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# Georgia 2009 Childcare Market Rate Survey

## I. Executive Summary

9,438 childcare providers were surveyed in the spring of 2009. Daycare centers with e-mail addresses on file with DHR were given the opportunity to complete the 2009 Market Rate survey online. Other provider groups were surveyed by mail, as were centers that did not respond online. Useful responses (respondents who are currently providing childcare and who provided rate information) were received from 4,418 providers. Rate information was collected for different types of care across different age groups from 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 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for Zone 1 centers (\$188) is 104% higher than the respective rate in Zone 3 (\$92). This general trend is consistent across different types of providers and different age groups being served, although the differences between Zone 1 and Zone 3 rates are not quite as pronounced in most cases for group homes, family and informal child care.
- 75<sup>th</sup> 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 and the market zone. This decline is most pronounced 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 statewide 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for part-time rates for center-based toddler care is \$45 per day, compared to \$35 per day for family childcare providers. Again, daily part-time rates in Zone 3 are significantly lower than the rates for the equivalent providers in Zone 1.
- For most types of care across most providers, the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile weekly rates for weekday care increased modestly between 2007 and 2009. For example, the statewide weekly rate for center-based infant weekday care increased from \$145 in 2007 to \$155 in 2009 (a 6.9% increase). It is important to note, however, that some rates did not increase over the past two years. For example, the statewide weekly rate for family childcare providers remained steady from 2007 to 2009.
- 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 December of 2008, 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 2009 Georgia Childcare Market Rate Survey. The SSW subcontracted the survey work to the A.L. Burruss Institute of Public Service and Research 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.

A total of 9,438 childcare providers across the state were surveyed. The list of providers was obtained from DHR. The providers were divided into four categories:

- Licensed daycare centers (3,048 providers)
- Group homes (258 providers)
- Licensed family childcare providers (FCC) (5,380 providers)
- "Informal" daycare providers (752 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 twenty 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 2009, the survey protocol for licensed daycare centers was modified from that used in previous years. For this group only, providers for whom DHR had an e-mail address on file (2,073 of the original 3,048, or 68%) were first given the opportunity to complete a web-based survey. These providers received an e-mail invitation to complete the online survey and were provided a link that would take them directly to the survey. The initial invitations were sent on February 23, 2009. A reminder was sent on March 2, 2009 to all daycare providers with e-mail who had not yet completed the web-based survey, and a final reminder was sent on March 6, 2009.

For all other providers, including daycare centers with no e-mail addresses on file as well as daycare centers with e-mails who did *not* respond online, the same survey protocol used in previous years was followed in 2009:

- Survey forms were mailed to all providers. The forms were mailed in DHR envelopes and included a cover letter from Ms. Mona Jackson, 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 mailing.
- Approximately ten 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, a final postcard reminder was sent to all non-respondents.

The survey was two pages in length (front-and-back of a letter-size form).

A toll-free number was provided in the mailings in case the providers had questions about the survey. Burruss Institute staff was trained on the handling of these calls. Approximately 15-20 phone calls were received from respondents seeking information; in addition, the Burruss Institute received approximately ten e-mails from providers who had comments or questions about the survey.

### ***Response Rates***

The raw response rates for the different types of providers were as follows:

- Childcare centers – 1,672 timely responses from 3,048 potential respondents (54.9%);
- Group homes – 124 timely responses from 258 potential respondents (48.1%);
- Family childcare providers – 2,283 timely responses from 5,380 potential respondents (42.4%);
- Informal childcare providers – 339 timely responses out of 752 potential respondents (45.1%).

The response rates reported above should be viewed as *minimum* response rates. They are based simply on the total number of responses received from all providers listed in the original databases of providers. A number of issues should be kept in mind when evaluating these response rates:

- In regards to informal providers, response rates to the 2007 survey appeared to suffer significantly from the probable existence of duplicate entries in the original DHR database of 2,938 providers. There appeared to be an extremely high number of provider listings that varied slightly in name, address or phone number from other listings in the same file. It was not clear, however, exactly how many of those entries were, in fact, duplicates. In 2009, DHR provided a much more streamlined list of informal providers (752 total). As a result, the response rate in 2009 is much higher (45%) compared to the *apparent* response rate in 2007 (19%). In fact, the response rate in 2007 was probably much higher than 19%, but because of the problems in the original 2007 database it was hard to determine an accurate response rate for that year;
- Another factor affecting the response rate for informal providers in 2007 was the significant number of listed providers who were no longer providing childcare. Over one-third (36%) of all informal providers who responded in 2007 indicated they were *not* providing childcare at that time. Undoubtedly, there were a large number of informal providers who no longer provided childcare and who did *not* take the time to inform us of their status, thus reducing the overall response rate. In 2009, ***only three percent*** (3%) of the informal care respondents said they are no longer providing childcare.
- For each group of providers, a significant number of surveys were returned as “undeliverable.” In some cases, DHR had a new address for a provider and the survey was sent by DHR to the new address. Most of the “undeliverables,” however, could not be tracked down and therefore represent lost opportunities for a response, which lowers the response rate. Taking these

undeliverables into account, it is estimated the real response rates would be two to three percent higher than those stated above.

- Significant numbers of surveys for each provider group were returned after the deadline (May 15, 2009). Taking these late returns into account, the overall response rate for the daycare centers would have increased by 2.5%. The increase in response rates for the other provider groups would have increased by smaller amounts (~ 1%).
- As was mentioned earlier, a new survey protocol for daycare centers was adopted in 2009 that made a web-based survey available to daycare centers that had an e-mail address on file with DHR. The response rate for this group in comparison to those centers that did *not* have an e-mail address on file with DHR is enlightening. Of the 2,073 centers with e-mails, 825 centers responded online, for a raw response rate of 39.8%. However, approximately ten percent of the e-mail addresses provided to the Institute “bounced back;” that is, the Institute received an automated e-mail response from the caregivers’ internet service providers stating that the e-mails could not be delivered to targeted contacts (usually because of an “invalid” e-mail address). When those “bounce backs” are taken into account, the valid online response rate increases to 44%. Of those centers with e-mail addresses that did *not* utilize the online survey (1,248), almost forty percent (38.5%) later responded to the mail survey. Thus, *the total response rate for daycare centers with e-mails on file with DHR was 62.9%.*

In comparison, completed surveys were received from 367 of the 975 daycare centers that did *not* have an e-mail on file with DHR, for a raw response rate of 37.6%. When “undeliverables” are taken into account among this group, however, *the response rate increases to 41.6%.*

***These results speak to the general utility of a multi-modal approach to data collection when at all possible, particularly when dealing with a well-defined population of potential respondents that can be easily targeted, and specifically highlights the benefits of complementing mail surveys with a web-based application.***

Another limitation should be noted in regards to the online response rate of those centers that had an e-mail address on file with DHR. Many of the e-mail addresses associated with the daycare centers were e-mails for the “legal contact” associated with a particular center. The invitations to participate in the online survey format were sent to those “legal contacts.” In many instances, particularly in the case of commercial “chain” providers, the same “legal contact” was provided for multiple centers. (In one case, the same person was responsible for almost two dozen centers.) In these instances, that contact received a separate invitation to participate for each center for which they were responsible; each invitation had a unique identifier that clearly specified which center was associated with that potential response. A large number of these multiple contacts failed to respond to the online survey, probably from a sense of being overwhelmed by the flood of e-mails they received. Some of them later responded to the mail survey, however. At any rate, this particular characteristic of this set of provider listings undoubtedly deflated the response rate to some degree.

## *Types of Data Collected*

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

### *Types of Care*

- Weekday care
- Weeknight (including overnight) care
- Part-time care, including weekday care less than three days a week, drop-in and weekend care
- Before/after school care
- Summer care

### *Age Groups*

- Infants (six weeks to twelve months)
- Toddlers (thirteen to thirty-five months)
- Pre-school (three-year-olds)
- Pre-school (four and five-year-olds)
- Lottery Funded Pre-K (four-year-olds)
- School age (five to twelve-year-olds in school; overnight and weekend care only)

No age differentiation was made for before/after school care and summer care rates.

In addition, the state of Georgia differentiates reimbursement 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 A.

#### IV. Results of the 2009 Market Rate Survey

Tables 1A – 1D contain the statewide results of the market rate survey for each type of care and age group served. Results for each zone are provided as well. With the exception of part-time care, which is reported as *daily* rates, all rates reported in these tables are based on *weekly* childcare rates. The results provided include the number of respondents (“Count”) for the state as a whole in each category and the **75<sup>th</sup> percentile** rate for providers in the state as a whole and within each market zone. The 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rate for childcare centers statewide is \$155; across the three zones, however, this rate ranges from a high in Zone 1 of \$188 (121% of the statewide rate) to a low of \$92 (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 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rate for center-based weekday infant care is \$155; that figure declines steadily across older age groups (see Table 1A). The statewide 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for center-based weekday care of four and five-year-old pre-school (non-lottery funded) children is \$135. This drop in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rate for care across older age groups is similarly pronounced among Zone 1 centers; the drop 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, 75<sup>th</sup> 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 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for statewide center-based care is \$155, followed by family childcare providers (\$125), group homes (\$100) and informal providers (\$100). (It is interesting to note that the statewide 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for family and group home providers has not changed since 2007.) There are some variations from this pattern within individual market zones.
- Weekly rates for weeknight care follow the same general patterns as the rates for weekday care. Rates in Zone 1 are higher than are the rates in Zone 3 for centers, group homes, family and informal providers, although the differences across zones are more pronounced among centers. Weekly rates in Zone 1 for weeknight care decline significantly as the ages of the children being served increases, while the decline in rates in Zones 2 and 3 across older age groups is far less drastic.
- 75<sup>th</sup> percentile weekly rates for before-and-after school care, as well as summer care, for Zone 1 providers of all types are significantly higher than the rates for providers in Zone 3 (Table 1D).

- The 75<sup>th</sup> percentile daily rate for statewide center-based part-time care for infants is \$50, compared to \$35 for each of the other provider groups. Once again, rates among Zone 1 centers, family and informal providers are significantly higher than the rates for those providers in Zone 3. This same pattern across zones holds true for part-time care provided by centers and family providers to older children as well. However, on a statewide basis, and within individual zones, weekly part-time rates are significantly more stable across the different age groups being served.

**Table 1A**  
**2009 Georgia Market Rate Survey: Full-Time Weekday Care**  
**75th Percentile Weekly Rates**

<b>Age of Children</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Zone1</b>	<b>Zone2</b>	<b>Zone3</b>
Infants (6wks - 1 yr)	Centers	1273	\$155.00	\$188.00	\$125.00	\$92.00
	Group Homes	94	\$100.00	\$143.75	\$110.00	\$85.00
	Family	1873	\$125.00	\$140.00	\$100.00	\$80.00
	Informal	111	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$98.00	\$70.00
Toddlers (13-25 months)	Centers	1365	\$150.00	\$176.00	\$120.00	\$90.00
	Group Homes	112	\$100.00	\$135.00	\$105.00	\$85.00
	Family	1970	\$120.00	\$130.00	\$100.00	\$80.00
	Informal	129	\$87.50	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$59.50
Pre-school (3 year olds)	Centers	1401	\$137.00	\$165.00	\$113.00	\$90.00
	Group Homes	115	\$100.00	\$166.67	\$100.00	\$80.00
	Family	1851	\$110.00	\$125.00	\$95.00	\$80.00
	Informal	95	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$60.00
Pre-school (4-5 year olds)	Centers	1281	\$135.00	\$160.00	\$110.00	\$89.75
	Group Homes	106	\$95.00	\$166.67	\$96.50	\$80.00
	Family	1617	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$95.00	\$80.00
	Informal	84	\$80.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$50.00
Lottery-Funded Pre-K (4 year olds)	Centers	391	\$85.00	\$82.25	\$98.00	\$69.75
	Group Homes	3	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$85.00	\$50.00

**Table 1B**  
**2009 Georgia Market Rate Survey: Weeknight Care**  
**75th Percentile Weekly Rates**

<b>Age of Children</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Zone1</b>	<b>Zone2</b>	<b>Zone3</b>
Infants (6wks - 1 yr)	Centers	74	\$139.25	\$170.00	\$110.00	\$85.00
	Group Homes	18	\$120.00	\$165.00	\$120.00	\$91.25
	Family	355	\$130.00	\$145.00	\$105.00	\$85.00
	Informal	33	\$105.00	\$135.00	\$95.00	\$78.75
Toddlers (13-25 months)	Centers	77	\$127.00	\$151.00	\$105.75	\$85.00
	Group Homes	19	\$110.00	\$155.00	\$110.00	\$86.25
	Family	364	\$120.00	\$135.00	\$100.00	\$83.75
	Informal	37	\$95.00	\$125.00	\$95.00	\$67.50
Pre-school (3 year olds)	Centers	77	\$116.50	\$145.00	\$100.75	\$83.50
	Group Homes	19	\$110.00	\$155.00	\$110.00	\$77.50
	Family	363	\$110.00	\$125.00	\$95.00	\$80.00
	Informal	33	\$90.00	\$115.00	\$91.25	\$60.00
Pre-school (4-5 year olds)	Centers	78	\$115.00	\$134.50	\$95.00	\$83.50
	Group Homes	19	\$110.00	\$155.00	\$110.00	\$76.25
	Family	357	\$100.00	\$125.00	\$95.00	\$80.00
	Informal	37	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$80.00	\$59.50
Lottery-Funded Pre-K (4 year olds)	Centers	21	\$87.00	\$100.00	\$92.00	\$85.00
	Group Homes	1	\$155.00	\$155.00	***	***
	Family	na	na	na	na	na
	Informal	na	na	na	na	na
School Age (5 years +)	Centers	72	\$95.00	\$121.25	\$90.00	\$83.50
	Group Homes	17	\$100.00	\$155.00	\$110.00	\$77.50
	Family	354	\$99.25	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$75.00
	Informal	56	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$75.00	\$59.00

**Table 1C**  
**2009 Georgia Market Rate Survey: Part-time Care**  
**75th Percentile Daily Rates**

<b>Age of Children</b>	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Zone1</b>	<b>Zone2</b>	<b>Zone3</b>
Infants (6wks - 1 yr)	Centers	789	\$50.00	\$56.25	\$40.00	\$25.00
	Group Homes	67	\$35.00	\$41.25	\$35.00	\$30.00
	Family	1121	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	Informal	50	\$35.00	\$48.75	\$62.00	\$19.50
Toddlers (13-25 months)	Centers	870	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$37.25	\$25.00
	Group Homes	76	\$30.00	\$39.00	\$31.25	\$25.00
	Family	1164	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	Informal	54	\$31.25	\$50.00	\$42.00	\$20.00
Pre-school (3 year olds)	Centers	893	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
	Group Homes	76	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	Family	1128	\$34.75	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	Informal	50	\$26.25	\$48.75	\$47.50	\$20.00
Pre-school (4-5 year olds)	Centers	847	\$43.00	\$50.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
	Group Homes	71	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	Family	1086	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	Informal	53	\$26.50	\$33.75	\$54.00	\$22.50
Lottery-Funded Pre-K (4 year olds)	Centers	235	\$37.00	\$40.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	Group Homes	5	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$25.00	\$20.00
	Family	na	na	na	na	na
	Informal	na	na	na	na	na
School Age (5 years +)	Centers	849	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$35.00	\$25.00
	Group Homes	58	\$30.00	\$39.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	Family	959	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$30.00	\$25.00
	Informal	70	\$37.75	\$50.00	\$53.75	\$30.00

**Table 1D**  
**2009 Market Rate Survey: Before & After School Care; Summer Care**  
**75th Percentile Weekly Rate**

	<b>Provider Type</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Statewide</b>	<b>Zone1</b>	<b>Zone2</b>	<b>Zone3</b>
Before/After School Care	Centers	1340	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$65.00	\$50.00
	Group Homes	86	\$55.00	\$85.00	\$58.75	\$50.00
	Family	1443	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$60.00	\$45.00
	Informal	126	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$63.75	\$46.00
Summer Care	Centers	1321	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$106.50	\$85.00
	Group Homes	81	\$94.25	\$125.00	\$95.00	\$76.25
	Family	1322	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$90.00	\$80.00
	Informal	99	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$75.00	\$62.50

## V. Historical Trends in Weekday Care

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

**Table 2**  
**Changes in 75<sup>th</sup> Percentile Rates for Selected Types of Care**  
**1998-2009**

Type of Care/ Type of Provider	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Weekday Rates					
	2009	2007	2005	2003	2001	1998
<b><i>Infant Care</i></b>						
* Center-based providers	\$155	\$145	\$135	\$125	\$110 <sup>1</sup>	\$102
* Group homes	\$100	\$100	\$90	\$90	--	\$75
* Family childcare	\$125	\$125	\$110	\$100	\$95	\$80
* Informal providers <sup>3</sup>	\$100	\$95	\$75	\$75	--	--
<b><i>3 Year Olds<sup>4</sup></i></b>						
* Center-based providers	\$137	\$125	\$115	\$110	\$95 <sup>1</sup>	\$90
* Group homes	\$100	\$86.25	\$82.25	\$85	--	\$70
* Family childcare	\$110	\$100	\$100	\$90	\$90	\$75
* Informal providers <sup>3</sup>	\$90	\$74.75	\$65	\$79	--	--
<b><i>After-School Care<sup>2</sup></i></b>						
* Center-based providers	\$75	\$70	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$48
* Group homes	\$55	\$53.75	\$45	\$30	--	\$35
* Family childcare	\$60	\$60	\$50	\$45	\$45	\$35
* Informal providers <sup>3</sup>	\$60	\$55	\$50	\$42	--	--

<sup>1</sup> Includes group homes. <sup>2</sup> After-school rates were not calculated by age of child; this is the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rate across all age groups. 2007 and 2009 surveys made no distinction between before and after school care. Data prior to 2007 reflected supposed rate for after-school care only. <sup>3</sup> Informal providers were not surveyed in 2001 or 1998. <sup>4</sup> For purposes of 2007 Market Rate Survey, care for children ages 3-5 was collapsed into one “pre-school” category. Data for prior years and for 2009 represent care rates for three year olds only. Examination of the raw data from 2005 and 2009 indicate that most providers charge the same rates for children between the ages of three and five. All data for the years 1998-2003 were taken from the 2003 Market Rate Survey Report compiled by Care Solutions, Inc.

For center-based care, the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile statewide weekly rate for infant weekday care increased \$10 (7%) between 2007 and 2009. This same rate increased among informal providers by \$5 (5%) from 2007 to 2009. The statewide rate for group homes and family care providers has not changed from the 2007 rates.

In regard to three-year old care, the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rate increased \$12 (9.6%) for center-based providers between 2007 and 2009. The rate increase for group home providers is much larger (+\$14.00, 15.9%). An even more substantial increase occurred among informal providers. Their statewide 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rate went up over \$15 to \$90, a 20% increase. Family providers witnessed a 10% increase in 2009 compared to their 2007 rates.

For after-school care, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rates increased less than ten percent for each provider group and, in fact, did not change at all among family care providers.

## VI. Additional Information from the 2009 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 50<sup>th</sup> 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. A review of the data reveals:

- Informal providers rarely charge registration fees; the median fees for informal providers in Zone 2 and Zone 3 are significantly lower than the fees charged by the other provider groups in those zones.
- The vast majority of center-based and group home providers in all three market zones charge registration fees. The median fee for these providers in each zone is \$50, with the exception of Zone 1 centers, for which the median registration fee is \$60.
- Fewer family childcare providers charge fees, particularly in Zone 3. The median registration for family providers is \$50 in all three market zones.

**Table 3**  
**Median Registration Fees by Zone and Type of Provider**

	Zone 1		Zone 2		Zone 3	
	%	Median	%	Median	%	Median
Centers	91%	\$60	90%	\$50	74%	\$50
Group Homes	83%	\$50	87%	\$50	80%	\$50
Family Childcare	65%	\$50	60%	\$50	39%	\$50
Informals	20%	\$50	6%	\$25	7%	\$34

Many childcare providers who charge registration fees 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 *per child*.

### *State Reimbursement for Feeding of Children*

Providers were asked if they receive state money for the feeding of children in their care. 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.

**Table 4**  
**State Funding For Feeding of Children in Care**

	<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Zone 3</b>
Centers	55%	66%	74%
Group Homes	75%	95%	92%
Family Childcare	73%	81%	80%
Informals	11%	12%	17%

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.

***State Reimbursement for After-School Services***

Table 5 provides a similar breakdown for the question about whether or not the providers receive money from the state for after-school services. The percentage of daycare centers receiving state reimbursements for these services is very consistent across the three market zones. For other provider groups, caregivers in Zone 3 are more likely than their counterparts in other zones to be receiving reimbursements.

**Table 5**  
**State Funding For After-School Services**

	<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Zone 3</b>
Centers	55%	53%	54%
Group Homes	40%	58%	68%
Family Childcare	41%	48%	54%
Informals	26%	33%	43%

***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.

**Table 6**  
**Funding for Center-Based Head Start Programs**

	<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Zone 3</b>
Centers	8%	7%	14%

## *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 and group home providers in each zone that receive state money for Pre-K programs. Significantly more centers in Zone 1 (61%) receive funding for Pre-K programs than do centers in Zone 2 (47%) or Zone 3 (26%). Very few group homes reported receiving state funding for Pre-K programs; the only ones that did are located in Zone 2.

**Table 7**  
**Funding for Georgia Pre-K Programs**

	<b>Zone 1</b>	<b>Zone 2</b>	<b>Zone 3</b>
Centers	61%	47%	26%
Group Homes	0%	2%	0%

## *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**

	<b>Zone 1</b>		<b>Zone 2</b>		<b>Zone 3</b>	
	Email	Internet	Email	Internet	Email	Internet
Centers	93%	98%	90%	97%	77%	95%
Group Homes	71%	86%	70%	84%	61%	71%
Family Childcare	72%	86%	65%	78%	55%	70%
Informals	44%	56%	48%	63%	26%	36%

The results indicate a substantial 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 95% of the center based providers in all three zones. A majority of informal providers in Zones 1 and 2 indicated they have internet access.

The results for email availability tell a slightly different story, although these results must be viewed with caution. A majority of centers and group homes in all three market zones indicated they have an email address that parents can use to contact them. A majority of family providers in all three zones also have email addresses. Less than fifty percent of the informal providers in all three zones said they have email addresses.

As was the case in previous years, however, there is reason to believe that these results may be under-reported. 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 that

has 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, Google 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 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rates for each provider subgroup in each category of care. The 25<sup>th</sup> percentile is the rate that divides the lowest 25% of providers in terms of rates charged from the top 75% of providers. The 50<sup>th</sup> 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 for group homes and informal providers in the individual zones. Other subgroups may suffer from this problem as well, however, on a more random basis.

**Table 9A**  
**2009 Market Rate Survey: Statewide Data Profile of Childcare Rates**

Type of Care	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St Dev.	Percentiles		
						25th	50th	75th
<b>Full-Time Weekday</b> (Weekly Rates)	Infants	Centers	1273	\$135.66	\$46.96	\$100.00	\$130.00	\$155.00
		Group Homes	94	\$93.78	\$23.61	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
		Family	1873	\$106.25	\$30.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
		Informal	111	\$85.50	\$29.30	\$60.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
	Toddlers	Centers	1365	\$128.32	\$44.02	\$95.00	\$125.00	\$150.00
		Group Homes	112	\$91.38	\$23.02	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
		Family	1970	\$101.22	\$30.60	\$80.00	\$95.00	\$120.00
		Informal	129	\$70.13	\$26.91	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$87.50
	Pre-School (3 years old)	Centers	1401	\$120.22	\$40.75	\$90.00	\$114.00	\$137.00
		Group Homes	115	\$89.72	\$24.38	\$72.00	\$85.00	\$100.00
		Family	1851	\$96.38	\$32.07	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$110.00
		Informal	95	\$71.59	\$27.58	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$90.00
	Pre-School (4-5 years old)	Centers	1281	\$116.44	\$43.94	\$85.00	\$110.00	\$135.00
		Group Homes	106	\$88.07	\$26.29	\$70.00	\$85.00	\$95.00
		Family	1617	\$91.70	\$34.32	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$100.00
		Informal	84	\$65.99	\$23.22	\$47.75	\$65.00	\$80.00
Pre-K (Lottery Funded)	Centers	391	\$53.31	\$40.68	\$20.00	\$60.00	\$85.00	
	Group Homes	3	\$91.67	\$45.37	\$50.00	\$85.00	\$140.00	
	Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
	Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
<b>Weeknight/Overnight</b> (Weekly Rates)	Infants	Centers	74	\$114.26	\$33.58	\$90.00	\$106.50	\$139.25
		Group Homes	18	\$102.11	\$24.18	\$87.50	\$95.00	\$120.00
		Family	355	\$107.54	\$31.86	\$81.00	\$100.00	\$130.00
		Informal	33	\$86.68	\$40.39	\$58.50	\$80.00	\$105.00
	Toddlers	Centers	77	\$106.04	\$32.15	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$127.00
		Group Homes	19	\$95.42	\$23.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	\$110.00
		Family	364	\$101.15	\$30.48	\$75.00	\$99.50	\$120.00
		Informal	37	\$74.24	\$32.75	\$48.50	\$75.00	\$95.00
	Pre-School (3 years old)	Centers	77	\$108.10	\$81.01	\$84.00	\$95.00	\$116.50
		Group Homes	19	\$91.79	\$22.92	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$110.00
		Family	363	\$94.71	\$29.22	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$110.00
		Informal	33	\$70.85	\$30.93	\$45.50	\$75.00	\$90.00
	Pre-School (4-5 years old)	Centers	78	\$96.47	\$27.90	\$78.75	\$93.00	\$115.00
		Group Homes	19	\$89.16	\$24.44	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$110.00
		Family	357	\$89.72	\$29.60	\$70.00	\$85.00	\$100.00
		Informal	37	\$62.86	\$29.96	\$46.00	\$60.00	\$85.00

**Table 9A (cont.)**

Type of Care	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St Dev	Percentiles			
						25th	50th	75th	
<b>Weeknight/Overnight</b> (Weekly Rates)	Pre-K (Lottery Funded)	Centers	21	\$73.24	\$28.96	\$67.50	\$79.00	\$87.00	
		Group Homes	1	\$155.00	***	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	
		Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
		Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
	School Age	Centers	72	\$84.57	\$25.52	\$70.00	\$85.00	\$95.00	
		Group Homes	17	\$86.71	\$25.96	\$72.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	
		Family	354	\$82.86	\$28.52	\$65.00	\$77.50	\$99.25	
		Informal	56	\$60.26	\$29.35	\$45.00	\$56.00	\$75.00	
	<b>Part-Time Care</b> (Daily Rates)	Infants	Centers	789	\$42.74	\$37.99	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
			Group Homes	67	\$30.23	\$14.80	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00
			Family	1121	\$30.38	\$15.40	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00
			Informal	50	\$28.18	\$20.23	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$35.00
Toddlers		Centers	870	\$41.16	\$26.24	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	
		Group Homes	76	\$27.59	\$13.29	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Family	1164	\$29.33	\$15.06	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	
		Informal	54	\$28.23	\$21.55	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$31.25	
Pre-School (3 years old)		Centers	893	\$38.98	\$24.18	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	
		Group Homes	76	\$26.00	\$10.35	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Family	1128	\$28.04	\$13.99	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$34.75	
		Informal	50	\$26.64	\$19.87	\$14.50	\$20.00	\$26.25	
Pre-School (4-5 years old)		Centers	847	\$38.35	\$24.03	\$25.00	\$32.00	\$43.00	
		Group Homes	71	\$25.87	\$9.95	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Family	1086	\$27.53	\$16.74	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Informal	53	\$25.02	\$17.74	\$14.00	\$20.00	\$26.50	
Pre-K (Lottery Funded)		Centers	235	\$29.83	\$16.65	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$37.00	
		Group Homes	5	\$28.00	\$9.75	\$22.50	\$25.00	\$35.00	
		Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
		Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
School Age		Centers	849	\$32.48	\$16.42	\$23.53	\$30.00	\$40.00	
		Group Homes	58	\$26.94	\$10.37	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Family	959	\$27.02	\$25.87	\$16.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Informal	70	\$29.87	\$25.25	\$13.00	\$20.00	\$37.75	
<b>Before/After School Care</b> (Weekly Rates)	All	Centers	1340	\$63.23	\$20.02	\$50.00	\$65.00	\$75.00	
		Group Homes	86	\$50.05	\$13.55	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	
		Family	1443	\$52.02	\$22.06	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	
		Informal	126	\$49.21	\$18.13	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	
<b>Summer Care</b> (Weekly Rates)	All	Centers	1321	\$110.83	\$36.02	\$85.00	\$105.00	\$125.00	
		Group Homes	81	\$82.30	\$16.63	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$94.25	
		Family	1323	\$85.56	\$24.65	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$100.00	
		Informal	99	\$69.51	\$27.78	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$80.00	

**Table 9B**  
**2009 Market Rate Survey: Data Profile of Childcare Rates for Market Zone 1**

Type of Care	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St Dev	Percentiles		
						25th	50th	75th
<i>Full-Time Weekday</i> (Weekly Rates)	Infants	Centers	623	\$168.69	\$42.58	\$140.00	\$155.00	\$188.00
		Group Homes	8	\$129.88	\$32.28	\$105.75	\$139.00	\$143.75
		Family	905	\$126.77	\$26.14	\$110.00	\$125.00	\$140.00
		Informal	62	\$100.42	\$25.44	\$90.00	\$97.50	\$120.00
	Toddlers	Centers	671	\$158.14	\$40.96	\$130.00	\$145.00	\$176.00
		Group Homes	9	\$122.11	\$29.82	\$100.50	\$129.00	\$135.00
		Family	945	\$120.07	\$29.81	\$100.00	\$115.00	\$130.00
		Informal	57	\$88.32	\$23.96	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$100.00
	Pre-School (3 years old)	Centers	684	\$145.95	\$39.91	\$119.00	\$135.00	\$165.00
		Group Homes	11	\$126.15	\$34.35	\$110.00	\$115.00	\$166.67
		Family	875	\$113.36	\$36.35	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$125.00
		Informal	45	\$91.33	\$18.47	\$77.50	\$85.00	\$100.00
	Pre-School (4-5 years old)	Centers	635	\$140.51	\$46.04	\$115.00	\$130.00	\$160.00
		Group Homes	11	\$126.15	\$34.35	\$110.00	\$115.00	\$166.67
		Family	745	\$107.11	\$41.35	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
		Informal	37	\$70.73	\$20.11	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$100.00
Pre-K (Lottery Funded)	Centers	238	\$54.27	\$39.56	\$20.00	\$65.00	\$82.25	
	Group Homes	1	\$140.00	***	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	
	Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
	Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
<i>Weeknight/Overnight</i> (Weekly Rates)	Infants	Centers	23	\$155.11	\$22.71	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$170.00
		Group Homes	2	\$152.00	\$18.38	\$139.00	\$152.00	\$165.00
		Family	169	\$125.65	\$29.56	\$110.00	\$127.00	\$145.00
		Informal	14	\$111.07	\$47.26	\$73.25	\$110.00	\$135.00
	Toddlers	Centers	23	\$144.99	\$22.01	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$151.00
		Group Homes	2	\$142.00	\$18.38	\$129.00	\$142.00	\$155.00
		Family	174	\$117.12	\$30.33	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$135.00
		Informal	13	\$97.69	\$36.83	\$82.50	\$95.00	\$125.00
	Pre-School (3 years old)	Centers	23	\$131.65	\$24.13	\$115.00	\$130.00	\$145.00
		Group Homes	2	\$135.00	\$28.28	\$115.00	\$135.00	\$155.00
		Family	173	\$109.33	\$29.43	\$90.00	\$105.00	\$125.00
		Informal	12	\$90.00	\$33.10	\$76.25	\$87.50	\$115.00
	Pre-School (4-5 years old)	Centers	24	\$126.10	\$24.82	\$114.25	\$122.50	\$134.50
		Group Homes	2	\$135.00	\$28.28	\$115.00	\$135.00	\$155.00
		Family	167	\$101.96	\$32.17	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$125.00
		Informal	12	\$77.50	\$34.35	\$53.75	\$77.50	\$100.00

**Table 9B (cont.)**

Type of Care	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St Dev	Percentiles			
						25th	50th	75th	
<b>Weeknight/Overnight</b> (Weekly Rates)	Pre-K (Lottery Funded)	Centers	9	\$72.78	\$35.95	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$100.00	
		Group Homes	1	\$155.00	***	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	
		Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
		Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
	School Age	Centers	22	\$102.83	\$33.11	\$73.75	\$110.00	\$121.25	
		Group Homes	2	\$120.00	\$49.50	\$85.00	\$120.00	\$155.00	
		Family	161	\$93.19	\$32.26	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	
		Informal	13	\$71.15	\$28.73	\$47.50	\$75.00	\$100.00	
	<b>Part-Time Care</b> (Daily Rates)	Infants	Centers	374	\$55.39	\$50.21	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$56.25
			Group Homes	6	\$35.33	\$10.52	\$30.00	\$38.50	\$41.25
			Family	583	\$34.40	\$15.17	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
			Informal	20	\$35.75	\$19.99	\$21.25	\$28.50	\$48.75
Toddlers		Centers	414	\$51.50	\$31.40	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$55.00	
		Group Homes	6	\$33.50	\$9.91	\$29.25	\$35.00	\$39.00	
		Family	603	\$33.57	\$15.38	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	
		Informal	24	\$35.67	\$24.02	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	
Pre-School (3 years old)		Centers	420	\$48.24	\$28.72	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	
		Group Homes	7	\$34.86	\$10.79	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	
		Family	579	\$31.90	\$14.27	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	
		Informal	20	\$32.00	\$18.82	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$48.75	
Pre-School (4-5 years old)		Centers	400	\$47.02	\$28.78	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	
		Group Homes	7	\$34.86	\$10.79	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	
		Family	554	\$31.32	\$19.28	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$35.00	
		Informal	20	\$27.65	\$13.43	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$33.75	
Pre-K (Lottery Funded)		Centers	126	\$34.44	\$17.80	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	
		Group Homes	1	\$42.00	***	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	
		Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
		Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
School Age		Centers	400	\$37.83	\$17.35	\$25.25	\$35.00	\$45.00	
		Group Homes	6	\$32.67	\$9.97	\$26.25	\$34.50	\$39.00	
		Family	480	\$30.74	\$33.17	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	
		Informal	27	\$33.26	\$22.12	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	
<b>Before/After School Care</b> (Weekly Rates)	All	Centers	650	\$73.41	\$19.47	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$80.00	
		Group Homes	7	\$61.43	\$28.68	\$35.00	\$65.00	\$85.00	
		Family	662	\$58.72	\$19.44	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$65.00	
		Informal	49	\$56.63	\$16.56	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$65.00	
<b>Summer Care</b> (Weekly Rates)	All	Centers	647	\$131.08	\$37.89	\$110.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	
		Group Homes	7	\$107.64	\$22.67	\$93.50	\$110.00	\$125.00	
		Family	599	\$95.84	\$28.61	\$75.00	\$95.00	\$110.00	
		Informal	43	\$78.69	\$25.16	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$85.00	

**Table 9C**  
**2009 Market Rate Survey: Data Profile of Childcare Rates for Market Zone 2**

Type of Care	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St Dev	Percentiles		
						25th	50th	75th
<i>Full-Time Weekday</i> (Weekly Rates)	Infants	Centers	447	\$112.15	\$21.51	\$95.00	\$110.00	\$125.00
		Group Homes	43	\$102.74	\$19.20	\$90.00	\$98.00	\$110.00
		Family	565	\$93.99	\$18.41	\$85.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
		Informal	23	\$74.43	\$25.48	\$50.00	\$75.00	\$98.00
	Toddlers	Centers	482	\$106.24	\$21.82	\$90.00	\$103.25	\$120.00
		Group Homes	54	\$98.97	\$19.95	\$88.75	\$95.00	\$105.00
		Family	600	\$89.78	\$17.97	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$100.00
		Informal	28	\$64.04	\$20.31	\$50.00	\$61.00	\$75.00
	Pre-School (3 years old)	Centers	501	\$101.45	\$22.24	\$86.50	\$100.00	\$113.00
		Group Homes	54	\$95.44	\$19.37	\$85.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
		Family	565	\$87.01	\$17.03	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00
		Informal	19	\$60.26	\$17.68	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$75.00
	Pre-School (4-5 years old)	Centers	446	\$98.72	\$25.40	\$85.00	\$96.00	\$110.00
		Group Homes	49	\$93.41	\$20.80	\$82.50	\$90.00	\$96.50
		Family	504	\$84.10	\$19.39	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00
		Informal	18	\$63.06	\$13.30	\$50.00	\$65.00	\$75.00
Pre-K (Lottery Funded)	Centers	129	\$55.37	\$42.52	\$15.00	\$60.00	\$98.00	
	Group Homes	1	\$85.00	***	\$85.00	\$85.00	\$85.00	
	Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
	Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
<i>Weeknight/Overnight</i> (Weekly Rates)	Infants	Centers	33	\$105.05	\$12.48	\$95.00	\$105.00	\$110.00
		Group Homes	10	\$103.50	\$14.92	\$93.75	\$100.00	\$120.00
		Family	118	\$96.80	\$25.04	\$84.25	\$95.00	\$105.00
		Informal	7	\$77.57	\$17.60	\$60.00	\$80.00	\$95.00
	Toddlers	Centers	36	\$96.22	\$17.72	\$87.25	\$95.00	\$105.75
		Group Homes	11	\$97.27	\$15.06	\$85.00	\$90.00	\$110.00
		Family	118	\$92.24	\$23.52	\$76.50	\$89.00	\$100.00
		Informal	7	\$77.14	\$17.08	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$95.00
	Pre-School (3 years old)	Centers	36	\$110.16	\$113.41	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$100.75
		Group Homes	11	\$95.00	\$14.32	\$85.00	\$90.00	\$110.00
		Family	117	\$87.04	\$22.65	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$95.00
		Informal	6	\$75.83	\$15.94	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$91.25
	Pre-School (4-5 years old)	Centers	36	\$87.86	\$17.99	\$84.25	\$90.00	\$95.00
		Group Homes	11	\$92.27	\$15.71	\$80.00	\$85.00	\$110.00
		Family	116	\$84.51	\$23.34	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$95.00
		Informal	9	\$66.22	\$14.13	\$52.50	\$65.00	\$80.00

**Table 9C (cont.)**

Type of Care	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St Dev	Percentiles			
						25th	50th	75th	
<b>Weeknight/Overnight</b> (Weekly Rates)	Pre-K (Lottery Funded)	Centers	9	\$73.11	\$27.96	\$52.50	\$80.00	\$92.00	
		Group Homes	0	***	***	***	***	***	
		Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
		Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
	School Age	Centers	32	\$79.00	\$17.17	\$65.00	\$85.00	\$90.00	
		Group Homes	10	\$89.50	\$20.34	\$78.75	\$85.00	\$110.00	
		Family	116	\$78.77	\$23.54	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	
		Informal	10	\$66.50	\$12.26	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$75.00	
	<b>Part-Time Care</b> (Daily Rates)	Infants	Centers	278	\$35.01	\$15.19	\$25.00	\$32.00	\$40.00
			Group Homes	29	\$33.36	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00
			Family	329	\$28.30	\$16.26	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
			Informal	10	\$32.65	\$24.59	\$14.25	\$21.00	\$62.00
Toddlers		Centers	313	\$35.57	\$16.52	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$37.25	
		Group Homes	34	\$30.75	\$13.50	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$31.25	
		Family	342	\$26.84	\$14.90	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Informal	11	\$28.38	\$22.88	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$42.00	
Pre-School (3 years old)		Centers	325	\$34.20	\$16.53	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	
		Group Homes	32	\$28.14	\$10.63	\$20.63	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Family	329	\$26.03	\$13.98	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$30.00	
		Informal	12	\$28.02	\$23.55	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$47.50	
Pre-School (4-5 years old)		Centers	308	\$33.84	\$16.47	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	
		Group Homes	32	\$27.82	\$10.79	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Family	316	\$25.81	\$13.94	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$30.00	
		Informal	12	\$30.85	\$22.25	\$11.75	\$22.50	\$54.00	
Pre-K (Lottery Funded)		Centers	90	\$26.01	\$13.25	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	
		Group Homes	3	\$25.00	\$0.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	
		Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
		Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
School Age		Centers	308	\$30.55	\$15.11	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	
		Group Homes	30	\$27.18	\$7.65	\$21.88	\$25.00	\$30.00	
		Family	284	\$24.68	\$15.02	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	
		Informal	12	\$33.93	\$30.88	\$10.75	\$20.00	\$53.75	
<b>Before/After School Care</b> (Weekly Rates)	All	Centers	470	\$58.46	\$15.15	\$50.00	\$58.00	\$65.00	
		Group Homes	40	\$51.65	\$11.17	\$45.00	\$53.00	\$58.75	
		Family	436	\$51.14	\$26.73	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00	
		Informal	28	\$52.96	\$13.43	\$46.25	\$51.50	\$63.75	
<b>Summer Care</b> (Weekly Rates)	All	Centers	461	\$96.56	\$20.34	\$85.00	\$95.00	\$106.50	
		Group Homes	40	\$86.10	\$13.41	\$76.25	\$85.00	\$95.00	
		Family	395	\$81.51	\$17.75	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$90.00	
		Informal	19	\$72.37	\$12.62	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	

**Table 9D**  
**2009 Market Rate Survey: Data Profile of Childcare Rates for Market Zone 3**

Type of Care	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St Dev	Percentiles		
						25th	50th	75th
<b>Full-Time Weekday</b> (Weekly Rates)	Infants	Centers	203	\$86.05	\$14.78	\$75.00	\$85.00	\$92.00
		Group Homes	43	\$78.09	\$10.49	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$85.00
		Family	403	\$77.34	\$13.46	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$80.00
		Informal	26	\$59.69	\$16.41	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
	Toddlers	Centers	212	\$84.12	\$14.47	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
		Group Homes	49	\$77.37	\$14.00	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$85.00
		Family	425	\$75.44	\$16.46	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$80.00
		Informal	44	\$50.43	\$17.01	\$42.00	\$50.00	\$59.50
	Pre-School (3 years old)	Centers	216	\$82.23	\$15.00	\$75.00	\$80.00	\$90.00
		Group Homes	50	\$75.52	\$14.01	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
		Family	411	\$73.12	\$12.14	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$80.00
		Informal	31	\$49.87	\$23.26	\$40.00	\$50.00	\$60.00
	Pre-School (4-5 years old)	Centers	200	\$79.55	\$17.38	\$70.00	\$80.00	\$89.75
		Group Homes	46	\$73.28	\$16.71	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
		Family	368	\$70.90	\$14.47	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
		Informal	29	\$49.00	\$19.49	\$38.50	\$47.00	\$50.00
	Pre-K (Lottery Funded)	Centers	24	\$32.67	\$37.35	\$0.00	\$16.00	\$69.75
		Group Homes	1	\$50.00	***	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
		Family	na	na	na	na	na	na
		Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na
<b>Weeknight/Overnight</b> (Weekly Rates)	Infants	Centers	18	\$78.94	\$11.78	\$73.75	\$80.00	\$85.00
		Group Homes	6	\$83.17	\$9.50	\$74.75	\$82.50	\$91.25
		Family	68	\$81.18	\$18.51	\$70.00	\$75.00	\$85.00
		Informal	12	\$63.50	\$23.23	\$46.25	\$62.50	\$78.75
	Toddlers	Centers	18	\$75.89	\$11.33	\$70.00	\$74.00	\$85.00
		Group Homes	6	\$76.50	\$8.92	\$69.75	\$72.50	\$86.25
		Family	72	\$77.15	\$16.01	\$65.00	\$75.00	\$83.75
		Informal	17	\$55.12	\$21.14	\$38.50	\$50.00	\$67.50
	Pre-School (3 years old)	Centers	18	\$73.89	\$10.36	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$83.50
		Group Homes	6	\$71.50	\$7.58	\$65.00	\$69.50	\$77.50
		Family	73	\$72.33	\$16.81	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
		Informal	15	\$53.53	\$24.26	\$40.00	\$46.00	\$60.00
	Pre-School (4-5 years old)	Centers	18	\$74.17	\$10.17	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$83.50
		Group Homes	6	\$68.17	\$10.30	\$61.25	\$69.50	\$76.25
		Family	74	\$70.27	\$17.08	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$80.00
		Informal	16	\$50.00	\$28.79	\$32.50	\$46.50	\$59.50

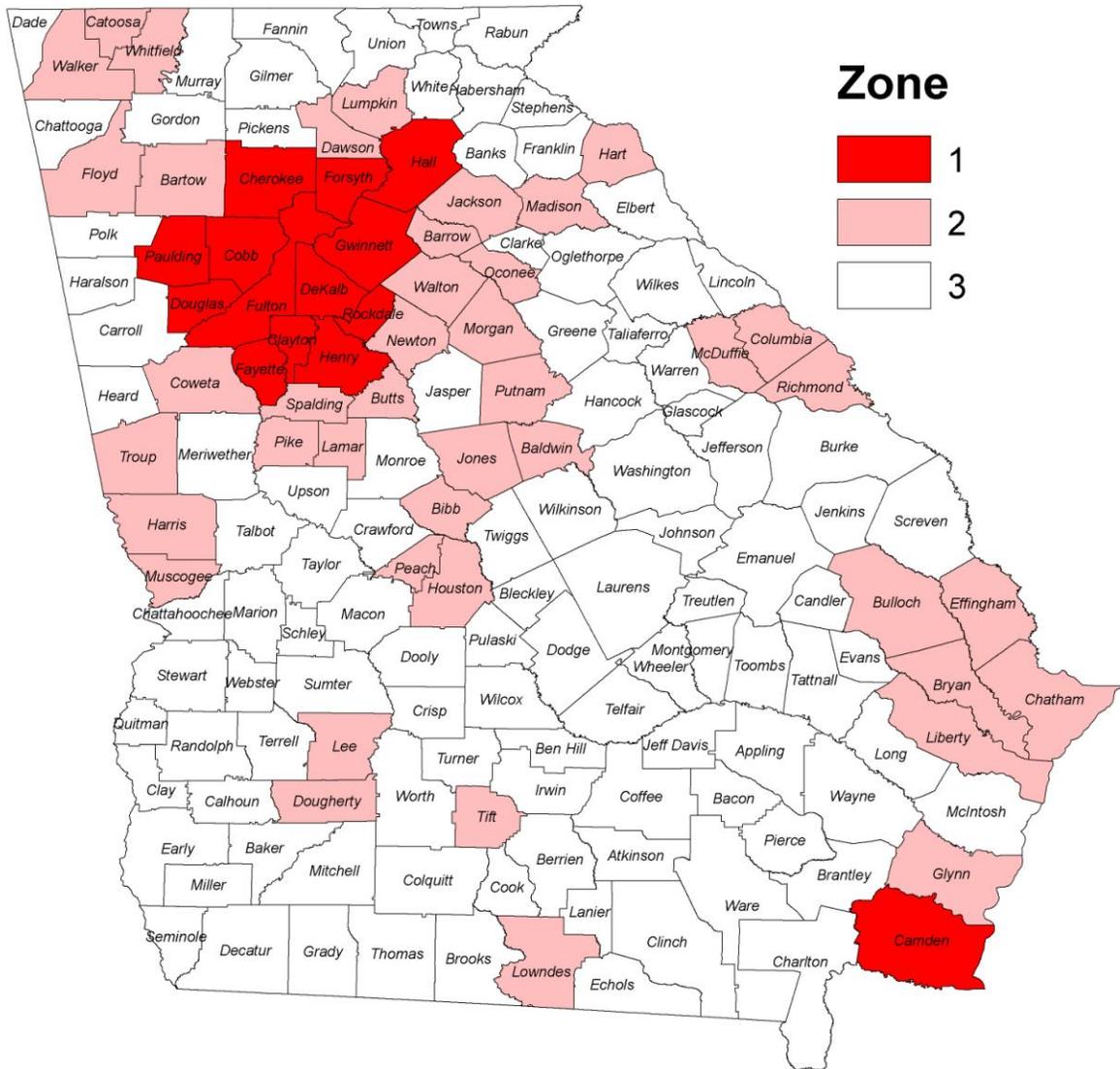
**Table 9D(cont.)**

Type of Care	Age of Children	Provider Type	Count	Mean	St Dev	Percentiles			
						25th	50th	75th	
<b>Weeknight/Overnight</b> (Weekly Rates)	Pre-K (Lottery Funded)	Centers	3	\$75.00	\$8.66	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$85.00	
		Group Homes	0	***	***	***	***	***	
		Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
		Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
	School Age	Centers	18	\$72.17	\$13.23	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$83.50	
		Group Homes	5	\$67.80	\$11.47	\$57.50	\$69.00	\$77.50	
		Family	77	\$67.40	\$15.93	\$60.00	\$65.00	\$75.00	
		Informal	33	\$54.07	\$32.07	\$36.50	\$50.00	\$59.00	
	<b>Part-Time Care</b> (Daily Rates)	Infants	Centers	137	\$23.92	\$7.60	\$20.00	\$24.00	\$25.00
			Group Homes	32	\$26.44	\$14.70	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00
			Family	209	\$22.47	\$10.05	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00
			Informal	20	\$18.36	\$14.01	\$10.31	\$15.00	\$19.50
Toddlers		Centers	143	\$23.48	\$7.17	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$25.00	
		Group Homes	36	\$23.61	\$12.66	\$18.50	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Family	219	\$21.57	\$9.45	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Informal	19	\$18.74	\$13.07	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	
Pre-School (3 years old)		Centers	148	\$23.17	\$7.04	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Group Homes	37	\$22.49	\$8.64	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Family	220	\$20.89	\$8.98	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Informal	18	\$19.78	\$17.27	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	
Pre-School (4-5 years old)		Centers	139	\$23.40	\$7.30	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$25.00	
		Group Homes	32	\$21.94	\$6.82	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Family	216	\$20.31	\$8.91	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Informal	21	\$19.19	\$17.65	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$22.50	
Pre-K (Lottery Funded)		Centers	19	\$17.28	\$12.19	\$2.40	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Group Homes	1	\$20.00	***	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	
		Family	na	na	na	na	na	na	
		Informal	na	na	na	na	na	na	
School Age		Centers	141	\$21.51	\$7.91	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Group Homes	22	\$25.05	\$13.21	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Family	195	\$21.28	\$13.58	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	
		Informal	31	\$25.35	\$25.51	\$12.00	\$15.00	\$30.00	
<b>Before/After School Care</b> (Weekly Rates)	All	Centers	220	\$43.33	\$9.06	\$39.00	\$40.00	\$50.00	
		Group Homes	39	\$46.36	\$10.58	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00	
		Family	345	\$40.30	\$13.64	\$30.00	\$39.00	\$45.00	
		Informal	49	\$39.63	\$17.95	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$46.00	
<b>Summer Care</b> (Weekly Rates)	All	Centers	213	\$80.18	\$12.98	\$74.50	\$78.00	\$85.00	
		Group Homes	34	\$72.62	\$10.69	\$65.00	\$70.00	\$76.25	
		Family	329	\$71.71	\$13.19	\$65.00	\$73.00	\$80.00	
		Informal	37	\$57.38	\$32.03	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$62.50	

**Appendix A**

- \* 2005 Market Rate Zone Map**
- \* Market Rate Zones – County Listing**

# 2009 Georgia Market Rate Zones



**2009 Market Rate Zone Composition**

<b>Zone 1</b>		<b>Zone 2</b>				<b>Zone 3</b>			
<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	Charlton	13049	Pierce	13229
		Floyd	13115	Richmond	13245	Chattahoochee	13053	Polk	13233
		Glynn	13127	Spalding	13255	Chattooga	13055	Pulaski	13235
		Harris	13145	Tift	13277	Clay	13061	Quitman	13239
		Hart	13147	Troup	13285	Clinch	13065	Rabun	13241
		Houston	13153	Walker	13295	Coffee	13069	Randolph	13243
		Jackson	13157	Walton	13297	Colquitt	13071	Schley	13249
				Whitfield	13313	Cook	13075	Screven	13251
						Crawford	13079	Seminole	13253
						Crisp	13081	Stephens	13257
						Dade	13083	Stewart	13259
						Decatur	13087	Sumter	13261
						Dodge	13091	Talbot	13263
						Dooly	13093	Taliaferro	13265
						Early	13099	Tattnall	13267
						Echols	13101	Taylor	13269
						Elbert	13105	Telfair	13271
						Emanuel	13107	Terrell	13273
						Evans	13109	Thomas	13275
						Fannin	13111	Toombs	13279
						Franklin	13119	Towns	13281
						Gilmer	13123	Treutlen	13283
						Glascocock	13125	Turner	13287
						Gordon	13129	Twiggs	13289
						Grady	13131	Union	13291
						Greene	13133	Upton	13293
						Habersham	13137	Ware	13299
						Hancock	13141	Warren	13301
						Haralson	13143	Washington	13303
						Heard	13149	Wayne	13305
						Irwin	13155	Webster	13307
						Jasper	13159	Wheeler	13309
						Jeff Davis	13161	White	13311
						Jefferson	13163	Wilcox	13315
						Jenkins	13165	Wilkes	13317
						Johnson	13167	Wilkinson	13319
						Lanier	13173	Worth	13321

**APPENDIX B**  
**DEFINITION OF TERMS**

## Definition of Terms

### *Statistical Terms*

**Median and Percentiles**      The median is the rate at which one-half of the respondents charge *that rate or less*; and the other half charges *that rate or more*. 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.

The median is also known as the *50<sup>th</sup> percentile*. 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.

**Mean**      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.

**Standard Deviation**      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.

**Count**      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.

### *Types of Childcare Providers*

**Childcare Center**      Centers provide less than 24-hour care for 19 or more children in a specialized facility. Centers are licensed by the state.

**Group Childcare Home**      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.

**Family Childcare**      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.

**Informal Childcare**      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.

### *Types of Childcare*

Weekday Childcare	Care and supervision of children Monday through Friday, typically between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.
Weeknight 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.
Part-time Care	Includes drop-in and/or weekend care; weekday/weeknight care less than 3 days a week.
Before-and-After School Care	Care for school-aged children several hours before and after school.
Summer Care	Care for school-aged children during the summer.

**Appendix C**  
**Survey Instruments**

**Georgia 2009 Childcare Center Director Market Rate Survey (Centers and Group Homes)**

*If you have not already done so online or during the first mail survey, please take a few moments to complete the 2009 Market Rate Survey. Thank you for your assistance.*

**1. Do you currently provide childcare?**  Yes → Please go to *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. Do you have access to the Internet**  No  Yes

**3. Do you have an email address for parents to contact you?**  No  Yes →: Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

**4a. Do you provide childcare...? (Mark one)**

<input type="checkbox"/> at a church-based center?	<input type="checkbox"/> at an independent childcare center operated as a private business?
<input type="checkbox"/> at a school-based center?	<input type="checkbox"/> in a licensed group home (for 7 to 18 children)
<input type="checkbox"/> at a private business for employees of that business <i>only</i> ?	<input type="checkbox"/> at another type of childcare center ( <i>please specify below</i> )
<input type="checkbox"/> at a community center?	

**5. Do you receive government subsidies for any of the following services?**

- a. feeding children in your care (food program)?  No  Yes
- b. providing lottery-funded Pre-K services?  No  Yes
- c. providing Head Start services to eligible children?  No  Yes
- d. providing afterschool services ?  No  Yes
- e. other?(*please specify*) \_\_\_\_\_  No  Yes

*If you charge the children’s parents or guardians a fee for your services, please go to Question 6 and continue.  
 If you do NOT charge a fee to the parents for your services, please go to Question 9 and continue.*

**6. If you provide full-time weekday childcare, please indicate your WEEKLY rate (not the state rate) for each indicated age group.**

FULL TIME WEEKDAY Care	Infants (6 weeks - 12 months)	Toddlers (13 months –35 months)	Pre-School (3 yrs old)	Pre-School (4-5 yrs old)	Lottery Funded Pre-K (4 yrs old)	School Age 5 yrs of age and older, please indicate your weekly rate for:	
<i>Definition: Care provided <u>at least</u> three days a week; usually between the hours of 6am - 6 pm</i>	\$_____ per WEEK	\$_____ per WEEK	\$_____ per WEEK	\$_____ per WEEK	\$_____ per WEEK	<i>Before/after school care:</i> \$_____ per WEEK	<i>Summer care:</i> \$_____ per WEEK

**7. If you provide weeknight childcare, please indicate your WEEKLY rate (not the state rate) for each indicated age group.**

FULL TIME WEEKNIGHT Care	Infants (6 weeks - 12 months)	Toddlers (13 months –35 months)	Pre-School (3 yrs old)	Pre-School (4-5 yrs old)	Lottery Funded Pre-K (4 yrs old)	School Age 5 yrs of age and older
<i>Definition: Care provided <u>at least</u> three days a week; usually between the hours of 6pm - 6am</i>	\$_____ per WEEK	\$_____ per WEEK	\$_____ per WEEK	\$_____ per WEEK	\$_____ per WEEK	\$_____ per WEEK

*Please complete BOTH sides of the survey!*

8. If you provide PART-TIME childcare, please indicate your DAILY rate (not the state rate) for each indicated age group.

PART TIME Care	Infants (6 weeks - 12 months)	Toddlers (13 months –35 months)	Pre-School (3 yrs old)	Pre-School (4-5 yrs old)	Lottery Funded Pre-K (4 yrs old)	School Age 5 yrs of age and older
<b>Definition:</b> Care provided less than three days a week; includes evenings, overnight, weekend, and/or drop-in care	\$ _____ per DAY	\$ _____ per DAY	\$ _____ per DAY	\$ _____ per DAY	\$ _____ per DAY	\$ _____ per DAY

9. Do you charge a registration fee?  No  Yes → How much *per child*? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you have children enrolled who have:

a. physical disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
b. mental or emotional disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
c. other special needs? (attention deficit, hyperactivity; behavioral disorders, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

11. Do you provide transportation to children in your care?  No  Yes

12. 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

13. Currently, how many children do you have enrolled: full-time (as defined in Q6) \_\_\_\_\_; part-time \_\_\_\_\_ (see Q8)

14. Will you accept children who are subsidized through the CAPS program?  No  Yes

15a. Do you currently provide care to children subsidized through the CAPS program?  No  Yes → If yes, continue to 15b.

b. How many subsidized children do you care for: full-time \_\_\_\_\_; part-time (as defined in Q8) \_\_\_\_\_

16a. Currently, how many staff do you employ? \_\_\_\_\_

b. Of that number in Q16a (above),

<i>How many are:</i> (Count staff <i>only once</i> in their main role)	Number	<i>How many have:</i> (Based on their <i>highest</i> level of education)	Number
Directors/Assistant Directors →		Bachelors Degree or higher →	
Lead Teachers →		Associates Degree in Child Development/Related field→	
Assistant Teachers →		CDA certification →	
Cooks/Cafeteria Staff →		High School Diploma (or GED) →	

17. How many of your current teachers have been employed in your center/group home:

Less than 1 year \_\_\_\_ 1 to 2 years \_\_\_\_ 3 to 5 years \_\_\_\_ 6 to 9 years \_\_\_\_ 10 years or more \_\_\_\_

18. What is the average hourly salary you pay your: *lead teacher(s)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_; *assistant teacher(s)* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

19. Is your center/group home nationally accredited?  No  Yes → If yes, through what agency? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Is your center/group home *seeking* accreditation?  No  Yes → If yes, through what agency? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Can staff who provide direct services to children speak:  English  Spanish  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_?

22. What is the title of the person completing this survey?  Director  Assistant Director  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SURVEY!

**Georgia 2009 Family Home Childcare Market Rate Survey (Family and Informal Providers)**

*If you have not already done so, please take a few moments to complete the 2009 Childcare Market Rate Survey. Please read all instructions and mark your responses carefully to ensure only the responses you want are marked.*

1. Do you currently provide childcare?  Yes → Please go to 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. Do you have access to the Internet?  No  Yes
3. Do you have an email address for parents to contact you?  No  Yes →: Email address: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Where do you provide childcare?  In your home  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Check one)  At the child's home
5. Do you provide childcare for...
- a. your children?  No  Yes
  - b. your grandchildren?  No  Yes
  - c. other children related to you?  No  Yes
  - d. children *not* related to you?  No  Yes

6. Do you receive government subsidies for *any* of the following services?
- a. feeding children in your care (food program)?  No  Yes
  - b. providing Head Start services to eligible children?  No  Yes
  - c. providing afterschool services ?  No  Yes
  - d. other?(please specify) \_\_\_\_\_  No  Yes

*If you charge the children's parents or guardians a fee for your services, please go to Question 7 and continue.*

*If you do NOT charge a fee to the parents for your services, please go to Question 9 and continue.*

7. If you provide full-time weekday care, please indicate your WEEKLY rate (not the state rate) for each indicated age group.

FULL TIME WEEKDAY Care	Infants (6 weeks - 12 months)	Toddlers (13 months - 35 months)	Pre-School (3 yrs old)	Pre-School (4-5 yrs old)	School Age 5 yrs of age and older, please indicate your weekly rate for:	
<i>Definition:</i> Care provided <u>at least</u> three days a week; usually between the hours of 6am - 6 pm	\$ _____ per WEEK	\$ _____ per WEEK	\$ _____ per WEEK	\$ _____ per WEEK	Before/after school care: \$ _____ per WEEK	Summer care: \$ _____ per WEEK

8. If you provide WEEKNIGHT childcare, please indicate your WEEKLY rate for each indicated age group.

FULL TIME WEEKNIGHT Care	Infants (6 weeks - 12 months)	Toddlers (13 months - 35 months)	Pre-School (3 yrs old)	Pre-School (4-5 yrs old)	School Age (5 yrs of age and older)
<i>Definition:</i> Care provided <u>at least</u> three days a week; usually between the hours of 6pm - 6am	\$ _____ per WEEK	\$ _____ per WEEK	\$ _____ per WEEK	\$ _____ per WEEK	\$ _____ Per WEEK

*Please complete BOTH sides of the survey!\**

9. If you provide PART-TIME childcare, please indicate your DAILY rate (not the state rate) for each indicated age up.

PART TIME Care	Infants (6 weeks - 12 months)	Toddlers (13 months -35 months)	Pre-School (3 yrs old)	Pre-School (4-5 yrs old)	School Age (5 yrs of age and older)
<i>Definition: Care provided less than three days a week; includes evenings, overnight, weekend, and/or drop-in care</i>	\$ _____ per DAY	\$ _____ per DAY	\$ _____ per DAY	\$ _____ per DAY	\$ _____ Per DAY

10. Do you charge a registration fee?  No  Yes → How much *per child*? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

11a. Currently, how many children do you have enrolled full-time (as defined in Q7) \_\_\_\_\_;

b. part-time (as defined in Q9) \_\_\_\_\_?

12. Will you accept children who are subsidized by the CAPS program?  No  Yes

13a. Do you *currently* provide care to children subsidized by the CAPS program?  No  Yes → If yes, continue to 13b.

b. How many subsidized children do you care for: full-time (as defined in Q7) \_\_\_\_\_; part-time (as defined in Q9) \_\_\_\_\_?

14. Do you have children enrolled who have:

a. physical disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
b. mental or emotional disabilities?	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
c. other special needs? (attention deficit, hyperactivity; behavioral disorders, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes

15. Do you currently provide childcare to children while they are sick?  No  Yes

16. 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

17. What is your *highest* level of education? (Please check one only)

- Bachelors Degree or higher  Associates Degree in Early Childhood Development  
 CDA Certification  High School Diploma or GED

18. Do you have any paid staff or assistants?  No  Yes → How many? \_\_\_\_\_

19. Is your home nationally accredited?  No  Yes → If yes, through what agency? \_\_\_\_\_

20. Are you *seeking* nationally accreditation?  No  Yes → If yes, through what agency? \_\_\_\_\_

21. Do you participate in the state Homes of Quality program?  No  Yes → If yes, what is your rating? \_\_\_\_\_

22. Can you speak: (check all that apply)  English  Spanish  Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_?

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