

# 2009 Utah Child Care Market Rate Study

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## **I. INTRODUCTION**

Federal regulations require states to conduct a market rate study or survey every two years. The data is used to establish the child care subsidy for the Payment-to-Parent Child Care Assistance Program.

The Payment-to-Parent Child Care Assistance Program provides funding for child care to parents who are employed or employed and attending school or training. The program serves single parent and two-parent families. Parents must meet minimum work requirements and be within income limits. Other eligibility requirements such as cooperation to obtain child support may also apply. For more information about the Payment-to-Parent Child Care Program, call 1.866.375.KIDS (5437).

This study is intended to ensure that the child care subsidy reflects current market conditions. The child care subsidy is based on many factors and is not intended to cover the entire cost of care.

The last market rate study produced by the Department of Workforce Services was released in September 2006.

**II. METHODOLOGY**

The Department of Health is charged with regulating child care providers in Utah. Each regulated category of child care has its own set of training, health and safety requirements. To obtain information about licensing rules and regulations, contact the Department of Health, Bureau of Child Care Licensing, at 801.273.6617.

Only regulated or licensed child care provider rate data was studied. During the study period, the Bureau of Child Care Licensing website (<http://health.utah.gov/licensing/cc.htm>) identified approximately 1,600 regulated providers delivering care throughout Utah.

Child care provider rate data is collected by Utah's six child care resource and referral (CCR&R) agencies. The CCR&Rs are contracted by the Department of Workforce Services to provide community based child care information and referral services throughout Utah. The CCR&Rs serve both parents and child care providers. Parents call a locally based CCR&R to receive information to assist them in their search for child care.

**TABLE 1  
2009 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study  
Child Care Resource and Referral (CCR&R) Agencies Serving Utah**

<b>Agency</b>	<b>Contract Agent</b>	<b>Counties Served</b>
<b>CCR&amp;R, Bridgerland</b>	Utah State University	Box Elder, Cache, Rich
<b>CCR&amp;R, Eastern</b>	College of Eastern Utah	Carbon, Daggett, Duchesne, Emery, Grand, San Juan, Uintah
<b>CCR&amp;R, Metro</b>	Children's Services Society of Utah	Salt Lake, Tooele
<b>CCR&amp;R, Mountainland</b>	Utah Valley State College	Summit, Utah, Wasatch
<b>CCR&amp;R, Northern</b>	Weber State University	Davis, Morgan, Weber
<b>CCR&amp;R, Western</b>	Five County Association of Governments	Beaver, Garfield, Iron, Kane, Millard, Piute, Sanpete, Sevier, Washington, Wayne

Source: Department of Workforce Services, Office of Child Care

A critical component of the CCR&R's work is their contact with child care providers. The CCR&Rs track regulated child care providers serving their area. Inclusion on the CCR&R databases is voluntary and some child care providers opt out. Child care providers on the CCR&R databases voluntarily report their rates, slots and vacancies, and other information to the CCR&Rs. Rate data obtained by the CCR&Rs from child care providers is featured in this report.

After accounting for providers not included on the CCR&R databases and providers with rate data that was unreliable, e.g., zero or blank, an estimated 87% of regulated providers were studied.

**TABLE 2**  
**2009 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study**  
**Child Care Providers Studied**

<b>License Type</b>	<b>All child care providers reported by Office of Child Care Licensing</b>	<b>Child care providers on CCR&amp;R database (study group)</b>	<b>% of child care providers studied</b>
Center	268	242	90
Family	644	578	90
Family Group	308	266	86
Residential Certificate	362	297	82
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>1383</b>	<b>87</b>

**III. DATA**

The CCR&R databases contain information about licensed or regulated child care providers. Some CCR&Rs include license exempt providers on their databases. While license exempt provider data is available, the numbers are small and are limited to providers willing to report to the CCR&Rs. Unregulated or license exempt child care providers are not included in this study.

Each CCR&R is contractually required to update regulated child care provider information annually. It is in the interest of the CCR&Rs to continually update their provider databases to give parents the most current information available on child care providers in their area. The CCR&Rs update vacancy, rate and other information. Provider updates are done by phone and are time consuming. Some CCR&Rs are able to update their entire database in two months, while others, because of the high number of providers in their region, work year round to keep their database current.

For this study the following table describes each CCR&R provider database in terms of number of providers, when data was updated and the percentage of database updated:

**TABLE 3  
2009 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study  
CCR&R Database Update Information**

<b>CCR&amp;R</b>	<b>Update Information</b>
Bridgerland	100% Updated as of March 2009
Eastern	100% Updated as of March 2009
Metro	100% Updated as of March 2009
Mountainland	100% Updated as of March 2009
Northern	100% Updated as of March 2009
Western	100% Updated as of March 2009

Source: Utah's Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

Child care rate data was obtained by DWS from each of the six CCR&Rs in February 2009. A uniform database was constructed to store and compile the data. The Economic Data Collection and Analysis Unit analyzed the compiled data.

Data analyzed:

- provider license type
- provider rates
- service by age of child
  - infants
    - 0-12 months & 12-24 months
  - preschool
    - 2 year olds & 3 year olds
    - 4 year olds & 5 year olds (not in kindergarten)
  - kindergarten
    - age 5 until 1<sup>st</sup> grade
  - school-age
    - grades 1-6

#### **A. Provider License Type**

At the time the study was conducted, the CCR&Rs had approximately 1,600 licensed or regulated child care providers on their databases. Each regulated category has its own set of training, health and safety requirements. The following briefly describes the number of children allowed by type of care:

- \* Licensed Center Care (GP) depends on the children's age and the ratio of children to caregivers
- \* Licensed Family Group (FG) up to 16 children, depending on age of the children
- \* Licensed Family Home (FP) up to 8 children, depending on age of the children
- \* Residential Certificate (RC) up to 8 children

#### **B. Provider Rates**

The CCR&Rs collect child care provider rate data by four time units: hourly, daily, weekly and monthly. Only monthly rates were analyzed. Provider rate data was excluded when the rate was zero or blank.

#### **C. Service by Age of Child**

Rates were categorized by the age range of the children served. The following describes the age ranges studied:

- |              |   |
|--------------|---|
| infant       | 0-12 months & 12-24 months                      |
| preschool    | 2 year olds & 3 year olds                       |
|              | 4 year olds & 5 year olds (not in kindergarten) |
| kindergarten | age 5 until 1 <sup>st</sup> grade               |
| school-age   | grades 1-6                                      |

IV. UTAH CHILD CARE MARKET RATES

The following tables present 2009 Utah Child Care Market Rates. Provider rates are reported by child care providers to the Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. Rates are expressed by age group, by provider type and by percentile rate (monthly).

**Table 4**  
**2009 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study**  
**Monthly Percentile Rates by Age and**  
**License Group Infants**

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Child Care Market Rate Study, June 2009

Infants - Under 2	Number of Rate Units	Percentiles					
Provider Type		10th	Median	65th	70th	75th	90th
Center	179	\$516.00	\$ 606.00	\$ 657.00	\$ 688.00	\$ 709.50	\$ 816.00
Family Licensed	534	\$387.00	\$ 451.50	\$ 516.00	\$ 525.00	\$ 537.00	\$ 601.40
Family Group Licensed	252	\$387.00	\$ 473.00	\$ 516.00	\$ 516.00	\$ 537.13	\$ 578.30
Family RC	271	\$301.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 473.00	\$ 483.75	\$ 516.00	\$ 537.50
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,236</b>						

**Table 5**  
**2009 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study**  
**Monthly Percentile Rates by Age and**  
**License Group Preschool**

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Child Care Market Rate Study, June 2009

Preschool - Age 2 & 3	Number of Rate Units	Percentiles					
Provider Type		10th	Median	65th	70th	75th	90th
Center	459	\$ 399.80	\$ 495.00	\$ 524.60	\$ 537.50	\$ 559.00	\$ 650.00
Family Licensed	1124	\$ 344.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 473.00	\$ 537.50
Family Group Licensed	527	\$ 344.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 471.50	\$ 537.50
Family RC	570	\$ 258.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 516.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,680</b>						



**Table 6**  
**2009 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study**  
**Monthly Percentile Rates by Age and**  
**License Group Preschool**  
4 year olds & 5 year olds (not in kindergarten)

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Child Care Market Rate Study, June 2009

Preschool - Age 4 & 5 Provider Type	Number of Rate Units	Percentiles					
		10th	Median	65th	70th	75th	90th
Center	235	\$ 385.80	\$ 452.00	\$ 494.50	\$ 500.00	\$ 516.00	\$ 588.00
Family Licensed	563	\$ 344.00	\$ 425.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 520.00
Family Group Licensed	263	\$ 344.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 523.20
Family RC	287	\$ 246.00	\$ 387.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 500.00

**1,348**

**Table 7**  
**2009 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study**  
**Monthly Percentile Rates by Age and**  
**License Group Kindergarten**  
Age 5 until 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Child Care Market Rate Study, June 2009

Kindergarten - Age 5 Provider Type	Number of Rate Units	Percentiles					
		10th	Median	65th	70th	75th	90th
Center	348	\$ 301.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 451.50	\$ 460.00	\$ 473.00	\$ 551.40
Family Licensed	795	\$ 268.20	\$ 399.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 516.00
Family Group Licensed	395	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 431.50	\$ 516.00
Family RC	443	\$ 215.00	\$ 365.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 470.94

**1,981**

Table 8  
 2009 Utah Child Care Monthly Market Rate Study  
 Monthly Percentile Rates by Age and  
 License Group School Age  
 Grades 1-6

Source: Utah Department of Workforce Services, Child Care Market Rate Study, June 2009

Grades 1 - 6	Number of Rate Units	Percentiles					
Provider Type		10th	Median	65th	70th	75th	90th
Center	310	\$ 258.00	\$ 379.00	\$ 405.00	\$ 421.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 498.20
Family Licensed	674	\$ 215.00	\$ 380.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 516.00
Family Group Licensed	343	\$ 231.00	\$ 387.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 512.80
Family RC	413	\$ 210.00	\$ 344.00	\$ 400.00	\$ 420.00	\$ 430.00	\$ 446.60

**1,740**

## TERMS

Median: the middle value in a distribution, above and below which lie an equal number of values.

Percentile: a value on a scale of one hundred that indicates whether a distribution is above or below it. For example, a monthly rate in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile indicates that the rate a child care provider charges is higher than 75% of all the child care provider rates studied.

Source: [www.dictionary.msn.com](http://www.dictionary.msn.com) , Encarta World English Dictionary [North American Edition]  
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