Rates for Weekday Child Care by Type of Provider

Type of Child Care Provider *	Number of Providers	Number of Responses	Average Weekly Rate (weighted)		
			Median Rate	Lowest Rate	Highest Rate
Class A centers	772	619	$114.91	$60.00	$263.31
Class B centers	226	152	$114.77	$34.50	$242.79
Registered/certified family child care homes	731	444	$90.00	$15.00	$225.00
Certified in-home child care providers	43	29	$75.00	$25.00	$192.00

* Few Class E school-based programs provide weekday care for non-school-age children; however, eight of the 31 reported rates ranging from $35 to $150 with a median of $100 per week for children younger than 5.

[7] A few center/school-based providers responding on paper forms wrote in rates for an academic semester or year; these were converted to weekly rates (based on an 18-week semester or 36-week academic year) prior to data entry and are therefore counted as having been provided on a weekly basis.
[8] Percentages not weighted.
[9] A few providers reported weekday rates on different bases for different age groups.
[10] Again, data are proportionally weighted and numbers of responses are not weighted.

Table 14. Average Weekly Rates for Weekday Child Care by Zone (All Provider Types)

Zone	Number of Providers	Number of Responses	Average Weekly Rate (weighted)		
			Median Rate	Lowest Rate	Highest Rate
1	718	632	$112.87	$22.00	$263.31
2	959	516	$90.00	$15.00	$132.40

Rates also varied by the age group of children in care and the type of provider. For example, the Class A median weekly child care rates ranged from $115 to $125 in Zone 1 and from $100 to $105 in Zone 2, depending on the age of the child. (See zone data profiles in Appendix V.)

The number of respondents offering a specific type of care varied with the type of care and the age group served. While large numbers of providers reported offering weekday child care, before- and after-school care, and summer care, relatively few offered overnight or weekend care.

After-Hours Care

Very few providers reported offering night/overnight (11%) or weekend care (12%), and most of those that did were registered/certified family child care homes or certified in-home child care providers. After-hours care is typically more expensive than weekday care. For example, registered/certified family providers have 75th percentile rates (weighted and based on individual average rates across age groups) of $100 for weekday care, $106 for night/overnight care and $43 for two-day weekend care; certified in-home care providers have 75th percentile rates of $100, $114 and $48, respectively.

Drop-In Care

Providers were asked what they charge on an hourly or daily basis for drop-in care if they provide that type of care. A total of 675 providers (35%) reported providing drop-in care and/or drop-in rates. For center- and school-based providers, the most-often reported rate (mode) was $25 per day; for home-based providers, $20 per day. The modes have not changed since 2009.

For center-based care, the median hourly rate was $5, the same as in 2012. This median daily rate of $25 has stayed the same since 2009. For home-based care, the median hourly rate was $7, up from the $5 median from 2009-2012. The median daily rate remained at $20, the same since 2009.

In addition to care specified as drop-in on the survey form, child care rates reported on an hourly basis for weekday, night/overnight and weekend care are also considered “drop-in care,” that is, care provided when it is convenient for the provider and the provider has space available.

Very few center/school-based care providers provided any hourly rates for weekday care (less than two percent). They were more likely to provide an hourly rate for before- and/or after-school care, with 5-7 percent providing hourly rates for this type of care. Only a small proportion (less than five percent) of center-based providers (typically Class A) offer night, overnight or weekend care, and less than half of those provided rates on an hourly basis for those types of care.

Family/in-home providers also do not typically provide hourly rates for weekday, weekend night/overnight or summer care, although hourly rates are much more common for in-home care providers than for centers and schools. Very few family/in-home providers (less than three percent) cited any hourly rates for weekday, night/overnight, weekend, or summer care; however, 11 percent had hourly rates for before- and/or after-school care.

Detailed Statewide Rate Profile

Market rates are calculated for each *type of care* (i.e. weekday care, overnight care, after-school care), for each *age group* (i.e. infants, toddlers, threes), and for each child care *provider type* (Class A, Class B, exempt/school-based, registered/certified family or certified in-home).

In each category, the count (number of useable responses), and quartiles are included: 25% of respondents charge at or below the 25th percentile; half of the respondents charge less than or equal to the 50th percentile, also known as the median; and 75% of the respondents charge at or below the 75th percentile.

Several measures of central tendency – mean, median (50th percentile) and mode – and data dispersion of weekly rates are included:

The *standard deviation (SD)* reflects the average difference between a data point and the mean; technically the square root of the *variance*, the average squared difference between data points and the mean.

The *coefficient of variance (COV)* is the standard deviation restated as a percent of the median; i.e. a $10 standard deviation is more meaningful when the median is $50 than when the median is $100.

The *standard error of the mean (SE)* is the standard deviation divided by the sample size; i.e. the larger the sample and/or the smaller the standard deviation, the more confidence you can have that the means and medians reflect the population as a whole.

See Appendix IV for a detailed statewide child care market rate data profile including these statistics.

Enrollment

In the 2014 center surveys, providers were asked to report the number of school-age children as well as enrollment for infants through five year olds. Data presented below reflect either the reported total or, if the total was not reported, the sum of any data for individual age groups. (Data in this section are not weighted; home-based provider means and medians are the same for weighted data.)

The following charts show the mean and median numbers of reported children enrolled for child care centers and for home-based child care providers.

Table 15. Reported Enrollment for Child Care Centers (Class A and Class B) Reporting Any Enrollment (n=981)

	Total Number of Children Enrolled	Mean	Median
Infants	5,410	6	4
Toddlers	17,817	18	14
Threes	16,726	17	11
Fours	11,295	12	6
Fives	842	1	0
School-Age	12,590	13	1
Total children reported	64,680	66	47

Among home-based child care providers, total reported enrollment continued to fall, with home-based providers reporting 3,633 total children. In 2012, home-based child care providers reported 6,844 total children, down from 9,408 in 2010 and 10,134 in 2009. These declines reflect the decline in the numbers of registered/certified home-based providers. Table 16 presents enrollment data for home-based providers.

Table 16. Reported Enrollment for Home-Based Child Care Providers Reporting Any Enrollment (n=734)

	Total Number of Children Enrolled	Mean	Median
Own children	366	1	0
Other related	1,319	2	2
Not related	1,940	3	4
Total children reported*	3,633	5	5

*Numbers do not sum to total as some respondents provided only a total child count.

Center/School Child Care Enrollment Details

In 2014, as in 2012, the survey sent to center-based providers included four additional enrollment questions: the number of children enrolled part-time, the number enrolled in night-time or overnight care, the number of school-age children enrolled in before- and/or after-school care, and the estimated enrollment of school-age children in summer care.

Again, most centers and schools did not offer night-time or overnight care. A total of 22 providers (24 in 2012) reported one or more children enrolled in night-time or overnight care; 20 were Class A centers, and two were Class B centers. Part-time enrollment, before- and/or after-school enrollment, and summer enrollment was much more common:

- 431 providers reported one or more children enrolled part-time
- 571 providers reported one or more children enrolled in before- and/or after-school care
- 580 providers reported estimated enrollment for summer care

In 2014, Class E providers received an abbreviated survey form that did not include questions about night/overnight care or enrollment in part-time care other than before- and/or after-school care.

Table 17. Reported Enrollment for Part-Time and Out-of-School-Time Care

		Number Reporting Enrollment	Total Enrollment	Mean	Median
Class A centers (n=772)	Part-time care	307	3,214	10	5
	Before- and/or after-school care	436	6,886	16	9
	Summer care	465	9,648	21	15
	Night/overnight care	20	219	11	10
Class B centers (n=226)	Part-time care	124	3,310	27	10
	Before- and/or after-school care	114	4,180	37	26
	Summer care	109	4,986	46	26
	Night/overnight care	2	23	12	12
Class E school-based programs (n=31)	Part-time care	n/a			
	Before- and/or after-school care	21	1,056	50	37
	Summer care	6	440	73	48
	Night/overnight care	n/a			
Total centers and school-based programs (n=1,029)	Part-time care	431	6,524	15	5
	Before- and/or after-school care	571	12,122	21	11
	Summer care	580	15,074	26	15
	Night/overnight care	22	242	11	10

Subsidized Child Care

In 2005, just under two-thirds (64 percent) of the responding providers reported receiving money from the state for taking care of children. That percent was significantly higher than that found in the 2003 study (64 percent vs. 24 percent). This difference was most likely due to the simplified question wording and placement on the 2005 questionnaire:

2003: "Do you currently care for state-subsidized children?" (back page)
2005: "Do you receive money from the state for taking care of children?" (first page)

In 2007, the question was changed again to try to determine CCAP participation by child age and by total number of children rather than just asking about participation in the program. Respondents were asked for the number of children enrolled and the number receiving CCAP (Child Care Assistance Program) by age group. In 2007, 41 percent of providers reported receiving CCAP for any children; in 2009, that number rose to 57 percent, and stayed steady at 56 percent in 2010.

In 2012, the CCAP question was returned to its simpler form for center- and school-based providers, who were asked to provide a total, rather than a breakdown by age. Home-based providers continued to report CCAP enrollment in three separate categories: children related to the provider, children not related to the provider, and a total. These formats were retained in 2014.

In 2014, 87 percent of centers, school- and home-based providers reported receiving CCAP funds for children in their care, an increase from 64 percent in 2012 and 56 percent in 2010.

Figure 10 presents the percentage of providers (weighted data) reporting any CCAP enrollment in 2014 by type of provider (except Class B centers, which by definition do not receive child care assistance, although one Class B center nevertheless reported CCAP enrollment). As for enrollment, the figures below reflect either the reported total or, if the total was not reported, the sum of any data for individual age groups.

Reported CCAP enrollment in 2014 for Class A centers ranged from one to 92, with a median of 10 children. CCAP enrollment at Class A centers continued to fall: the median was 15 in 2012 and 18 in 2010. Reported CCAP enrollment for Class E school-based programs ranged from one to six, with a median of two children (the same median as in 2012). For registered/certified family child care homes, CCAP enrollment ranged from one to seven, with a median of four, and for certified in-home providers, the range was one to six with a median of two (the same medians as in 2012).

Child Care Assistance Rates

Table 18 compares the maximum amount of state assistance available for regular child care in 2014 to the calculated cost of child care in 2014 based on reported rates.

Table 18. 2014 Market Rate Percentiles for Louisiana Child Care Assistance Maximum Payments

	Maximum Payment for Regular Care		Market Rate Percentile for Maximum Payment	
	Per Day	Per 5-Day Week	Assistance Rate Percentile	# of Responses for Rate Category
Infant-Toddler Care				
Class A centers	$18.50	$92.50	5thth	611
Class E school-based programs*	$16.00	$80.00	*	1
Registered/certified family child day care homes	$16.00	$92.00	Between 45th and 50th	423
Certified in-home child care providers	$15.50	$77.50	Between 50th and 55th	15

Regular Care (ages 3-5)				
Class A centers	$17.50	$87.50	Between 5th and10th	612
Class E school-based programs*	$15.00	$75.00	Between 30thand 35th	8
Registered/certified family child day care homes	$15.00	$75.00	20th-30th	388
Certified in-home child care providers	$14.50	$72.50	Between 35th and 40th	25

*Most school-based child care programs do not provide weekday care for children ages 0-5; only one program provided an infant/toddler rate of $93 per week.

Reasons CCAP Participants Leave Child Care Settings

For the 2014 survey, the state requested that the survey ask providers why CCAP participants had left their care, with specific response categories as well as the opportunity to provide an "other" response. Table 19 presents the reported reasons children had left subsidized child care.

Table 19: Reported Reasons Children Have Left Subsidized Care

	Regardless of Whether Reported CCAP Enrollment		If Reported Any CCAP Enrollment	
	Centers/School-Based Care	Family/Home-Based Care	Centers/School-Based Care	Family/Home-Based Care
Moved to a free pre-k or Head Start	43%	13%	71%	17%
Went to kindergarten	33%	12%	53%	15%
Could not afford copayment	36%	7%	59%	11%
Did not want to pay copayment	18%	5%	30%	7%
Asked them to leave	3%	1%	5%	2%
Dissatisfied with care provider/ program	2%	<1%	3%	<1%
Have not yet had any leave care	n/a	31%	n/a	44%
Other	19%	13%	12%	10%
Total	1,029	774	562	472

Under the "other" category for centers and school-based programs, common reasons were issues with the CCAP program (payment delays, low or reduced reimbursement rates, cutting recipients off, paperwork, recertification process), parents switching to a less expensive center or free program, parents losing or changing jobs, parents having reduced hours, changed hours or increased pay, families moving away from their area, and children aging out (reaching age 13). In addition to these reasons, home-based providers also mentioned child issues such as biting or developmental impairment, refusal to pay late charges, need for child transportation, and parents switching to center-based care.

Registration Fees

Just over a third (37 percent) of respondents currently providing child care reported that they charge a registration fee, the same proportion as in 2012. (This compares to 29 percent in 2010, 26 percent in 2009, 34 percent in 2007 and 40 percent in 2005).

This percentage varied by type of provider: about two-thirds of center and school-based providers indicated they charge a registration fee, while less than 15 percent of home-based child care providers

(and no certified in-home providers) reported doing so. These proportions are nearly the same as those found in 2012.[11]

Figure 11 shows providers reporting they charge registration fees by type of provider.

For providers who reported charging a registration fee, the reported fees ranged from a low of $5 to a high of $600, with a median charge of $70. This compares to ranges of $3 to $750 in 2012 and $5 to $750 in 2010.

Charges as well as percentages varied by provider type. For school-based programs and licensed centers, the 75th percentile charge was $100 and the median charge was $75. For certified in-home and registered/certified family child care homes, the 75th percentile charge was $55 and the median charge was $35.

The median charge for centers and school-based providers rose from $50 in 2010 to $65 in 2012 and $75 in 2014. The median charge for home-based providers, which increased from $30 in 2010 to $35 in 2012, remained at $35 in 2014.

[11] A number of providers completing paper forms indicated they charge a one-time application or registration fee; those responses are not included, as the survey requested annual registration charges.

10. Additional Provider Data

Food Program Participation

Reported provider participation in the food program in 2014 was very similar to that found in 2012. More than half of all child care providers (58 percent) reported participation in the state's food program, nearly the same as in 2012 (57 percent). These numbers were higher than those reported in 2007, 2009, and 2010.

More than a third of center- and school-based providers (38 percent) and more than three-fourths of home base-based providers (77 percent) reported participation, similar to the 2012 figures of 37 and 74 percents, respectively.

In particular, the participation rate for registered/certified family child care homes (79 percent in 2014 and 81 percent in 2012) showed positive growth compared to 2010 (54 percent) and 2009 (51 percent) and equaled the rate reported in 2007 (79 percent). Compared to 2010, 2014 respondents were also much more likely to answer this question. In 2010, more than forty percent (43 percent) of surveys returned from registered/certified family child care homes left this question blank, whereas only four percent of providers in any category skipped the question in 2012 and only two percent in 2014. Figure 12 shows reported participation by type of provider.

Special Services Offered

Among the providers who reported providing child care, few offered such services as transportation, special needs/disability care or sick child care. Certified in-home providers and Class A centers were most likely to report providing transportation to and from school (34 and 28 percents, respectively);

certified in-home providers were more likely than other providers to report providing transportation to and from the child's home (31 percent). These are nearly the same proportions found in 2012.

Although most center and school-based providers did not provide any sick child care, many registered/certified family child care and certified in-home providers reported they did (32 and 46 percents, respectively). The percentage for family child care homes was nearly the same in 2012 (31 percent); the percentage for certified in-home providers reflects an increase from the 36 percent reporting such care in 2012.

Class A centers and school-based programs were more likely than home-based providers to offer care for children with physical or mental disabilities. School-based programs were most likely to provide care for children with other special needs (60 percent, up from 54 percent in 2012), followed by Class B centers (42 percent) and Class A centers (37 percent). The following graph shows the provision of these special services by type of provider.

Table 20. Reported Provision of Transportation and Special Care Services

	Class A centers	Class B centers	Class E school-based programs	Registered/ certified family child care homes	Certified in-home child care providers	Total
Provide transportation:						
To and/or from school	28%	19%	8%	22%	34%	24%
To and/or from home	9%	1%	8%	12%	31%	10%
Provide sick child care	10%	4%	8%	32%	46%	21%
Currently providing care for children with:						
Physical disabilities	24%	14%	19%	6%	3%	13%
Mental disabilities	18%	16%	32%	4%	6%	10%
Other special needs (attention deficit, hyperactivity, behavior disorders)	37%	42%	60%	13%	14%	25%
Total	772	226	31	731	43	1803

Years Providing Child Care

Nearly half of all providers (45 percent) reported providing child care or early education for more than 10 years. Centers and schools typically reported 10 years or more: 55 percent of Class A, 77 percent of Class B, and 62 percent of school-based child care programs. This compares to 33 percent of registered/certified family child care homes and only eight percent of certified in-home providers. Figure 13 shows the weighted distribution of providers by type and years of providing care.

Staffing

Center and school-based programs provided information on staffing. Table 21 shows the median number of staff for each provider type by the staff position. The median count gives an idea of how the typical child care center or program in each category is staffed. The licensed capacity for Class A and B centers varied widely, from 12 children to more than 600, with a median capacity of 65. For Class A centers, the median staffing levels had not changed since the 2007 report.

The median staffing levels for Class B were down slightly from those found in 2012. The median staffing levels for Class B centers in 2012 were identical to those in 2010, which added one to the median number of assistant teachers and other staff reported in 2009.

School-based programs increased by one the median number of lead teachers but decreased the median number of assistant teachers, while medians for other staff types remained the same as in 2012.

The medians for total responses were identical to those in the 2012, 2010, 2009, and 2007 reports. Table 21 includes the licensed capacity and detailed staffing information for centers and school-based child care or early education programs.

Table 21. Median Capacity and Number of Staff by Position Type for Centers and School-Based Programs, 2014

	Class A Centers	Class B Centers	School-Based Programs	Total Centers and School-Based Programs	
				Median	Responses
Licensed capacity	63	75	*	65	978
Directors/assistant Directors	1	1	1	1	974
Lead teachers	4	6	2	4	974
Assistant teachers	3	3	3	3	837
Other staff	2	2	2	2	647

*No capacity was listed for school-based programs on state-provided lists.

Changes in Staffing/Turnover

Questions were added to the 2009 survey that asked center- and school-based providers for the numbers of lead and assistant teachers who left and who were hired in 2008. These questions were retained in 2010 (for teachers leaving and hired in 2009), in 2012 (for teachers leaving and hired in 2011), and 2014 (for teachers leaving and hired in 2013). Although these questions have generated a relatively high rate of anomalous responses, the cleansed data does show some trends over time.

For 2014, the percentage of center- and school-based providers reporting that at least one teacher had left or at least one teacher was hired in the preceding year increased by five percent or more for both lead and assistant teachers. Since first reported in 2009, the median number of teachers lost and teachers hired has remained consistent, at two.

Table 22: Centers and School-Based Programs Reporting Turnover in Previous Year

	2009		2010		2012		2014	
	Reporting 1 or more	Median	Reporting 1 or more	Median	Reporting 1 or more	Median	Reporting 1 or more	Median
Lead teachers lost	48%	2	45%	2	41%	2	50%	2
Assistant teachers lost	26%	2	25%	2	27%	2	32%	2
Lead teachers hired	50%	2	49%	2	43%	2	51%	2
Assistant teachers hired	28%	2	29%	2	31%	2	36%	2

Turnover rates were calculated for the centers/schools reporting both the numbers of lead and assistant teachers employed at the time of the survey and the numbers of lead and assistant teachers who left in the previous year. In 2009, 2010, 2012, and 2014, the turnover percentage (the number of teachers who left in the previous year divided by the total number of current teachers) ranged from zero to more than 100 percent.

- In 2009, the median turnover for lead teachers was 25 percent and the median turnover for assistant teachers was 33 percent.
- In 2010, the median turnover rate for lead teachers was 33 percent, an increase compared to 2009, and the median for assistant teachers also rose slightly, to 37 percent.
- In 2012, the median turnover for lead teachers was again 33 percent. The median turnover for assistant teachers rose to 50 percent.
- In 2014, the median turnover for lead teachers increased to 40 percent and the median for assistant teachers remained at 50 percent.

Figure 14 presents turnover percentages for lead and assistant teachers combined; the median was 33 percent.

Accreditation

Family child care homes are accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC). The predominant national accreditation system for child care centers is administered by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). The primary school accrediting body for the region is the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

As in every survey year since 2003, home-based providers reported a much higher frequency of accreditation than was actually the case and were clearly confused about the meaning of accreditation (despite a much-simplified question used since 2005).

According to the association's website, there were three NAFCC-accredited homes in Louisiana as of March 2015 (compared to two in 2012, six in 2010, three in 2009 and 2007, and only one in 2005). However, 23 percent (28 percent in 2012) of the family child care homes and certified in-home providers reported being accredited by NAFCC.

As of March 2015, the NAEYC website showed 24 NAEYC-accredited centers in Louisiana. Of the Class A and B centers responding to the survey, 66 reported having NAEYC accreditation, indicating continued confusion among some centers about accreditation. (In 2012, the figures were 19 and 88, respectively). Nineteen centers (nine in 2012) reported NECPA accreditation; in March 2015, the NECPA website showed zero accredited providers in Louisiana, which was also the case in August 2012.

For the 2014 survey, centers and school-based programs were also asked about SACS. As of March 2015, there were five SACS-accredited early childhood centers in Louisiana and 446 SACS-accredited

elementary schools, including 95 private (mostly faith-based) schools. On the survey, two Class A, 11 Class B, and four Class E school-based programs reported having SACS accreditation.

Centers were also asked if they were preparing for accreditation with specific accrediting bodies. Fourteen percent of Class A and three percent of Class B respondents reported preparing for NAEYC accreditation (compared to nine and three percents, respectively, in 2012). Class B numbers have been consistent since 2009, but Class A showed an increase more in line with earlier years (14 percent in 2010 and 15 percent in 2009). More than a third (43 percent) of Class A and over half (65 percent) of Class B centers reported having no plans for pursuing accreditation at the time of the survey; those percentages were a bit higher than in previous years, particularly for Class A centers, although consistent with responses in 2012 (38 and 62 percents, respectively) and 2010 (37 and 60 percents, respectively).

Examination of the write-in “other” responses from centers and school-based programs regarding accreditation again showed that some providers continue to confuse the concept of accreditation with licensing and mistake for accreditation any type of licensing, registration or certification by the state or a non-accrediting agency (CCAP, DOE, Head Start) or membership in a state, regional or national organization such as the Child Care Association of Louisiana (CCAL), the Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA), or the Louisiana Montessori Association (which offers teacher and school certification).

A few centers reported accreditation by the American Montessori Society, the national Council on Accreditation (COA), the Independent Schools Association of the Southwest (ISAS), and the Southwestern Association of Episcopal Schools (SAES), which do provide accreditation for schools or programs.

Quality Start

Louisiana announced the debut of its quality rating system (QRS) for licensed child care centers, Quality Start, in 2007. A QRS serves as a guide for parents looking for quality care, as a benchmark for program improvement, and as an accountability measure for state funding. This voluntary program rates participating centers with a number of stars based on their administration practices, family and community involvement, program, staff qualifications, and program longevity. Centers with Quality Start ratings are then eligible for additional assistance.

In 2009, a new question was added to the survey mailed to centers: "Are you now or do you plan to participate in *Quality Start*, Louisiana’s star rating system for child care centers?" Among Class A centers, which are eligible for the funding attached to the Quality Start system, almost three-quarters (71 percent) claimed that they were currently enrolled or planned to start in 2009, and two percent had not heard of Quality Start.

In 2010, slightly more Class A centers (73 percent) reported they were participating or planning to begin participating in Quality Start. Fewer than 10 Class A centers (less than one percent) reported that they had not heard of Quality Start. Although these changes did not reflect a large change in participation rates, it is clear that the centers that are eligible for the attached funding are aware of this system.

Reported participation rates for Class A centers increased from 55 percent in 2010 to 67% in 2012 and 72 percent in 2014. The percentage of Class A providers who reported no plans to participate slowly declined from 13 percent in 2010 to 12 percent in 2012 and 11 percent in 2014.

Table 23 details Class A and Class B center responses to this question for 2014 and 2012.

Table 23. Statewide Participation in Quality Start and Reported Participation Status

	Class A Centers		Class B Centers		Total Centers	
	2014	2012	2014	2012	2014	2012
Have a star rating (1-5) per state licensing list (Aug 2014)	61%	59%	<1%	0%	47%	51%
Reported status (Oct-Dec 2014):						
Already participating*	72%	67%	1%	1%	56%	53%
Plan to start in [current year]	12%	13%	1%	3%	10%	11%
Have no plans to participate at this time	11%	12%	74%	71%	25%	24%
Not sure whether or not to participate	4%	7%	18%	18%	7%	9%
Have not heard of Quality Start	<1%	1%	3%	7%	1%	2%
No response	2%	1%	2%	<1%	2%	1%
Total	772	936	226	244	998	1,180

*Centers must apply to the program, at which point the state reviews the center's most recent licensing survey. If there are no outstanding deficiencies, the center will be awarded one star. From there, the center can apply for two to five stars by documenting that the criteria for that star rating has been met.

School Readiness Tax Credits

Also added in 2009 were two questions about the state's school readiness tax credits to determine whether centers were aware of the tax credits and whether any of the center teachers had received the tax credits. In 2009, 59% of Class A and 19% of Class B respondents had heard of the tax credits, and only 14% of Class A and less than one percent of Class B respondents indicated any of their teachers had received the tax credits.

By 2012, awareness had increased to 82% for Class A and 36% for Class B centers, with 43% of Class A centers and just over one percent of Class B centers indicating any teachers had received the tax credits.

Table 24 presents the results for 2014, which showed additional increases in awareness and reporting that any teachers had received the tax credits.

Table 24: Class A and B Centers Awareness of Louisiana's School Readiness Tax Credits

	Class A Centers	Class B Centers	Total Centers
Have heard about the tax credits	89%	52%	81%
Have not heard about the tax credits	8%	45%	16%
No response	3%	4%	3%
Any teachers have received the tax credits	55%	3%	43%
No teachers have received the tax credits	32%	46%	35%
No response	13%	50%	22%
Total	772	226	998

Teacher Educational Attainment, Credentials, Experience and Pay Rates

Degrees

Of the 705 home-based child care providers reporting on educational attainment in 2014, the majority (64 percent) had only a high school diploma or GED, 13 percent had a vocational/technical degree or certificate, six percent had an associate degree, and five percent had a bachelor's or graduate degree. Thirteen percent had not completed a GED or received a high school diploma.[12] These findings are nearly identical to the education findings in the 2005, 2007, 2009, 2010 and 2012 surveys.

Figure 15 presents the highest education levels reported for home-based providers.

[12] In 2009, the response option "none of these" was added in order to distinguish between individuals who had not earned at least a GED and those who skipped the question.

Center- and school-based providers were asked to complete a chart showing the number of director/assistant directors, lead teachers and assistant teachers by their highest level of education. Some respondents put all of their teacher education information in one column and others counted individuals more than once if they had more than one degree. To the extent possible, these were adjusted prior to data entry and in the data cleansing process (by comparing education counts to total staffing counts). These data provide a good relative perspective on teacher education, but should be used with caution. These numbers have remained largely unchanged since the 2005 survey report.

As in previous years, a high school diploma or GED was the most common level of education for both lead and assistant teachers, with 52 and 67 percents, respectively (54 and 76 percents in 2012, nearly the same as those in the four previous survey years).

Providers reported that just over a fifth of lead teachers (23 percent), slightly higher than the 20 percent reported in 2012, had a bachelor's or graduate degree. They reported nine percent of assistant teachers had a bachelor's or graduate degree in both 2014 and in 2012.

In 2014, providers reported that 24 percent of lead teachers and 20 percent of assistant teachers had a vocational/technical school diploma or an associate degree, compared to 24 percent of lead teachers and 14 percent of assistant teachers in 2012.

Half of directors (50 percent) reported holding an associate or higher degree (52 percent in 2012). A quarter (25 percent) had a bachelor's degree (24 percent in 2012), and 11 percent, a graduate degree (13 percent in 2012). The percentage holding a vocational/technical or associate degree was also stable, at 30 percent, compared to 29 percent in 2012, 32 percent in 2010, and 30 percent in 2009. More than a third (34 percent in 2014 and 2012) of directors had a high school diploma or GED, compared to 31 percent in 2010 and 33 percent in 2009.

Figure 16 presents the highest education levels reported for directors and teachers at centers and school-based programs.

* Percents based on the totals of directors and teachers for whom education is reported.

Credentials

Providers were asked to report on Child Development Associate (CDA) and Child Care Professional (CCP) credentials for themselves (in-home providers) and for their staff (center and school-based providers). For center and school-based providers, the same caveats discussed for degrees also apply to credentials.

Few home-based child care providers reported having a CDA (11 percent) or CCP (12 percent) credential.

Among center and school-based providers, the reported rate of CDA credentials increased five to six percent in all categories in 2012 compared to 2010; gains were much smaller in 2014 compared to 2012.

More than a fourth (28 percent) reported having at least one lead teacher with the CDA credential (24 percent in 2012); 16 percent reported at least one assistant teacher (15 percent in 2012) and 25 percent reported at least one director or assistant director with a CDA (the same in 2012). The CCP credential remains much less prevalent than the CDA, with seven percent of centers reporting at least one lead teacher, three percent at least one assistant teacher, and 12 percent, at least one director. In 2012, five

percent of centers reported at least one lead teacher, almost two percent reported at least one assistant teacher, and eight percent reported at least one director or assistant director as having the credential. Those numbers are similar to rates reported in 2010.

Experience

Centers and school-based child care programs were asked to indicate the numbers of lead and assistant teachers who (a) have been employed with that center/program for three or more years and (b) who have at least three years of experience in a licensed child care center, Early Head Start or Head Start program, or pre-k program.

- Regarding lead teachers, 79 percent reported on the employment item and 88 percent on the experience item regarding lead teachers.
- Regarding assistant teachers, 43 percent reported on the employment item and 46 percent on the experience item.

Based on these responses, the median number of teachers with three or more years of employment was three for lead teachers and two for assistant teachers; the median number of teachers with three or more years of experience was four for lead teachers and two for assistant teachers.

For centers and programs reporting both the number of lead and assistant teachers and the numbers of lead and assistant teachers with the specified experience, percentages of teachers were calculated.[13]

Nearly two-thirds (60 percent) of the providers answering this question reported that 91-100 percent of their lead teachers had at least three years of experience, and nearly half of the providers answering (46%) reported that 91-100 percent of their lead teachers had been employed in their center/program for at least three years. The respective provider percentages for 91 to 100 percent of assistant teachers having at least three years of employment or experience were 39 and 47 percent.

Figure 17 presents the percent of teachers meeting these tenure and experience milestones for providers completing the relevant survey questions.

[13] For 27 providers (mostly online completions), the reported number of teachers with experience exceeded the reported number of teachers, resulting in a percent with experience of more than 100%, likely the result of counting directors as teachers on the experience items. For these providers, the percent with experience was set to 100%.

Compensation

Center and school-based programs were asked to indicate the average hourly pay rates for full-time lead and assistant teachers as well as part-time teachers. As in previous years, full-time lead teachers generally received the highest compensation, with nearly two-thirds (64 percent) of respondents paying at least $8.16 on average (58 percent in 2012).

For 2014, providers most often reported pay for full-time assistant teachers (40 percent) and part-time teachers (45 percent) in the $7.16 to $8.15 range, which included the minimum wage of $7.25.[14] In 2012, those percentages were 44 and 42 percents, respectively. Reported average wages in higher brackets increased from 2012 to 2014 for these teachers. The percentage of providers reporting pay of $8.16 or more for full-time assistant teachers was 35 percent in 2014 vs. 28 percent in 2012; for part-time teachers, 19 percent in 2014 vs. 13 percent in 2012.

As in previous years, a small number of providers reported wages below the federal minimum, ranging from one percent for directors to four percent for part-time teachers. Eight percent reported no compensation rates for full-time lead teachers. Nearly a fourth (22 percent) reported no rates for full-time assistant teachers and a third (33 percent) reported no rates for part-time teachers.

Figure 18 shows average hourly wages by teacher position.

[14] Under legislation passed in 2007, the federal minimum wage increased to $7.25 effective July 24, 2009; this minimum was still in effect at the time of the survey in 2014.

Figure 19 shows the reported average rates for lead teachers by type of care provider. School-based programs and Class B centers were more likely than Class A centers to report an average of $10.16 per hour or more; however, more than half (58 percent) of school-based providers left this question blank, compared to 29 percent of Class B centers and 33 percent of Class A centers.

In Summary:

- Overall, 75th percentile child care market rates have increased for center-based child care and certified in-home child care providers but have remained flat for registered/certified family child day care homes compared to rates in 2012. Across all providers, including Class E school-based programs, 75th percentile rates increased by an average of six percent.

- The maximum amount of state assistance available for regular child care in 2014 was below the median cost of child care for most age groups and care settings. For Class A centers, state assistance for both infants/toddlers and children ages three to five were below the tenth percentile of actual reported rates; for in-home providers, state assistance was between the 45th and 55th percentiles for infants and toddlers, and assistance for children ages three to five was at the 20th to 40th percentiles.

- Not including Class B providers, which by definition do not qualify for subsidies, 87 percent of centers, school- and home-based providers reported receiving CCAP funds for children in their care, up from 64 percent in 2012 and 56 percent in 2010. More than half of all child care providers (58 percent) reported participation in the state's food program, including 38 percent of center- and school-based providers and 77 percent of home-based providers, similar to 2012 figures of 37 and 74 percents, respectively.

- The number and capacity of most provider types fell since the 2012 survey. The exceptions were Class B centers, which rose two percent, and DOE-registered family child care homes, which rose 11 percent. Decreases were most dramatic for DFCS-registered/certified family

child care homes (down 48 percent) and certified in-home child care providers (down 62 percent). Recent declines are part of a longer trend; by 2014, the state had only six percent of the certified in-home child care providers and one third of the family child care homes providing subsidized child care listed in 2005.

- Among Class A centers, 72 percent reported participation in Louisiana's Quality Start quality rating system (QRS), up from 67 percent in 2012 and 55 percent in 2010.

- Of the respondents currently providing child care, 43 percent were Class A centers, 13 percent were Class B centers, and 41 percent were registered/certified family child care homes. Less than five percent were school-based programs or certified in-home child care providers.

- Across all provider types, respondents typically reported providing care 10 years or more (45 percent); fewer than 10 percent had been providing care less than one year or declined to answer the question.

- Class B centers were most likely to be privately owned (41 percent) or church-based (32 percent); most Class A centers were privately owned (65 percent).

- Class E school-based programs were mostly likely to provide before- or after-school care (88 percent), followed by certified in-home child care providers (71 percent) and Class A centers (66 percent). Among provider types, certified in-home child care providers were most likely to provide weekend and night/overnight care. Class A centers and certified in-home providers were more likely than other providers to offer summer care.

- Class A and B center respondents were more likely than other respondents to use the online survey form to submit their data (48 and 36 percents, respectively). Only three percent of responses from certified in-home child care providers and 11 percent from registered/certified family child care homes were received online.

- Compared to other providers, certified in-home providers and Class A centers were more likely to report providing transportation to and from school (34 and 28 percents, respectively); certified in-home providers were also more likely to report providing transportation to and from the child's home (31 percent).

- Registered/certified family child care and certified in-home providers were more likely to provide sick child care (32 and 46 percents, respectively) than were centers and school-based programs (10 percent or less).

- Centers and school-based programs were much more likely than home-based providers to report offering care for children with physical or mental disabilities. School-based programs were most likely to provide care for children with other special needs (60 percent), followed by Class B (42 percent) and Class A centers (37 percent).

- As in previous survey years, turnover (the number of teachers who left divided by the total number of teachers) among centers and school-based providers ranged from zero to more than

100 percent. The median turnover for lead teachers increased to 40 percent from 33 percent in 2012 and 2010); median turnover for assistant teachers remained at 50 percent, the same as the 2012 rate (which was up from 37 percent in 2010).

- Providers again tended to over-report accreditation. As of March 2015, there were three NAFCC-accredited homes in Louisiana, but 186 home-based respondents reported being accredited by NAFCC. Sixty-six Class A and Class B centers reported NAEYC accreditation and 19 reported NECPA accreditation; actual association accreditation figures for March were 24 and zero, respectively.

- Home-based child care providers who reported educational attainment typically had no more than a high school education (64 percent); an additional 13 percent indicated they had not completed high school. Among center staff, a high school diploma or GED was the most common level of education for both lead and assistant teachers (52 and 67 percents, respectively); half of directors (50 percent) reported holding at least an associate degree.

- School-based programs and Class B centers were more likely than Class A centers to report paying lead teachers more than $10.15 per hour on average; across providers, part-time teachers and assistant teachers were generally paid at or slightly above minimum wage.

The results of the 2014 survey, particularly the flat rates for registered/certified family child care homes, suggest that Louisiana's child care providers continue to struggle economically. In this two-year survey period, rate increases at the 75th percentile ranged from zero to 10 percent, the latter for certified in-home child care providers. Meanwhile, the number and capacity of most provider types fell; again, two categories of home-based providers were most affected, with a decrease of more than 62 percent in certified in-home child care providers and a decrease in DCFS-registered family child care homes of 48 percent since 2012. Numbers also fell for Class A centers (a decrease of 10 percent), but Class B centers increased slightly, by two percent.

Appendix I: Definitions

Categories of Child Care Providers

Class A Child Care Center	Less than 24-hour care for seven or more children in a specialized facility. Class A child care centers are licensed by the state and may receive state subsidies for child care and/or meals.
Class B Child Care Center	Less than 24-hour care for seven or more children in a specialized facility. Class B child care centers are licensed but, according to state law, may not receive state or federal funds for child care and/or meals.
Class E School Child Care Program	School child care programs are public and non-public schools that operate pre-kindergarten, before-and-after school, or summer care programs and charge for these services. These programs can be licensed as a Class A Child Care Center or registered as a Class E School Child Care Program.
Registered and/or Certified Family Child Day Care Home	Less than 24-hour care for up to six children in the provider's residence. Providers may register with the state to participate in the food program. Only providers certified by DCFS may receive subsidies for child care.
Certified In-Home Child Care Provider	Less than 24-hour care of one or more children in the child's home. Providers must not live in the child's home and must meet state criteria regarding basic health and safety, have CPR and 1st Aid training, and have a criminal background check to be certified to receive child care subsidies.

Types of Child Care

Day Child Care	Care and supervision of children Monday through Friday, typically between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Night/Overnight Care	Care and supervision of children during the evening or night for a period of six to 12 hours between 6:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.
Weekend Care	Care and supervision of children during the weekend between 6:00 p.m. Friday and 6:00 a.m. Monday.
Part-time/Drop-in Care	Part-time care or short-term care provided on an hourly basis as space is available; rates reported as hourly.
Before- and After-school Care	Care for school-aged children several hours before and after school.
Before-school Care	Care for school-aged children for at least one hour before school.
After-school Care	Care for school-aged children for up to several hours after school.
Summer Care	Care for school-aged children during the summer.

Statistical Terms

Medians and Percentiles	The median is the rate at which half the centers charge more and half charge less; the median of $70, $80, $90, $100, and $110 is $90. The median is also known as the 50th percentile; the xth percentile is the level at which x percent of the population are at or below. Even if one of the rates in this example had been extremely high or low, the median and the percentile rates would have been unchanged, while an average, or mean, rate would have been skewed. This is the advantage of using medians and percentiles as opposed to averages when analyzing data.
Mean	The mathematical average. The mean of $70, $80, $90, and $100 is $85.
Variance	A measure of the distribution of the data from its mean; the average squared difference between a data point and the mean.
Standard Deviation	The square root of the variance.
Coefficient of Variance (COV)	The ratio of the standard deviation divided by its mean times 100. COV is used to adjust increasing variance due to increasing mean.
Standard Error	Standard error of the mean is the standard deviation divided by the sample size.

2014 Louisiana Child Care Market Rate Survey

Survey Returns by Region and Type: Nine DCFS Regions

Region	Type/Class	Total Sent	Received		Completed Online		Bad Address	Total Returns	
		#	#	%	#	%	#	#	%
1									
	Class A Child Care	250	81	32%	81	32%	5	167	67%
	Class B Child Care	78	31	40%	20	26%	1	52	67%
	Registered (DOE) Centers	12	4	33%	4	33%	0	8	67%
	School-Based Child Care Programs	14	5	36%	2	14%	1	8	57%
	Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	74	43	58%	4	5%	0	47	64%
	Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	3	0	0%	0	0%	1	1	33%
	Subtotal	**431**	**164**	**38%**	**111**	**26%**	**8**	**283**	**66%**
	Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	186	47	25%	6	3%	8	61	33%
	Region Total	**617**	**211**	**34%**	**117**	**19%**	**16**	**344**	**56%**
2									
	Class A Child Care	185	51	28%	58	31%	2	111	60%
	Class B Child Care	41	15	37%	12	29%	1	28	68%
	Registered (DOE) Centers	11	1	9%	4	36%	1	6	55%
	School-Based Child Care Programs	7	4	57%	0	0%	0	4	57%
	Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	77	42	55%	2	3%	3	47	61%
	Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	13	3	23%	0	0%	5	8	62%
	Subtotal	**334**	**116**	**35%**	**76**	**23%**	**12**	**204**	**61%**
	Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	519	112	22%	18	3%	49	179	34%
	Region Total	**853**	**228**	**27%**	**94**	**11%**	**61**	**383**	**45%**
3									
	Class A Child Care	140	45	32%	39	28%	1	85	61%
	Class B Child Care	47	21	45%	12	26%	0	33	70%
	Registered (DOE) Centers	4	1	25%	1	25%	0	2	50%
	School-Based Child Care Programs	3	2	67%	0	0%	0	2	67%
	Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	34	13	38%	3	9%	2	18	53%
	Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	3	0	0%	0	0%	2	2	67%
	Subtotal	**231**	**82**	**35%**	**55**	**24%**	**5**	**142**	**61%**
	Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	605	137	23%	16	3%	57	210	35%
	Region Total	**836**	**219**	**26%**	**71**	**8%**	**62**	**352**	**42%**

Survey Returns by Region and Type: Nine DCFS Regions

Region	Type/Class	Total Sent	Received		Completed Online		Bad Address	Total Returns	
		#	#	%	#	%	#	#	%
4									
	Class A Child Care	114	46	40%	24	21%	2	72	63%
	Class B Child Care	45	17	38%	10	22%	1	28	62%
	Registered (DOE) Centers	4	0	0%	2	50%	1	3	75%
	School-Based Child Care Programs	7	4	57%	1	14%	0	5	71%
	Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	49	24	49%	2	4%	2	28	57%
	Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	14	6	43%	0	0%	4	10	71%
	Subtotal	**233**	**97**	**42%**	**39**	**17%**	**10**	**146**	**63%**
	Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	636	120	19%	15	2%	117	252	40%
	Region Total	**869**	**217**	**25%**	**54**	**6%**	**127**	**398**	**46%**
5									
	Class A Child Care	166	44	27%	45	27%	4	93	56%
	Class B Child Care	46	23	50%	11	24%	0	34	74%
	Registered (DOE) Centers	9	3	33%	1	11%	2	6	67%
	Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	124	69	56%	6	5%	1	76	61%
	Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	55	21	38%	1	2%	11	33	60%
	Subtotal	**400**	**160**	**40%**	**64**	**16%**	**18**	**242**	**61%**
	Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	1294	256	20%	26	2%	100	382	30%
	Region Total	**1694**	**416**	**25%**	**90**	**5%**	**118**	**624**	**37%**
6									
	Class A Child Care	64	26	41%	23	36%	0	49	77%
	Class B Child Care	10	8	80%	1	10%	1	10	100%
	School-Based Child Care Programs	28	9	32%	4	14%	1	14	50%
	Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	22	11	50%	2	9%	0	13	59%
	Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	10	5	50%	0	0%	0	5	50%
	Subtotal	**134**	**59**	**44%**	**30**	**22%**	**2**	**91**	**68%**
	Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	58	21	36%	0	0%	4	25	43%
	Region Total	**192**	**80**	**42%**	**30**	**16%**	**6**	**116**	**60%**

Survey Returns by Region and Type: Nine DCFS Regions

Region	Type/Class	Total Sent	Received		Completed Online		Bad Address	Total Returns	
		#	#	%	#	%	#	#	%
7									
	Class A Child Care	91	33	36%	20	22%	0	53	58%
	Class B Child Care	13	8	62%	4	31%	0	12	92%
	Registered (DOE) Centers	1	0	0%	1	100%	0	1	100%
	Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	45	15	33%	2	4%	8	25	56%
	Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	10	4	40%	0	0%	2	6	60%
	Subtotal	**160**	**60**	**38%**	**27**	**17%**	**10**	**97**	**61%**
	Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	114	29	25%	5	4%	19	53	46%
	Region Total	**274**	**89**	**32%**	**32**	**12%**	**29**	**150**	**55%**
8									
	Class A Child Care	161	52	32%	41	25%	2	95	59%
	Class B Child Care	43	18	42%	9	21%	1	28	65%
	Registered (DOE) Centers	3	0	0%	0	0%	3	3	100%
	School-Based Child Care Programs	3	2	67%	0	0%	0	2	67%
	Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	108	53	49%	6	6%	3	62	57%
	Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	46	18	39%	0	0%	10	28	61%
	Subtotal	**364**	**143**	**39%**	**56**	**15%**	**19**	**218**	**60%**
	Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	248	66	27%	6	2%	17	89	36%
	Region Total	**612**	**209**	**34%**	**62**	**10%**	**36**	**307**	**50%**
9									
	Class A Child Care	111	31	28%	30	27%	2	63	57%
	Class B Child Care	11	6	55%	3	27%	0	9	82%
	Registered (DOE) Centers	3	1	33%	1	33%	0	2	67%
	School-Based Child Care Programs	1	1	100%	0	0%	0	1	100%
	Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	93	47	51%	6	6%	1	54	58%
	Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	27	12	44%	0	0%	4	16	59%
	Subtotal	**246**	**98**	**40%**	**40**	**16%**	**7**	**145**	**59%**
	Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	339	53	16%	6	2%	23	82	24%
	Region Total	**585**	**151**	**26%**	**46**	**8%**	**30**	**227**	**39%**

Survey Returns by Region and Type: Nine DCFS Regions

Region Type/Class	Total Sent	Received		Completed Online		Bad Address	Total Returns	
	#	#	%	#	%	#	#	%
Statewide Summary								
Class A Child Care	1282	409	32%	361	28%	18	788	61%
Class B Child Care	334	147	44%	82	25%	5	234	70%
Registered (DOE) Centers	47	10	21%	14	30%	7	31	66%
School-Based Child Care Programs	63	27	43%	7	11%	2	36	57%
Registered (DCFS) Family Child Care Homes	626	317	51%	33	5%	20	370	59%
Certified In-Home Child Care Providers	181	69	38%	1	1%	39	109	60%
Subtotal	2533	979	39%	498	20%	91	1568	62%
Registered (DOE) Family Child Care Homes	3999	841	21%	98	2%	394	1333	33%
Statewide Total	6532	1820	28%	596	9%	485	2901	44%

Note: Surveys completed online and submitted by mail are counted as Completed Online.

Appendix III Sample Weighting

In 2014, due to budget constraints, the child care market rate survey was sent not to all identified providers. All (census) Class A and B centers, school-based providers, certified in-home care providers and DCFS-registered family child day care homes were included in the initial survey mailing, but only a sample of the DOE-registered family child day care home providers, the largest provider category, was included.

Because not all of the DOE-registered family child care home providers were included in the survey, adjustments must be made to account for the fact that the survey mailing included 50.8 percent of these providers and 100 percent of the other provider groups. By weighting the data to account for the DOE-registered providers who were not included in the survey group, the report is able to present a more accurate picture of the provider universe.

Weights were calculated in SPSS for each survey respondent based on the following data for DOE-registered family child care homes:

Initial list count:	8,402
Duplicates removed:	535
Sampling frame:	7,867
Sample size:	4,000[1]
Sampling ratio:	0.508453 (4,000/7,867)

The calculated weight for each DOE-registered family child care home was 1.96675 (7,867/4,000), with a corresponding weight of 1.0 for all other providers.

Proportional weights were then calculated for multiple kinds of analyses:

- Presentations of survey results for home-based providers as a group
- Comparisons between two categories of providers (center/school-based vs. home-based)
- Presentations of survey results for all providers as a group
- Comparisons among five categories of providers – Class A, Class B, Class E, registered/certified family child care homes and certified in-home child care providers

For data in the first two categories, which treat all home-based providers as a single group, proportional weights were calculated based on all 774 home-based providers (410 DOE-registered family child care homes, 321 DCFS-registered/certified family child care homes and 43 certified in-home child care providers). The proportional weight was the individual provider weight multiplied by the total number of providers in the group and divided by the sum of weights for that group of providers.

[1] The actual sample was 3,999, as an additional duplicate was identified and eliminated after the sample was drawn; of that number, 410 responded, indicated they currently provided care, and were not identified as grandparents, relatives or foster parents who were not paid for the child care they provided.

$$\frac{(1.96675 \times 774)}{(1.96675 \times 410) + (1 \times 321) + (1 \times 43)} = 1.30 \text{ for DOE-registered family child care homes}$$

$$\frac{(1.0 \times 774)}{(1.96675 \times 410) + (1 \times 321) + (1 \times 43)} = 0.66 \text{ for other home-based providers}$$

For data in the last two categories, which treat all registered/certified family child care homes as a single group, proportional weights were calculated based on all 1,803 provider respondents using the above method. The resulting proportional weights were:

- 1.61 for DOE-registered family child care homes and 0.82 for all other providers

Data not affected by the sampling were not weighted:

- Data on the actual numbers of providers on state lists in total and in comparison to previous years (e.g., Table 2. Changes in Louisiana's Child Care Provider Numbers and Capacity from 2005 to 2014)
- Data on centers and/or school-based providers only

For all data presented in the report, whether weighted or not, the response counts presented are actual counts rather than weighted counts.

Louisiana Statewide Child Care Market Rate Data Profile 2014

Type of Care	Responses	Mean	Std. Error of Mean	Mode	Standard Deviation	Variance	Coefficient of Variance	Minimum	Maximum	Percentiles 25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care												
Infants	1,019	$112.64	1.03	$100.00	$31.36	983.29	.28	$15.00	$250.00	$95.00	$110.00	$125.00
Toddlers	1,153	$108.30	.96	$100.00	$31.11	967.78	.29	$15.00	$273.26	$90.00	$105.00	$125.00
Threes	1,147	$104.72	.89	$100.00	$28.51	813.02	.27	$15.00	$260.00	$90.00	$100.00	$120.00
Fours	1,044	$105.29	.91	$100.00	$27.87	776.81	.26	$15.00	$260.00	$90.00	$100.00	$120.00
Fives	753	$99.62	1.11	$100.00	$28.94	837.46	.29	$15.00	$260.00	$80.00	$100.00	$116.28
Average weekday weekly rate	1,252	$104.61	.91	$100.00	$30.84	951.14	.29	$15.00	$263.31	$88.24	$101.09	$122.00
Out-of-School-Time Care												
Before-school only	382	$44.66	1.49	$25.00	$27.36	748.44	.61	$3.49	$175.00	$25.00	$37.49	$55.36
After-school only	534	$49.72	1.13	$50.00	$24.75	612.70	.50	$8.00	$175.00	$34.88	$45.00	$60.00
Before- and after-school	550	$62.69	1.07	$50.00	$23.82	567.44	.38	$15.00	$225.00	$50.00	$60.00	$75.00
Summer	737	$100.89	1.05	$100.00	$26.94	725.58	.27	$15.00	$237.50	$85.80	$100.00	$115.00
Night/Overnight Care												
Infants	97	$114.62	4.78	$100.00	$44.70	1997.79	.39	$20.00	$375.00	$90.00	$100.00	$125.00
Toddlers	108	$109.04	4.56	$100.00	$45.19	2041.93	.41	$20.00	$375.00	$90.00	$100.00	$125.00
Threes	108	$107.17	4.51	$100.00	$44.68	1996.46	.42	$20.00	$375.00	$85.00	$100.00	$120.00
Fours	105	$106.21	4.71	$100.00	$45.69	2087.26	.43	$20.00	$375.00	$80.00	$100.00	$124.98
Fives	95	$105.30	5.17	$100.00	$47.93	2297.34	.46	$20.00	$375.00	$80.00	$100.00	$117.86
Ages 5-12	121	$97.60	4.27	$100.00	$45.64	2083.09	.47	$25.00	$375.00	$75.00	$93.92	$100.00
Average night/overnight weekly rate	141	$98.58	3.75	$100.00	$43.26	1871.27	.44	$20.00	$375.00	$76.14	$100.00	$108.33
Weekend Care												
Infants	109	$48.89	3.16	$40.00	$31.44	988.20	.64	$10.00	$220.00	$32.00	$40.00	$50.00
Toddlers	105	$47.79	3.16	$40.00	$30.93	956.89	.65	$10.00	$220.00	$32.00	$40.00	$50.00
Threes	106	$45.29	2.93	$40.00	$28.79	829.00	.64	$10.00	$220.00	$32.00	$38.95	$50.00
Fours	107	$44.73	2.68	$40.00	$26.43	698.78	.59	$10.00	$190.00	$31.05	$40.00	$50.00
Fives	98	$44.49	2.74	$40.00	$25.99	675.43	.58	$10.00	$190.00	$30.00	$40.00	$50.00
Ages 5-12	112	$41.21	2.38	$40.00	$24.43	596.70	.59	$10.00	$190.00	$30.00	$36.00	$45.71
Average weekend (two-day) rate	142	$43.44	2.27	$40.00	$25.93	672.23	.60	$10.00	$205.00	$30.86	$37.33	$47.58

Note: The average rate is the average weekly rate per provider across all age groups for that type of care. Statistics are weighted to adjust for sampling of DOE-registered family child care homes. Responses are actual response counts (not weighted).

Zone 1 Child Care Weekly Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles		
			25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	398	115.00	125.00	150.00
	Class B child care centers	61	125.00	130.45	146.12
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	215	90.00	100.00	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	74.02	117.07	156.12
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	444	110.00	125.00	140.00
	Class B child care centers	107	104.43	125.00	140.00
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	223	80.00	100.00	116.07
	Certified in-home child care providers	7	70.23	79.12	137.37
Threes	Class A child care centers	445	105.00	120.00	135.00
	Class B child care centers	117	99.37	118.40	130.62
	Class E school-based programs	4	89.57	113.47	155.13
	Registered/certified family child care homes	198	80.00	100.00	110.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	8	70.76	75.00	111.44
Fours	Class A child care centers	423	105.00	119.79	135.00
	Class B child care centers	106	98.31	116.99	130.00
	Class E school-based programs	6	34.98	122.80	137.89
	Registered/certified family child care homes	169	80.00	100.00	115.70
	Certified in-home child care providers	8	71.52	100.00	111.44
Fives	Class A child care centers	300	100.00	115.00	130.00
	Class B child care centers	55	85.10	110.55	125.00
	Class E school-based programs	1	34.88	34.88	34.88
	Registered/certified family child care homes	135	75.00	95.00	105.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	73.30	90.25	140.50
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	450	108.00	120.00	138.00
	Class B child care centers	122	100.00	120.00	135.07
	Class E school-based programs	7	37.75	112.78	144.78
	Registered/certified family child care homes	248	78.06	100.00	111.51
	Certified in-home child care providers	14	64.15	75.00	111.04
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	191	30.00	39.77	55.00
	Class B child care centers	38	17.26	28.46	40.00

Zone 1 Child Care Weekly Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles		
			25th	50th	75th
	Class E school-based programs	8	10.00	10.00	19.29
	Registered/certified family child care homes	54	25.00	35.00	61.81
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	48.75	75.00	120.74
After-school care	Class A child care centers	236	35.00	45.00	57.98
	Class B child care centers	49	36.23	50.00	64.84
	Class E school-based programs	18	31.52	34.88	37.07
	Registered/certified family child care homes	68	25.00	43.63	68.70
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	37.07	74.02	110.37
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	253	52.27	65.00	75.00
	Class B child care centers	46	48.30	65.00	73.02
	Class E school-based programs	10	34.96	35.00	52.07
	Registered/certified family child care homes	86	46.51	50.00	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	64.15	90.25	119.15
Summer care	Class A child care centers	307	100.00	115.00	125.00
	Class B child care centers	54	101.16	110.00	125.00
	Class E school-based programs	2	70.00	88.30	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	117	75.00	100.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	9	71.39	79.40	123.32
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	13	110.00	113.22	125.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	30	100.00	130.38	150.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	72.77	119.37	191.62
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	13	104.55	112.55	123.32
	Registered/certified family child care homes	33	100.00	115.40	146.56
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	74.02	103.72	185.37
Threes	Class A child care centers	13	100.00	110.27	118.32
	Registered/certified family child care homes	32	93.37	100.00	150.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	7	72.64	113.87	179.12
Fours	Class A child care centers	13	95.00	100.55	117.65
	Registered/certified family child care homes	32	85.80	100.00	135.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	7	76.37	113.87	175.82
Fives	Class A child care centers	12	95.00	100.00	111.86
	Registered/certified family child care homes	28	80.00	100.00	128.37
	Certified in-home child care providers	7	74.32	113.87	175.82
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	13	86.39	95.45	109.99

Zone 1 Child Care Weekly Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles		
			25th	50th	75th
	Registered/certified family child care homes	34	75.46	100.00	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	11	70.14	79.12	154.12
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	13	100.00	104.60	113.89
	Registered/certified family child care homes	43	82.12	100.00	129.90
	Certified in-home child care providers	12	70.76	79.57	125.00
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Class A child care centers	9	48.22	60.90	76.65
	Registered/certified family child care homes	31	37.56	50.00	60.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	29.11	50.97	78.32
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	9	48.22	60.90	76.65
	Registered/certified family child care homes	28	38.45	42.57	60.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	29.11	40.29	78.32
Threes	Class A child care centers	9	43.33	60.90	76.65
	Registered/certified family child care homes	29	35.41	40.00	60.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	28.55	32.20	69.95
Fours	Class A child care centers	9	43.33	60.90	76.65
	Registered/certified family child care homes	31	34.09	40.00	60.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	29.61	40.00	62.45
Fives	Class A child care centers	9	43.33	60.90	76.65
	Registered/certified family child care homes	27	32.78	40.00	57.33
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	29.32	42.20	75.32
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	8	41.83	60.00	70.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	27	30.00	40.00	55.54
	Certified in-home child care providers	10	28.00	36.10	64.98
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	9	44.81	60.90	76.65
	Registered/certified family child care homes	39	33.63	40.00	55.92
	Certified in-home child care providers	12	28.30	37.27	57.62

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care; Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care.

Zone 2 Child Care Weekly Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles		
			25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	149	99.87	104.97	115.06
	Class B child care centers	18	83.00	100.00	112.61
	Class E school-based programs	1	93.02	93.02	93.02
	Registered/certified family child care homes	165	75.00	85.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	58.05	75.00	100.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	165	97.50	100.08	110.00
	Class B child care centers	24	81.13	94.23	103.19
	Class E school-based programs	1	93.02	93.02	93.02
	Registered/certified family child care homes	176	75.00	80.00	95.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	66.50	87.20	100.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	164	92.66	100.00	105.00
	Class B child care centers	29	81.69	94.82	104.31
	Class E school-based programs	1	93.02	93.02	93.02
	Registered/certified family child care homes	174	75.00	80.00	90.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	7	60.03	74.77	87.47
Fours	Class A child care centers	154	92.36	100.00	105.00
	Class B child care centers	26	83.00	95.00	105.00
	Class E school-based programs	1	83.72	83.72	83.72
	Registered/certified family child care homes	144	75.00	80.00	90.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	7	70.23	75.00	85.39
Fives	Class A child care centers	115	90.00	100.00	105.00
	Class B child care centers	16	75.47	90.00	104.26
	Class E school-based programs	1	83.72	83.72	83.72
	Registered/certified family child care homes	114	75.00	80.00	90.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	10	66.04	72.50	75.00
Weekday Care Summary					
Average rates across five age groups	Class A child care centers	169	93.00	100.00	108.93
	Class B child care centers	30	82.46	96.61	105.00
	Class E school-based programs	1	89.30	89.30	89.30
	Registered/certified family child care homes	196	75.00	80.00	92.11
	Certified in-home child care providers	15	68.65	75.00	86.65
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	45	25.00	35.00	50.00
	Class B child care centers	1	65.00	65.00	65.00

Zone 2 Child Care Weekly Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles		
			25th	50th	75th
	Class E school-based programs	1	10.00	10.00	10.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	37	25.00	50.00	81.91
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	75.00	77.75	.
After-school care	Class A child care centers	79	35.00	45.00	55.00
	Class B child care centers	14	29.02	43.05	55.00
	Class E school-based programs	1	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	58	25.00	50.00	80.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	75.00	75.00	91.62
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	75	45.00	55.00	65.79
	Class B child care centers	5	55.81	64.59	71.65
	Class E school-based programs	1	35.00	35.00	35.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	60	45.00	60.00	85.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	8	71.25	75.00	94.13
Summer care	Class A child care centers	125	90.00	100.00	100.83
	Class B child care centers	12	81.52	95.00	105.49
	Class E school-based programs	1	83.72	83.72	83.72
	Registered/certified family child care homes	102	75.00	81.32	98.68
	Certified in-home child care providers	8	69.38	75.00	91.49
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	11	100.00	100.55	125.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	35	80.00	91.48	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	76.13	97.75	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	12	100.00	100.00	122.50
	Registered/certified family child care homes	41	80.00	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	76.13	97.75	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	11	95.23	100.00	124.10
	Registered/certified family child care homes	42	78.16	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	73.19	86.65	.
Fours	Class A child care centers	12	94.38	100.00	120.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	37	75.00	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	73.26	79.57	98.51
Fives	Class A child care centers	11	92.84	100.00	124.10
	Registered/certified family child care homes	34	75.00	90.76	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	72.64	77.75	.
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	12	94.38	100.00	118.75

Zone 2 Child Care Weekly Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles		
			25th	50th	75th
	Registered/certified family child care homes	47	73.81	89.82	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	73.13	75.00	97.87
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	12	96.56	100.00	121.04
	Registered/certified family child care homes	54	75.00	85.48	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	7	74.77	80.27	99.21
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Class A child care centers	7	37.16	49.10	51.91
	Registered/certified family child care homes	52	32.00	36.00	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	21.82	30.90	40.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	7	37.16	49.10	51.91
	Registered/certified family child care homes	51	32.00	36.00	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	21.55	30.90	40.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	7	35.05	41.10	51.91
	Registered/certified family child care homes	51	31.00	34.49	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	21.55	30.44	37.99
Fours	Class A child care centers	7	35.05	41.10	51.91
	Registered/certified family child care homes	49	30.00	34.49	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	22.32	29.87	36.65
Fives	Class A child care centers	7	35.05	41.10	51.91
	Registered/certified family child care homes	44	30.00	35.10	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	21.55	30.00	36.65
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	7	35.05	41.10	51.91
	Registered/certified family child care homes	52	30.00	34.00	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	8	27.75	30.00	39.15
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	7	35.76	44.07	51.91
	Registered/certified family child care homes	65	30.64	33.84	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	10	29.25	30.00	40.00

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care; Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care.

Region 1 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted) 25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	110	125.00	130.00	150.00
	Class B child care centers	14	128.46	143.97	160.31
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	47	100.00	109.55	125.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	119	115.00	125.00	147.93
	Class B child care centers	30	104.01	139.53	152.75
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	50	100.00	100.00	120.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	119	110.00	120.00	139.98
	Class B child care centers	30	95.59	114.92	144.41
	Class E school-based programs	3	101.21	126.06	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	46	100.00	100.00	120.00
Fours	Class A child care centers	110	110.00	120.00	140.00
	Class B child care centers	25	91.13	113.17	144.66
	Class E school-based programs	3	122.16	123.92	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	39	100.00	100.00	122.79
Fives	Class A child care centers	80	101.25	115.00	135.00
	Class B child care centers	7	87.24	118.89	197.81
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	29	85.37	100.00	121.73
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	121	113.00	121.70	141.55
	Class B child care centers	34	98.54	128.50	151.04
	Class E school-based programs	3	112.20	124.47	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	51	100.00	100.00	120.00
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	51	29.32	35.00	49.77
	Class B child care centers	10	11.40	20.74	30.44
	Class E school-based programs	2	5.00	20.25	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	14	25.00	25.32	45.87
After-school care	Class A child care centers	57	30.00	40.00	55.00
	Class B child care centers	11	30.77	40.06	66.74
	Class E school-based programs	3	35.00	35.00	35.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	14	25.00	35.63	50.00
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	65	50.00	60.00	75.00
	Class B child care centers	8	45.11	66.10	90.43
	Class E school-based programs	1	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	19	49.46	50.72	75.82
Summer care	Class A child care centers	66	100.00	110.00	125.00
	Class B child care centers	7	49.45	123.51	160.25
	Class E school-based programs	0			

Region 1 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Registered/certified family child care homes	25	65.00	100.00	107.70
Night/ overnight care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	3	101.37	125.55	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	123.30	130.00	161.97
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	3	100.69	114.42	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	100.00	122.64	129.32
Threes	Class A child care centers	3	100.69	114.42	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	7	100.00	112.84	134.23
Fours	Class A child care centers	3	100.69	114.42	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	100.00	125.00	161.97
Fives	Class A child care centers	3	100.69	114.42	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	100.00	122.75	174.87
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	3	100.69	114.42	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	100.00	102.59	137.99
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	3	100.80	116.28	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	100.00	107.74	130.26
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Class A child care centers	2	60.00	60.00	60.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	50.00	65.00	80.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	2	60.00	60.00	60.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	40.00	46.27	80.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	2	60.00	60.00	60.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	40.00	60.00	80.00
Fours	Class A child care centers	2	60.00	60.00	60.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	40.00	60.00	80.00
Fives	Class A child care centers	2	60.00	60.00	60.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	40.00	44.40	.
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	2	60.00	60.00	60.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	40.00	40.00	66.93
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	2	60.00	60.00	60.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	40.00	42.71	80.00

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care; Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care. There were no certified in-home care provider respondents in this region.

Region 2 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	91	110.00	125.00	150.00
	Class B child care centers	9	126.87	140.55	169.35
	Registered/certified family child care homes	49	95.00	100.00	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	120.00	123.05	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	100	110.00	125.00	145.00
	Class B child care centers	13	121.98	132.83	162.91
	Registered/certified family child care homes	51	80.00	100.00	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	125.00	125.00	125.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	99	100.07	120.00	135.00
	Class B child care centers	15	120.31	130.22	149.03
	Registered/certified family child care homes	46	79.70	100.00	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Fours	Class A child care centers	92	101.63	120.00	135.00
	Class B child care centers	11	120.43	130.22	147.62
	Registered/certified family child care homes	39	79.23	100.00	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Fives	Class A child care centers	64	96.25	115.00	125.00
	Class B child care centers	6	104.61	130.32	152.82
	Registered/certified family child care homes	32	73.50	100.00	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	100	105.09	120.00	141.75
	Class B child care centers	15	120.31	133.33	153.27
	Registered/certified family child care homes	57	75.00	100.00	124.31
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	110.00	116.10	.
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	43	30.14	37.73	45.00
	Class B child care centers	6	6.59	25.00	90.16
	Registered/certified family child care homes	12	25.00	50.00	63.75
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	125.00	125.00	125.00
After-school care	Class A child care centers	51	35.00	40.00	50.82
	Class B child care centers	6	36.78	43.97	110.64
	Registered/certified family child care homes	17	25.00	50.90	66.07
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	125.00	125.00	125.00

Region 2 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	63	55.00	65.00	75.68
	Class B child care centers	7	50.31	56.27	83.14
	Registered/certified family child care homes	22	50.00	51.93	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	125.00	125.00	125.00
Summer care	Class A child care centers	75	90.12	102.73	125.00
	Class B child care centers	7	100.90	120.55	133.73
	Registered/certified family child care homes	28	74.63	100.00	110.95
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	120.00	123.05	.
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	4	110.91	114.22	124.15
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	100.00	107.65	226.23
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	175.00	175.00	175.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	4	110.91	114.22	124.15
	Registered/certified family child care homes	9	94.80	100.00	215.98
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	175.00	175.00	175.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	4	107.44	114.22	119.57
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	91.72	107.65	226.23
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	175.00	175.00	175.00
Fours	Class A child care centers	4	84.15	109.88	119.40
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	87.58	107.65	226.23
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	175.00	175.00	175.00
Fives	Class A child care centers	3	76.37	100.55	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	7	100.00	148.64	236.48
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	175.00	175.00	175.00
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	4	71.52	81.10	103.30
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	86.20	107.65	226.23
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	175.00	175.00	175.00
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	4	97.87	105.78	112.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	10	80.76	100.00	205.74
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	175.00	175.00	175.00
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Class A child care centers	1	46.00	46.00	46.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	11.60	33.01	93.86
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	48.00	64.47	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	1	46.00	46.00	46.00

Region 2 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Registered/certified family child care homes	7	14.95	31.25	76.93
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	1	46.00	46.00	46.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	7	15.41	32.51	76.93
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	50.00	50.00	50.00
Fours	Class A child care centers	1	46.00	46.00	46.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	7	14.95	30.00	76.93
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	50.00	50.00	50.00
Fives	Class A child care centers	1	46.00	46.00	46.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	11.31	31.27	93.86
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	50.00	50.00	50.00
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	1	46.00	46.00	46.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	11.20	31.27	93.86
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	50.00	50.00	50.00
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	1	46.00	46.00	46.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	18.70	30.95	66.93
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	48.00	54.30	.

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care. There were no Class E school-based program respondents in this region.

Region 3 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Weekday care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	57	125.00	150.00	170.00
	Class B child care centers	11	120.23	125.55	142.47
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	25	85.00	108.90	125.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	66	120.00	140.00	155.00
	Class B child care centers	22	92.43	122.50	150.48
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	25	75.43	100.00	125.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	67	114.59	130.00	145.98
	Class B child care centers	24	84.02	111.52	134.15
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	22	78.44	100.00	125.00
Fours	Class A child care centers	67	114.32	128.18	145.06
	Class B child care centers	24	90.92	110.00	134.15
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	22	80.00	100.00	125.00
Fives	Class A child care centers	48	105.00	122.50	140.00
	Class B child care centers	14	80.03	102.84	121.70
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	17	75.00	88.13	123.58
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	67	117.02	133.86	151.17
	Class B child care centers	24	84.83	114.02	141.39
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	30	75.00	100.00	125.00
Out-of-school time care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	38	30.00	40.00	60.00
	Class B child care centers	6	33.05	40.00	54.15
	Class E school-based programs	1	20.00	20.00	20.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	7	30.00	42.70	65.39
After-school care	Class A child care centers	42	35.00	50.00	61.70
	Class B child care centers	8	34.79	47.50	59.15
	Class E school-based programs	2	40.00	43.05	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	38.95	50.00	82.77

Region 3 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	43	55.00	65.00	70.00
	Class B child care centers	10	45.00	60.00	72.07
	Class E school-based programs	1	55.00	55.00	55.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	10	50.00	69.24	81.03
Summer care	Class A child care centers	54	108.30	125.00	145.00
	Class B child care centers	10	103.05	110.00	129.15
	Class E school-based programs	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	15	75.00	88.13	125.00
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	1	125.00	125.00	125.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	100.00	115.25	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	1	115.00	115.00	115.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	90.00	96.10	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	1	105.00	105.00	105.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	75.00	81.27	98.85
Fours	Class A child care centers	1	105.00	105.00	105.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	80.00	92.20	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	1	105.00	105.00	105.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	1	80.00	80.00	80.00
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	80.00	86.10	.
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	1	109.17	109.17	109.17
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	75.00	86.36	100.94
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Class A child care centers	1	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	42.50	50.00	77.45
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	1	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	36.22	41.10	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	34.33	41.10	.
Fours	Class A child care centers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	32.99	51.10	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	32.99	51.10	.
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00

Region 3 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	32.99	51.10	.
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	1	43.33	43.33	43.33
	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	39.33	51.10	73.30

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care; Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care. There were no certified in-home care provider respondents in this region.

Region 4 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	46	120.00	130.00	141.70
	Class B child care centers	10	123.30	132.50	142.07
	Registered/certified family child care homes	37	80.00	100.00	115.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	70.00	73.05	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	54	110.00	125.00	135.00
	Class B child care centers	16	102.50	125.00	133.66
	Registered/certified family child care homes	42	75.00	95.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	30.22	70.55	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	55	110.00	120.00	125.00
	Class B child care centers	19	98.55	119.55	125.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	36	70.53	85.79	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	70.00	73.05	.
Fours	Class A child care centers	51	110.00	120.00	125.00
	Class B child care centers	18	97.41	118.14	125.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	26	75.00	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	70.27	77.75	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	34	110.00	120.00	125.00
	Class B child care centers	9	92.20	120.51	125.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	24	50.00	85.52	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	70.00	73.05	.
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	56	111.84	122.06	130.91
	Class B child care centers	19	98.55	115.55	128.22
	Registered/certified family child care homes	47	71.74	91.67	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	40.74	73.05	97.87
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	28	30.00	36.22	48.75
	Class B child care centers	9	21.66	39.02	68.32
	Class E school-based programs	4	10.00	10.00	10.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	13	20.00	25.00	25.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
After-school care	Class A child care centers	30	35.00	45.00	50.96
	Class B child care centers	10	31.35	50.00	67.07
	Class E school-based programs	5	25.00	25.00	41.62

Region 4 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Registered/certified family child care homes	14	20.00	25.00	25.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	75.00	90.25	.
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	36	50.00	62.50	70.00
	Class B child care centers	9	65.00	70.55	77.99
	Class E school-based programs	3	35.00	35.00	35.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	20	40.00	49.62	55.52
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
Summer care	Class A child care centers	42	110.00	120.00	125.00
	Class B child care centers	11	108.65	116.10	145.68
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	21	93.02	100.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	75.00	120.74	.
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	1	160.00	160.00	160.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	70.00	143.88	166.83
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	70.00	73.05	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	1	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	70.00	143.88	166.83
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	70.00	73.05	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	1	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	70.00	143.88	166.83
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	70.00	73.05	.
Fours	Class A child care centers	1	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	70.00	106.33	160.58
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	70.27	77.75	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	1	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	70.00	90.66	160.58
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	70.00	73.05	.
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	1	200.00	200.00	200.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	71.76	100.00	154.54
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	70.27	83.24	.
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	1	193.33	193.33	193.33
	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	71.61	100.00	148.57
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	70.27	80.50	.
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					

Region 4 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Infants	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	45.11	56.44	66.65
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	28.00	29.22	.
Toddlers	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	45.11	56.44	66.65
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	28.00	29.22	.
Threes	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	42.22	56.44	66.65
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	28.00	29.22	.
Fours	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	38.05	47.66	61.81
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	28.11	31.10	.
Fives	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	37.77	50.66	65.31
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	28.00	29.22	.
5-12 year-olds	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	40.88	57.54	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	28.11	33.30	.
Average across six age groups	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	40.46	49.69	61.81
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	28.11	32.20	.

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care; no Class A centers provided rates for weekend care. Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care. No Class E programs in this region provided weekday rates.

Region 5 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	65	100.00	105.00	115.06
	Class B child care centers	9	92.51	100.55	114.95
	Registered/certified family child care homes	86	75.00	80.22	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	60.82	77.75	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	72	99.83	104.02	111.49
	Class B child care centers	16	92.22	100.71	109.57
	Registered/certified family child care homes	91	75.00	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	76.10	95.55	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	72	95.00	100.00	106.81
	Class B child care centers	19	90.17	101.42	111.23
	Registered/certified family child care homes	89	75.00	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	72.64	76.10	.
Fours	Class A child care centers	64	95.00	100.00	108.94
	Class B child care centers	17	88.76	100.13	108.32
	Registered/certified family child care homes	74	75.00	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	75.00	75.82	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	47	95.00	100.00	105.71
	Class B child care centers	12	90.92	105.00	116.81
	Registered/certified family child care homes	59	75.00	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	66.04	72.50	75.00
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	73	97.28	101.97	109.72
	Class B child care centers	19	90.17	103.62	111.38
	Registered/certified family child care homes	102	75.00	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	10	70.00	75.00	89.15
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	21	25.00	40.55	50.00
	Class B child care centers	2	25.00	26.52	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	24	25.00	50.00	89.91
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	75.00	75.00	75.00
After-school care	Class A child care centers	36	35.00	45.00	50.00
	Class B child care centers	7	35.25	49.06	55.82
	Registered/certified family child care homes	30	41.32	50.00	84.91
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	75.00	75.00	75.00

Region 5 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	26	44.52	55.93	75.00
	Class B child care centers	3	35.50	45.37	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	38	50.00	65.00	89.09
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	71.25	75.00	76.37
Summer care	Class A child care centers	52	95.00	100.00	105.00
	Class B child care centers	8	100.29	103.50	114.57
	Registered/certified family child care homes	57	75.00	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	69.38	75.00	75.00
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	2	100.00	115.25	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	18	78.59	93.07	105.38
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	2	100.00	115.25	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	21	76.39	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	2	100.00	115.25	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	22	75.00	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	85.00	85.00	85.00
Fours	Class A child care centers	2	100.00	115.25	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	19	75.00	85.93	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	75.00	79.57	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	2	100.00	115.25	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	19	65.45	81.10	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	2	100.00	115.25	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	23	64.12	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	75.00	75.00	75.00
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	2	100.00	115.25	.
	Class B child care centers	0			

Region 5 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Registered/certified family child care homes	25	67.07	80.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	75.00	80.27	94.14
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Class A child care centers	3	50.00	53.30	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	21	32.00	40.00	50.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	30.00	36.10	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	3	50.00	53.30	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	20	32.00	40.00	50.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	30.00	36.10	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	3	40.55	53.30	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	22	32.00	39.59	44.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	30.00	32.44	.
Fours	Class A child care centers	3	40.55	53.30	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	21	32.00	38.97	44.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	28.60	29.45	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	3	40.55	53.30	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	19	32.00	40.00	46.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	30.00	30.00	30.00
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	2	40.00	46.10	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	24	30.00	36.00	42.10
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	27.75	30.00	30.00
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	3	43.70	53.30	.
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	27	30.64	35.25	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	29.25	30.00	36.49

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care. There were no Class E school-based program respondents in this region.

Region 6 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	34	109.40	120.00	140.00
	Class B child care centers	4	125.00	125.00	157.02
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	21	90.00	100.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	39	108.33	118.18	135.00
	Class B child care centers	7	100.55	116.10	136.65
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	21	75.00	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	40	105.00	117.33	126.60
	Class B child care centers	7	100.55	116.10	130.82
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	18	75.40	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Fours	Class A child care centers	39	104.95	118.18	127.18
	Class B child care centers	7	100.55	116.10	130.82
	Class E school-based programs	3	34.89	47.64	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	14	75.00	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Fives	Class A child care centers	28	104.74	119.00	125.00
	Class B child care centers	4	89.57	106.10	128.30
	Class E school-based programs	1	34.88	34.88	34.88
	Registered/certified family child care homes	12	75.00	75.00	90.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	40	105.00	118.14	130.00
	Class B child care centers	7	105.27	118.05	127.31
	Class E school-based programs	3	34.89	47.64	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	23	75.00	91.87	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	11	20.23	25.55	54.12
	Class B child care centers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00

Region 6 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Class E school-based programs	1	11.63	11.63	11.63
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	25.00	37.50	50.00
After-school care	Class A child care centers	20	36.25	43.78	55.00
	Class B child care centers	3	34.89	35.55	.
	Class E school-based programs	8	34.88	34.88	34.99
	Registered/certified family child care homes	5	19.55	47.75	94.08
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	14	50.00	60.00	73.30
	Class B child care centers	1	50.00	50.00	50.00
	Class E school-based programs	4	34.88	34.95	39.15
	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	48.05	50.00	106.89
Summer care	Class A child care centers	25	102.27	116.61	122.73
	Class B child care centers	4	91.40	108.44	132.87
	Class E school-based programs	1	70.00	70.00	70.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	75.00	80.00	92.16
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	115.76	132.93	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	105.00	106.27	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	90.00	90.00	90.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	95.00	95.63	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Fours	Class A child care centers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	95.00	95.63	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Fives	Class A child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	85.00	86.90	
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	85.00	86.90	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	100.00	100.63	.

Region 6 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	82.50	82.50	82.50
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	40.76	57.93	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Toddlers	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	40.76	57.93	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	36.00	36.00	36.00
Threes	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	41.04	56.40	60.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Fours	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	41.04	56.40	60.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Fives	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	41.04	56.40	60.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	30.00	30.00	30.00
5-12 year-olds	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	36.92	57.51	
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Average across six age groups	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	41.98	56.40	60.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	33.00	33.00	33.00

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care; Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care. No Class A centers provided rates for weekend care. No certified in-home care providers reported rates for out-of-school time care.

Region 7 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	40	100.00	110.00	123.75
	Class B child care centers	7	95.60	110.69	120.35
	Registered/certified family child care homes	20	80.00	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	46	98.67	105.00	115.00
	Class B child care centers	7	68.41	98.65	111.04
	Registered/certified family child care homes	20	80.00	83.05	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	45	95.00	100.00	106.66
	Class B child care centers	8	72.80	99.55	110.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	22	77.45	80.00	97.69
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Fours	Class A child care centers	44	95.00	100.00	107.29
	Class B child care centers	8	72.80	99.55	110.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	16	80.00	80.00	98.61
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Fives	Class A child care centers	30	84.41	100.00	110.00
	Class B child care centers	3	68.41	87.75	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	13	78.40	80.00	95.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	47	93.11	104.66	110.98
	Class B child care centers	9	78.85	102.88	113.85
	Registered/certified family child care homes	23	78.47	85.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	15	29.32	40.90	59.77
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	3	41.08	60.00	87.70
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
After-school care	Class A child care centers	22	45.00	55.61	60.00
	Class B child care centers	3	25.82	41.65	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	25.00	47.50	82.91
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00

Region 7 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	30	45.00	60.00	65.00
	Class B child care centers	3	50.82	66.10	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	34.88	51.04	82.76
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Summer care	Class A child care centers	34	85.00	95.00	100.00
	Class B child care centers	3	75.55	86.65	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	60.00	85.52	95.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Registered/certified family child care homes	1	80.00	80.00	80.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Toddlers	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	80.00	107.45	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Threes	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	80.00	107.45	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Fours	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	80.00	107.45	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Fives	Registered/certified family child care homes	2	80.00	122.69	.
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
5-12 year-olds	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	82.24	86.90	133.66
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Average across six age groups	Registered/certified family child care homes	4	82.24	86.90	123.56
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	100.00	100.00	100.00
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Registered/certified family child care homes	7	27.75	33.43	108.46
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
Toddlers	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	26.11	32.00	112.32
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
Threes	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	26.11	32.00	97.59
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
Fours	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	26.11	32.00	85.50
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
Fives	Registered/certified family child care homes	6	26.11	32.00	70.77
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
5-12 year-olds	Registered/certified family child care homes	9	32.00	34.00	44.53

Region 7 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
Average across six age groups	Registered/certified family child care homes	9	32.00	34.00	44.69
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00

Note: No Class A or B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care. There were no Class E school-based program respondents in this region.

Region 8 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted) 25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	64	100.00	109.00	120.00
	Class B child care centers	13	111.63	129.73	138.32
	Class E school-based programs	1	93.02	93.02	93.02
	Registered/certified family child care homes	49	80.00	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	50.00	65.25	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	71	99.66	105.00	115.00
	Class B child care centers	16	98.38	122.50	137.02
	Class E school-based programs	1	93.02	93.02	93.02
	Registered/certified family child care homes	51	78.74	88.85	95.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	50.00	65.25	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	69	95.00	100.00	105.54
	Class B child care centers	18	91.16	110.00	125.00
	Class E school-based programs	1	93.02	93.02	93.02
	Registered/certified family child care homes	47	80.00	90.00	95.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	43.05	63.72	74.79
Fours	Class A child care centers	67	95.00	100.00	105.13
	Class B child care centers	17	90.75	106.10	123.32
	Class E school-based programs	1	83.72	83.72	83.72
	Registered/certified family child care homes	43	80.00	86.36	91.12
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	38.87	70.55	91.62
Fives	Class A child care centers	53	88.64	100.00	100.00
	Class B child care centers	12	66.52	85.85	104.26
	Class E school-based programs	1	83.72	83.72	83.72
	Registered/certified family child care homes	31	80.00	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	51.10	70.55	.
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	71	95.00	101.09	109.93
	Class B child care centers	19	91.78	113.37	122.77
	Class E school-based programs	1	89.30	89.30	89.30
	Registered/certified family child care homes	59	75.00	87.50	95.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	7	40.55	70.27	79.12
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	24	26.25	46.10	65.00
	Class B child care centers	5	17.77	33.85	69.65

Region 8 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Class E school-based programs	1	10.00	10.00	10.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	50.00	62.82	91.28
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	40.00	40.00	40.00
After-school care	Class A child care centers	36	38.13	50.00	61.14
	Class B child care centers	12	46.52	57.50	66.83
	Class E school-based programs	1	25.00	25.00	25.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	22	25.00	46.83	80.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	29.57	59.82	74.79
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	42	50.00	61.83	75.00
	Class B child care centers	10	57.45	65.00	70.24
	Class E school-based programs	1	35.00	35.00	35.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	13	50.00	59.40	75.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	33.32	77.75	109.97
Summer care	Class A child care centers	56	90.00	100.00	105.00
	Class B child care centers	13	97.77	110.00	120.00
	Class E school-based programs	1	83.72	83.72	83.72
	Registered/certified family child care homes	25	75.00	85.14	93.04
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	33.32	72.77	101.60
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	10	100.00	110.00	121.70
	Registered/certified family child care homes	11	90.00	100.00	130.31
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	10	100.00	105.00	121.70
	Registered/certified family child care homes	11	86.22	94.86	109.23
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	10	94.02	100.00	115.10
	Registered/certified family child care homes	11	86.22	94.86	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	72.50	78.27	.
Fours	Class A child care centers	10	93.30	100.00	108.50
	Registered/certified family child care homes	11	77.86	90.90	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	72.50	104.52	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	10	93.30	100.00	108.50
	Registered/certified family child care homes	9	86.53	100.00	104.23
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	72.50	104.52	.
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	10	93.30	97.50	108.50

Region 8 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Registered/certified family child care homes	13	58.66	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	33.32	69.57	107.41
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	10	97.73	100.51	112.90
	Registered/certified family child care homes	18	72.35	90.00	111.10
	Certified in-home child care providers	5	33.32	72.59	107.69
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Class A child care centers	7	40.54	53.62	94.73
	Registered/certified family child care homes	16	32.82	36.00	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	15.00	24.15	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	7	40.54	53.62	94.73
	Registered/certified family child care homes	14	32.05	35.83	40.69
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	14.50	23.95	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	7	38.63	53.62	94.73
	Registered/certified family child care homes	13	28.98	34.24	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	15.30	29.11	.
Fours	Class A child care centers	7	38.63	53.62	89.79
	Registered/certified family child care homes	13	28.98	34.24	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	15.35	31.10	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	7	38.63	53.62	89.79
	Registered/certified family child care homes	10	29.29	33.13	39.74
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	15.35	35.50	.
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	7	38.63	53.62	89.79
	Registered/certified family child care homes	12	25.00	32.09	37.62
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	22.95	29.61	56.60
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	7	38.63	53.62	92.26
	Registered/certified family child care homes	20	31.53	33.98	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	6	22.97	29.61	56.60

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care; Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care.

Region 9 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
Weekday Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	40	95.82	110.00	125.00
	Class B child care centers	2	80.00	80.00	80.00
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	46	80.00	90.00	102.83
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	112.50	165.87	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	42	97.15	111.83	120.00
	Class B child care centers	4	79.30	80.00	130.32
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	48	80.00	90.00	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	112.50	165.87	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	43	94.32	109.31	120.00
	Class B child care centers	6	66.24	87.94	124.05
	Class E school-based programs	1	85.00	85.00	85.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	46	75.00	83.38	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	64.09	97.87	192.55
Fours	Class A child care centers	43	90.14	109.69	120.00
	Class B child care centers	5	61.99	95.58	128.73
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	40	75.00	85.33	100.78
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	112.50	153.67	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	31	89.66	100.21	119.83
	Class B child care centers	4	45.25	102.13	133.41
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	32	71.52	80.00	90.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	112.50	153.67	.
Weekday Care Summary					
Average across five age groups	Class A child care centers	44	92.37	105.76	120.75
	Class B child care centers	6	68.25	80.00	124.05
	Class E school-based programs	1	85.00	85.00	85.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	52	75.00	81.47	96.90
	Certified in-home child care providers	4	64.09	97.87	185.23
Out-of-School Time Care					
Before-school care	Class A child care centers	5	30.92	50.55	77.96
	Class B child care centers	0			

Region 9 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	8	25.00	46.51	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	75.00	75.00	75.00
After-school care	Class A child care centers	21	44.12	50.00	55.00
	Class B child care centers	3	30.55	41.10	.
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	12	29.22	50.43	99.48
	Certified in-home child care providers	0			
Before- and after-school care	Class A child care centers	9	41.82	54.55	55.00
	Class B child care centers	0			
	Class E school-based programs	1	85.00	85.00	85.00
	Registered/certified family child care homes	12	25.00	48.35	63.94
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	70.00	88.30	.
Summer care	Class A child care centers	28	93.26	110.00	118.75
	Class B child care centers	3	81.10	101.10	.
	Class E school-based programs	0			
	Registered/certified family child care homes	32	50.00	80.00	92.50
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	70.27	76.98	.
Night/Overnight Care					
Infants	Class A child care centers	3	92.91	100.55	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	13	82.94	100.00	125.91
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	112.50	165.87	.
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	3	92.91	100.55	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	15	86.01	99.32	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	112.50	165.87	.
Threes	Class A child care centers	3	87.91	95.55	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	15	84.69	99.32	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	112.50	165.87	.
Fours	Class A child care centers	3	87.77	93.32	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	14	82.64	100.00	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	112.50	153.67	.
Fives	Class A child care centers	3	87.77	93.32	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	12	77.05	95.00	125.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	2	112.50	153.67	.
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	3	87.77	93.32	.

Region 9 Weekly Child Care Rate Percentiles

Age Group	Type of Provider	Responses	Percentiles (weighted)		
			25th	50th	75th
	Registered/certified family child care homes	18	50.00	85.65	100.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	77.06	119.92	.
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	3	89.51	96.10	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	20	50.00	89.75	108.83
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	77.06	121.02	.
Weekend Care (2-day rate)					
Infants	Class A child care centers	2	20.00	30.37	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	18	32.00	36.08	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	80.00	80.00	80.00
Toddlers	Class A child care centers	2	20.00	30.37	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	17	32.00	36.49	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	80.00	80.00	80.00
Threes	Class A child care centers	2	19.00	28.76	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	17	30.55	35.11	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	80.00	80.00	80.00
Fours	Class A child care centers	2	18.50	28.56	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	17	30.00	35.11	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	80.00	80.00	80.00
Fives	Class A child care centers	2	18.50	28.56	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	16	30.00	35.00	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	1	72.00	72.00	72.00
5-12 year-olds	Class A child care centers	2	18.50	28.56	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	16	24.75	31.13	37.67
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	29.10	50.64	.
Average across six age groups	Class A child care centers	2	19.08	29.20	.
	Registered/certified family child care homes	21	30.55	35.67	40.00
	Certified in-home child care providers	3	29.10	51.22	.

Note: No Class B centers provided rates for night/overnight or weekend care; Class E school-based programs were not asked for rates for these types of care.

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Dear Early Learning and Development Program Leader:

The Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) is surveying programs regarding the ***2014*** cost of child care, early childhood education, and before/after-school care statewide as part of our Child Care and Development Fund State Plan development. The information you provide will help us compile a comprehensive profile of early care and education in Louisiana.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible, ***even if you do not charge*** for the child care and early education services you provide. ***You may complete the survey online or on the enclosed survey form.*** To complete the survey online, type the link below into your browser's address bar and then log in with the five-digit number printed above your name and the zip code on this letter.

https://caresolutions.com/LAece/

If you ***complete*** the survey online, you do not need to return a paper survey form. However, if you prefer to complete the attached survey form, please return the completed form to our survey consultants, Care Solutions, Inc., in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope.

If yours is a program with multiple sites, please complete a separate survey form for each site. Each site should have received its own letter and form. If this is not the case, please contact our survey consultants (see below). If you prefer, you may email the consultants to request a customized spreadsheet version of the survey.

This survey is being sent by Care Solutions to licensed child care centers (Class A and Class B), school-based child care and preschool programs, registered family child day care homes and certified in-home child care providers across the state. If you have any questions, please do not call your DCFS office or the Department of Education. Contact Care Solutions toll-free at 800-227-3410 or email **LAece@caresolutions.com**. They will be happy to answer your questions.

Your participation is crucial and will help us get the most accurate information possible. Thank you for your help in this important effort!

Sincerely,

Kim Matherne
Executive Director, Economic Stability

Louisiana 2014 Child Care Market Rate Survey
(Class A, Class B, and School-Based Child Care and Early Childhood Education)

This survey should be completed by the director or assistant director of your child care center or program.
Please read all instructions, complete all questions and mark boxes carefully. Thank you!

1. Does your center, program or school currently provide child care, early childhood education (prior to kindergarten), or before/after-school care?

(Check one:) **YES** ❑ → ***IF YES, please continue with Question #2.***

NO ❑ → ***IF NO, please skip the rest of the questionnaire and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope so we can update our records.***

2. Your center/program/school is: *(Check one:)*

- A child care center based in a church ❑
- A corporate-sponsored child care center serving employees ❑
- A child care program in an elementary or middle school ❑
- A privately owned and operated independent child care center ❑
- An Early Head Start or Head Start Center ❑
- A full-day or half-day non-profit or faith-based preschool ❑
- Other full-day or half-day private preschool ❑
- A publicly-funded preschool, pre-k, or special needs preschool ❑

Another type of child care/early childhood education center/program *(please specify:)* _____

3. Your center/program is: *(Check one:)*

- A child care center or program with only one site ❑
- Part of a chain of centers or programs with more than one site ❑

4. What kind of child care or early education does your center or program provide? *(Check all that apply:)*

- Weekday child care *(Monday-Friday, typically from 7 am to 6 pm)* ❑
- Drop-in child care *(for short periods of time as space is available)* ❑
- Night-time or overnight child care *(typically between 6 pm and 7 am)* ❑
- Weekend child care *(between Friday night and Sunday night)* ❑
- Half-day preschool, pre-k, or special needs preschool ❑
- Full-day preschool, pre-k, or special needs preschool ❑
- Before and/or after-school care ❑
- Summer care for school-aged children ❑

5. For each age group listed below, please write in the number of children currently enrolled in your center/program.

Infants (6 wks – 12 months): _____

Toddlers (13 – 35 months): _____

3-year-olds: _____

4-year-olds: _____

5-year-olds not in school: _____

Children ages 5-12 (school-age): _____

Total number of children enrolled: _____

6. For how many of the enrolled children do you receive child care assistance (CCAP)? _____

7. How many of the enrolled children are enrolled part-time? _____

8. How many of the enrolled children are enrolled in night-time or overnight child care? _____

9. How many school-age children are enrolled in before- and/or after-school care? _____

10. Estimated enrollment of school-age children in summer care/program: _____

11. For which reasons have families receiving child care assistance (CCAP) left your center/program? *(Check all that apply:)*

- They did not want to pay the co-payment ❑
- They could not afford the co-payment ❑
- The child was moved to a free pre-k or Head Start program ❑
- The child went to kindergarten ❑
- They were dissatisfied with my center/program ❑
- My center/program asked them to leave ❑

Other *(please specify:)* _____

12. Does your center receive money from the state's food program for children in your care? No ❑ Yes ❑ → If yes, for how many children? _____

13. How long has your center/program been providing child care or early education? *(Check one:)*

Less than one year ❑ 1 to 2 years ❑ 3 to 5 years ❑ 6 to 9 years ❑ 10 years or more ❑

14. Do you provide care for children who are sick? No ❑ Yes ❑

15. Do you currently care for/serve children with:

Physical disabilities:	No ❑	Yes ❑	→ How many enrolled? _____
Mental/emotional disabilities:	No ❑	Yes ❑	→ How many enrolled? _____
Other special needs (attention deficit, hyperactivity, behavior disorders):	No ❑	Yes ❑	→ How many enrolled? _____

For questions about this survey, please call 1-800-227-3410.

Please complete all pages of the survey – thank you!

INSTRUCTIONS: *(For Questions 16-19, below)*

1. *If you **do not** charge or receive payment for child care, go to Question 21.*
2. *If you **do** charge or receive payment for child care:*
   a. *Write in **the total amount** you charge by age group (how much you charge parents **plus** the amount CCAP pays); and*
   b. *For each amount written in, check the box in that row to show whether that total amount is for one hour, day, evening, overnight, week, weekend, etc., of care; **check only one box in each row**.*

16. If you provide weekday child care/early education, how much do you charge for each of the following age groups?

(Child care Monday-Friday, typically from 7 am to 6 pm)

Check box to indicate whether your weekday program is: Half-day ❑ OR Full-day ❑

Infants (6 wks – 12 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
Toddlers (13 – 35 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
3-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
4-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
5-year-olds not in kindergarten or 1st grade	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑

17. If you provide child care at night or overnight, how much do you charge?

(Child care evenings/nights between 6 pm and 7 am)

Infants (6 wks – 12 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
Toddlers (13 – 35 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
3-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
4-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
5-year-olds not in kindergarten or 1st grade	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
5-12-year-olds (school age)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑

18. If you provide child care on the weekend, how much do you charge?

(Child care between Friday night and Sunday night)

Infants (6 wks – 12 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
Toddlers (13 – 35 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
3-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
4-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
5-year-olds not in kindergarten or 1st grade	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
5-12-year-olds (school age)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑

19. If you provide before-school or after-school care, or summer care for school-age children, how much do you charge?

BEFORE-school only	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
AFTER-school only	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
BEFORE & AFTER school	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
School-age SUMMER care	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑

20. If you provide drop-in child care, how much do you charge?

(Child care for short periods of time when you have space available) Drop-in care $ _____ for one: hour ❑ day ❑

21. Do you charge a registration fee? No ❑ Yes ❑ → ***IF YES***, how much do you charge? $_____ per year

22. Do you provide transportation: To and/or from school? No ❑ Yes ❑
To and/or from the child's home? No ❑ Yes ❑

23. Are you now participating or do you plan to participate in *Quality Start*, Louisiana's star rating system for child care centers?

Yes, already participating ❑ | Yes, plan to start in 2014 or 2015 ❑ | Have no plans to participate at this time ❑ | Not sure whether or not to participate ❑ | Have not heard of Quality Start ❑

Note: ***To become accredited, a child care or early education program chooses to go through a review and improvement program supervised by an outside agency. This is not the same as but is in addition to state licensing.***

24. Is your child care program accredited by a group such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA)? Yes ❑ No ❑

25. *IF YES:* My program is ***already*** accredited by:

NAEYC ❑
NECPA ❑
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) ❑
Other *(please specify:)* _____

26. *IF NO:* My program is ***preparing to be*** accredited by:

NAEYC ❑
NECPA ❑
SACS ❑
Other (please specify:) _____
I have no plans to seek accreditation at this time ❑

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27. At your center or program, what is the *current total* number of full-time and part-time staff in each category (excluding K-12 teachers unless providing preschool, pre-k or before/after-school care or education):

Directors/Assistant Directors: _____ Lead teachers: _____ Assistant Teachers: _____ Other employees: _____

(Please write in each box the number of full-time and part-time teachers for each question below)	Number of Lead Teachers	Number of Assistant Teachers
28. How many current teachers have been employed in this center/program for 3 or more years?		
29. How many current teachers have at least 3 years of experience in a licensed child care center, Early Head Start or Head Start program, or pre-K program?		
30. How many teachers left your employment in 2013?		
31. How many new teachers did you hire in 2013?		

32. Please write in each box the number of directors/teachers whose highest education level is the degree or education level listed.		Num. of Directors/ Assistant Directors	Num. of Lead Teachers	Num. of Assistant Teachers
Count each person only once for his/her highest degree. *For example, if a teacher has both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, you would count that teacher in the master's degree row but not in the bachelor's degree row.*	Ph.D.			
	Master's degree			
	Bachelor's degree			
	Associate degree			
	Vocational/technical school diploma/certificate			
	High school diploma			
	GED			
	None of the above			
33. How many directors/teachers have a degree in child development, early childhood education or a related field?				
34. How many have a Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate?				
35. How many have a Child Care Professional (CCP) certificate?				

36. What is the average hourly rate you pay your full-time lead and assistant teachers and your part-time teachers for child care, early education, or before/after-school care during the week?

(Check only one box in each column:)	Full-time Lead Teachers	Full-time Assistant Teachers	Part-time teachers
Less than $5.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$5.15 – $6.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$6.16 – $7.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$7.16 – $8.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$8.16 – $9.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$9.16 – $10.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$10.16 or more per hour	❑	❑	❑

37. Have you heard about the state's School Readiness Tax Credits? Yes ❑ No ❑

38. *IF YES:* Do any of your teachers receive the School Readiness Tax Credits? Yes ❑ No ❑

39. What is your primary language? English ❑ French ❑ Spanish ❑ Other ❑

40. What is your title? Owner or Director ❑ Teacher ❑ Other *(please specify:)* _____

41. In which parish is your center/program located? _____

May we contact you if we have any questions? If so, please provide your contact information below:

Telephone number: _____ **Email address:** _____

Thank you for your help in completing this survey!

Please return survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to: Care Solutions, Inc., 1117 Perimeter Center West, Suite W-300, Atlanta, GA 30338

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Dear Child Care Provider:

The Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) is asking child care providers statewide about the ***2014*** cost of child care, including early childhood education and before/after-school care. Your information will help us develop our Child Care and Development Fund State Plan and provide the most accurate information possible.

Please complete the survey as soon as possible, ***even if you do not charge*** for the child care services you provide. ***You may choose to complete the survey online or on the attached paper survey form.***

To complete the survey online, type the link below into your browser's address bar and then log in with the five-digit number printed above your name and the zip code on this letter.

https://caresolutions.com/LAece/

If you ***complete*** the survey online, you do not need to return a paper survey form. However, if you prefer to complete the attached survey form, please return the completed form to our survey consultants, Care Solutions, Inc., in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope.

This survey is being sent by Care Solutions to family child day care homes, in-home child care providers, child care centers, and school-based child care programs across the state. If you have any questions, please do not call your DCFS office or the Department of Education. Contact Care Solutions toll-free at 800-227-3410 or email **LAece@caresolutions.com**. They will be happy to answer your questions.

Thank you for your help in this important effort!

Sincerely,

Kim Matherne
Executive Director, Economic Stability

Louisiana 2014 Child Care Market Rate Survey
Family Child Day Care Home and In-Home Child Care Providers

Please read all instructions and mark boxes carefully. Thank you!

If you are a **grandparent taking care of your own children and/or grandchildren only (and no other children), and you are not paid for your service**, check this box: ❑ → **If you checked this box, please skip the rest of this survey form and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope so we can update our records.**

If you **care for your own children and/or other children related to you only (and no other children), and you are not paid for your service**, check this box: ❑ → **If you checked this box, please skip the rest of this survey form and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope so we can update our records.**

If you are a **foster parent taking care of your own children and/or foster children only (and no other children),** check this box: ❑ → **If you checkedthis box, please skip the rest of this survey form and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope so we can update our records.**

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1. Do you *currently* provide child care? *(Check one:)*

YES ❑ → ***IF YES, please continue with Question #2.***

NO ❑ → ***IF NO, please skip the rest of the questionnaire and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope so we can update our records.***

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2. Where do you provide child care? *(Check one:)*

In my home ❑ In the child's home ❑ At another location ❑

Other location *(please specify):*_____

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3. Please write in on each line the number of children under age 18 that you provide care for: *(put zero if none)*

My own children: _____

Other children related to me: _____

Children not related to me: _____

Total number of children under age 18, including my own children, that I care for: _____

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4. Please write in on each line the number of children under age 18 in your care for whom you receive money from the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP): *(put zero if none)*

Number of children related to me: _____

Number of children not related to me: _____

Total number of children in my care for whom I receive CCAP payments: _____

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5. For which reasons have families receiving child care assistance (CCAP) left your child care?

They did not want to pay the co-payment ❑

They could not afford the co-payment ❑

The child was moved to a free pre-k or Head Start program ❑

The child went to kindergarten ❑

They were dissatisfied with my child care ❑

I told them I could no longer provide care for their child ❑

Have not yet had any children leave my care ❑

Other reason *(please specify:)* _____

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6. Do you receive money from the state's food program for children in your care?

No ❑ Yes ❑ → If yes, for how many children? _____

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7. In which parish do you provide child care? _____

For questions about this survey, please call 1-800-227-3410.

Please complete all pages of the survey. Thank you!

8. What kind of child care do you provide? *(Check all that apply:)*

Weekday child care *(Monday-Friday, typically from 7 am to 6 pm)* ❑ → If yes, for how many children? _____

Night-time or overnight child care *(typically between 6 pm and 7 am)* ❑ → If yes, for how many children? _____

Before and/or after-school care ❑ → If yes, for how many children? _____

Weekend child care *(between Friday night and Sunday night)* ❑ → If yes, for how many children? _____

Summer care for school-aged children ❑

Drop-in child care *(for short periods of time as you have space available)* ❑

9. How long have you been providing child care? *(Check only one:)*

Less than one year ❑ 1 to 2 years ❑ 3 to 5 years ❑ 6 to 9 years ❑ 10 years or more ❑

10. Do you provide care for children who are sick? No ❑ Yes ❑

11. Do you *currently* care for children with:

Physical disabilities: No ❑ Yes ❑ → For how many children? _____

Mental/emotional disabilities: No ❑ Yes ❑ → For how many children? _____

Other special needs (attention deficit, hyperactivity, behavior disorders): No ❑ Yes ❑ → For how many children? _____

12. Do you provide transportation:

To and/or from school? No ❑ Yes ❑

To and/or from the child's home? No ❑ Yes ❑

NOTE: A child care program may choose to go through a review and improvement program supervised by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) to become accredited. This is not the same as but is in addition to state licensing, registration or certification.

13. Is your family day care home accredited by the National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC)? No ❑ Yes ❑

INSTRUCTIONS:

(For Questions 13-16, following)

1. *If you **do not** charge for or receive payment for child care, go to Question 19.*
2. *If you **do** charge for or receive payment for child care:*
   a. *Write in **the total amount** you charge by age group (how much you charge parents plus how much the state CCAP pays); and*
   b. *For each amount written in, check the appropriate box to show whether that total amount is for one hour, day, evening, overnight, week, weekend, etc. of care; **check only one box in each row**.*

14. If you provide weekday child care, how much do you charge for each of the following age groups?

(Weekday child care Monday-Friday, typically from 7 am to 6 pm; do not include school-age children here)

Infants (6 wks – 12 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
Toddlers (13 – 35 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
3-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
4-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
5-year-olds not in kindergarten or 1st grade	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑

15. If you provide child care at night or overnight, how much do you charge?

(Child care evenings/nights between 6 pm and 7 am)

Infants (6 wks – 12 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
Toddlers (13 – 35 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
3-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
4-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
5-year-olds not in kindergarten or 1st grade	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑
5 to 12-yr-olds (school-age)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Evening ❑	Overnight ❑	Week ❑

16. If you provide child care on the weekend, how much do you charge?

(Child care between Friday night and Sunday night)

Infants (6 wks – 12 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
Toddlers (13 – 35 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
3-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
4-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
5-year-olds not in kindergarten or 1st grade	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑
5 to 12-yr-olds (school-age)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	8-hour day ❑	Overnight ❑	Weekend ❑

17. If you provide before-school or after-school care, or summer care for school-age children, how much do you charge?

BEFORE-school only	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
AFTER-school only	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
BEFORE & AFTER school	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
School-age SUMMER care	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑

18. If you provide drop-in child care, how much do you charge?

(Child care for short periods of time when you have space available) Drop-in care $ _____ for each: Hour ❑ Day ❑

19. Do you charge a registration fee? No ❑ Yes ❑ → ***IF YES***, how much do you charge? $_____

20. Do you have any degree in child development, early childhood education or a related field? No ❑ Yes ❑

21. Which of the following have you completed? *(Check **all** that apply:)*

- Ph.D. or Master's degree ❑
- Bachelor's degree ❑
- Associate degree ❑
- Vocational or technical school diploma or certificate ❑
- Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate ❑
- Child Care Professional (CCP) certificate ❑
- High school diploma ❑
- GED ❑
- None of these ❑

22. What is your primary language? English ❑ French ❑ Spanish ❑ Other ❑

May we call or email you if we have any questions? If so, please provide your contact information:

Telephone number: _____ **Email address:** _____

Thank you for your help in completing this survey!

Please return survey in the enclosed, pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope to:
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For questions about this survey, please call 1-800-227-3410. ***Please complete all pages of the survey. Thank you!***

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Dear School-Based Program Leader:

The Department of Children & Family Services (DCFS) is surveying programs regarding the ***2014*** cost of child care, early childhood education, and before/after-school care statewide as part of our Child Care and Development Fund State Plan development. The information you provide will help us compile a comprehensive profile of early care and education in Louisiana.

You may complete the survey online or on the enclosed survey form. To complete the survey online, type the link below into your browser's address bar and then log in with the five-digit number printed above your name and the zip code on this letter.

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Please complete the survey as soon as possible, ***even if you do not charge*** for the childhood care and education services you provide. If you ***complete*** the survey online, you do not need to return a paper survey form. However, if you prefer to complete the attached survey form, please return the completed form to our survey consultants, Care Solutions, Inc., in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope.

If you provide a special needs preschool at your site, please include that program information on the survey. If yours is an after-school program with multiple sites, please complete a separate survey form for each site. Each site should have received its own letter and form. If this is not the case, please contact Care Solutions (see below). If you prefer, you may email them to request a customized spreadsheet version of the survey.

This survey is being sent by Care Solutions to licensed child care centers (Class A and Class B), school-based child care programs, registered family child day care homes and certified in-home child care providers across the state. If you have any questions, please do not call your DCFS office or the Department of Education. Contact Care Solutions toll-free at (800) 227-3410 or email **LAece@caresolutions.com**. They will be happy to answer your questions.

Your participation is crucial and will help us get the most accurate information possible. Thank you for your help in this important effort!

Sincerely,

Kim Matherne
Executive Director, Economic Stability

Louisiana 2014 Child Care Market Rate Survey
(School-Based Child Care and Early Childhood Education)

This survey should be completed by the director or assistant director of your child care center or program.

Please read all instructions, complete all questions and mark boxes carefully. Thank you!

1. Does your center, program or school currently provide child care, early childhood education (prior to kindergarten), or before/after-school care?

(Check one:) **YES** ❑ → ***IF YES, please continue with Question #2.***

NO ❑ → ***IF NO, please skip the rest of the questionnaire and return it in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage-paid envelope so we can update our records.***

2. Your center/program/school is: *(Check one:)*

A child care program in an elementary or middle school ❑

An Early Head Start or Head Start Center ❑

A full-day or half-day non-profit or faith-based preschool ❑

Other full-day or half-day private preschool ❑

A publicly-funded preschool, pre-k, or special needs preschool ❑

Another type of child care/early childhood education center/program *(please specify:)* _____

3. What kind of child care or early education does your center or program provide? *(Check all that apply:)*

Half-day preschool, pre-k, or special needs preschool ❑

Full-day preschool, pre-k, or special needs preschool ❑

Before and/or after-school care ❑

Summer care for school-aged children ❑

4. For each age group listed below, please write in the number of children currently enrolled in your center/program.

Infants (6 wks – 12 months): _____

Toddlers (13 – 35 months): _____

3-year-olds: _____

4-year-olds: _____

5-year-olds not kindergarten or first grade: _____

Children ages 5-12 (school-age): _____

Total number of children enrolled: _____

5. For how many of the enrolled children do you receive child care assistance (CCAP)? _____

6. How many school-age children are enrolled in before- and/or after-school care? _____

7. Estimated enrollment of school-age children in summer care/program: _____

8. For which reasons have families receiving child care assistance (CCAP) left your center/program? *(Check all that apply:)*

They did not want to pay the co-payment ❑

They could not afford the co-payment ❑

The child was moved to a free pre-k or Head Start program ❑

The child went to kindergarten ❑

They were dissatisfied with my center/program ❑

My center/program asked them to leave ❑

Other *(please specify:)* _____

9. Does your center receive money from the state's food program for children in your care? No ❑ Yes ❑ → If yes, for how many children? _____

10. How long has your center/program been providing child care or early education? *(Check one:)*

Less than one year ❑ 1 to 2 years ❑ 3 to 5 years ❑ 6 to 9 years ❑ 10 years or more ❑

11. Do you provide care for children who are sick? No ❑ Yes ❑

12. Do you currently care for/serve children with:

Physical disabilities: No ❑ Yes ❑ → How many enrolled? _____

Mental/emotional disabilities: No ❑ Yes ❑ → How many enrolled? _____

Other special needs (attention deficit, hyperactivity, behavior disorders): No ❑ Yes ❑ → How many enrolled? _____

LA Child Care Market Rate Survey 2014

INSTRUCTIONS: *1. If you **do not** charge or receive payment for child care, go to Question 21.*

*2. If you **do** charge or receive payment for child care:*

(For Questions 16-19, below)

*a. Write in **the total amount** you charge by age group (how much you charge parents **plus** the amount CCAP pays); and*

*b. For each amount written in, check the box in that row to show whether that total amount is for one hour, day, evening, overnight, week, weekend, etc., of care; **check only one box in each row**.*

13. If you provide weekday child care/early education, how much do you charge for each of the following age groups?

(Weekday child care Monday-Friday, typically from 7 am to 6 pm; do not include school-age children here)

Check box to indicate whether your weekday program is: Half-day ❑ OR Full-day ❑

Infants (6 wks – 12 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
Toddlers (13 – 35 months)	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
3-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
4-year-olds	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
5-year-olds not in kindergarten or 1st grade	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑

14. If you provide before-school or after-school care, or summer care for school-age children, how much do you charge?

BEFORE-school only	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
AFTER-school only	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
BEFORE & AFTER school	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑
School-age SUMMER care	$_____	per:	Hour ❑	Day ❑	Week ❑	Month ❑

15. If you provide drop-in child care, how much do you charge?

(Child care for short periods of time when you have space available) Drop-in care $ _____ for one: hour ❑ day ❑

16. Do you charge a registration fee? No ❑ Yes ❑ → ***IF YES***, how much do you charge? $_____ per year

17. Do you provide transportation: To and/or from school? No ❑ Yes ❑

To and/or from the child's home? No ❑ Yes ❑

Note: ***To become accredited, a child care or early education program chooses to go through a review and improvement program supervised by an outside agency. This is not the same as but is in addition to state licensing.***

18. Is your child care program accredited by a group such as the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) or the National Early Childhood Program Accreditation (NECPA)? Yes ❑ No ❑

19. ***IF YES:*** My program is ***already*** accredited by:

NAEYC ❑

NECPA ❑

Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) ❑

Other *(please specify:)* _____

20. ***IF NO:*** My program is ***preparing to be*** accredited by:

NAEYC ❑

NECPA ❑

SACS ❑

Other (please specify:) _____

I have no plans to seek accreditation at this time ❑

21. At your center or program, what is the *current total* number of full-time and part-time staff in each category (excluding K-12 teachers unless providing preschool, pre-k, or before/after-school care or education):

Directors/Assistant Directors: _____ Lead teachers: _____ Assistant Teachers: _____ Other employees: _____

(Please write in each box the number of full-time and part-time teachers for each question below)	**Number of Lead Teachers**	**Number of Assistant Teachers**
22. How many current teachers have been employed in this center/program for 3 or more years?		
23. How many current teachers have at least 3 years of experience in a licensed child care center, Early Head Start or Head Start program, or pre-K program?		
24. How many teachers left your employment in 2013?		
25. How many new teachers did you hire in 2013?		

26. Please write in each box the number of directors/teachers whose highest education level is the degree or education level listed.

	(write number in box)	Num. of Directors/ Assistant Directors	Num. of Lead Teachers	Num. of Assistant Teachers
Count each person only once for his/her highest degree. *For example, if a teacher has both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, you would count that teacher in the master's degree row but not in the bachelor's degree row.*	Ph.D.			
	Master's degree			
	Bachelor's degree			
	Associate degree			
	Vocational/technical school diploma/certificate			
	High school diploma			
	GED			
	None of the above			
27. How many directors/teachers have a degree in child development, early childhood education or a related field?				
28. How many have a Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate?				
29. How many have a Child Care Professional (CCP) certificate?				

30. What is the average hourly rate you pay your full-time lead and assistant teachers and your part-time teachers for child care, early education, or before/after-school care during the week?

(Check only one box in each column:)	Full-time Lead Teachers	Full-time Assistant Teachers	Part-time teachers
Less than $5.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$5.15 – $6.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$6.16 – $7.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$7.16 – $8.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$8.16 – $9.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$9.16 – $10.15 per hour	❑	❑	❑
$10.16 or more per hour	❑	❑	❑

31. Have you heard about the state's School Readiness Tax Credits? Yes ❑ No ❑

32. *IF YES:* Do any of your teachers receive the School Readiness Tax Credits? Yes ❑ No ❑

33. What is your primary language? English ❑ French ❑ Spanish ❑ Other ❑

34. What is your title? Owner or Director ❑ Teacher ❑ Other *(please specify:)* _____

35. In which parish is your center/program located? _____

May we call you if we have any questions? If so, please provide your contact information below:

Telephone number: _____ **Email address:** _____

Thank you for your help in completing this survey!

Please return survey in the enclosed postage-paid envelope to: Care Solutions, Inc., 1117 Perimeter Center West, Suite W-300, Atlanta, GA 30338

Lousiana
Class A Licensed Child Care Centers and Capacities By Parish 2015

Note: The first number listed under each parish is the number of Class A licensed centers in the parish; the number in parentheses is the total combined capacity of the centers. Counts of providers and capacity are based on provider lists after removal of identified duplicates and bad addresses.

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Lousiana
Class B Licensed Child Care Centers and Capacities By Parish 2015

Note: The first number listed under each parish is the number of Class B licensed centers in the parish; the number in parentheses is the total combined capacity of the centers. Counts of providers and capacity are based on provider lists after removal of identified duplicates and bad addresses.

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Lousiana
School-based Child Care Programs
by Parish 2015

Note: The number listed under each parish is the number of school-based child care programs in the parish receiving child care subsidies.

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Lousiana
Department of Social Services
Registered Family Child Day Care Homes
By Parish 2015

Note: The number listed under each parish name is the number of DSS-registered family child day care homes in the parish. Counts of providers and capacity are based on state-provided lists after removal of identified duplicates and bad addresses.

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Lousiana
Department of Social Services
Certified In-Home Child Care Providers
By Parish 2015

Note: The number listed under each parish is the number of DSS-certified in-home child care providers in the parish. Counts of providers are based on provider lists after removal of identified duplicates and bad addresses.