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**Child Care Market Rate Survey
Practices and Policies of States,
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Description

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Scope of Study

Summary: The primary objective of this study was to describe current market rate survey methods, practices, and policies in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, five territories, and the 28 Native American tribes that conduct their own market rate survey. A market rate survey is a tool to collect up-to-date information on what facilities, within given geographic areas, charge parents for various types of child care. A second objective was to identify the validity issues that emerge from this comparison of current market rate survey practices.

Variables are organized under six specific functions representing the market rate survey process. These were: (1) administration/organization of the market rate survey, (2) facility population and sample, (3) data collection, (4) data analysis, (5) dissemination of the results, and (6) rate setting policy.

Subject Term(s):	after school programs, child care, Child Care and Development Fund, Market rate surveys
Geographic Coverage:	American Samoa, Guam, Marshall Islands, Puerto Rico, United States, Virgin Islands of the United States
Time Period:	• 2005 - 2006, Summer 2005 to February 2006
Date(s) of Collection:	• 2005 - 2006, Summer 2005 to February 2006
Unit of Observation:	state, territory, or tribe
Universe:	The 50 states and the District of Columbia, five territories, and 28 Native American tribes that indicated they had completed their own market rate survey since 2001.
Data Type:	survey data
Data Collection Notes:	Users should note that, due to limitations in SAS and Stata, the open-ended and qualitative data are available in SPSS and Microsoft Excel formats only.

Methodology

Mode of Data Collection:	computer-assisted self interview (CASI) self-enumerated questionnaire web-based survey
Response Rates:	Surveys describing each aspect of the market rate survey process were completed by 46 out of 50 states and the District of Columbia for a response rate of 47 out of 51 (92 percent). Two states chose not to participate, and two did not respond after multiple contacts. One territory completed the survey, and two provided anecdotal information about how they conducted their market rate survey. Two territories did not respond to the survey after multiple contacts. Of the 28 tribes who conducted their own market rate survey, five completed the Phase 2 survey on their market rate survey practices. Tribes typically have small numbers of child care facilities and because of this we believed the survey was not relevant to the tribes who did not respond. Therefore, each of these tribes (23 in total) were called and qualitative data was collected on how they conducted their market rate survey.
Extent of Processing:	Created variable labels and/or value labels.

Created online analysis version with question text.

Performed recodes and/or calculated derived variables.

Checked for undocumented or out-of-range codes.

Access and Availability

Note: A list of the data formats available for this study can be found in the [summary of holdings](#). Detailed file-level information (such as record length, case count, and variable count) is listed in the [file manifest](#).

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Dataset(s):

- DS1: Market Rate Survey Data
- DS2: Market Rate Survey Open-Ended Responses Data
- DS3: Market Rate Survey Qualitative Data
- DS4: Market Rate Survey Merged Data