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Georgia 2005 Childcare Market Rate Survey

I. Executive Summary

10,266 childcare providers were surveyed by mail in the spring of 2005. Useful responses were received from 4,650 providers. Rate information was collected for different types of care for different age groups for four types of providers; childcare centers, group homes, family childcare and informal providers. Respondents were grouped into three market rate zones based on the county in which they provide their services. The zones represented large urban and suburban areas (Zone 1), smaller urban and suburban areas (Zone 2), and rural areas (Zone 3). Significant findings from the survey results include:

- In regards to weekly rates for weekday care, rates in Zone 1 are much higher than respective rates in the other two zones. Rates in Zone 2 are generally higher than rates in Zone 3. In the case of infant weekday care, the 75th percentile in Zone 1 (\$165.50) is 106% higher than the respective rate in Zone 3 (\$80). This trend is generally consistent across different types of providers and different age groups being served;
- 75th percentile weekly rates for weekday care generally decline as the ages of the children being served increases, although the extent of this decline varies depending on the type of provider. This decline also is most dramatic among providers in Zone 1;
- Childcare centers generally have the highest weekday care rates, followed by family childcare providers, group homes and, at the lowest end of the rate scale, informal providers. There are some minor variations to this pattern;
- The 75th percentile for hourly drop-in rates for center-based providers is \$7.50 per hour, compared to \$7.00 per hour for family childcare providers;
- Surprisingly, however, most respondents who offer drop-in care reported rates based on daily fees; the 75th percentile for center-based providers is \$32 per hour, compared to \$30 per hour for family providers. Again, rates among Zone 1 providers are significantly higher than rates among providers in Zone 3;
- For most types of care across most providers, the 75th percentile weekly rates for weekday care increased modestly between 2003 and 2005. A few categories witnessed more dramatic changes. For example, the 75th percentile rate for group home after-school care increased 50% statewide to \$45;
- The percentage of providers who said they have an email address parents can use to contact the provider varies widely depending on the type of provider and the zone in which services are offered. There is a good chance these percentages are under-representative of the true number who have email access, however.

II. Introduction

In February of 2005, the Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS), a unit of the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR), contracted with Georgia State University's School of Social Work (SSW) to conduct the 2005 Georgia Childcare Market Rate Survey. The SSW subcontracted the survey work to the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service at Kennesaw State University. The survey is conducted to determine variations in market rates among childcare providers in different areas of the state in order to meet federal requirements under the Child Care and Development Fund program. The results of the survey are used to determine state reimbursement rates to providers who qualify for state subsidies. Similar surveys have been conducted by other organizations on behalf of DFCS periodically since 1991.

Surveys were mailed to 10,266 childcare providers across the state of Georgia. The mailing lists were provided by the DFCS. The surveyed providers included:

- Licensed daycare centers and group homes (2,969 providers)
- Licensed family childcare providers (FCC) (5,756 providers)
- "Informal" daycare providers (1,541 providers)

Licensed daycare centers and group homes are regulated by the state and have varying capacities depending on the size of the respective facilities. Daycare classes offered as part of the state-funded pre-kindergarten (Pre-K) program are limited to 20 children per class. Licensed family childcare providers are regulated by the state and can serve no more than six children not related to the provider. Informal providers are not regulated by the state, although they may care for no more than two unrelated children. They may be eligible for reimbursement from the state for part of the cost of their caregiving, however.

III. Survey Protocol

In order to maximize response rates, the licensed daycare centers, group home providers and informal providers were subjected to a multi-stage survey process. The steps in this process included:

- Survey packets were mailed to all providers in these groups. The packets were mailed from the Burruss Institute and included a cover letter from Ms. Gail Ormsby, Manager of the Child Care Unit of the Office of Family Independence at DFCS. A postage-paid return envelope, addressed to the Burruss Institute, was included in the survey packet;
- Approximately 10 days after the mailing of the first survey packet, a follow-up postcard was mailed to any provider who had not yet returned the Market Rate Survey;
- Approximately one week after the follow up postcard was mailed, a second copy of the Market Rate Survey was sent to providers who had not yet responded;
- One week after the second survey mailing, another postcard reminder was sent to all non-respondents.

Due to administrative changes at DFCS that created a significant delay in obtaining the mailing list, the survey of family childcare providers was handled differently. Only one mailing was sent to these providers; however, in this case, the mailing was sent out in official DHR envelopes with the same cover letter and a postage-paid return envelope addressed to the Burruss Institute. No follow-up reminder was sent.

In all cases, the survey packets were mailed with first-class postage. The survey of centers and group homes was three legal size pages in length; the survey of family childcare and informal providers was two legal size pages in length.

A toll-free number was provided in the mailings in case the providers had questions about the survey. Burruss Institute staff were trained on the handling of these calls. Approximately three dozen calls were received, mostly from informal providers.

Response Rates

For each group, a number of provider surveys were returned by the U.S. Postal Service as “undeliverable.” In addition, a number of providers returned their surveys with information that they no longer provide childcare services. After taking these returns into account, the response rates for each group surveyed are as follows:

- Childcare centers and group homes – 1,176 responses (1,076 centers and 100 group homes) out of 2,817 total potential valid respondents (42%);
- Family childcare providers – 1,394 out of 5,557 potential valid respondents (25%);
- Informal childcare providers – 439 out of 1,436 potential valid respondents (31%).

Types of Data Collected

Market rate data was collected for different types of care and, in most cases, for different age categories. This information includes:

Types of Care

- Weekday care
- Overnight/Evening care
- Weekend care
- Drop-in care
- Before school only, after school only, before and after school (combined) and summer care

Age Groups

- Infants (6 weeks – 12 months)
- Toddlers (13 – 35 months)
- 3-year olds (36 – 47 months)
- 4-year olds (48-59 months)
- 5 year olds not in school (60 – 71 months)
- 5-12 year olds in school (overnight and weekend care only)

No age differentiation was made for drop-in, before and after school care and summer care rates.

In addition, the state of Georgia differentiates rates across three market zones. These market zones are based on the counties in which the providers are located. The zones were developed to allow the state to take into account significantly higher childcare rates in the Atlanta market. The zones are as follows:

- Zone 1 – includes counties in the greater metro Atlanta area and, beginning in 2005, Camden County, which is affected by the large Jacksonville, Florida market;

- Zone 2 – includes counties located in other urban and suburban areas;
- Zone 3 – includes counties located in rural areas, smaller cities and towns.

These zones are developed by the state for previous market rate surveys and are adjusted from year to year. Counties comprising each zone can be found in Appendix B.

IV. Results of the Market Rate Survey

Tables 1A – 1E contain the statewide results of the market rate survey for each type of care and age group served. Results for each zone are provided also. With the exception of drop-in rates, all rates reported in these tables are based on *weekly* childcare rates. The results provided include the number of respondents in each category for the state as a whole (“Count”) and the **75th percentile** rate for providers in the state as a whole and within each zone. The 75th percentile rate is the rate at which 25% of the providers charge more than the stated rate and 75% of the providers charge less than the stated rate.

Analysis

The results for weekday care, as reflected in Table 1A, are most useful and lead to a number of important general conclusions:

- There are clear, significant differences in the market rates for providers across the different zones, as represented by the 75th percentile rates in each zone. Rates in the large urban markets (Zone 1) are generally much higher than the rates in Zone 2, and the rates in Zone 2 are significantly higher than those in the rural areas comprising Zone 3. In the case of infant weekday care, the 75th percentile rate for childcare centers statewide is \$135; across the three zones, however, this rate ranges from a high in Zone 1 of \$165.50 (123% of the statewide rate) to a low of \$80 (59% of the statewide rate) among Zone 3 center-based providers. This general trend is consistent across each of the provider types and respective age groups.
- Weekday childcare rates decline as the children being served grow older. The statewide 75th percentile rate for center-based weekday infant care is \$135; that figure declines steadily across older age groups (see Table 1A). The statewide 75th percentile for center-based weekday care of five year olds is just \$105. This decline in the 75th percentile rate for care across older age groups is similarly pronounced among Zone 1 centers; the decline in the respective rates in Zones 2 and 3 are far less pronounced, however. There appears to be much more stability in age-based rates in these zones.
- At the statewide level, 75th percentile rates are highest for center-based providers for each of the age groups served, followed by family care providers, group homes and informal providers. Using infant weekday care again as an example, the 75th percentile for statewide center-based care is \$135, followed by family childcare providers (\$110), group homes (\$90) and informal providers (\$75). There are some minor variations from this pattern within individual market zones. Most of these are the result of relatively small fluctuations in the rates of group home providers and family childcare providers.
- While the patterns mentioned above describe the results for weekly weekday care quite well, they do not reflect the results for overnight care (Table 1B). The extent to which the results can be used to ascertain reliable overnight weekly rates suffers from two significant problems. First, the relatively small number of providers (particularly among centers, group homes and informal

caregivers) who said they provide this type of care. The small sample sizes result in very unstable estimates of the respective rates. Second, a visual examination of the responses as they were returned indicated there is quite likely a problem with the format of the question about overnight rates. It is clear that some respondents were responding to the question based on the rates they charge for a few hours of evening care (for example, during a “parents night out” situation), while others were responding based on their rates for true “overnight” care. For all practical purposes, the results for this question reflect a mixing of apples and oranges.

- The results for weekend care (Table 1C) reflect to a large extent the same problems encountered in regards to overnight care.
- 75th percentile rates for before school, after school care and summer care for Zone 1 providers of all types are significantly higher than the rates for providers in Zone 3 (Table 1D). The number of group home providers and informal providers who said they provide these types of care is relatively small, however, and the results for these groups within the respective zones should be viewed with caution.
- In regards to drop-in rates, respondents were allowed to respond based either on hourly fees or daily fees. Relatively few respondents provided information based on hourly fees, even though hourly fees are more consistent with the concept of “drop-in” care. It is clear, however, that hourly drop in rates cannot be extrapolated to reflect daily rates (and vice-versa), because the extrapolated daily rates for those who charge by the hour would be very extreme in nature and would bias the data. Using the hourly rates reported in the 2005 survey, a typical day’s drop-in rate would approach \$60. Comparing that figure to the average daily rate reported in the 2005 survey, the \$60 figure is clearly out-of-line. Accordingly, rates for drop-in care are reported separately for both hourly and daily drop-in care.
- Among those statewide center-based providers who responded with an hourly rate, the 75th percentile is \$7.50 per hour, compared to \$7.00 per hour for family childcare providers statewide (see Table 1E). Providers in these two groups in Zone 1 again reflect significantly higher 75th percentile hourly rates than do comparable providers in Zone 3. The small number of group home and informal provider respondents who provided an hourly rate prevents meaningful interpretation of the data for those particular groups.
- Most respondents who offer drop-in care reported their rates on a daily basis. The 75th percentile daily rate for statewide center-based care is \$32, compared to \$30 for family childcare providers and \$20 for both group home and informal providers. Once again, rates among all providers in Zone 1 are significantly higher than those for providers of all types in Zone 3.

Table 1A:
2005 Market Rate Survey: Weekday Care
75th Percentile Weekly Rate

Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Infants	Centers	838	\$ 135.00	\$ 165.50	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00
	Group Homes	75	\$ 90.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 80.00
	Family	1114	\$ 110.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00
	Informal	74	\$ 75.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 60.00
Toddlers	Centers	912	\$ 125.00	\$ 155.00	\$ 96.25	\$ 75.00
	Group Homes	86	\$ 85.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 75.00
	Family	1185	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 75.00
	Informal	118	\$ 65.00	\$ 98.75	\$ 72.50	\$ 50.00
Threes	Centers	942	\$ 115.00	\$ 145.00	\$ 92.00	\$ 75.00
	Group Homes	92	\$ 82.25	\$ 122.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 75.00
	Family	1089	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 70.00
	Informal	81	\$ 65.00	\$ 82.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00
Fours	Centers	852	\$ 110.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00
	Group Homes	85	\$ 80.00	\$ 122.50	\$ 81.50	\$ 75.00
	Family	915	\$ 95.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 70.00
	Informal	61	\$ 57.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 50.00
Fives	Centers	610	\$ 105.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00
	Group Homes	63	\$ 80.00	\$ 96.25	\$ 80.75	\$ 75.00
	Family	645	\$ 90.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 83.50	\$ 71.25
	Informal	45	\$ 65.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00

Table 1B:
2005 Market Rate Survey: Overnight Care
75th Percentile Weekly Rate

Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Infants	Centers	47	\$ 135.00	\$ 279.00	\$ 108.25	\$ 78.75
	Group Homes	6	\$ 181.25	---	\$ 262.50	\$ 65.00
	Family	163	\$ 175.00	\$ 250.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 110.00
	Informal	14	\$ 267.50	\$ 250.00	\$ 212.50	\$ 320.00
Toddlers	Centers	49	\$ 121.50	\$ 248.50	\$ 102.00	\$ 78.75
	Group Homes	6	\$ 177.50	---	\$ 260.00	\$ 60.00
	Family	178	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 140.00
	Informal	25	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 87.50
Threes	Centers	47	\$ 115.00	\$ 198.00	\$ 98.50	\$ 72.50
	Group Homes	7	\$ 90.00	---	\$ 173.75	\$ 60.00
	Family	167	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 90.00
	Informal	21	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00
Fours	Centers	48	\$ 110.00	\$ 198.00	\$ 98.00	\$ 72.50
	Group Homes	7	\$ 85.00	---	\$ 170.00	\$ 60.00
	Family	153	\$ 200.00	\$ 245.00	\$ 175.00	\$ 157.50
	Informal	21	\$ 90.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 137.50	\$ 60.00
Fives	Centers	41	\$ 110.00	\$ 218.50	\$ 99.00	\$ 73.75
	Group Homes	6	\$ 162.50	---	\$ 250.00	\$ 55.00
	Family	173	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 143.75	\$ 125.00
	Informal	11	\$ 230.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 187.50	\$ 263.75
School Age	Centers	44	\$ 100.00	\$ 186.50	\$ 92.00	\$ 70.00
	Group Homes	8	\$ 252.50	---	\$ 166.25	\$ 310.00
	Family	164	\$ 175.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 156.25	\$ 118.75
	Informal	50	\$ 72.50	\$ 66.25	\$ 106.25	\$ 50.00

Table 1C:
2005 Market Rate Survey: Weekend Care
75th Percentile Weekly Rate

Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Infants	Centers	16	\$ 110.20	\$ 124.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 50.00
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	---
	Family	117	\$ 100.00	\$ 112.50	\$ 90.00	\$ 51.25
	Informal	13	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 61.25
Toddlers	Centers	16	\$ 95.80	\$ 124.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 50.00
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	---
	Family	126	\$ 95.25	\$ 100.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 55.00
	Informal	23	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 47.50	\$ 55.00
Threes	Centers	16	\$ 84.80	\$ 104.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 50.00
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	---
	Family	119	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 58.25
	Informal	14	\$ 32.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 43.75
Fours	Centers	14	\$ 81.60	\$ 96.00	\$ 63.00	\$ 50.00
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	---
	Family	110	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 52.50
	Informal	14	\$ 32.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 38.50	\$ 37.50
Fives	Centers	14	\$ 85.35	\$ 96.00	\$ 74.50	\$ 50.00
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	---
	Family	100	\$ 93.75	\$ 101.00	\$ 88.75	\$ 58.25
	Informal	10	\$ 40.75	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 46.00
School Age	Centers	15	\$ 79.20	\$ 84.80	\$ 63.00	\$ 50.00
	Group Homes	2	\$ 80.00	---	\$ 80.00	---
	Family	116	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 81.25	\$ 55.00
	Informal	31	\$ 43.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 35.00

Table 1D:
2005 Market Rate Survey: Before & After School, Summer Care

75th Percentile Weekly Rate						
Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
<i>Before School Only</i>						
All Ages	Centers	459	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 37.00
	Group Homes	17	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 45.00
	Family	312	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 35.00
	Informal	18	\$ 45.25	\$ 45.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 49.00
<i>After School Only</i>						
All Ages	Centers	639	\$ 60.00	\$ 69.25	\$ 52.50	\$ 40.00
	Group Homes	44	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 48.75	\$ 40.00
	Family	578	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 40.00
	Informal	51	\$ 50.00	\$ 53.75	\$ 55.00	\$ 49.00
<i>Before and After School</i>						
All Ages	Centers	669	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 58.00	\$ 45.00
	Group Homes	31	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 45.00
	Family	474	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 45.00
	Informal	74	\$ 50.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00
<i>Summer Care</i>						
All Ages	Centers	764	\$ 110.00	\$ 135.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 75.00
	Group Homes	43	\$ 75.00	\$ 137.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	522	\$ 85.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 70.00
	Informal	70	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 50.00

Table 1E:
2005 Market Rate Survey: Hourly and Daily Drop-In Rates

75th Percentile Rates						
	Provider Type	Count	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
<i>Hourly Rates</i>	Centers	150	\$ 7.50	\$ 8.00	\$ 6.50	\$ 6.00
	Group Homes	6	\$ 12.00	---	\$ 10.75	\$ 12.00
	Family	161	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.75
	Informal	5	\$ 15.00	\$ 8.00	---	\$ 17.50
<i>Daily Rates</i>	Centers	528	\$ 32.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 29.50	\$ 25.00
	Group Homes	60	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 23.75	\$ 20.00
	Family	814	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 20.00
	Informal	45	\$ 20.00	\$ 26.25	\$ 25.00	\$ 16.00

V. Historical Trends in Weekday Care

Table 2 provides historical trends in the 75th percentile weekly weekday care rates for infants, three-year olds and after-school care for the respective provider types.

Table 2

Type of Care/ Type of Provider	75 th Percentile Weekday Rates					
	2005	2003	2001	1998	1994	1991
<i>Infant Care</i>						
* Center-based providers	\$135	\$125	\$110 ¹	\$102	\$88	\$75
* Group homes	\$90	\$90	--	\$75	\$65	\$50
* Family childcare	\$110	\$100	\$95	\$80	\$75	\$65
* Informal providers ³	\$75	\$75	--	--	\$60	--
<i>3-Year Olds</i>						
* Center-based providers	\$115	\$110	\$95 ¹	\$90	\$75	\$65
* Group homes	\$82.25	\$85	--	\$70	\$60	\$45
* Family childcare	\$100	\$90	\$90	\$75	\$65	\$60
* Informal providers ³	\$65	\$79	--	--	\$50	--
<i>After-School Care²</i>						
* Center-based providers	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$48	\$41	\$30
* Group homes	\$45	\$30	--	\$35	\$30	--
* Family childcare	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$35	\$30	--
* Informal providers ³	\$50	\$42	--	--	\$29	--

¹ Includes group homes. ² After-school rates were not calculated by age of child; this is the 75th percentile rate across all age groups. ³ Informal providers were not surveyed in 2001, 1998 or 1991. All data for the years 1991-2003 were taken from the 2003 Market Rate Survey Report compiled by Care Solutions, Inc.

For center-based care, the 75th percentile weekly rate for infant weekday care increased \$10 (8%) between 2003 and 2005. This same rate also increased \$10 (10%) for family childcare providers during that time period. The rates for group home and informal providers did not change.

In regard to three-year old care, the 75th percentile rate increased just \$5 (4.5%) for center-based providers, and \$10 (11%) for family childcare providers. The rate actually decreased slightly for group home providers (-\$2.75, -3%), and more markedly for informal providers (-\$14, -17.7%).

For after-school care, 75th percentile rates increased 50% (by \$15) for group home providers between 2003 and 2005. The rate for informal providers increased by \$8 (19%) during that time. Rates for center-based providers (9%) and family childcare providers (11%) increased at significant but more modest rates.

VI. Additional Information from the 2005 Market Rate Survey

Registration Fees

Table 3 provides a summary of the results related to registration fees, broken down by market zone and type of provider. The *median* registration fee is reported for each category. The *median* value is the equivalent of a 50th percentile rate; that is, the median is the rate at which one-half (50%) of the providers charge less and one-half of the providers charge more. The percentage of providers in each category who said they charge a registration fee is also provided. Several conclusions are apparent:

- Informal providers rarely charge registration fees; the median fees for those who said they do charge fees are generally lower than the fees charged by other types of providers.
- The vast majority of center-based providers in all three market zones and group home providers in Zones 1 & 2 charge registration fees. Just over a majority (57%) of group home providers in Zone 3 charge a fee. The median fee for these groups of providers ranges from \$35 for Zone 3 centers to \$50 for centers in Zones 1 & 2.
- Fewer family childcare providers charge fees, particularly in Zone 3.

Table 3
Median Registration Fees by Zone and Type of Provider

	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3	
	%	Median	%	Median	%	Median
Centers	87%	\$50	87%	\$50	73%	\$35
Group Homes	92%	\$47.50	77%	\$45	57%	\$45
Family Childcare	57%	\$45	52%	\$35	33%	\$47.50
Informals	11%	\$35	5%	\$35	5%	\$25

It is important to remember that many childcare providers who charge registration fees often provide discounts to families who enroll more than one child at the same center. Fees may vary depending on other factors as well. The survey instruments were not designed to take these variations into account. As best as possible, the fees represented by these results represent the registration fee for one child.

State Reimbursement for Feeding of Children

Providers were asked if they receive state money for the feeding of children in their care and, if so, how many children they received money for from the state. Table 4 provides a breakdown of the percentage of providers in each category who said they receive money from the state for the feeding of children in their care, and the median number of children for whom providers receive funding.

Table 4
State Funding For Feeding of Children in Care

	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3	
	%	Median Number of Children	%	Median Number of Children	%	Median Number of Children
Centers	39%	75	54%	75	62%	56
Group Homes	77%	13	91%	16	86%	17.5
Family Childcare	60%	6	63%	6	67%	6
Informals	13%	4	12%	5	17%	4

Relatively few informal providers indicated they receive funding for the feeding of the children in their care. Significantly fewer center-based providers in Zone 1 said they receive state money for the feeding of their children compared to centers in the other zones. Although a larger percentage of centers in Zone 3 said they receive money from the state for this purpose, the median number of children they receive funding for is significantly smaller than is the case for centers in Zones 1 & 2.

State Reimbursement for Care of Children

Table 5 provides a similar breakdown for the question about whether or not the providers receive money from the state for the care of children. Family childcare providers in all three market zones are significantly less likely to receive money from the state for the care of children.

Table 5
State Funding For Care of Children

	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3	
	%	Median Number of Children	%	Median Number of Children	%	Median Number of Children
Centers	67%	12	73%	15	74%	18
Group Homes	62%	5	75%	6	64%	5
Family Childcare	26%	2	36%	3	46%	4
Informals	66%	2	55%	2	63%	3

Funding for Head Start Childcare

Some childcare centers operate Head Start Programs and receive funding for that program. Table 6 provides a summary of the percentage of centers in each Zone that receive Head Start funding, and the median number of children served in Head Start Programs in each Zone.

Table 6
Funding for Center-Based Head Start Programs

	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3	
	%	Median Number of Children	%	Median Number of Children	%	Median Number of Children
Centers	5%	52	4%	26	8%	45.5

State Funding for Georgia Pre-K Programs

The State of Georgia subsidizes Pre-K programs from the proceeds of sales from the Georgia Lottery. Table 7 provides a summary of the percentage of center-based providers in each Zone who receive state money for Pre-K programs, and the median number of children served by these providers in each market zone. Individual Pre-K classes are limited to 20 children, although a daycare center may offer more than one Pre-K class, depending on the size of the center itself.

Significantly more centers in Zone 1 (54%) receive funding for Pre-K programs than do centers in Zone 2 (35%) or Zone 3 (23%).

Table 7
Funding for Georgia Pre-K Programs

	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3	
	%	Median Number of Children	%	Median Number of Children	%	Median Number of Children
Centers	54%	40	35%	40	23%	20

Do Providers Have E-Mail and Internet Access?

Providers also were asked if they have an email address that parents can use to contact them, and whether or not they have internet access. Table 8 provides a breakdown of the percentage of providers in each Market Zone who do have these tools available.

Table 8
Email Availability and Internet Access

	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3	
	Email	Internet	Email	Internet	Email	Internet
Centers	70%	86%	57%	83%	40%	80%
Group Homes	23%	77%	34%	61%	23%	66%
Family Childcare	48%	65%	40%	60%	30%	53%
Informals	21%	47%	18%	39%	10%	25%

The results indicate a majority of childcare centers, group homes and family childcare providers in all three market zones have access to the internet. This is true for over 80% of the center based providers in all three zones. Far fewer informal providers indicated they have internet access; the highest percentage is 47% of the informal providers in Zone 1.

The results for email availability tell a slightly different story, although these results must be viewed with caution. Only two provider subgroups – center-based providers in Zone 1 and Zone 2 – have a majority who said they have an email address parents can use to contact them. Not unexpectedly, very few informal providers indicated they have an email address.

There is reason to believe that these results may be under-reported, however. Many people are naturally hesitant to reveal email information; in fact, many respondents who said they have email neglected to provide their actual email address. Also, the percentage of respondents in each subgroup who said they have email is generally much lower than the percentage who have internet access. If they have internet access, they have the ability to set up an email account either directly through their ISP or through a free service such as Yahoo or Hotmail. It is quite likely, therefore, that larger numbers of respondents actually have email access but have chosen not to share that information.

VII. Detailed Market Rate Survey Results

Tables 9A – 9D provide more detailed market rate information for providers statewide (Table 9A) and each of the three market zones (Tables 9B – 9D). In addition to the number (“Count”) of provider respondents in each category, information included in these tables includes:

- The 25th, 50th and 75th percentile rates for each provider subgroup in each category of care. The 25th percentile is the rate that divides the lowest 25% of providers in terms of rates charged from the top 75% of providers. The 50th percentile, which is more commonly known as the *median*, is the rate at which one-half of the providers charge less and one-half charge more.
- The *mean*, or average, rate for providers in that category. While most people are more familiar with this measure of central tendency, mean scores are, in fact, more susceptible to bias when extreme values are present or the distribution of scores are skewed in a particular direction. This problem is exacerbated when mean scores are based on relatively small numbers of respondents.
- The *standard deviation* of the mean, which is a measure of dispersion of the distribution of rates around the mean score. The smaller the standard deviation, the more closely bunched the distribution of rates is around the mean.

The data in these tables do not change the general conclusions discussed earlier in this report; these results are simply an expanded version of the tables presented earlier. The tables are particularly helpful, however, in identifying those types of care where the data for certain provider subgroups suffer from extremely small sample sizes. Particularly problematic are rates for evening/overnight care and weekend care for group home and informal providers in the individual zones. Other subgroups may suffer from this problem as well, however, on a more random basis.

Table 9A
2005 Market Rate Survey: Statewide Data Profile of Weekly Rates

Type of Childcare			Percentiles									
	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th				
Weekday	Infants	Centers	838	\$	113.25	40.70	\$	85.00	\$	101.50	\$	135.00
		Group Homes	75	\$	84.62	19.85	\$	70.00	\$	80.00	\$	90.00
		Family	1114	\$	95.00	30.40	\$	75.00	\$	90.00	\$	110.00
		Informal	74	\$	59.05	26.27	\$	47.00	\$	55.00	\$	75.00
	Toddlers	Centers	912	\$	106.19	37.19	\$	80.00	\$	96.00	\$	125.00
		Group Homes	86	\$	80.46	17.73	\$	70.00	\$	75.00	\$	85.00
		Family	1185	\$	90.65	36.63	\$	70.00	\$	85.00	\$	100.00
		Informal	118	\$	54.06	31.36	\$	40.00	\$	47.00	\$	65.00
	Threes	Centers	942	\$	98.91	33.45	\$	75.00	\$	90.00	\$	115.00
		Group Homes	92	\$	78.65	17.21	\$	67.75	\$	75.00	\$	82.25
		Family	1089	\$	87.37	36.83	\$	70.00	\$	80.00	\$	100.00
		Informal	81	\$	52.61	33.21	\$	40.00	\$	50.00	\$	65.00
	Fours	Centers	852	\$	96.56	45.67	\$	72.00	\$	85.00	\$	110.00
		Group Homes	85	\$	77.95	17.91	\$	65.00	\$	75.00	\$	80.00
		Family	915	\$	87.58	88.27	\$	68.00	\$	80.00	\$	95.00
		Informal	61	\$	45.32	19.97	\$	30.00	\$	50.00	\$	57.50
	Fives	Centers	610	\$	90.08	34.98	\$	70.00	\$	84.50	\$	105.00
		Group Homes	63	\$	73.97	14.97	\$	65.00	\$	75.00	\$	80.00
		Family	645	\$	82.50	31.46	\$	65.00	\$	75.00	\$	90.00
		Informal	45	\$	50.27	17.38	\$	34.00	\$	50.00	\$	65.00
Night & Overnight Care												
Infants	Centers	47	\$	140.26	123.20	\$	75.00	\$	93.00	\$	135.00	
	Group Homes	6	\$	139.17	140.66	\$	72.50	\$	85.00	\$	181.25	
	Family	163	\$	173.75	156.17	\$	80.00	\$	100.00	\$	175.00	
	Informal	14	\$	135.36	114.19	\$	50.00	\$	77.50	\$	267.50	
Toddlers	Centers	49	\$	134.73	75.00	\$	90.00	\$	121.50	\$	28.60	
	Group Homes	6	\$	135.83	142.14	\$	71.25	\$	80.00	\$	177.50	
	Family	178	\$	165.73	143.97	\$	75.00	\$	100.00	\$	200.00	
	Informal	25	\$	92.53	84.62	\$	45.50	\$	70.00	\$	100.00	
Threes	Centers	47	\$	124.38	111.81	\$	70.00	\$	90.00	\$	115.00	
	Group Homes	7	\$	124.28	132.89	\$	70.00	\$	75.00	\$	90.00	
	Family	167	\$	157.71	141.68	\$	75.00	\$	100.00	\$	175.00	
	Informal	21	\$	90.52	88.56	\$	41.50	\$	50.00	\$	90.00	
Fours	Centers	48	\$	120.63	105.41	\$	70.00	\$	85.00	\$	110.00	
	Group Homes	7	\$	121.42	134.09	\$	65.00	\$	70.00	\$	85.00	
	Family	153	\$	161.09	142.57	\$	75.00	\$	100.00	\$	200.00	
	Informal	21	\$	81.90	83.16	\$	32.50	\$	47.00	\$	90.00	

Night & Overnight Care*Percentiles*

Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th
Fives	Centers	41	\$ 126.41	113.03	\$ 70.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 110.00
	Group Homes	6	\$ 125.83	146.84	\$ 55.00	\$ 72.50	\$ 162.50
	Family	173	\$ 138.09	124.14	\$ 62.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 175.00
	Informal	11	\$ 129.55	95.98	\$ 50.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 230.00
School Age	Centers	44	\$ 113.00	103.29	\$ 65.00	\$ 79.00	\$ 100.00
	Group Homes	8	\$ 142.50	142.53	\$ 57.50	\$ 75.00	\$ 252.50
	Family	164	\$ 136.83	123.99	\$ 60.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 175.00
	Informal	50	\$ 70.26	62.43	\$ 34.50	\$ 45.00	\$ 72.50

Weekend Care

Infants	Centers	16	\$ 90.78	55.75	\$ 52.50	\$ 85.00	\$ 110.20
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	117	\$ 79.50	55.98	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 100.00
	Informal	13	\$ 41.54	23.75	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 55.00
Toddlers	Centers	16	\$ 85.95	51.24	\$ 52.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 95.80
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	126	\$ 72.38	53.85	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 95.20
	Informal	23	\$ 40.76	28.67	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 50.00
Threes	Centers	16	\$ 77.60	48.59	\$ 50.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 84.80
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	119	\$ 73.44	52.80	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 95.00
	Informal	14	\$ 26.21	13.97	\$ 15.00	\$ 21.00	\$ 32.50
Fours	Centers	14	\$ 75.97	50.85	\$ 50.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 81.60
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	110	\$ 72.85	54.08	\$ 43.75	\$ 60.00	\$ 95.00
	Informal	14	\$ 25.00	13.78	\$ 15.75	\$ 20.00	\$ 32.50
Fives	Centers	14	\$ 80.33	48.62	\$ 57.50	\$ 67.00	\$ 85.35
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	---	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	100	\$ 74.68	55.54	\$ 48.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 93.75
	Informal	10	\$ 28.80	13.73	\$ 17.25	\$ 27.50	\$ 40.75
School Age	Centers	15	\$ 71.84	49.20	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 79.20
	Group Homes	2	\$ 75.00	7.07	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00
	Family	116	\$ 64.25	34.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00
	Informal	31	\$ 30.23	20.10	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 43.00

Before School Only

All	Centers	459	\$ 36.16	17.49	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
	Group Homes	17	\$ 37.79	12.62	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
	Family	312	\$ 36.86	20.91	\$ 25.00	\$ 34.50	\$ 45.00
	Informal	18	\$ 34.39	16.30	\$ 23.75	\$ 37.50	\$ 45.25

After School Only***Percentiles***

Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th
All	Centers	639	\$ 50.39	21.05	\$ 36.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
	Group Homes	44	\$ 39.13	10.46	\$ 31.25	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00
	Family	578	\$ 41.12	22.46	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
	Informal	51	\$ 41.68	24.93	\$ 30.00	\$ 38.00	\$ 50.00

Before and After School

All	Centers	669	\$ 56.66	18.59	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00
	Group Homes	31	\$ 46.48	10.93	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00
	Family	474	\$ 53.48	52.89	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
	Informal	74	\$ 45.89	41.48	\$ 30.00	\$ 34.50	\$ 50.00

Summer Care

All	Centers	764	\$ 94.30	30.55	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 110.00
	Group Homes	43	\$ 72.88	15.52	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
	Family	522	\$ 77.30	29.78	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00
	Informal	70	\$ 48.00	17.35	\$ 42.25	\$ 47.00	\$ 60.00

Drop-In Care**Hourly Rates**

Centers	150	\$ 6.29	2.07	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.50
Group Homes	6	\$ 7.17	3.97	\$ 3.75	\$ 6.00	\$ 12.00
Family	161	\$ 5.98	3.89	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 7.00
Informal	5	\$ 9.80	6.02	\$ 5.50	\$ 8.00	\$ 15.00

Daily Rates

Centers	528	\$ 26.50	9.37	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 32.00
Group Homes	60	\$ 19.75	5.42	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00
Family	814	\$ 23.61	8.66	\$ 16.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
Informal	45	\$ 17.40	8.22	\$ 10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00

Table 9B
2005 Market Rate Survey: Weekly Rates for Zone 1

			Percentiles					
Type of Childcare	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th
Weekday	Infants	Centers	357	\$ 147.18	37.65	\$ 125.00	\$ 140.00	\$ 165.50
		Group Homes	10	\$ 116.33	21.29	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.64	\$ 130.00
		Family	535	\$ 114.87	28.43	\$ 100.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 125.00
		Informal	11	\$ 98.64	22.37	\$ 85.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 110.00
	Toddlers	Centers	394	\$ 135.68	35.01	\$ 110.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 155.00
		Group Homes	11	\$ 105.75	21.47	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00
		Family	554	\$ 110.32	42.26	\$ 90.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 125.00
		Informal	16	\$ 80.94	29.95	\$ 53.75	\$ 85.00	\$ 98.75
	Threes	Centers	406	\$ 124.16	33.79	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00	\$ 145.00
		Group Homes	12	\$ 104.47	25.55	\$ 82.50	\$ 97.50	\$ 122.50
		Family	499	\$ 105.67	44.64	\$ 85.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 120.00
		Informal	14	\$ 72.14	20.16	\$ 58.75	\$ 65.00	\$ 82.50
	Fours	Centers	376	\$ 120.21	57.05	\$ 95.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 140.00
		Group Homes	12	\$ 102.80	27.43	\$ 81.25	\$ 97.50	\$ 122.50
		Family	403	\$ 101.68	48.16	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 110.00
		Informal	8	\$ 67.50	11.95	\$ 56.25	\$ 67.50	\$ 80.00
	Fives	Centers	264	\$ 110.57	39.81	\$ 85.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 135.00
		Group Homes	6	\$ 85.00	13.04	\$ 72.50	\$ 87.50	\$ 96.25
		Family	290	\$ 96.38	37.16	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 105.00
		Informal	8	\$ 66.88	17.10	\$ 53.75	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00
Night & Overnight Care	Infants	Centers	13	\$ 219.54	158.33	\$ 130.00	\$ 138.00	\$ 279.00
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	78	\$ 210.41	183.88	\$ 100.00	\$ 130.00	\$ 250.00
		Informal	2	\$ 162.50	123.74	\$ 75.00	\$ 162.50	\$ 250.00
	Toddlers	Centers	14	\$ 204.57	158.10	\$ 113.75	\$ 126.50	\$ 248.50
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	81	\$ 196.39	168.81	\$ 97.50	\$ 125.00	\$ 200.00
		Informal	3	\$ 116.67	72.17	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 200.00
	Threes	Centers	15	\$ 186.20	149.06	\$ 110.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 198.00
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	81	\$ 185.27	162.88	\$ 90.00	\$ 110.00	\$ 200.00
		Informal	2	\$ 62.50	17.68	\$ 50.00	\$ 62.50	\$ 75.00
	Fours	Centers	15	\$ 177.53	139.22	\$ 110.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 198.00
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	73	\$ 193.66	168.27	\$ 92.50	\$ 115.00	\$ 245.00
		Informal	1	\$ 50.00	---	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00

			Percentiles					
Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th	
<i>Night & Overnight Care</i>								
Fives	Centers	14	\$ 179.50	145.12	\$ 98.75	\$ 115.00	\$ 218.50	
	Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Family	74	\$ 164.08	145.00	\$ 78.75	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	
	Informal	2	\$ 67.50	24.75	\$ 50.00	\$ 67.50	\$ 85.00	
School Age	Centers	13	\$ 166.77	144.28	\$ 90.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 186.50	
	Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Family	70	\$ 162.24	146.17	\$ 75.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	
	Informal	4	\$ 52.00	15.25	\$ 37.25	\$ 52.50	\$ 66.25	
<i>Weekend Care</i>								
Infants	Centers	8	\$ 123.55	61.14	\$ 90.00	\$ 109.20	\$ 124.00	
	Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Family	62	\$ 94.47	66.94	\$ 57.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 112.50	
	Informal	2	\$ 45.00	7.07	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	
Toddlers	Centers	8	\$ 113.90	58.09	\$ 80.00	\$ 95.60	\$ 124.00	
	Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Family	61	\$ 90.00	66.22	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	
	Informal	3	\$ 46.67	5.77	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	
Threes	Centers	9	\$ 97.51	56.37	\$ 67.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 104.00	
	Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Family	59	\$ 89.61	64.52	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	
	Informal	2	\$ 35.00	21.21	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	
Fours	Centers	7	\$ 102.23	61.64	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 96.00	
	Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Family	54	\$ 88.83	66.99	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	
	Informal	1	\$ 20.00	---	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
Fives	Centers	7	\$ 102.23	61.64	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 96.00	
	Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Family	50	\$ 90.16	68.83	\$ 50.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 101.00	
	Informal	1	\$ 20.00	---	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
School Age	Centers	8	\$ 91.20	61.29	\$ 61.00	\$ 74.60	\$ 84.80	
	Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---	
	Family	52	\$ 76.48	33.58	\$ 50.00	\$ 67.00	\$ 100.00	
	Informal	1	\$ 20.00	---	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	
<i>Before School Only</i>								
All	Centers	216	\$ 41.57	18.78	\$ 27.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 55.00	
	Group Homes	2	\$ 55.00	0.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	
	Family	155	\$ 39.43	23.05	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	
	Informal	2	\$ 37.50	10.61	\$ 30.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 45.00	

				Percentiles					
Age of Children Provider Type Count				Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th	
<i>After School Only</i>									
	All	Centers	278	\$ 60.33	16.61	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 69.25	
		Group Homes	5	\$ 43.40	13.79	\$ 28.50	\$ 50.00	\$ 55.00	
		Family	267	\$ 44.75	20.50	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	
		Informal	10	\$ 47.50	13.38	\$ 34.50	\$ 47.50	\$ 53.75	
<i>Before and After School</i>									
	All	Centers	299	\$ 66.20	14.18	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	
		Group Homes	3	\$ 58.33	5.77	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00	
		Family	220	\$ 61.82	73.49	\$ 46.25	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00	
		Informal	9	\$ 49.78	11.26	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 57.50	
<i>Summer Care</i>									
	All	Centers	334	\$ 115.95	31.42	\$ 95.00	\$ 110.23	\$ 135.00	
		Group Homes	4	\$ 98.75	37.72	\$ 76.25	\$ 82.50	\$ 137.50	
		Family	224	\$ 87.45	32.80	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 100.00	
		Informal	11	\$ 61.84	18.66	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	
<i>Drop-In Care</i>									
Hourly Rates									
		Centers	71	\$ 7.03	2.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 8.00	
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---	
		Family	82	\$ 7.05	4.47	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 8.00	
		Informal	1	\$ 8.00	---	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	
Daily Rates									
		Centers	205	\$ 32.86	9.56	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 37.50	
		Group Homes	6	\$ 27.50	6.89	\$ 20.00	\$ 27.50	\$ 35.00	
		Family	390	\$ 26.27	8.32	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	
		Informal	10	\$ 23.50	11.07	\$ 15.00	\$ 22.50	\$ 26.25	

Table 9C
2005 Market Rate Survey: Weekly Rates for Zone 2

			Percentiles						
Type of Childcare	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th	
Weekday	Infants	Centers	319	\$ 95.13	17.28	\$ 85.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 100.00	
		Group Homes	33	\$ 86.06	14.73	\$ 80.00	\$ 83.00	\$ 90.00	
		Family	316	\$ 83.28	19.43	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00	
		Informal	17	\$ 65.41	24.93	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	
	Toddlers	Centers	346	\$ 89.85	17.83	\$ 80.00	\$ 89.00	\$ 96.25	
		Group Homes	37	\$ 83.24	14.93	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00	
		Family	338	\$ 79.74	19.27	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	
		Informal	25	\$ 58.45	25.16	\$ 44.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 72.50	
	Threes	Centers	361	\$ 84.69	15.66	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 92.00	
		Group Homes	40	\$ 79.83	11.78	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00	
		Family	315	\$ 77.90	19.18	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	
		Informal	23	\$ 50.10	19.84	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 65.00	
	Fours	Centers	316	\$ 82.91	20.28	\$ 72.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 90.00	
		Group Homes	37	\$ 78.86	12.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 81.50	
		Family	271	\$ 77.58	19.78	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	
		Informal	11	\$ 54.59	17.86	\$ 35.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	
	Fives	Centers	228	\$ 79.11	20.27	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 90.00	
		Group Homes	30	\$ 78.10	13.77	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.75	
		Family	197	\$ 76.16	22.79	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 83.50	
		Informal	13	\$ 54.46	15.45	\$ 44.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	
Night & Overnight Care	Infants	Centers	18	\$ 127.39	104.24	\$ 85.00	\$ 91.50	\$ 108.25	
		Group Homes	5	\$ 154.00	151.92	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.00	\$ 262.50	
		Family	55	\$ 149.00	125.43	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.00	\$ 175.00	
		Informal	5	\$ 126.00	112.66	\$ 62.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 212.50	
	Toddlers	Centers	19	\$ 121.21	101.30	\$ 80.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 102.00	
		Group Homes	5	\$ 151.00	153.40	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 260.00	
		Family	58	\$ 151.93	123.65	\$ 73.75	\$ 85.00	\$ 200.00	
		Informal	5	\$ 120.00	102.23	\$ 60.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 200.00	
	Threes	Centers	18	\$ 115.39	97.51	\$ 74.25	\$ 85.00	\$ 98.50	
		Group Homes	6	\$ 135.00	142.23	\$ 73.50	\$ 75.00	\$ 173.75	
		Family	55	\$ 149.09	124.60	\$ 70.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 200.00	
		Informal	6	\$ 105.83	97.80	\$ 46.25	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00	
	Fours	Centers	19	\$ 113.21	95.23	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 98.00	
		Group Homes	6	\$ 131.66	143.86	\$ 68.75	\$ 72.50	\$ 170.00	
		Family	51	\$ 140.00	115.77	\$ 70.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 175.00	
		Informal	9	\$ 94.89	90.44	\$ 30.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 137.50	

			<i>Percentiles</i>					
	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th
<i>Night & Overnight Care</i>								
Fives	Centers	17	\$ 115.94	100.77	\$	72.50	\$ 80.00	\$ 99.00
	Group Homes	5	\$ 140.00	159.53	\$	62.50	\$ 75.00	\$ 250.00
	Family	60	\$ 124.97	107.47	\$	60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 143.75
	Informal	5	\$ 109.00	96.79	\$	45.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 187.50
School Age	Centers	18	\$ 107.94	90.73	\$	68.75	\$ 77.50	\$ 92.00
	Group Homes	6	\$ 129.17	145.20	\$	62.50	\$ 75.00	\$ 166.25
	Family	58	\$ 126.43	108.99	\$	60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 156.25
	Informal	14	\$ 85.14	61.16	\$	47.00	\$ 57.50	\$ 106.25
<i>Weekend Care</i>								
Infants	Centers	5	\$ 70.00	15.81	\$	55.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 85.00
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	--	\$	70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	33	\$ 74.64	35.25	\$	48.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 90.00
	Informal	5	\$ 46.00	32.67	\$	22.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 75.00
Toddlers	Centers	5	\$ 70.00	15.81	\$	55.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 85.00
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	--	\$	70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	38	\$ 65.03	33.96	\$	40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 85.00
	Informal	8	\$ 36.25	29.12	\$	15.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 47.50
Threes	Centers	4	\$ 62.50	12.58	\$	52.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	--	\$	70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	38	\$ 65.03	32.44	\$	40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 85.00
	Informal	6	\$ 19.17	9.17	\$	10.00	\$ 17.50	\$ 30.00
Fours	Centers	4	\$ 58.50	5.97	\$	52.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 63.00
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	--	\$	70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	35	\$ 65.89	33.10	\$	40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 85.00
	Informal	5	\$ 24.40	14.64	\$	12.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 38.50
Fives	Centers	5	\$ 63.80	12.93	\$	55.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 74.50
	Group Homes	1	\$ 70.00	--	\$	70.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 70.00
	Family	32	\$ 66.88	33.84	\$	40.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 88.75
	Informal	3	\$ 23.33	7.64	\$	15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00
School Age	Centers	4	\$ 58.50	5.97	\$	52.50	\$ 60.00	\$ 63.00
	Group Homes	2	\$ 75.00	7.07	\$	70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00
	Family	38	\$ 62.66	33.86	\$	40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 81.25
	Informal	11	\$ 35.45	26.98	\$	15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00
<i>Before School Only</i>								
All	Centers	182	\$ 32.98	14.82	\$	25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
	Group Homes	12	\$ 36.04	12.22	\$	25.00	\$ 32.50	\$ 50.00
	Family	97	\$ 34.60	16.17	\$	25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
	Informal	4	\$ 27.00	16.81	\$	10.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 42.00

Percentiles

	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th
<i>After School Only</i>								
	All	Centers	260	\$ 45.65	23.14	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 52.50
		Group Homes	20	\$ 40.63	11.41	\$ 35.00	\$ 38.75	\$ 48.75
		Family	146	\$ 41.34	28.94	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
		Informal	9	\$ 50.00	21.07	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00
<i>Before and After School</i>								
	All	Centers	257	\$ 51.47	13.06	\$ 43.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 58.00
		Group Homes	16	\$ 49.19	7.52	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00
		Family	150	\$ 49.26	19.76	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 55.00
		Informal	18	\$ 33.89	10.43	\$ 25.00	\$ 33.00	\$ 45.00
<i>Summer Care</i>								
	All	Centers	293	\$ 81.13	16.60	\$ 72.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 90.00
		Group Homes	18	\$ 74.44	9.06	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00
		Family	149	\$ 73.13	18.09	\$ 62.50	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00
		Informal	23	\$ 49.87	15.99	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00
<i>Drop-In Care</i>								
Hourly Rates		Centers	62	\$ 5.83	1.93	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00	\$ 6.50
		Group Homes	4	\$ 7.00	3.56	\$ 4.25	\$ 6.00	\$ 10.75
		Family	55	\$ 4.45	2.02	\$ 3.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 5.00
		Informal	0	---	---	---	---	---
Daily Rates		Centers	212	\$ 23.80	6.52	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 29.50
		Group Homes	24	\$ 20.46	5.09	\$ 16.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 23.75
		Family	226	\$ 21.67	6.87	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
		Informal	11	\$ 19.18	8.58	\$ 10.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00

Table 9D
2005 Market Rate Survey: Weekly Rates for Zone 3

		<i>Percentiles</i>						
<i>Type of Childcare</i>								
	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th
<i>Weekday</i>								
	Infants	Centers	162	\$ 74.16	12.16	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00
		Group Homes	32	\$ 73.22	11.14	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00
		Family	263	\$ 68.67	12.48	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
		Informal	46	\$ 47.24	15.70	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.00
	Toddlers	Centers	172	\$ 71.52	12.42	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
		Group Homes	38	\$ 70.42	8.88	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
		Family	293	\$ 66.07	12.31	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00
		Informal	77	\$ 47.05	30.48	\$ 37.00	\$ 46.00	\$ 50.00
	Threes	Centers	175	\$ 69.68	10.87	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
		Group Homes	40	\$ 69.73	8.94	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
		Family	275	\$ 65.03	11.36	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00
		Informal	44	\$ 47.70	39.68	\$ 31.25	\$ 44.00	\$ 50.00
	Fours	Centers	160	\$ 67.94	12.55	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
		Group Homes	36	\$ 68.72	9.24	\$ 65.00	\$ 66.00	\$ 75.00
		Family	241	\$ 75.24	157.31	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00
		Informal	42	\$ 38.67	17.81	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
	Fives	Centers	118	\$ 65.47	14.67	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
		Group Homes	27	\$ 66.93	13.80	\$ 60.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
		Family	158	\$ 64.91	12.25	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 71.25
		Informal	24	\$ 42.46	13.95	\$ 30.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 50.00
<i>Night & Overnight Care</i>								
	Infants	Centers	16	\$ 90.31	76.61	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 78.75
		Group Homes	1	\$ 65.00	---	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 65.00
		Family	30	\$ 123.83	99.08	\$ 70.00	\$ 80.00	\$ 110.00
		Informal	7	\$ 134.29	130.08	\$ 45.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 320.00
	Toddlers	Centers	16	\$ 89.69	76.83	\$ 62.75	\$ 69.00	\$ 78.75
		Group Homes	1	\$ 60.00	---	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
		Family	39	\$ 122.56	97.06	\$ 65.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 140.00
		Informal	17	\$ 80.19	83.48	\$ 42.50	\$ 47.00	\$ 87.50
	Threes	Centers	14	\$ 69.71	11.67	\$ 61.50	\$ 67.50	\$ 72.50
		Group Homes	1	\$ 60.00	---	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
		Family	31	\$ 100.97	82.90	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 90.00
		Informal	13	\$ 87.77	93.84	\$ 37.50	\$ 46.00	\$ 150.00
	Fours	Centers	14	\$ 69.71	11.67	\$ 61.50	\$ 67.50	\$ 72.50
		Group Homes	1	\$ 60.00	---	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
		Family	29	\$ 116.21	89.12	\$ 60.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 157.50
		Informal	11	\$ 74.18	83.48	\$ 30.00	\$ 43.00	\$ 60.00

						Percentiles		
	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th
Night & Overnight Care								
	Fives	Centers	10	\$ 69.90	13.05	\$ 61.50	\$ 65.00	\$ 73.50
		Group Homes	1	\$ 55.00	---	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 55.00
		Family	39	\$ 108.97	94.71	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 125.00
		Informal	4	\$ 186.25	102.26	\$ 80.00	\$ 215.00	\$ 263.75
	School Age	Centers	13	\$ 66.23	14.75	\$ 60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00
		Group Homes	2	\$ 182.50	180.31	\$ 55.00	\$ 182.50	\$ 310.00
		Family	36	\$ 104.17	87.00	\$ 55.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 118.75
		Informal	32	\$ 66.03	66.39	\$ 30.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
Weekend Care								
	Infants	Centers	3	\$ 38.00	13.11	\$ 24.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	22	\$ 44.64	20.72	\$ 30.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 51.25
		Informal	6	\$ 36.67	20.89	\$ 18.75	\$ 30.00	\$ 61.25
	Toddlers	Centers	3	\$ 38.00	13.11	\$ 24.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	27	\$ 42.93	21.70	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 55.00
		Informal	12	\$ 42.28	32.73	\$ 20.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 55.00
	Threes	Centers	3	\$ 38.00	13.11	\$ 24.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	22	\$ 44.59	24.07	\$ 30.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 58.25
		Informal	6	\$ 30.33	14.92	\$ 18.75	\$ 26.00	\$ 43.75
	Fours	Centers	3	\$ 38.00	13.11	\$ 24.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	21	\$ 43.38	22.23	\$ 30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 52.50
		Informal	8	\$ 26.00	15.01	\$ 16.50	\$ 20.00	\$ 37.50
	Fives	Centers	2	\$ 45.00	7.07	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 50.00
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	18	\$ 45.56	22.40	\$ 30.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 58.25
		Informal	6	\$ 33.00	16.17	\$ 16.50	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.00
	School Age	Centers	3	\$ 38.00	13.11	\$ 24.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 50.00
		Group Homes	---	---	---	---	---	---
		Family	26	\$ 42.12	22.32	\$ 28.75	\$ 34.00	\$ 55.00
		Informal	19	\$ 27.74	15.49	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 35.00
Before School Only								
	All	Centers	61	\$ 26.52	13.36	\$ 15.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 37.00
		Group Homes	3	\$ 33.33	10.41	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 45.00
		Family	60	\$ 33.89	21.39	\$ 20.00	\$ 37.50	\$ 35.00
		Informal	12	\$ 36.33	17.25	\$ 21.25	\$ 40.00	\$ 49.00

						Percentiles				
Age of Children			Provider Type	Count	Mean	St. Dev	25th	50th	75th	
After School Only										
	All	Centers	101	\$	35.23	10.51	\$	30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00
		Group Homes	19	\$	36.42	8.13	\$	30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 40.00
		Family	165	\$	35.07	17.16	\$	25.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 40.00
		Informal	32	\$	37.52	28.06	\$	24.46	\$ 33.50	\$ 49.00
Before and After School										
	All	Centers	113	\$	43.22	25.47	\$	35.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 45.00
		Group Homes	12	\$	39.92	12.11	\$	30.00	\$ 38.50	\$ 45.00
		School								
		Family	104	\$	41.91	22.10	\$	30.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 45.00
		Informal	47	\$	49.74	50.93	\$	30.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 50.00
Summer Care										
	All	Centers	137	\$	69.73	9.66	\$	65.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 75.00
		Group Homes	21	\$	66.62	6.76	\$	62.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00
		Family	149	\$	66.20	29.59	\$	60.00	\$ 65.00	\$ 70.00
		Informal	36	\$	42.58	15.51	\$	35.75	\$ 43.00	\$ 50.00
Drop-In Care										
Hourly Rates		Centers	17	\$	4.83	1.66	\$	3.25	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.00
		Group Homes	2	\$	7.50	6.36	\$	3.00	\$ 7.50	\$ 12.00
		Family	24	\$	5.81	3.94	\$	3.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 6.75
		Informal	4	\$	10.25	6.85	\$	5.25	\$ 8.00	\$ 17.50
Daily Rates		Centers	111	\$	19.90	6.02	\$	15.00	\$ 20.00	\$ 25.00
		Group Homes	30	\$	17.63	3.67	\$	15.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 20.00
		Family	198	\$	16.65	4.82	\$	15.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 20.00
		Informal	24	\$	14.04	4.46	\$	10.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 16.00

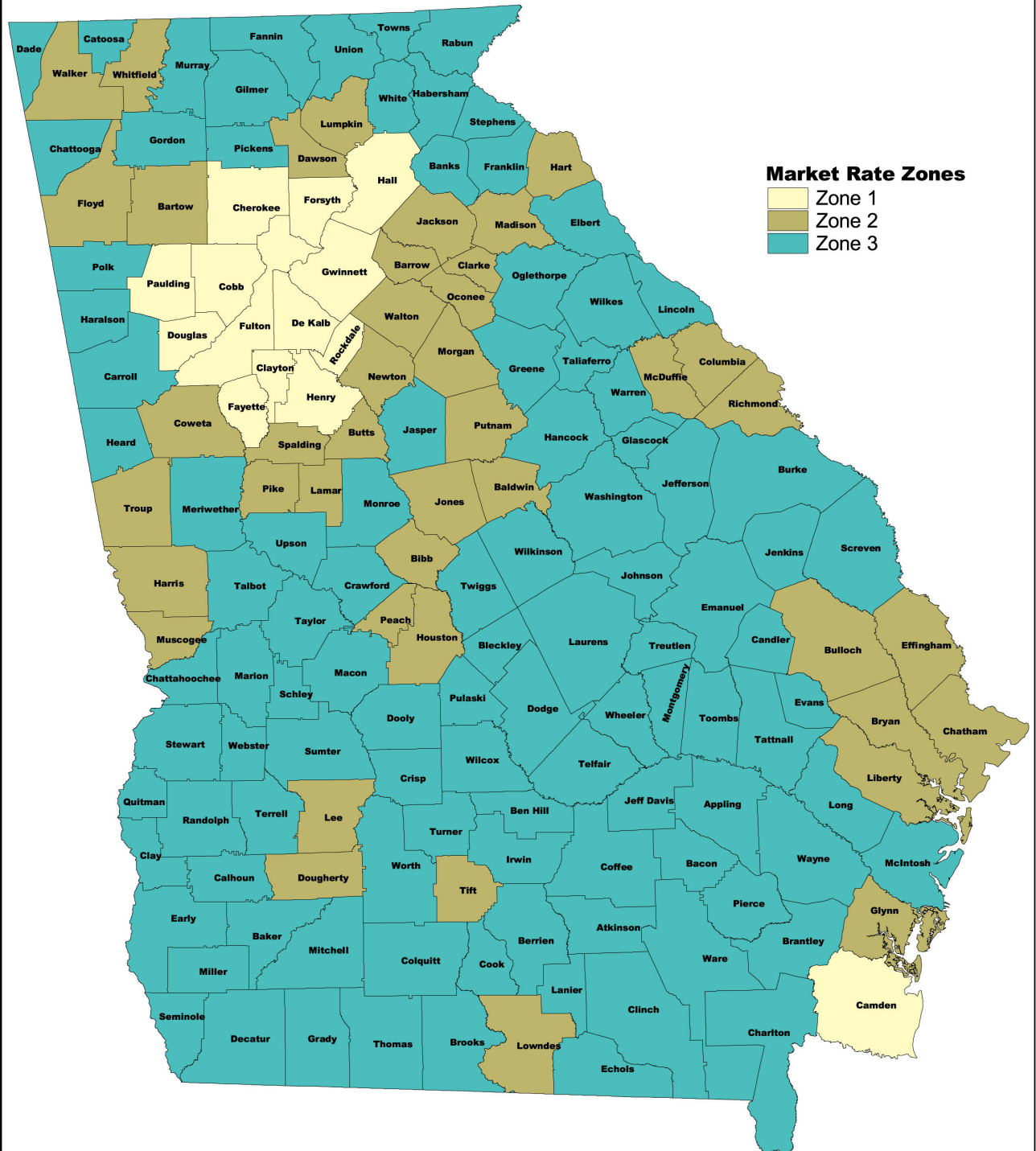
APPENDIX A
75th Percentile for Weekday Care – Monthly Rates

As in past Market Rate Surveys, this report has focused on *weekly* childcare rates for most categories of care. However, federal reporting requirements ask for *monthly* childcare rates for weekday care. The table below provides the 75th percentile monthly rates for weekday care for provider groups statewide and by market zone.

2005 Market Rate Survey: Weekday Care

75th Percentile Monthly Rate						
Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Statewide	Zone 1	Zone 2	Zone 3
Infants	Centers	838	\$ 580.50	\$ 711.65	\$ 430.00	\$ 344.00
	Group Homes	75	\$ 387.00	\$ 559.00	\$ 387.00	\$ 344.00
	Family	1114	\$ 473.00	\$ 537.50	\$ 387.00	\$ 322.50
	Informal	74	\$ 322.50	\$ 473.00	\$ 322.50	\$ 258.00
Toddlers	Centers	912	\$ 537.50	\$ 666.50	\$ 413.88	\$ 322.50
	Group Homes	86	\$ 365.50	\$ 516.00	\$ 365.50	\$ 322.50
	Family	1185	\$ 430.00	\$ 537.50	\$ 365.50	\$ 322.50
	Informal	96	\$ 279.50	\$ 408.50	\$ 301.00	\$ 215.00
Threes	Centers	942	\$ 494.50	\$ 623.50	\$ 395.60	\$ 322.50
	Group Homes	92	\$ 353.68	\$ 526.75	\$ 365.50	\$ 322.50
	Family	1089	\$ 430.00	\$ 516.00	\$ 365.50	\$ 301.00
	Informal	81	\$ 279.50	\$ 354.75	\$ 279.50	\$ 215.00
Fours	Centers	852	\$ 473.00	\$ 602.00	\$ 387.00	\$ 322.50
	Group Homes	85	\$ 344.00	\$ 526.75	\$ 350.45	\$ 322.50
	Family		\$ 915.00	\$ 473.00	\$ 365.50	\$ 301.00
	Informal	61	\$ 247.25	\$ 344.00	\$ 301.00	\$ 215.00
Fives	Centers	610	\$ 451.50	\$ 580.50	\$ 387.00	\$ 322.50
	Group Homes	63	\$ 344.00	\$ 413.88	\$ 347.23	\$ 322.50
	Family	645	\$ 387.00	\$ 451.00	\$ 359.05	\$ 306.38
	Informal	45	\$ 279.50	\$ 344.00	\$ 279.50	\$ 215.00

2005 MARKET RATE SURVEY ZONES



2005 Market Rate Zone Composition

Zone 1		Zone 2				Zone 3			
<i>County</i>	<i>FIPS</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>FIPS</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>FIPS</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>FIPS</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>FIPS</i>
Camden	13039	Baldwin	13009	Jones	13169	Appling	13001	Laurens	13175
Cherokee	13057	Barrow	13013	Lamar	13171	Atkinson	13003	Lincoln	13181
Clayton	13063	Bartow	13015	Lee	13177	Bacon	13005	Long	13183
Cobb	13067	Bibb	13021	Liberty	13179	Baker	13007	Macon	13193
DeKalb	13089	Bryan	13029	Lowndes	13185	Banks	13011	Marion	13197
Douglas	13097	Bulloch	13031	Lumpkin	13187	Ben Hill	13017	McIntosh	13191
Fayette	13113	Butts	13035	Madison	13195	Berrien	13019	Meriwether	13199
Forsyth	13117	Catoosa	13047	McDuffie	13189	Bleckley	13023	Miller	13201
Fulton	13121	Chatham	13051	Morgan	13211	Brantley	13025	Mitchell	13205
Gwinnett	13135	Clarke	13059	Muscogee	13215	Brooks	13027	Monroe	13207
Hall	13139	Columbia	13073	Newton	13217	Burke	13033	Montgomery	13209
Henry	13151	Coweta	13077	Oconee	13219	Calhoun	13037	Murray	13213
Paulding	13223	Dawson	13085	Peach	13225	Candler	13043	Oglethorpe	13221
Rockdale	13247	Dougherty	13095	Pike	13231	Carroll	13045	Pickens	13227
		Effingham	13103	Putnam	13237	Catoosa	13047	Pierce	13229
		Floyd	13115	Richmond	13245	Charlton	13049	Polk	13233
		Glynn	13127	Spalding	13255	Chattahoochee	13053	Pulaski	13235
		Harris	13145	Tift	13277	Chattooga	13055	Quitman	13239
		Hart	13147	Troup	13285	Clay	13061	Rabun	13241
		Houston	13153	Walker	13295	Clinch	13065	Randolph	13243
		Jackson	13157	Walton	13297	Coffee	13069	Schley	13249
				Whitfield	13313	Colquitt	13071	Screven	13251
						Cook	13075	Seminole	13253
						Crawford	13079	Stephens	13257
						Crisp	13081	Stewart	13259
						Dade	13083	Sumter	13261
						Decatur	13087	Talbot	13263
						Dodge	13091	Taliaferro	13265
						Dooly	13093	Tattnall	13267
						Early	13099	Taylor	13269
						Echols	13101	Telfair	13271
						Elbert	13105	Terrell	13273
						Emanuel	13107	Thomas	13275
						Evans	13109	Toombs	13279
						Fannin	13111	Towns	13281
						Franklin	13119	Treutlen	13283
						Gilmer	13123	Turner	13287
						Glascok	13125	Twiggs	13289
						Gordon	13129	Union	13291
						Grady	13131	Upton	13293
						Greene	13133	Ware	13299
						Habersham	13137	Warren	13301
						Hancock	13141	Washington	13303
						Haralson	13143	Wayne	13305
						Heard	13149	Webster	13307
						Irwin	13155	Wheeler	13309
						Jasper	13159	White	13311
						Jeff Davis	13161	Wilcox	13315
						Jefferson	13163	Wilkes	13317
						Jenkins	13165	Wilkinson	13319
						Johnson	13167	Worth	13321
						Lanier	13173		

APPENDIX C DEFINITION OF TERMS

Definition of Terms

Statistical Terms

Median and Percentiles	<p>The median is the rate at which one-half of the respondents charge <i>that rate or less</i>; and the other half charge <i>that rate or more</i>. For example, if the respondents were ranked in descending order based on their value on the rate under examination, the median would be the rate at which the respondents are evenly divided into two groups. The median of \$50, \$60, \$70, \$75, and \$85 is \$70.</p> <p>The median is also known as the <i>50th percentile</i>. Medians are less prone to being biased by extreme values. In the example above, if the highest value had been \$145 instead of \$85, the median would still be \$70. Means, on the other hand, can be affected more by extreme scores.</p>
Mean	<p>The mean is simply the arithmetic average. In the above example, the mean is \$68. However, if the highest score had been \$145 instead of \$85, the mean would be \$80.</p>
Standard Deviation	<p>The standard deviation is a measure of dispersion of the distribution of rates around the mean score. The smaller the standard deviation, the more closely bunched the distribution of rates is around the mean.</p>
Count	<p>The count is the number of respondents from whom valid data was received. When examining a particular statistic, such as the mean or median, it is often important to know the count (or “number of cases”) upon which the statistic is based. Statistics based on a small number of cases are often unstable and unreliable.</p>

Types of Childcare Providers

Childcare Center	<p>Centers provide less than 24-hour care for 19 or more children in a specialized facility. Centers are licensed by the state.</p>
Group Childcare Home	<p>Group homes provide less than 24-hour care for between seven and eighteen children not related to the provider. Group homes are licensed by the state.</p>
Family Childcare	<p>Family Childcare providers (FCC) offer less than 24-hour care for three to six children not related to the provider. Care is provided in private residences. FCC providers must register with the state.</p>
Informal Childcare	<p>Informal providers offer less than 24-hour care for one or more children in the child’s own home, the caregivers’s home, or the home of a friend, neighbor, or other relative; limited to two children unrelated or six children related to the caregiver.</p>

Types of Childcare

Weekday Childcare	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 6 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.

Appendix D Survey Instruments

Georgia 2005 Childcare Center Director Questionnaire

Thank you for participating in the 2005 Georgia Childcare Market Rate Survey.

Please read all instructions and mark your responses carefully, making sure only the responses you want to check are marked.

Do you have an email address that parents can use to contact you? ☐ No ☐ Yes (specify) _____
Do you have access to the Internet? ☐ No ☐ Yes

- 1. Do you currently provide childcare?** *(Check one)*
☐ Yes → Please continue with Question # 2
☐ No → Please stop, put questionnaire in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage paid envelope and mail it back to us so we can update our records.

- 2. Where do you provide childcare?** *(Check one)*
☐ At a childcare center based in a church
☐ At a childcare program based in a school
☐ At a childcare center based in a business
☐ At a childcare center based in a community center
☐ At an independent childcare center
☐ In a licensed group home (for 7 to 18 children)
☐ At another type of childcare center (please specify) _____

2b: If the childcare is school-based, please specify if:

- ☐ The school manages/runs the childcare program → Please continue with Question #3
☐ An outside organization manages/runs the childcare program → Please stop, put the questionnaire in the Enclosed pre-addressed postage-paid envelope and mail back so we can update our records. We will have that organization complete the questionnaire.

- 3. Do you receive money from the state for feeding children in your care?** ☐ No ☐ Yes → For how many children? _____

- 4. Do you receive money from the state for taking care of children?** ☐ No ☐ Yes → For how many children? _____

- 5. Does your center receive money from the state for providing lottery-funded Pre-K services?**

☐ No ☐ Yes → For how many children? _____

- 6. Does your center receive federal Head Start money for providing services to eligible children?**

☐ No ☐ Yes → For how many children? _____

- 7. Do you provide:** ☐ Weekday childcare (Mon – Fri, typically from 7 am to 6 pm)
(Check all that apply) ☐ Drop-in childcare (for short periods of time as you have space available)
☐ Night-time or overnight childcare (typically between 6 pm and 7 am)
☐ Weekend childcare (between Friday night and Sunday night)
☐ Before or after-school care
☐ Summer care for school-aged children

- 8. Do you charge the children's parents or guardians for providing childcare?**

☐ Yes (please continue with Question #9) ☐ No → Please skip to Question #14 and answer remaining questions.

- 9. If you provide weekday childcare, how much do you charge for each child in each of the following age groups? (Childcare Monday – Friday, typically from 7 am to 6 pm) (Write in amount and then check whether that amount is for each hour, each day, each week, or each month. Mark ONLY ONE circle in each row.)**

Infants (6 wks – 12 mos.)	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> day <input type="radio"/> week <input type="radio"/> month	Number of infants in your weekday care: _____
Toddlers (13 – 35 mos.)	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> day <input type="radio"/> week <input type="radio"/> month	Number of toddlers in your weekday care: _____
3-year olds.....	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> day <input type="radio"/> week <input type="radio"/> month	Number of 3-yr-olds in your weekday care: _____
4-year olds	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> day <input type="radio"/> week <input type="radio"/> month	Number of 4-yr-olds in your weekday care: _____
5-year olds not in school	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> day <input type="radio"/> week <input type="radio"/> month	Number of 5-yr-olds in your weekday care: _____

- 10. If you provide childcare at night or overnight, how much do you charge for each child? (Childcare evenings and nights, between 6 pm and 7 am) (Write in amount and then check whether that amount is for each hour, each evening, each overnight, or each week. Mark ONLY ONE circle in each row.)**

Infants (6 wks – 12 mos.)	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> evening <input type="radio"/> overnight <input type="radio"/> week	Number of infants in night care: _____
Toddlers (13 – 35 mos.)	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> evening <input type="radio"/> overnight <input type="radio"/> week	Number of toddlers in night care: _____
3-year olds.....	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> evening <input type="radio"/> overnight <input type="radio"/> week	Number of 3-yr-olds in night care: _____
4-year olds.....	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> evening <input type="radio"/> overnight <input type="radio"/> week	Number of 4-yr-olds in night care: _____
5-year olds not in school	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> evening <input type="radio"/> overnight <input type="radio"/> week	Number of 5-yr-olds in night care: _____
5 to 12 year olds (school)	\$ _____	for each <input type="radio"/> hour <input type="radio"/> evening <input type="radio"/> overnight <input type="radio"/> week	Number of 5-12 yr-olds in night care: _____

- 11. If you provide childcare on the weekend, how much do you charge for each child? (Childcare between Friday night and Sunday night) (Write in amount and then check whether that amount is for each hour, each day, each overnight, or each weekend. Mark ONLY ONE circle in each row.)**

Infants (6 wks – 12 mos.)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> weekend	Number of infants in weekend care: _____
Toddlers (13 – 35 mos.)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> weekend	Number of toddlers in weekend care: _____
3-year olds.....	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> weekend	Number of 3-yr-olds in weekend care: _____
4-year olds	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> weekend	Number of 4-yr-olds in weekend care: _____
5-year olds not in school	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> weekend	Number of 5-yr-olds in weekend care: _____
5 to 12 year olds (school)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> weekend	Number of 5-12 yr-olds in weekend care: _____

12. If you provide drop-in childcare, how much do you charge for each child? (*Childcare for short periods of time when you have space available.*)

Drop-in care: \$ _____ for each ☐ hour ☐ day

13. If you provide before-school or after-school care, or summer care for school-age children, how much do you charge for each child in each category? (*Write in amount and then check whether that amount is for each hour, each day, each week, or each month. Check ONLY ONE circle in each row.*)

BEFORE-school only	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> week	<input type="radio"/> month	Number you keep before school only: _____
AFTER-school only	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> week	<input type="radio"/> month	Number you keep after school only: _____
BOTH before & after school	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> week	<input type="radio"/> month	Number you keep before & after school: _____
School-aged summer care:	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> week	<input type="radio"/> month	Number you <u>expect</u> to keep in summer: _____

14. Do you charge a registration fee? ☐ No ☐ Yes → How much? \$ _____

15. Do you provide transportation: **To and/or From school?** ☐ No ☐ Yes
To and/or From the child's home? ☐ No ☐ Yes

16. Do you currently provide sick-child care? ☐ No ☐ Yes

17. Do you currently care for children with:

a) Physical disabilities? ☐ No ☐ Yes → How many? _____
b) Mental/emotional disabilities? ☐ No ☐ Yes → How many? _____
c) Other special needs (attention deficit, hyperactivity, behavioral disorders)? ☐ No ☐ Yes → How many? _____

18. How long has your center/group home been providing childcare?

(Check only one) ☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1 to 2 years ☐ 3 to 5 years ☐ 6 to 9 years ☐ 10 years or more

Sometimes a childcare program goes through a review and improvement process supervised by an outside agency to become accredited by a professional organization (not the state). This is in addition to what is required for state licensing.

19. Is your center/group home accredited? ☐ No ☐ Yes

19b. My program is preparing to be accredited or recognized by:

☐ NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)
☐ NECPA (National Early Childhood Program Accreditation)
☐ NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care)
☐ DECAL Standards of Care (Bright From The Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning)
☐ DECAL Homes of Quality (Bright From The Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning)

19c. My program is already accredited or recognized by:

☐ NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children)
☐ NECPA (National Early Childhood Program Accreditation)
☐ NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care)
☐ DECAL Center of Distinction (Bright From The Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning)
☐ DECAL Center of Recognition
☐ DECAL Home of Distinction (Bright From The Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning)
☐ DECAL Home of Merit (Bright From The Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning)

20. Are you interested in finding out about the Standards of Care program? ☐ No ☐ Yes

21. Are you interested in finding out more about the Homes of Quality program? ☐ No ☐ Yes

22. Does your program have a Resource Coordinator, Family Service worker or another staff person who works directly with the families of children enrolled in your program? ☐ No ☐ Yes

23. What is the average hourly rate you pay your lead teachers and assistant teachers for child care during the week?
(*Check only one response in each column.*)

Lead 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

Assistant 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

24. How many lead teachers do you have? _____

How many assistant teachers do you have? _____

25. Please indicate teacher experience below:	Number of Lead Teachers	Number of Assistant Teachers
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How many teachers have been employed in this center for 3 or more years?		
How many teachers have at least 3 years of experience in a licensed childcare center, Head Start program or pre-K program?		

Now, please provide the following background information about you and your staff/teachers.

26. Which of the following educational certificates, diplomas or degrees have you personally or your assistant director (if you have one) completed?
(Mark all that apply in each column).

Director has completed:

- ☐ Ph.D (specify field): _____
- ☐ Master's degree (specify field): _____
- ☐ Bachelor's degree in child development/early childhood education
- ☐ Bachelor's degree in business administration/related field
- ☐ Other Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Associate's degree
- ☐ Vocational or technical school diploma or certificate
- ☐ Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate
- ☐ Child Care Professional (CCP) certificate
- ☐ Current National Administrator Credential (NAC)
- ☐ High School Diploma
- ☐ GED

Assistant Director has completed:

(____ Check here if you have no Assistant Director)

- ☐ Ph.D (specify field): _____
- ☐ Master's degree (specify field): _____
- ☐ Bachelor's degree in child development/early childhood education
- ☐ Bachelor's degree in business administration/related field
- ☐ Other Bachelor's degree
- ☐ Associate's degree
- ☐ Vocational or technical school diploma or certificate
- ☐ Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate
- ☐ Child Care Professional (CCP) certificate
- ☐ Current National Administrator Credential (NAC)
- ☐ High School Diploma
- ☐ GED

Please complete the following chart for your lead and assistant teachers, counting only the highest degree earned for each teacher. For example, if a teacher has both a bachelor's degree and a master's degree, you would count that teacher as having a master's degree, and include that teacher only in the master's degree count.

27. Highest Degree Completed:	Number of Lead Teachers	Number of Assistant Teachers
How many have a Ph.D?		
How many have a Master's degree?		
How many have a Bachelor's degree?		
How many have an Associate's degree?		
How many have a vocational or technical school diploma/certificate?		
How many have a high school diploma?		
How many have a GED?		
How many have none of the above?		
Of those with a certificate or degree beyond high school, how many have a degree in child development, early childhood education or a related field?		

In this table, please tell us how many lead and assistant teachers have each of the certificates listed; a teacher holding BOTH certificates should be counted in EACH row.

28. Certificates Completed	Number of Lead Teachers	Number of Assistant Teachers
How many have a Child Care Professional (CCP) certificate?		
How many have a Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate?		

Please tell us how many staff/teachers completed the following hours of state-approved training for the year 2004. For the director or assistant director just put a "1" in the correct row.

29. Hours of state-approved training completed in 2004:	Director	Assistant Director	Number of Lead Teachers	Number of Assistant Teachers
More than 20 hours				
16 to 20 hours				
11 to 15 hours				
10 hours				
Less than 10 hours				

30. If your program serves young children (up to age six years), please check the curriculum that is most often used in your program: (Mark only ONE)

- | | |
|--|--|
| <input type="radio"/> A Beka | <input type="radio"/> Saxon Pre-School Curriculum |
| <input type="radio"/> Alphabet Puppets | <input type="radio"/> Scholastic Early Learning System |
| <input type="radio"/> Bank Street | <input type="radio"/> Scholastic Workshop |
| <input type="radio"/> Creative Curriculum | <input type="radio"/> Each teacher develops curriculum |
| <input type="radio"/> High/Scope | <input type="radio"/> Franchise-developed curriculum |
| <input type="radio"/> High Reach Butterflies | <input type="radio"/> No standard curriculum is used |
| <input type="radio"/> High Reach Framework | <input type="radio"/> Other (specify) _____ |
| <input type="radio"/> Montessori | |

31. What is your primary language? ☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Other (please specify) _____

32. How familiar are you with "Smart Start Georgia", an organization that provides statewide childcare scholarships, salary supplements and incentives, and support to increase child care quality in Georgia?

- ☐ Very familiar ☐ Somewhat familiar ☐ Not very familiar ☐ Have never heard of it

33. What is your title? ☐ Director ☐ Assistant Director ☐ Other (please specify) _____

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A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service, Kennesaw State University, 1000 Chastain Road – Box 3302, Kennesaw, GA. 30144-5591

For questions about this survey, please call 1-866-373-7783

THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SURVEY!

Georgia 2005 Childcare Provider Questionnaire

Thank you for participating in the 2005 Georgia Childcare Market Rate Survey, which is being conducted by Kennesaw State University in conjunction with Georgia State University and the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services (DFACS). Please complete this questionnaire as accurately as you can and to the best of your knowledge. Please return the survey in the self-addressed postage-paid envelope that was included with this survey.

Do you have an email address that parents can use to contact you? ☐ No ☐ Yes (specify) _____
 Do you have access to the Internet? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Please read all instructions and mark your responses carefully, making sure only the responses you want to check are marked.

1. Do you currently provide childcare? ☐ Yes → Please continue with Question # 2
 (Check one) ☐ No → Please stop, put questionnaire in the enclosed pre-addressed, postage paid envelope and mail it back to us so we can update our records.
2. Where do you provide childcare? ☐ In your home ☐ Other (please specify) _____
 (Check one) ☐ At the child's home
3. For whom do you provide childcare? ☐ Your own children ☐ Your own grandchildren
 (Check all that apply) ☐ Other children related to you ☐ Children not related to you
4. Do you receive money from the state for feeding children in your care? ☐ No ☐ Yes → For how many children? _____
5. Do you receive money from the state for taking care of children? ☐ No ☐ Yes → For how many children? _____
6. Do you provide:
 (Check all that apply) ☐ Weekday childcare (Mon – Fri, typically from 7 am to 6 pm)
☐ Drop-in childcare (for short periods of time as you have space available)
☐ Night-time or overnight childcare (typically between 6 pm and 7 am)
☐ Weekend childcare (between Friday night and Sunday night)
☐ Before or after-school care
☐ Summer care for school-aged children
7. Do you charge the children's parents or guardians for providing childcare?
☐ Yes (please continue with Question #8.) ☐ No → Please skip to Question #13 and answer remaining questions.

8. If you provide weekday childcare, how much do you charge for each child in each of the following age groups? (Childcare Monday – Friday, typically from 7 am to 6 pm) (Write in amount and then check whether that amount is for each hour, each day, each week, or each month. Check ONLY ONE circle in each row.)

Infants (6 wks – 12 mos.)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> week	<input type="radio"/> month	Number of infants in your weekday care: _____
Toddlers (13 – 35 mos.)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> week	<input type="radio"/> month	Number of toddlers in your weekday care: _____
3-year olds.....	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> week	<input type="radio"/> month	Number of 3-yr-olds in your weekday care: _____
4-year olds	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> week	<input type="radio"/> month	Number of 4-yr-olds in your weekday care: _____
5-year olds not in school	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> week	<input type="radio"/> month	Number of 5-yr-olds in your weekday care: _____

9. If you provide childcare at night or overnight, how much do you charge for each child? (Childcare evenings and nights, between 6 pm and 7 am) (Write in amount and then check whether that amount is for each hour, each evening, each overnight, or each week. Check ONLY ONE circle in each row.)

Infants (6 wks – 12 mos.)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> evening	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> week	Number of infants in night care: _____
Toddlers (13 – 35 mos.)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> evening	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> week	Number of toddlers in night care: _____
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4-year olds.....	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> evening	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> week	Number of 4-yr-olds in night care: _____
5-year olds not in school	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> evening	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> week	Number of 5-yr-olds in night care: _____
5 to 12 year olds (school)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> evening	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> week	Number of 5-12 yr-olds in night care: _____

10. If you provide childcare on the weekend, how much do you charge for each child? (Childcare between Friday night and Sunday night) (Write in amount and then check whether that amount is for each hour, each day, each overnight, or each weekend. Check ONLY ONE circle in each row.)

Infants (6 wks – 12 mos.)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> weekend	Number of infants in weekend care: _____
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5-year olds not in school	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> weekend	Number of 5-yr-olds in weekend care: _____
5 to 12 year olds (school)	\$ _____	for each	<input type="radio"/> hour	<input type="radio"/> day	<input type="radio"/> overnight	<input type="radio"/> weekend	Number of 5-12 yr-olds in weekend care: _____

11. If you provide drop-in childcare, how much do you charge for each child? (Childcare for short periods of time when you have space available.)

Drop-in care: \$ _____ for each ☐ hour ☐ day

12. If you provide before-school or after-school care, or summer care for school-age children, how much do you charge for each child? (Write in amount and then check whether that amount is for each hour, each day, each week, or each month. Check ONLY ONE circle in each row.)

BEFORE-school Only \$ _____ for each ☐ hour ☐ day ☐ week ☐ month Number you keep before school only: _____
 AFTER-school Only \$ _____ for each ☐ hour ☐ day ☐ week ☐ month Number you keep after school only: _____
 BOTH before & after school \$ _____ for each ☐ hour ☐ day ☐ week ☐ month Number you keep before & after school: _____
 School-aged summer care: \$ _____ for each ☐ hour ☐ day ☐ week ☐ month Number you expect to keep in summer: _____

13. Do you charge a registration fee? ☐ No ☐ Yes → How much? \$ _____

14. Do you provide transportation:
To and/or From school? ☐ No ☐ Yes
To and/or From the child's home? ☐ No ☐ Yes

15. Do you have any paid staff or assistants? ☐ No ☐ Yes → How many? _____

16. Do you currently provide sick-child care? ☐ No ☐ Yes

17. Do you currently care for children with:

- a) Physical disabilities? ☐ No ☐ Yes → How many? _____
 b) Mental/emotional disabilities? ☐ No ☐ Yes → How many? _____
 c) Other special needs (attention deficit, hyperactivity, behavioral disorders)? ☐ No ☐ Yes → How many? _____

18. How long have you been providing childcare?

(Check only one) ☐ Less than 1 year ☐ 1 to 2 years ☐ 3 to 5 years ☐ 6 to 9 years ☐ 10 years or more

19. Which of the following educational certificates, diplomas or degrees have you completed? (Check all that apply)

- | | | |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ph.D
<input type="checkbox"/> Master's Degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's Degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Associate Degree
<input type="checkbox"/> Vocational or technical school diploma or certificate | <input type="checkbox"/> Child Development Associate (CDA) certificate
<input type="checkbox"/> Child Care Professional (CCP) certificate
<input type="checkbox"/> High School Diploma
<input type="checkbox"/> GED
<input type="checkbox"/> None of the above → | What is the highest grade in school you completed? _____ |
|--|--|--|
- If checked, are any of these degrees in child development or early childhood care/education?
☐ No ☐ Yes

20. What is your primary language? ☐ English ☐ Spanish ☐ Other (please specify) _____

21. How familiar are you with "Smart Start Georgia", an organization that provides statewide childcare scholarships, salary supplement and incentives and support to increase child care quality in Georgia?

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22. Is your childcare home accredited? ☐ No ☐ Yes

22a. My program is preparing to be accredited or recognized by:

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☐ DECAL Homes of Quality (Bright From The Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning)
☐ Other: _____

22b. My program is already accredited or recognized by:

- ☐ NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care)
☐ DECAL Homes of Distinction (Bright From The Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning)
☐ DECAL Home of Merit (Bright From The Start: Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning)

23. Are you interested in finding out more about the Homes of Quality program? ☐ No ☐ Yes

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