

**2001 Child Care Rate Study**

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**Questionnaire Fielding**

More than 4,100 facilities were randomly selected from listings of licensed child care centers and homes provided by the Department of Human Services. All centers with two-year child care licenses were included in the sample; centers with temporary licenses were not included. Ninety-two percent of licensed family child care homes were included in the sample. Head Start programs and programs with school-age children only were not included in the sample. Questionnaires were mailed to each provider between January 2001 and April 2001. Providers were asked to review the questionnaire and wait for a call from a telephone interviewer to collect the data.

**Data Analysis**

The sample included all centers with two-year licenses and more than 90 percent of family child care homes. County-level weights were applied to family child care homes in the data analysis in order to retain proportionality among counties; weights were not needed for centers. All data presented in the tables are estimates of the population of child care centers and family child care homes inferred from the weighted sample statistics.

**Response Rate**

Of the sample of 4,127 facilities, 477 were determined to be either no longer in business or not open to the public and 13 could not be reached by telephone. Eligible providers, those that were in business and could be reached by telephone, consisted of 3,637 facilities. Of these, 234 refused to complete the interview and 2 were still unresolved (busy signal, no answer, or an appointment time was set) at the conclusion of interviewing. Interviews were completed with 954 centers and 2,447 homes, resulting in a remarkable response rate of 93 percent of eligible providers. Response rates were nearly identical for centers and homes.

Table 1:  
 Response Rate

	Centers	Homes	Total
Total number of providers in sample	1,088	3,039	4,127
Ineligible (not open to public, not in business)	66	411	477
Telephone not in service, wrong number	3	10	13
Eligible providers	1,019	2,618	3,637
Refusals and terminations	65	169	234
Busy, no answer, appointment	0	2	2
Completed interviews	954	2,447	3,401
Response rate (percent)	93.6	93.5	93.5

## Summary of Results

Survey results are shown in tabulations that follow. For both centers and homes, results for providers that accept subsidy children are tabulated by rate area and star designation. A separate tabulation shows results for centers that do not accept children whose care is paid at least partially by the Department of Human Services ('Does not Accept Subsidy Children').

## Characteristics of Child Care Centers

Approximately 71 percent of participating child care centers are for-profit facilities. Church related centers make up 10.8 percent, while not-for-profit facilities are 6.1 percent (Table 2).

Table 2:  
Type of Facility (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
For profit	70.9	72.1	74.7	59.0	61.9	60.5	81.7	56.9	62.3
Not-for-profit	6.1	5.9	4.8	11.2	7.6	14.5	3.2	6.9	7.5
Church	10.8	9.0	9.1	8.2	14.0	6.6	6.5	10.3	24.5
Educational setting	10.0	10.6	9.1	17.9	14.0	14.5	6.5	22.4	5.7
Other	2.2	2.5	2.2	3.7	2.5	3.9	2.1	3.4	0.0

## Children Accepted for Care

Care for infants is more difficult to find than for other ages of children: just 68.7 percent of centers offer full-time care for infants, compared with 80 percent or higher for other ages of children (Table 3. Full-time care is much easier to find than is part-time care for every age group). A comparison of Table 3 with Table 4 shows that care for infants and toddlers is much easier to find in family child care homes than in centers.

Table 3:  
Ages of Children Accepted for Care by Child Care Centers (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
<i>Full-time care</i>									
Infants	68.7	71.3	70.7	74.6	58.1	69.7	77.5	81.0	49.1
Toddlers	83.6	85.9	84.9	91.0	76.7	90.8	89.4	91.4	66.0
Twos	91.7	93.0	92.2	97.0	86.9	98.7	95.1	94.8	82.1
Threes	96.0	96.4	95.8	99.3	94.1	100.0	96.8	98.3	93.4
Fours and fives	95.5	95.9	95.7	97.0	95.3	97.4	95.8	96.6	92.5
Kindergartners - Own class	18.0	17.1	16.5	20.1	20.8	25.0	14.1	13.8	24.5
Kindergartners - After school	86.6	88.8	90.6	79.9	88.6	77.6	91.7	82.8	69.8
School agers	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Offers Part-time care (percent)</i>	66.6	68.6	69.6	63.4	59.3	52.6	75.2	77.6	51.9

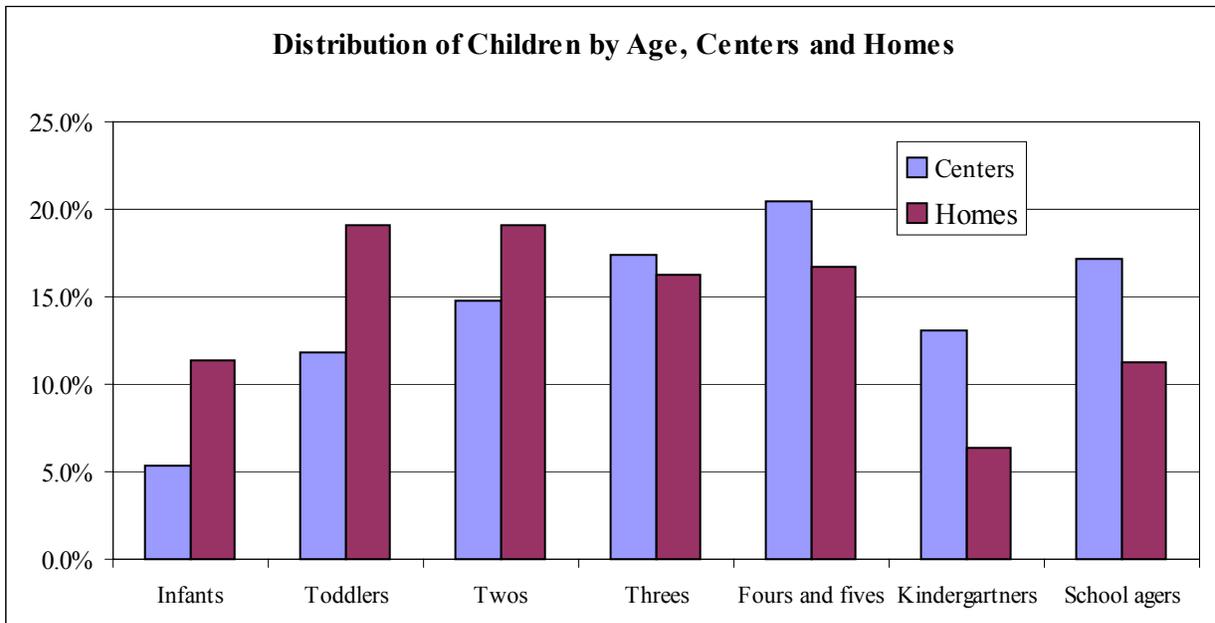
Table 4:  
Ages of Children Accepted for Care by Family Child Care Homes (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		All	
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
<i>Full-time care</i>									
Infants	86.1	88.3	88.1	91.3	87.9	92.0	88.2	91.1	80.3
Toddlers	93.0	94.6	94.7	91.3	94.8	92.0	94.7	91.1	88.7
Twos	95.0	96.8	96.9	94.6	96.3	92.0	97.2	95.6	90.2
Threes	94.3	96.4	96.4	96.7	94.8	96.0	97.1	97.0	88.6
Fours and fives	90.1	92.8	92.9	90.8	90.4	76.3	94.0	96.8	82.8
Kindergartners - Own class	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.5
Kindergartners - After school	74.2	80.0	80.2	75.6	74.3	51.8	83.0	85.4	58.6
School agers	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
<i>Offers Part-time care (percent)</i>	45.6	48.9	49.3	41.9	40.7	28.2	53.4	47.6	36.6

### Total Number of Children in Care

Eighty-six percent of children are cared for full-time and fourteen percent part-time, according to the survey. Three in four children are cared for in child care centers.

Homes care for a higher proportion of very young children: 28 percent of children cared for in family child care homes are less than two years old, compared with just 15 percent of children cared for by centers (graph). Interestingly, infants (children less than one year old) constitute just 6 percent of children in care in centers and homes even though 20 percent of children less than five years old in Oklahoma are infants, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.



In total, approximately 76,160 children, full-time and part-time, are cared for in the centers and homes that participated in the study (Table 5 and Table 6). Due to the fact that this study omitted some types of licensed facilities such as Head Start programs and facilities operating with temporary permits, the number of children in care in these facilities is a much lower figure than statewide licensed capacity of 129,500 children published by the Department of Human Services.

Table 5:  
Estimated Total Number of Children in Care in Child Care Centers

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
<i>Full-time care</i>									
Infants	2,614	2,307	1,697	610	640	343	1,057	267	307
Toddlers	5,826	5,201	3,934	1,267	1,511	812	2,423	455	625
Twos	7,289	6,328	4,607	1,721	1,842	1,124	2,765	597	961
Threes	8,547	7,272	5,412	1,860	2,353	1,184	3,059	676	1,275
Fours and fives	10,056	8,442	6,154	2,288	3,032	1,573	3,122	715	1,614
Kindergartners - Own class	1,182	814	615	199	345	117	270	82	368
Kindergartners - After school	5,221	4,587	3,358	1,229	1,404	969	1,954	260	634
School agers	8,437	7,215	5,309	1,906	2,522	1,415	2,787	491	1,222
All	49,172	42,166	31,086	11,080	13,649	7,537	17,437	3,543	7,006
<i>Part-time care</i>									
Infants	148	147	106	41	16	5	90	36	1
Toddlers	363	299	221	78	47	9	174	69	64
Twos	432	380	252	128	48	57	204	71	52
Threes	774	542	361	181	90	74	271	107	232
Fours and fives	1,145	867	651	216	165	91	486	125	278
Kindergartners	1,240	1,078	915	163	289	53	626	110	162
School agers	4,915	4,451	3,761	690	1,417	400	2,344	290	464
All	9,036	7,774	6,277	1,497	2,072	689	4,205	808	1,262

Table 6:  
Estimated Total Number of Children in Family Child Care Homes

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>Full-time care</i>									
Infants	1,801	1,407	1,294	114	450	39	844	75	394
Toddlers	3,068	2,340	2,188	151	704	45	1,484	107	728
Twos	3,041	2,363	2,217	146	713	36	1,504	110	678
Threes	2,611	2,016	1,871	145	543	25	1,329	120	595
Fours and fives	2,656	2,026	1,874	152	563	32	1,311	120	629
Kindergartners - Own class	8	7	7	0	0	0	7	0	1
Kindergartners - After school	1,010	846	802	44	253	7	549	38	163
School agers	1,791	1,613	1,524	89	424	28	1,100	61	178
All	15,969	12,599	11,758	842	3,649	211	8,108	631	3,370
<i>Part-time care</i>									
Infants	45	30	27	3	7	1	20	2	15
Toddlers	132	101	96	6	15	1	81	5	31
Twos	107	63	60	3	14	0	46	3	44
Threes	106	63	62	1	10	0	52	1	43
Fours and fives	203	142	127	15	19	2	108	13	60
Kindergartners	181	132	118	14	16	0	102	14	49
School agers	1,182	972	920	52	197	8	723	44	210
All	1,983	1,531	1,439	91	278	10	1,161	81	452

## Children on Waiting Lists

Fifty-seven percent of centers and 42 percent of homes maintain a list of children desiring admission. The total number of children on waiting lists is probably somewhat over-estimated, since at least some children have been placed on lists for more than one facility. However, the *distribution* of children by age is informative: 51 percent of all children on waiting lists are under two years old, and 30 percent are infants (Table 7 and Table 8).

Table 7:  
Facilities With Waiting Lists and Number of Children on Waiting Lists  
Child Care Centers

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>Percent Facilities</i>	57.6	56.4	53.4	70.9	58.9	77.6	50.5	62.1	67.0
<i>Number of children</i>									
Infants	2,690	2,267	1,305	962	630	741	675	221	423
Toddlers	2,414	1,991	1,174	817	581	646	593	171	423
Twos	2,039	1,676	959	717	478	609	481	108	363
Threes	1,553	1,203	751	452	400	378	351	74	350
Fours and fives	1,082	841	589	252	340	186	249	66	241
Kindergartners - Own class	118	92	56	36	41	35	15	1	26
Kindergartners - After school	328	213	183	30	89	27	94	3	115
School agers	776	652	503	149	227	80	276	69	124
Total	11,000	8,935	5,520	3,415	2,786	2,702	2,734	713	2,065

Table 8:  
Facilities With Waiting Lists and Number of Children on Waiting Lists  
Family Child Care Homes

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
<i>Percent Facilities</i>	42.5	41.5	40.5	57.9	39.1	52.6	41.2	60.0	45.2
<i>Number of children</i>									
Infants	1,968	1,389	1,257	132	428	32	829	100	579
Toddlers	923	689	632	57	188	18	444	38	234
Twos	651	512	452	60	134	5	318	55	140
Threes	473	384	346	38	113	8	233	30	89
Fours and fives	309	247	222	25	54	1	168	24	62
Kindergartners - Own class	18	16	16	0	1	0	15	0	2
Kindergartners - After school	75	63	59	4	11	1	48	3	12
School agers	297	253	234	19	112	0	121	19	44
Total	4,715	3,552	3,218	334	1,042	65	2,176	269	1,163

### DHS Subsidy Program

Eighty-eight percent of centers and 78 percent of homes participate in the DHS child care subsidy program (Table 9). About 68 percent of participating centers and 88 percent of participating homes accept infants for subsidized care (Table 10). These percentages are substantially higher than two years ago when just 54 percent of centers and 64 percent of homes accepted infants for subsidized care.

Table 9:  
Participation in the DHS Subsidy Program and Child Care Food Program  
Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
<i>Child Care Centers</i>									
<i>Providers that participate in the...</i>									
Subsidy Program	88.3	100.0	86.6	97.8	78.1	96.2	92.1	100.0	0.0
Child Care Food Program	50.0	56.4	52.5	75.4	49.2	76.3	54.4	74.1	1.9
<i>Family Child Care Homes</i>									
<i>Providers that participate in the...</i>									
Subsidy Program	78.6	100.0	77.6	99.8	75.6	97.6	78.6	100.7	0.0
Child Care Food Program	75.9	84.9	84.3	93.8	79.5	96.5	86.6	92.7	52.0

Table 10:  
Ages of Children Accepted to the Subsidy Program\*  
Child Care Centers and Family Child Care Homes (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children						
	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>Child Care Centers</i>							
Infants	68.3	67.8	70.9	51.3	63.2	76.9	81.0
Toddlers	83.8	82.5	90.3	71.6	89.5	88.4	91.4
Twos	92.3	91.5	96.3	85.2	96.1	94.9	96.6
Threes	95.6	95.2	97.8	93.2	97.4	96.3	98.3
Fours and fives	95.1	94.9	96.3	94.5	96.1	95.1	96.6
Kindergartners - Own class	19.3	19.3	19.4	23.7	19.7	16.9	19.0
Kindergartners - After school	87.7	89.7	77.6	86.4	73.7	91.4	82.8
<i>Family Child Care Homes</i>							
Infants	88.2	88.2	88.0	90.2	87.6	92.0	88.2
Toddlers	93.9	93.9	94.1	90.2	94.1	92.0	94.2
Twos	96.0	96.0	96.2	92.2	95.6	88.0	96.5
Threes	95.5	95.5	95.7	92.2	94.3	87.9	96.3
Fours and fives	91.8	91.8	91.9	89.7	89.7	76.3	93.0
Kindergartners - Own class	1.5	1.5	1.4	2.4	0.7	8.0	1.8
Kindergartners - After school	78.6	78.6	78.7	77.3	74.6	56.2	80.6

\* Percent of facilities participating in the subsidy program

Participation in the subsidy program can be a challenge for centers and homes. About 48 percent of centers and one-third of homes report that parents are typically late in paying the required parent co-pay, if they pay at all (Table 11). In addition, 26.6 percent of centers and 12.7 percent of homes report that parents frequently move their children to other care providers without paying the co-payment that is owed.

Table 11:  
Parent Co-payments and the Subsidy Program (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children						
	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
	All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star
<i>Child Care Centers</i>							
<i>Parents pay the co-payment...</i>							
Usually on time	48.3	48.1	49.3	51.3	57.9	46.3	37.9
Usually late	39.5	38.2	46.3	34.3	40.8	40.3	53.4
Rarely pay	9.4	10.5	3.7	9.3	1.3	11.1	6.9
Don't Know	2.7	3.1	0.7	4.7	0.0	2.3	1.7
Refused	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Parents leave without paying the co-payment...</i>							
Never	10.1	10.5	8.2	12.3	9.2	9.5	6.9
Rarely	26.2	25.7	28.4	28.0	32.9	24.5	22.4
Occasionally	35.0	33.4	43.3	33.5	43.4	33.3	43.1
Frequently	26.6	28.0	19.4	22.5	14.5	31.0	25.9
Don't Know	2.1	2.4	0.7	3.8	0.0	1.6	1.7
Refused	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<i>Family Child Care Homes</i>							
<i>Parents pay the co-payment...</i>							
Usually on time	54.7	54.8	52.7	56.4	64.0	54.1	48.1
Usually late	23.8	23.3	31.8	23.9	23.6	23.0	35.2
Rarely pay	8.3	8.5	6.0	7.0	0.0	9.1	8.5
Don't Know	12.8	13.0	9.5	12.2	12.5	13.4	8.3
Refused	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.0
<i>Parents leave without paying the co-payment...</i>							
Never	34.3	34.2	35.3	38.2	43.7	32.4	31.8
Rarely	24.7	24.4	29.7	21.8	28.3	25.6	30.3
Occasionally	16.2	16.1	17.5	17.0	12.0	15.7	19.7
Frequently	12.7	12.9	9.1	11.0	3.5	13.8	11.4
Don't Know	12.0	12.2	8.5	11.8	12.5	12.4	6.8
Refused	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0

For centers and homes that do not participate in the subsidy program, the most often cited reasons are 'Too much paperwork,' 'No call for this service', 'Because of delay in being paid,' and 'DHS rates are too low' (Table 12).

Table 12:  
Reasons Why Some Providers Will Not Accept  
Children on the Subsidy Program

	Child Care Centers	Family Child Care Homes
Because of paperwork involved	28.3	0.2
No Call for service / rarely or never asked to take DHS children	28.3	35.3
Because of the delay in being paid	15.1	20.7
DHS rates are too low / not profitable	15.1	21.1
Because I want my business to be entirely independent	9.4	6.2
Private-pay clients prefer I not take DHS-sponsored children	3.8	2.8
Has difficulty with parents/children	2.8	4.9
Has had difficulty collecting copay	1.9	2.7
Remains full without DHS kids	0.0	0.2
The only children I accept are my friends' or relatives' children	0.0	1.9
Other	12.3	4.3
Don't Know	4.7	0.5
Refused	0.0	0.2

### Type of Care Offered

Family child care homes are much more likely to offer care in the evenings, overnight care, weekend care, and care that accommodates a parent's flexible work schedule. Homes are also much more likely to provide care for children who are sick (Table 13 and Table 14).

Table 13:  
Type of Care Offered, Child Care Centers (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>Percent that offer...</i>									
Flexible schedules	35.2	37.7	38.3	34.3	28.8	27.6	43.5	43.1	17.0
Evening care	64.0	61.5	60.8	64.9	70.3	71.1	55.6	56.9	83.0
Overnight care	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.3	0.7	0.0	0.0
Weekend care	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Care for sick children	5.3	6.0	5.7	7.5	2.1	3.9	7.6	12.1	0.0

Table 14:  
Type of Care Offered, Family Child Care Homes (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>Percent that offer...</i>									
Flexible schedules	45.6	53.1	53.6	46.0	50.0	28.3	55.2	53.4	25.4
Evening care	52.0	44.4	44.1	49.6	47.7	71.7	42.4	40.4	72.3
Overnight care	2.4	2.4	2.3	4.4	2.4	0.0	2.3	6.2	2.3
Weekend care	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Care for sick children	10.0	11.9	11.8	13.6	12.8	8.1	11.3	15.9	5.0

## Sources of Revenue

Results of the survey show that for every dollar in revenue, at least 90 cents is collected from parents (90 cents for centers and 99 cents for homes). Of the small portion of revenue not collected from parents, fund-raising and grants are the major sources (Table 15 and Table 16).

Table 15:  
Sources of Revenue, Child Care Centers (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas			
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
Parent contributions and fund raising activities	23.7	22.9	21.0	30.3	27.0	31.5	17.8	28.8	29.8
Government grants	15.7	17.6	14.7	29.3	12.4	30.6	15.9	27.5	0.0
Private sector grants	3.8	3.8	2.4	9.0	3.1	11.1	2.1	6.3	4.4
Don't Know	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
Refused	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	3.0	2.8	2.0	5.9	1.2	4.6	2.5	7.5	4.4
No other revenue sources	53.3	52.3	59.2	25.5	56.4	22.2	60.7	30.0	61.4

Table 16:  
Sources of Revenue, Family Child Care Homes (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas			
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
Parent contributions and fund raising activities	2.8	3.2	3.1	5.4	3.5	10.7	2.8	3.1	1.7
Government grants	3.7	4.1	3.3	17.4	2.1	19.0	3.9	16.6	2.7
Private sector grants	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.3
Don't Know	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Refused	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	0.2	0.2	0.1	1.6	0.0	0.0	0.2	2.3	0.2
No other revenue sources	93.0	92.2	93.2	75.6	94.2	70.3	92.8	78.0	95.1

## Charges and Fees

Activity fees are used by centers and homes to offset costs related to specific activities such as field trips and transportation. Activity fees and charges are used by 44 percent of centers and 12 percent of homes (Table 17 and Table 18). Centers are much more likely to charge a registration fee than are homes, 34.5 percent compared with 6.3 percent. About 79 percent of homes and 40 percent of centers have no other charges than tuition.

Table 17:  
Charges and Fees, Child Care Centers (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>Percent that charge for...</i>									
Annual registration or enrollment	34.5	32.5	27.2	59.0	51.7	76.3	13.9	36.2	49.1
Activities and field trips	44.3	44.5	41.6	59.0	54.7	67.1	34.5	48.3	42.5
Transportation to school or home	3.3	3.6	3.6	3.7	5.1	2.6	2.8	5.2	0.9
Supplies	7.9	7.9	5.7	18.7	6.8	19.7	5.1	17.2	8.5
Other	6.3	5.2	4.6	8.2	7.2	10.5	3.2	5.2	14.2
No other charges	39.5	40.8	44.2	23.9	21.6	13.2	56.5	37.9	30.2

Table 18:  
Charges and Fees, Family Child Care Homes (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>Percent that charge for...</i>									
Annual registration or enrollment	6.3	6.5	5.7	19.7	6.8	20.5	5.2	19.4	5.7
Activities and field trips	12.1	12.8	12.1	23.7	14.3	40.1	11.1	16.9	10.3
Transportation to school or home	3.0	3.5	3.2	8.5	4.4	8.0	2.6	8.6	1.7
Supplies	1.6	1.6	1.5	4.4	2.6	4.0	0.9	4.6	1.5
Other	3.9	4.2	3.9	9.5	5.6	12.4	3.1	8.3	3.1
No other charges	78.6	77.5	78.7	56.3	72.5	39.4	81.7	63.4	81.4

## Payment for Service

Most centers and homes (65 percent and 63 percent, respectively) expect parents to pay for days when the child is sick (Table 19 and Table 20). Half of centers and homes charge for holidays when the facility is closed. About 64 percent of centers and 64 percent of homes charge for care regardless of attendance, up from the 1999 survey when 54 percent of centers and 57 percent of homes had this practice.

Table 19:  
Payment for Service, Child Care Centers (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
<i>Percent of facilities that expect parents to pay for...</i>									
Holidays	48.4	44.9	41.1	65.0	62.9	86.2	29.3	41.4	74.3
Days when child is sick	65.2	62.0	58.7	79.0	75.2	89.9	50.0	65.5	90.5
Days when the child is not in attendance	27.7	24.6	22.2	36.6	31.1	44.4	17.9	26.5	51.1
Childcare regardless of attendance	64.0	60.5	57.1	78.2	73.6	88.1	48.5	66.7	90.2

Table 20:  
Payment for Service, Family Child Care Homes (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
<i>Percent of facilities that expect parents to pay for...</i>									
Holidays	49.3	42.6	41.1	67.5	56.7	66.6	33.8	67.8	67.2
Days when child is sick	62.9	57.1	55.6	82.0	71.9	79.8	48.1	82.9	78.4
Days when the child is not in attendance	32.5	28.4	27.5	44.4	34.3	47.5	24.3	43.0	43.6
Childcare regardless of attendance	64.0	58.9	57.3	85.4	73.0	83.8	49.9	86.1	77.7

## Average Number of Teachers and Turnover

Child care centers that participated in the study (those with two-year licenses) employ an average of 8.5 teachers per facility, with two-thirds working full-time (Table 21).

Turnover is relatively high: 44.9 percent of full-time teachers leave employment during the year for the average child care center. The turnover rate documented by this study two years ago was lower, 36.5 percent. The turnover rate was higher for part-time teachers (64.3 percent, compared with 57.5 percent two years ago). The rate of turnover for all teachers is 51.4 percent in 2001, up from 43.9 percent in 1999.

Table 21:  
Average Number of Teachers and Turnover Rate, Child Care Centers

	All	Accepts Subsidy Children						Does not Accept Subsidy Children	
		All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
			1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus		2 Star & 3 Star
<i>Average Number of teachers</i>									
Full-time	5.6	5.5	4.6	9.9	6.4	11.7	3.7	7.7	6.7
Part-time	2.9	2.6	2.3	3.7	2.9	4.1	2.1	3.1	5.1
Total	8.5	8.1	7.0	13.6	9.3	15.8	5.7	10.8	11.8
<i>Teachers who left employment in the previous 12 months (average)</i>									
Full-time	2.5	2.6	2.4	3.3	3.6	3.8	1.8	2.5	2.3
Part-time	1.8	1.7	1.5	2.9	1.9	3.1	1.3	2.5	2.6
Total	4.4	4.3	4.0	6.1	5.5	7.0	3.1	5.0	4.9
<i>Annual turnover rate (percent)</i>									
Full-time	44.9	46.5	52.6	32.7	55.9	33.0	50.0	32.0	34.4
Part-time	64.3	67.8	65.2	77.6	67.1	75.3	63.9	81.3	50.5
Total	51.4	53.3	56.8	44.9	59.4	44.1	55.0	46.2	41.3

## Starting Pay

About half of child care centers offer the same starting wage to all new employees, while the starting wage depends on education and experience for the other half. The average starting wage ranges from a low of just \$5.63 to a high of \$6.65 per hour. Interestingly, starting pay is considerably higher than reported in this study two years ago: lowest starting pay is seven percent higher and the highest starting pay is 21 percent higher than in 1999 (Table 22).

Table 22:  
Average Starting Pay for Teachers  
Child Care Centers, 1999 and 2001

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children	All 1999 Study
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas			
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star			
<i>Hourly</i>										
Lowest	\$5.63	\$5.57	\$5.51	\$5.86	\$5.74	\$6.07	\$5.38	\$5.57	\$6.14	\$5.26
Highest	\$6.65	\$6.56	\$6.22	\$8.22	\$6.85	\$8.75	\$5.87	\$7.48	\$7.40	\$5.52
<i>Annual*</i>										
Lowest	\$11,486	\$11,366	\$11,248	\$11,947	\$11,718	\$12,377	\$10,982	\$11,368	\$12,516	\$10,730
Highest	\$13,559	\$13,380	\$12,690	\$16,759	\$13,964	\$17,847	\$11,972	\$15,259	\$15,104	\$11,269

## Characteristics of the Most Experienced Teacher

Teachers have the most experience in the high rate area and in centers that do not accept subsidized children (Table 23). Pay tends to increase with the number of years of experience, starting at \$6.46 per hour for 2.5 years or less to \$8.32 for 10 to 20 years of experience (Table 24). Average pay for the most experienced teacher rose by 13 percent from 1999, from \$6.53 per hour to \$7.41 per hour.

Table 23:  
Years of Experience for the Most Experienced Teacher, Child Care Centers (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
<i>Years of Experience</i>									
2.5 years or less	15.2	16.6	18.4	7.5	15.0	7.9	20.3	6.9	4.8
More than 2.5 years up to 5 years	29.7	30.8	31.2	29.1	26.9	28.9	33.6	29.3	21.2
More than 5 years up to 7 years	10.6	10.6	10.2	12.7	12.0	11.8	9.2	13.8	10.6
More than 7 years up to 10 years	13.9	14.4	13.1	20.9	13.7	22.4	12.8	19.0	9.6
More than 10 years up to 20 years	21.1	19.1	18.7	20.9	23.5	22.4	16.1	19.0	36.5
More than 20 years	9.5	8.5	8.4	9.0	9.0	6.6	8.0	12.1	17.3
Five years or less	44.9	47.4	49.6	36.6	41.9	36.8	53.9	36.2	26.0
Ten years or more	40.3	41.5	41.4	41.8	38.9	40.8	42.8	43.1	31.7

Table 24:  
Average Hourly Pay by Years of Experience for the Most Experienced Teacher  
Child Care Centers

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>Years of Experience</i>									
2.5 years or less	\$6.46	\$6.45	\$6.23	\$9.01	\$6.85	\$9.44	\$6.00	\$8.37	\$6.65
More than 2.5 years up to 5 years	\$7.06	\$6.99	\$6.72	\$8.41	\$7.25	\$9.24	\$6.48	\$7.37	\$7.78
More than 5 years up to 7 years	\$7.38	\$7.23	\$6.91	\$8.51	\$7.33	\$9.34	\$6.58	\$7.44	\$8.47
More than 7 years up to 10 years	\$7.76	\$7.67	\$7.40	\$8.48	\$8.32	\$9.27	\$6.86	\$7.34	\$8.83
More than 10 years up to 20 years	\$8.32	\$7.95	\$7.49	\$9.90	\$8.07	\$10.00	\$7.04	\$9.72	\$9.74
More than 20 years	\$7.77	\$7.68	\$7.22	\$9.16	\$7.33	\$10.44	\$7.14	\$7.88	\$8.41
Five years or less	\$6.86	\$6.81	\$6.54	\$8.53	\$7.11	\$9.29	\$6.30	\$7.56	\$7.57
Ten years or more	\$8.15	\$7.87	\$7.41	\$9.67	\$7.87	\$10.10	\$7.08	\$9.00	\$9.31
All	\$7.41	\$7.25	\$6.90	\$8.88	\$7.55	\$9.56	\$6.55	\$7.93	\$8.75

### Hourly Pay and Level of Education

Only about eight percent of teachers in child care centers have a Bachelor's degree, compared with about 25 percent of all working Oklahomans at least 18 years of age (Table 25). Pay for the average teacher tends to increase with the level of education (Table 26). Average pay for the teachers with no more than a high school diploma is just \$6.08 compared with \$9.48 for teachers with at least a Bachelor's degree.

Table 25:  
Level of Education of Teachers, Child Care Centers (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
		All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
Less than high school	3.2	3.4	4.1	1.5	4.8	1.4	3.7	1.9	2.2
High School diploma or equivalent	61.3	62.4	68.2	47.9	66.4	49.5	69.6	44.6	54.6
CDA or CCP credential	10.6	11.0	6.9	21.1	7.9	20.6	6.2	22.0	8.1
Child care vocational training certificate	4.1	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.4	3.2	4.8	6.2	1.3
College hours in early childhood education	9.6	8.8	8.8	8.9	8.4	8.7	9.2	9.1	14.5
Some College	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.0	0.9	2.1	0.1
Associate's Degree	2.8	2.7	1.8	5.0	1.8	5.2	1.9	4.5	3.3
Bachelor's Degree	6.9	5.7	4.2	9.5	5.0	10.0	3.6	8.4	14.0
Master's Degree	0.9	0.8	0.6	1.3	1.1	1.3	0.2	1.3	1.7
Doctorate Degree	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1
Bachelor's Degree or better	7.8	6.6	4.9	10.8	6.2	11.3	3.8	9.7	15.7

Table 26:  
Average Hourly Pay by Level of Education, Child Care Centers

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas			
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
Less than high school	\$5.45	\$5.45	\$5.39	\$5.80	\$5.57	\$6.27	\$5.22	\$5.10	\$5.45
High School diploma or equivalent	\$6.08	\$6.02	\$5.89	\$6.48	\$6.14	\$6.70	\$5.70	\$5.98	\$6.54
CDA or CCP credential	\$7.61	\$7.55	\$7.06	\$7.94	\$7.31	\$8.31	\$6.82	\$7.25	\$8.09
Child care vocational training certificate	\$6.66	\$6.67	\$6.57	\$6.94	\$6.66	\$7.43	\$6.51	\$6.42	\$6.50
College hours in early childhood education	\$6.80	\$6.74	\$6.53	\$7.26	\$7.08	\$7.43	\$6.15	\$6.94	\$7.05
Some College	\$5.50	\$5.51	\$5.29	\$6.00	\$5.75	\$0.00	\$5.20	\$6.00	\$5.00
Associate's Degree	\$7.73	\$7.61	\$7.14	\$8.05	\$7.81	\$8.59	\$6.65	\$6.79	\$8.33
Bachelor's Degree	\$9.26	\$8.80	\$8.28	\$9.37	\$9.14	\$9.44	\$7.37	\$9.22	\$10.43
Master's Degree	\$11.22	\$11.00	\$11.13	\$10.86	\$11.16	\$11.64	\$11.00	\$9.29	\$11.87
Doctorate Degree	\$8.67	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6.00
All	\$6.62	\$6.50	\$6.19	\$7.27	\$6.54	\$7.55	\$5.91	\$6.71	\$7.41
Bachelor's Degree or better	\$9.48	\$9.07	\$8.64	\$9.55	\$9.50	\$9.69	\$7.53	\$9.23	\$10.55

### Benefits Offered to Full-Time Teachers

Fewer child care teachers received paid benefits compared with other workers: 27 percent of child care centers offer health insurance benefits to full-time teachers and 55 percent provide paid vacations (Table 27). By contrast, according to labor market studies completed by the Center for Economic and Management Research, fifty to sixty-five percent of full-time employees in Oklahoma receive health insurance benefits and sixty to seventy percent receive paid vacations.

Table 27:  
Benefits Offered to Full-Time Employees, Child Care Centers (percent of providers)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas			
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
Health insurance	27.4	26.1	18.4	64.2	32.6	81.6	10.6	41.4	37.7
Dental insurance	20.7	19.8	13.8	50.0	25.4	68.4	7.4	25.9	27.4
Paid sick leave	37.0	34.8	27.7	70.1	43.2	81.6	19.2	55.2	53.8
Paid vacation	55.3	54.9	49.9	79.9	63.6	92.1	42.4	63.8	58.5
Retirement plan	18.4	17.6	11.5	47.8	19.1	59.2	7.4	32.8	24.5
Education assistance	49.3	49.6	44.5	75.4	51.7	81.6	40.5	67.2	47.2
Free or reduced cost on-site child care	65.4	65.6	63.0	78.4	65.3	85.5	61.8	69.0	64.2
No benefits are offered	18.4	18.3	21.3	3.7	14.0	2.6	25.2	5.2	18.9

About 49 percent of employees choose to participate in benefits programs (Table 28). Employees pay an average of 30.3 percent of the cost of benefits.

Table 28:  
Participation and Cost of Benefits, Child Care Centers

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
			1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>For facilities that offer benefits</i>									
Percent of employees who choose to participate	49.3	51.1	50.5	52.0	51.3	47.0	49.3	64.8	40.3
Percent of the cost of benefits that employees are expected to pay	30.3	29.8	32.1	26.1	33.7	28.1	29.8	21.1	32.9
Average monthly cost of benefits to the center	\$867	\$816	\$573	\$1,141	\$570	\$1,269	\$578	\$785	\$1,092
Average monthly cost per participating teacher	\$206	\$198	\$163	\$161	\$120	\$171	\$205	\$112	\$230

### Level of Education of the Facility Director

A relatively large percentage of directors of child care centers have a college education: 20.4 percent have a Bachelor's degree and 8.4 percent have a Master's degree (Table 29). By contrast, only 11.8 percent of proprietors of family child care homes have a Bachelor's degree (Table 30).

Table 29:  
Education Level of the Facility Director, Child Care Centers (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas		
			1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	
<i>Level of Education</i>									
High School diploma or equivalent	27.9	29.0	32.6	11.4	20.2	15.8	39.5	5.4	19.4
CDA or CCP credential	10.5	11.0	9.7	17.4	11.7	17.1	8.6	17.9	6.1
Child care vocational training certificate	4.1	4.2	4.4	3.0	6.3	2.6	3.4	3.6	3.1
College hours in early childhood education	19.0	19.1	20.6	12.1	19.7	6.6	21.1	19.6	18.4
Associate's Degree	9.5	9.4	9.4	9.8	11.7	10.5	8.1	8.9	10.2
Bachelor's Degree	20.4	19.4	17.1	30.3	22.4	31.6	14.2	28.6	28.6
Master's Degree	8.4	7.6	5.9	15.9	7.6	15.8	4.9	16.1	14.3
Doctorate Degree	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Bachelor's Degree or better	29.0	27.3	23.3	46.2	30.5	47.4	19.4	44.6	42.9

Table 30:

Education Level of the Facility Director, Family Child Care Homes (perc)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas			
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
<i>Level of Education</i>									
High School diploma or equivalent	63.2	63.4	66.2	21.1	63.7	21.7	67.3	20.8	62.9
CDA or CCP credential	3.6	4.6	2.8	31.7	2.0	17.9	3.1	38.3	1.0
Child care vocational training certificate	2.2	2.7	2.8	2.7	3.9	4.4	2.3	1.9	0.7
College hours in early childhood education	10.9	11.1	11.3	7.3	12.4	12.6	10.9	4.7	10.6
Associate's Degree	8.2	8.0	7.7	11.7	8.5	4.4	7.4	15.3	8.7
Bachelor's Degree	10.0	8.6	7.8	20.2	7.6	26.3	7.9	17.2	13.8
Master's Degree	1.8	1.6	1.3	5.4	2.0	12.6	1.1	1.9	2.4
Doctorate Degree	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0
Bachelor's Degree or better	11.8	10.2	9.2	25.5	9.6	38.9	9.1	19.0	16.2

### Achieving Two Star and Three Star Status

At the time of the data collection for this study, DHS considered establishing a goal that all children whose care is paid at least in part by DHS be cared for in Two Star or Three Star centers or homes. When informed of this possible goal, about 59.5 percent of centers and 23.6 percent of homes planned to achieve Two Star or Three Star status by July 1, 2002 (Table 31).

However, 10.6 percent of centers and 52.8 percent of homes indicated that they do not plan to care for children who receive a DHS subsidy (Table 25). As shown in Table 7, 11.7 percent of centers and 27.8 percent of homes currently do not participate in the subsidy program. Thus, it appears that the proportion of centers that accept subsidized children will probably remain steady in 2002, but the proportion of homes that accept subsidized children may drop from about 72 percent currently to 47.2 percent in 2002, if the policy is implemented.

Table 31:

Plans for Achieving Two Star and Three Star Status, Child Care Centers (percent)

	Accepts Subsidy Children								Does not Accept Subsidy Children
	All	All Rate Areas		High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas			
		1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star		
Currently Two Star or Three Star	17.8	18.8	3.4	95.5	3.0	93.4	3.7	98.3	10.4
Plan to become:									
Two Star or Three Star within the next 12 months	39.1	42.3	50.0	3.7	53.4	5.3	48.1	1.7	15.1
Two Star or Three Star by July 1, 2002	20.4	21.9	26.2	0.7	24.2	1.3	27.3	0.0	8.5
Do not plan to care for children who receive a DHS subsidy	10.6	5.0	6.0	0.0	4.2	0.0	6.9	0.0	52.8
Don't know	11.3	11.3	13.6	0.0	13.6	0.0	13.7	0.0	11.3
Refused	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.0	1.7	0.0	0.2	0.0	1.9

## Market Rates

Rates charged for child care were estimated for seven ages of children:

- Infants (0-9 months of age),
- Toddlers (10-23 months of age),
- Two year olds,
- Three year olds,
- Four and five year olds,
- Kindergartners (currently attending kindergarten), and
- School-agers (six years or older or completed kindergarten).

A facility must meet three conditions to be included in the rate analysis for a particular age group: 1) must accept children for care in the age group, 2) must charge a market-based rate, not a rate based on parent's income, and 3) must currently have children in care in the age group. Aggregate rates are computed by weighting each facility by the number of children in the age group. Additional sampling weights are applied to rates for homes. A statewide summary of rates by full-time/part-time status by day and week is shown in Table 32. Mean rates are shown in Table 33 for centers and homes by rate area and star designation, while median and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rates are presented in Table 34 and Table 35, respectively. Maps showing the variation of rates among counties can be found in the Appendix.

Table 32:  
Statewide Charges for Full-Time and Part-Time Care

	Child Care Centers				Family Child Care Homes			
	Full-time		Part-time		Full-time		Part-time	
	Daily	Weekly	Hourly	Daily	Daily	Weekly	Hourly	Daily
Infants	\$34.48	\$168.58	\$3.28	\$24.09	\$30.12	\$149.70	\$3.13	\$11.65
Toddlers	\$34.15	\$164.41	\$3.67	\$24.36	\$29.21	\$144.75	\$3.31	\$21.41
Twos	\$32.41	\$151.73	\$3.57	\$22.76	\$26.90	\$133.44	\$3.20	\$22.23
Threes	\$31.43	\$147.91	\$3.56	\$21.52	\$26.59	\$132.09	\$2.33	\$20.78
Fours & fives	\$32.45	\$146.28	\$3.32	\$21.58	\$26.58	\$131.95	\$2.43	\$19.59
Kindergartners	\$29.16	\$135.90	\$3.63	\$21.80	\$24.40	\$121.40	\$2.10	\$18.57
School agers	\$26.47	\$121.15	\$4.07	\$19.78	\$21.40	\$106.33	\$2.51	\$14.49

Table 33:  
Mean Weekly Charges for Care by Rate Area and Star, 2001

<b>Child Care Centers</b>							
	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas	
	All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star
Infants	\$92.43	\$87.04	\$109.11	\$104.79	\$122.34	\$73.79	\$91.91
Toddlers	\$87.75	\$83.32	\$102.84	\$98.56	\$111.45	\$71.63	\$87.03
Twos	\$82.09	\$77.87	\$94.93	\$92.17	\$102.94	\$65.57	\$79.41
Threes	\$78.48	\$75.19	\$89.70	\$86.33	\$97.12	\$64.62	\$75.92
Fours & Fives	\$77.88	\$74.87	\$87.65	\$83.45	\$94.03	\$64.63	\$72.78
Kindergarteners	\$69.56	\$66.80	\$78.48	\$75.99	\$81.47	\$58.40	\$67.65
School Ageds	\$62.95	\$60.43	\$71.15	\$64.18	\$74.97	\$56.32	\$59.32

<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>							
	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas	
	All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star
Infants	\$81.45	\$80.45	\$94.55	\$85.27	\$101.61	\$77.54	\$90.22
Toddlers	\$77.84	\$77.21	\$88.97	\$82.31	\$98.76	\$74.34	\$84.46
Twos	\$71.50	\$70.84	\$82.27	\$76.73	\$90.89	\$67.54	\$78.86
Threes	\$69.69	\$68.95	\$81.08	\$74.00	\$88.96	\$66.68	\$79.20
Fours & Fives	\$67.88	\$67.02	\$80.52	\$71.25	\$85.29	\$65.11	\$79.01
Kindergarteners	\$63.03	\$62.72	\$70.06	\$66.35	**	\$61.05	\$65.37
School Ageds	\$57.06	\$56.55	\$66.76	\$59.60	\$68.40	\$55.27	\$66.02

\*\* Insufficient responses

Table 34:  
Median Weekly Charges for Care by Rate Area and Star, 2001

<b>Child Care Centers</b>							
	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas	
	All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star
Infants	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$122.00	\$75.00	\$95.00
Toddlers	\$82.00	\$75.00	\$105.00	\$97.00	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$85.00
Twos	\$75.00	\$70.00	\$95.00	\$90.00	\$102.00	\$65.00	\$80.00
Threes	\$75.00	\$70.00	\$90.00	\$85.00	\$97.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Fours & Fives	\$75.00	\$70.00	\$90.00	\$80.00	\$95.00	\$65.00	\$72.09
Kindergarteners	\$69.00	\$65.00	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$60.00	\$65.00
School Agers	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$68.00	\$61.00	\$75.00	\$55.00	\$65.00

<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>							
	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas	
	All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star
Infants	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$85.00
Toddlers	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$85.00
Twos	\$67.50	\$65.00	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$96.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Threes	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$76.00	\$70.00	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$75.00
Fours & Fives	\$65.00	\$65.00	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$90.00	\$60.00	\$75.00
Kindergarteners	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$100.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
School Agers	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$65.00	\$55.00	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$65.00

Table 35:  
75th Percentile Weekly Charges for Care by Rate Area and Star, 2001

<b>Child Care Centers</b>							
	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas	
	All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star
Infants	\$110.00	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$140.00	\$75.00	\$110.00
Toddlers	\$102.50	\$95.00	\$115.00	\$112.00	\$124.00	\$75.00	\$100.00
Twos	\$96.00	\$90.00	\$106.00	\$104.00	\$115.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
Threes	\$90.00	\$85.00	\$102.00	\$95.00	\$108.00	\$70.00	\$85.00
Fours & Fives	\$90.00	\$82.50	\$99.00	\$94.00	\$105.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
Kindergarteners	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$86.00	\$86.00	\$90.00	\$65.00	\$80.00
School Agers	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$80.00	\$70.00	\$88.00	\$60.00	\$65.00

<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>							
	All Rate Areas			High Rate Area		Other Rate Areas	
	All	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star	1 Star & 1 Star Plus	2 Star & 3 Star
Infants	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$115.00	\$80.00	\$100.00
Toddlers	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$77.50	\$95.00
Twos	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$96.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$85.00
Threes	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$85.00
Fours & Fives	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$70.00	\$90.00
Kindergarteners	\$70.00	\$65.00	\$80.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$65.00	\$70.00
School Agers	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$76.00