



2005 Market Rate Survey of Child Care Providers

Introduction

Qualistar Early Learning developed a market rate survey of licensed child care centers, family child care providers, and school-age child care facilities in May of 2005 for the Colorado Department of Human Services, Division of Child Care. Qualistar Early Learning manages a network of child care resource and referral (CCR&R) partners that serve all 64 Colorado counties. CCR&R's collect costs of child care on a semi-annual basis in a networked database called NACCRRAware. Data from Colorado's NACCRRAware databases was utilized to complete this survey.

Methodology

The rate information collected from the NACCRRAware database was full-time monthly, weekly, daily, and hourly rates. The type of age groups pulled were infants (0-12 months), toddlers (1-2 years), 3-4 years, 5-6 years, before and after school (6+ years), and full day out of school (6+ years). After the data was compiled from NACCRRAware, all of the records that had incomplete data were taken out of the survey. The total number of child care centers surveyed was 891. The total number of family child care providers surveyed was 3502, and the total number of school-age child care facilities surveyed was 392. Full-time weekly rates were then collected with standardized formulas:

- If a monthly rate was given, it was divided by 4.33 to obtain a weekly rate
- If a daily rate was given, it was multiplied by 5 to get a weekly rate
- If an hourly rate was given, it was multiplied by 45 hours per week for a weekly rate
- For before and after school programs only, if an hourly rate was given, it was multiplied by 17.5 hours per week for a weekly rate

After full-time weekly rates were calculated, the 75th percentile, average, median, range and average 75th percentile were tallied for each county according to type of care and age group. Additionally, counties were color-coded to further define how the Colorado Department of Human Services designates counties (see chart 1.1).



Chart 1.1

<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>C Cont.</u>	<u>D</u>	<u>D Cont.</u>
Adams	Pueblo	Archuleta	Moffat	Alamosa	Kit Carson
Arapahoe		Cheyenne	Montrose	Baca	Las Animas
Boulder		Clear Creek	Ouray	Bent	Lincoln
Broomfield		Eagle	Park	Chaffee	Logan
Denver		Elbert	Pitkin	Conejos	Mineral
Douglas		Garfield	Prowers	Costilla	Montezuma
El Paso		Gilpin	Rio Blanco	Crowley	Morgan
Jefferson		Grand	Routt	Custer	Otero
Larimer		Gunnison	San Juan	Delta	Phillips
Mesa		Hinsdale	San Miguel	Dolores	Rio Grande
Weld		La Plata	Summit	Fremont	Saguache
		Lake	Teller	Huerfano	Sedgwick
				Jackson	Washington
				Kiowa	Yuma

- **A:** County has population greater than 35,000 and is higher than the median in two of three categories.
- **B:** County has population greater than 35,000 and is NOT higher than the median in two of three categories.
- **C:** County has population below 35,000 and is higher than the median in two of three categories.
- **D:** County has population below 35,000 and is NOT higher than the median in two of three categories.