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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Overview of Child Care Market Rate Survey

- To qualify for the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF), the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) requires states conduct a statistically valid and reliable child care market rate survey (MRS) every three years. The MRS evaluates the adequacy of child care rates and assists departments in establishing maximum reimbursement rates for children served through a state's child care subsidy program.
- The Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL) and Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG), while conducting the 2018 Child Care Market Rate Survey, used a census survey approach. Under this strategy, all licensed providers had the opportunity to take the survey.
- On behalf of DEL, PCG reached out to all 2,006 licensed centers and 3,354 licensed family child care homes to participate. Approximately 52 percent of all licensed centers and 36 percent of all licensed family child care homes responded to the census survey¹.
- The statistics and findings in this report are based on responses to the survey.

Child Care Population

- The survey collected information on enrollment and subsidy care of an estimated 79,662 children cared for by licensed providers who responded to the survey. Approximately 86 percent of these children were in licensed centers and 14 percent were in licensed family child care homes.
- The total number of reported vacancies in licensed centers and licensed family child care homes was 10,109 slots.
- Based on the sample, researchers estimate that approximately seven percent of children in Washington were in respondent licensed child care. Preschoolers represented the largest population (12.2 percent), followed by toddlers (13 percent), kindergarteners (7.7 percent), infants (4.8 percent), and school-aged children (4.6 percent).

Findings on Market Rates

- Overall, licensed family child care home subsidies are closer to the reported market rates than licensed centers.
- Subsidy for licensed family child care homes in Region 4 (King County) covers a greater percentage of currently enrolled children than for any other provider type and region, covering approximately half of children most of the time. In contrast, subsidy for licensed centers in Region 4 covers the lowest percentage of the 75th percentile of market rates than any other region.
- Market rates for infant-age children are the highest of all age groups, and rates generally decrease as a child ages.
- Regions 3 and 4 experience the highest cost in terms of market rates, respectively. In contrast, Regions 1 and 2 experience the lowest costs, respectively.

Child Care Centers

- The average reported capacity for licensed centers is 69 children.
- It is estimated 43 percent of licensed centers are "small" (capacity less than 50), 36 percent are "mid-sized" (capacity of 51 to 100 children), and 21 percent are "large" (capacity more than 100).
- Over half, or 54 percent, of licensed centers indicated they had vacancies. Twenty-four percent reported vacancies for infant children, which is a lower proportion than for any other age group. The vacancy rate for preschool children was the highest at 40 percent.
- Licensed centers who responded to the survey typically include a director, an administrative staff, three or more lead teachers, and three or more assistant teachers.

¹ In 2015, DEL took a random sampling approach; a small sample of providers from each provider type were selected to take the survey. 1,293 licensed centers responded in 2015 compared to 1,041 in 2018. The 2015 response rate for licensed centers was 72.7 percent. 707 licensed family child care homes responded in 2015 and 1,205 in 2018. The 2015 response rate for licensed family child care homes was 57.3 percent.

Licensed Family Child Care Homes

- The average capacity for licensed family child care homes is 10 children.
- One fourth, or 25 percent, of licensed family child care homes indicated they had vacancies. Twenty-eight percent of licensed family child care homes reported vacancies for infant children. The vacancy rate for school-age children was the lowest at 20 percent.
- Region 4 (King County) reported more vacancies (31 percent) than the other regions. Comparatively, the Spokane Region accounted for only one percent of the state's reported vacancies for licensed family child care homes.
- Licensed family child care homes reported the title of "lead teacher" as the position with the highest number of open positions in the past year or currently. Thirty-nine percent of licensed family child care homes who responded indicated a vacancy for administrator.

Child Care Related to Support Services

- Approximately 30 percent of licensed centers and 21 percent of licensed family child care homes offered support services of some kind for children with special needs.
- The most common service offered by licensed providers was behavior supervision and supports for children with challenging behaviors (19 percent for centers, eight percent for licensed family child care homes).
- The vast majority of licensed providers did not charge fees for extra support services. For licensed providers that did not accept subsidy, 16 percent offered support services and none of these facilities charged a fee. For licensed providers that did accept subsidy, 28 percent offered support services and six percent of those providers charged a fee.

Children with Subsidized Child Care

- Overall, 91 percent of licensed centers and 79 percent of licensed family child care homes accept some type of subsidy. The State subsidy, Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) was the most widely accepted by licensed centers (79 percent) and licensed family child care homes (60 percent).
- Nine percent of licensed centers and 25 percent of licensed family child care homes reported offering Seasonal Child Care subsidy.
- Most licensed centers and licensed family child care homes do not limit the number of children receiving subsidy. However, of the 30 percent of licensed centers and 24 percent of licensed family child care homes that do limit the number of children receiving subsidy, most have set a stringent limit of 10 percent or less.

INTRODUCTION

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In 2014, the reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) reiterated the emphasis on equal access to high quality child care services through comparable subsidy reimbursement rates for low-income families while revising requirements for conducting the MRS. CCDBG notes surveys must:

- Be statistically valid and reliable in order to reflect the overall population.
- Focus on the importance of high-quality child care and associated costs.
- Examine variations of rates within geographic regions, types of provider, and ages of children.
- Focus on cost of care for populations with special needs.

The Washington State Department of Early Learning (DEL) conducts a federally mandated study of child care market rates in each region of the state and across all program types. To meet this federal requirement, DEL contracted with Public Consulting Group, Inc. (PCG) to conduct the survey and provide analysis for the 2018 MRS.

The MRS collected rate information (tuition charged by provider type) for both licensed centers and licensed family child care homes. In addition, the 2018 survey collected data examining other factors related to the cost of providing care. The following tables provides a county to region crosswalk.

Table 1: Licensed Family Child Care Homes Regional Geographic Groups: County

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
Adams	Benton	Whatcom	King	Kitsap	Clallam	Spokane
Asotin	Columbia	Island		Pierce	Cowlitz	
Chelan	Franklin	San Juan			Grays Harbor	
Douglas	Kittitas	Skagit			Jefferson	
Ferry	Walla Walla	Snohomish			Klickitat	
Garfield	Yakima				Lewis	
Grant					Mason	
Lincoln					Pacific	
Okanogan					Skamania	
Pend Oreille					Thurston	
Stevens					Wahkiakum	
Whitman					Clark	

Table 2: Licensed Centers Regional Geographic Groups: County

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Garfield	Yakima				Lewis	
Grant					Mason	
Lincoln					Pacific	
Okanogan					Skamania	
Pend Oreille					Thurston	
Stevens					Wahkiakum	
Whitman					Clark	

Licensed centers located in counties where their regional rate group is different from their regional geographic group are marked with a * in the table below.

Table 3: Licensed Centers Regional Rate Groups: County

Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
Adams	Columbia	Clark*	King	Kitsap	Benton*	Spokane
Asotin	Franklin	Island		Pierce	Clallam	
Chelan	Kittitas	San Juan			Cowlitz	
Douglas	Yakima	Skagit			Grays Harbor	
Ferry		Snohomish			Jefferson	
Garfield		Whatcom			Lewis	
Grant					Mason	
Lincoln					Pacific	
Okanogan					Skamania	
Pend Oreille					Thurston	
Stevens					Wahkiakum	
					Walla Walla*	
					Klickitat	
					Whitman*	

METHODOLOGY

Guidance

In fall 2016, the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) published guidance on conducting and calculating an accurate child care market rate survey. For the 2018 child care market rate survey, DEL updated their methodology in accordance with the guidance provided by ACF.

In years past, DEL calculated the child care market rate percentile solely on provider rates in a licensing region. For this report, under ACF guidance, the market rate percentile is calculated using provider rates in a licensing region and the enrollment of programs. While both methods yield a similar result, by including the actual enrollment in the calculations, the 75th percentile rate will more accurately represent the rate needed to access available slots in a region rather than treating all programs the same--regardless of their size or licensed capacity. As ACF states, “the more children a provider serves, the greater the impact or weight the provider has on the market”².

For the 2018 Child Care Market Rate Survey, the inclusion of enrollment in the calculations of the 75th percentile will provide a rate that would allow a child to access 75 percent of programs in the region most likely to have available slots for them.

Sampling Protocols

DEL determined the use of a census survey methodology--outreach to all licensed providers--as the best approach to capture as many responses as possible. DEL provided PCG with information on each of the state's licensed child care programs, including program name, address, telephone number, email address, license identification number, program type, license status, and DEL rate region assignment. PCG used the unique license identification number for tracking purposes.

Survey Instrument

DEL developed survey questions in partnership with a group of stakeholders and providers prior to contracting with PCG. Questions related to the following categories:

- Capacity and enrollment, by age;
- Program hours and characteristics (i.e. Quality Rating and Improvement System (QRIS) and accreditation participation);
- Subsidy participation;
- Staff compensation and education; and
- Additional fees and services offered, including services related to special needs.

² Administration for Children and Families. CCDF Payment Rates-Understanding the 75th Percentile. Retrieved from https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/508ed-75th_percentile_exercise.pdf

PCG developed an online survey tool using Survey Gizmo with English, Spanish, and Somali options. The survey instrument included logic to filter specific questions for each type of program, so providers only answered questions relevant to them. The guided-logic questions screened responses during the data analysis process, such as guidance to correct provider type and questions on school-age care. To minimize further data entry errors, the online survey instrument included several features, including requirements for mandatory responses and validated fields. DEL designed the questionnaire to allow programs to enter rate information in the time units (hour, day, week, or month) they used to quote and charge parents. The online link also housed PDF copies of the survey in each language, for providers to print as a reference, or if desired, to print and submit via email attachment.

Outreach Efforts

Initially, DEL set the online survey collection period as January 22, 2018 to March 23, 2018. DEL extended the survey collection period to April 20, 2018 to increase response rates.

To initiate the survey collection period, PCG sent an email to all providers. Subsequently, PCG sent an email reminder, with link and unique program identification number weekly. On February 5, 2018, PCG sent a post card to mailing addresses of programs who had not yet responded to the survey.

A call center team operated from February 5, 2018 to April 20, 2018 to collect information by phone. The team made more than 8,500 phone calls to licensed providers across the state. Throughout the collection period, members of the call team focused on reaching out to licensed providers to improve response rates based on high priority cities, regions, provider type, and language spoken. The call center team also responded to incoming calls and returned voicemails.

DEL also employed strategies to boost response rates, including:

- Posts on DEL social media (Facebook, Twitter, and blog);
- Weekly phone calls with SEIU;
- Announcement in a SSPS trailer;
- Outreach to licensors, Child Care Aware, and other stakeholders with relationships with providers; and
- Emails sent via listservs.

DEL monitored the representativeness of survey responses throughout deployment to mitigate response bias. The end sample is representative of the measurable demographics of the population.

Response Rates

The final response rates as of April 20, 2018 are as follows:

Table 4: Final Response Rates

Type of Care	Total Population	Final Response Count	Final Response Rate	Margin Of Error
Licensed Centers	2,042	1,042	51%	2
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	3,360	1,209	36%	2
Total	5,402	2,251	42%	2

Overall, the margin of error for licensed centers and licensed family child care homes both yielded ± 2 percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level, which is a high level of statistical validity. Response rates by region are outlined in the following table.

Table 5: Response Rates of Licensed Centers by Region*

Region	Total Licensed Centers	Count of Licensed Centers	Licensed Center Response Rate
1	73	38	52%
2	196	103	53%
3	320	176	55%
4	687	296	43%
5	277	159	57%
6	322	162	50%
Spokane	167	108	65%
Total	2,042	1,042	51%

*Centers with different rates than their geographic region are listed in their rate region.

Table 6: Response Rates of Licensed Family Child Care Homes by Region

Region	Total Licensed Family Child Care Homes	Count of Licensed Family Child Care Homes	Licensed Family Child Care Home Response Rate
1	356	151	42%
2	514	194	38%
3	486	158	33%
4	1173	394	34%
5	357	138	39%
6	360	131	36%
Spokane	114	43	38%
Total	3,360	1,209	36%

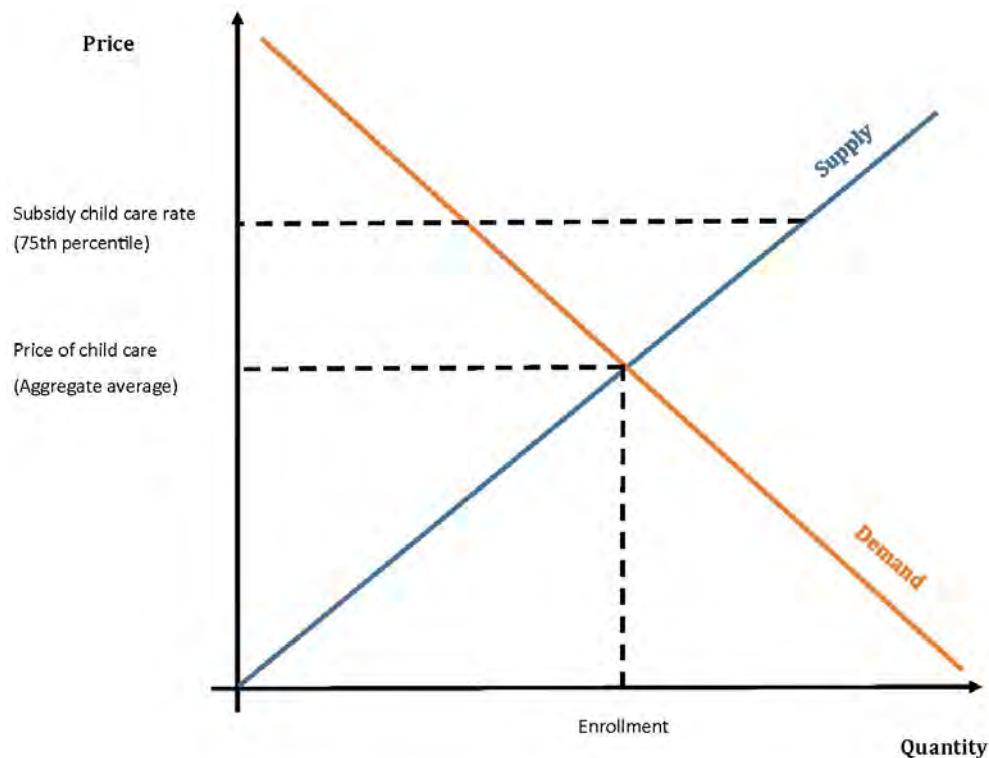
The call center team submitted 634 of the 2,251 surveys received.

Market Rate Survey Methodology

There were two major changes in the child care rating setting methodology from the 2014 Market Rate Survey to more accurately reflect the licensed child care market:

- Researchers weight the rate percentile calculations based on enrollment.
- Center regions follow the subsidy rate groupings, rather than the licensing regions.

The 2017 Market Rate Survey bases the percentile rate calculation on the theory of supply and demand. Prices are a function of demand (how much parents are willing or able to pay, how many children need care) and supply (the cost of providing care, how many child care slots providers can offer). Equilibrium is then a compromise between the parent's economic needs and the provider's economic needs. In this way, the price of child care (the private pay rate) should reflect the actual cost of providing that care. Therefore, when one examines the child care market as a whole, the average price of child care represents a point of market equilibrium.

Figure 1: Economic Theory in the Market Rate Survey Methodology

The MRS informs this economic theory of the methodology in a few ways. First, the market for child care is dramatically different throughout the state. Thus, it is necessary to analyze regional child care markets when evaluating subsidy rates, as well as distinguish between provider types and ages of children in care. Centers paid at a higher rate than their geographic region are included in the regional rates they are paid at (Clark County is included in the Region 3 rates, Benton, Walla Walla, and Whitman are included in the Region 6 rates). The Administration of Children and Families advises states to set child care rates at the 75th percentile in order ensure equal access for families with subsidized child care.

The percentile rate charts reflect child care paid by families in 10 percent increments plus the 75th percentile rates.

The rates listed in the percentile charts reflects the highest dollar amount paid for unsubsidized care for a particular region and age group based on enrollment. For example, a rate listed as the 60th percentile for center-based toddler care in Spokane means that 60 percent of families with toddlers in Spokane licensed centers pay the amount listed for the 60th percentile, or less.

Market Rate Survey Data Cleaning Methodology

Researchers cleaned raw survey data in preparation for analysis and visualizations of child care rates, enrollment, and other details of the child care market. After matching survey responses with administrative data, researchers removed duplications and internally inconsistent responses. Project staff made additional effort to include as many provider responses as possible, including contacting providers with incomplete survey responses. Researchers reported unsubsidized child care rates for children enrolled in care converted to 22-day monthly rates for analysis, and normalized billing intervals. Researchers found more complete and consistent responses with full day rates and thus do not report part-time rates.

CHILD CARE POPULATION

Based on the surveys conducted from January through May 2018, survey respondents cared for an estimated 79,662 children in Washington. In-home care provided in the child's home or in the home of a relative is exempt from licensing, and thus DEL did not include them in this study.

About 86 percent of these children were in licensed centers and the remaining 14 percent were in licensed family child care homes. Overall, the majority of providers (77 percent) offer full and part-time care (more than five hours a day of care), while 19 percent offer only full-time care and only four percent offer only part-time care. Licensed centers provided care for 68,293 children and family child care homes cared for 11,369 children.

Table 7: Washington Respondents Licensed Child Care Overview

	Children in Licensed Care	Licensed Facilities
Licensed Centers	68,293	1,042
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	11,369	1,209
Total	79,662	2,251

Licensed family child care homes outnumbered centers by a factor of 1.16, though there were 3.97 times as many licensed family child care homes as there were licensed centers providing child care in Region 1, which is the largest difference. The remainder of the regions range from 1.88 in Region 2 down to 0.81 in Region 6.

Table 8: Respondent Licensed Child Care Facilities by Region, 2018

Region	Licensed Centers	Licensed Family Child Care Homes	Ratio of Homes to Centers
1	38	151	3.97
2	103	194	1.88
3	176	158	0.90
4	296	394	1.33
5	159	138	0.87
6	161	131	0.81
Spokane	108	43	0.40
Total	1,042	1,209	1.16

Number of Children in Care, Capacity, and Vacancies in Child Care

Overall, the average capacity for licensed centers was 69 children and 10 children for licensed family child care homes. The total capacity was 71,787 in licensed centers and 12,003 in licensed family child care homes. The number of vacancies in licensed centers and licensed family child care homes combined was 10,109. The vacancy rate for licensed centers was 10 percent while the rate for licensed family child care homes 22 percent. Licensed centers that offer both full and part-time care serve 52,213 children, or 76 percent. Licensed family child care homes that offer both full and part-time care serve 8,998 children, or 79 percent.

Table 9: Children in Respondent Care, Capacity, Vacancies, and Vacancy Rate by Type of Facilities and Full-Time Versus Part-Time Enrollment, 2018

	Children Enrolled	Average Capacity	Total Capacity**	Vacancies	Vacancy Rate***
Licensed Centers					
Full-time Only*	12,247				
Part-time Only	3,833				
Both Full and Part-Time^	52,213				
Total in Centers	68,293	68.89	71,787	7,465	10.4%
Licensed Family Child Care Homes					
Full-time Only*	2,216				
Part-time Only	155				
Both Full and Part-Time^	8,998				
Total in Homes	11,369	9.95	12,033	2,644	22%
Total	79,662		83,820	10,109	

*Full-time care is at least 35 hours a week.

^Both Full and Part-Time is a new survey choice option for 2018.

**Total Capacity comes from the Administrative data, not the survey data.

***Vacancy rates are as reported.

The 2014 MRS estimated that licensed centers provided full-time care for 5,057 infants, 17,701 toddlers, 41,457 preschoolers, 6,452 kindergarteners and 11,824 school-age children. The 2014 MRS also estimated that licensed centers provided part-time care for 1,022 infants, 4,569 toddlers, 16,043 preschoolers, 4,382 kindergarteners and 24,552 school-age children. In addition, licensed centers had the highest number of vacancies for preschooler-age children (6,241 children) and only 837 vacancies for infants.

Also from the 2014 MRS, licensed family child care homes provided full-time care for 4,147 children who were younger than two years of age and for 11,405 children who were two years of age or older. Licensed family child care homes also provided part-time care for 969 children who were under two years of age and for 7,467 children who were two years of age or older. There were 3,653 vacancies for children who were two years old or older in licensed family child care homes while there were 3,439 vacancies for children who were less than two years of age.

Table 10: Estimated Number of Children Enrolled in Respondent Licensed Child Care by type of Facility, Full or Part-Time Care Offered, and Age Group, 2018.

	Full-Time Enrolled	Part-Time Enrolled	Both Full and Part-Time Enrolled
Licensed Centers			
Infant	773	7	2,230
Toddler	1,806	53	5,506
Enhanced Toddler*	1,612	48	5,071
Preschooler	6,025	259	21,486
Kindergartener	609	758	4,756
School-Age	2,031	3,466	17,920
Total for Centers	12,856	4,591	56,969
Licensed Family Child Care Homes			
Infant	165	2	643
Toddler	315	5	1,068
Enhanced Toddler*	356	5	1,360
Preschooler	1,040	94	3,392
Kindergartener	91	6	670
School-Age	340	49	2,535
Total for Family Homes	2,307	161	9,668
Total	15,163	4,752	66,637

*Enhanced Toddler is a new age category for the 2018 survey; it encompasses 12-17 months.

The projected number and related proportion of children in Washington, as available through 2016 American Community Survey, are in columns (A) and (B) of Table 11. Estimates of the number and proportion of children in licensed care, as derived from the 2018 MRS, are listed columns (C) and (D). Column (E) displays the weighted proportion of children in licensed care throughout the state.

Researchers estimate that approximately seven percent of children in Washington were in licensed child care, with the proportions of children in care varying substantially by age group. About 4.3 percent of infants, 13 percent of toddlers, and 7.7 percent of kindergarteners were in licensed care. Preschoolers represented the age group with the largest number and proportion (12.2 percent) of the population of children in care while school-age children represented the age group with the smallest proportion (4.6 percent).

Table 11: All Children in Washington State Age < 13 Years and Estimated Children in Licensed Care by Age Group, 2018

	(A) Pop Est < 13 Years*	(B) A % of Pop*	(C) Est # of Child in Licensed Care	(D) Age Group as % of Col C Total	(E) C/A % of Age Group in Licensed Care
Infant	87,204	6.9%	8,165	4.9%	9.4%
Toddler	132,923	10.4%	18,014	10.8%	27.4%
Enhanced Toddler			18,383	11%	
Preschooler	311,024	24.5%	67,422	40.5%	21.7%
Kindergarten	93,169	7.3%	14,231	8.6%	15.3%
Grades 1 and Up	646,971	50.9%	40,229	24.17%	6.2%
Total < 13 Years	1,271,291	100.0%	166,443		13.1%

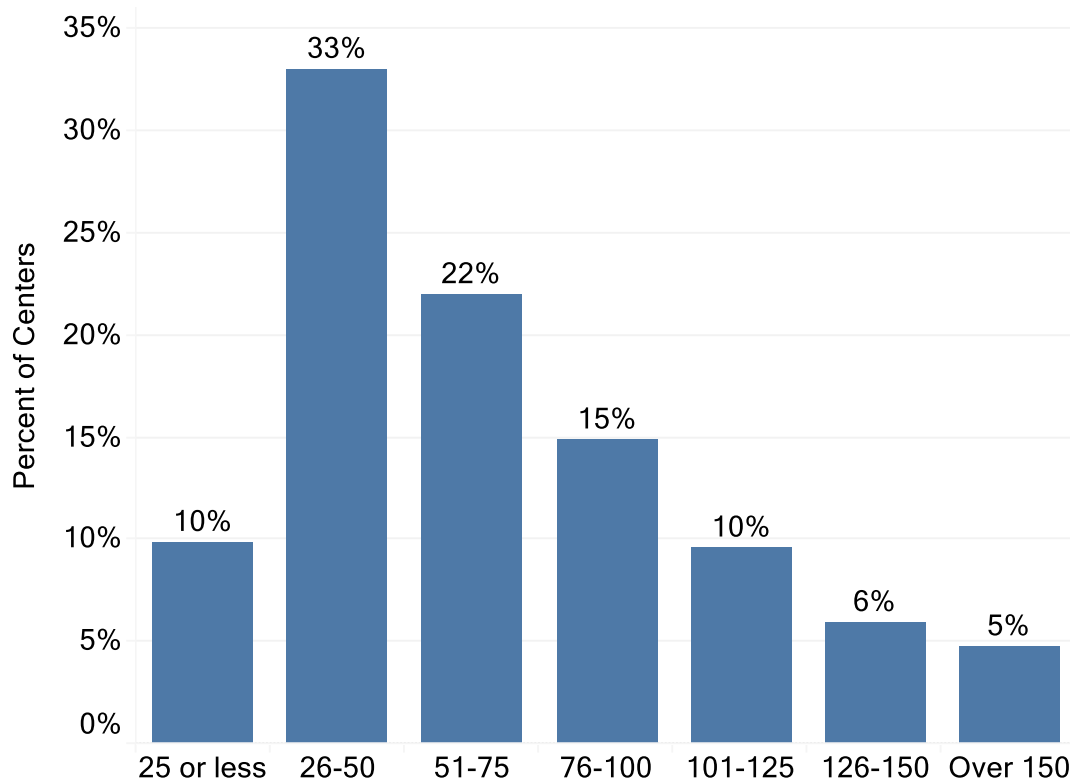
*Uses 2016 population data

Children in Licensed Centers

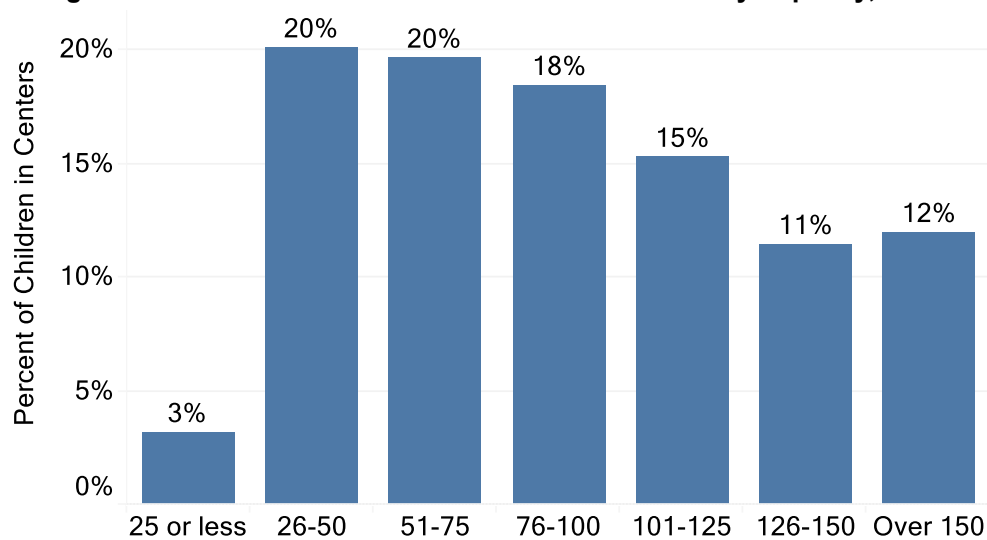
Capacities

Thirty-six percent of licensed centers had a capacity of 76 children or more. About a fifth (22 percent) had a capacity of 51 to 75, while 33 percent had a capacity for 26-50 children. The remaining 10 percent of centers reported having a capacity of fewer than 25 children.

Figure 2: Distribution of Licensed Centers by Capacity, 2018



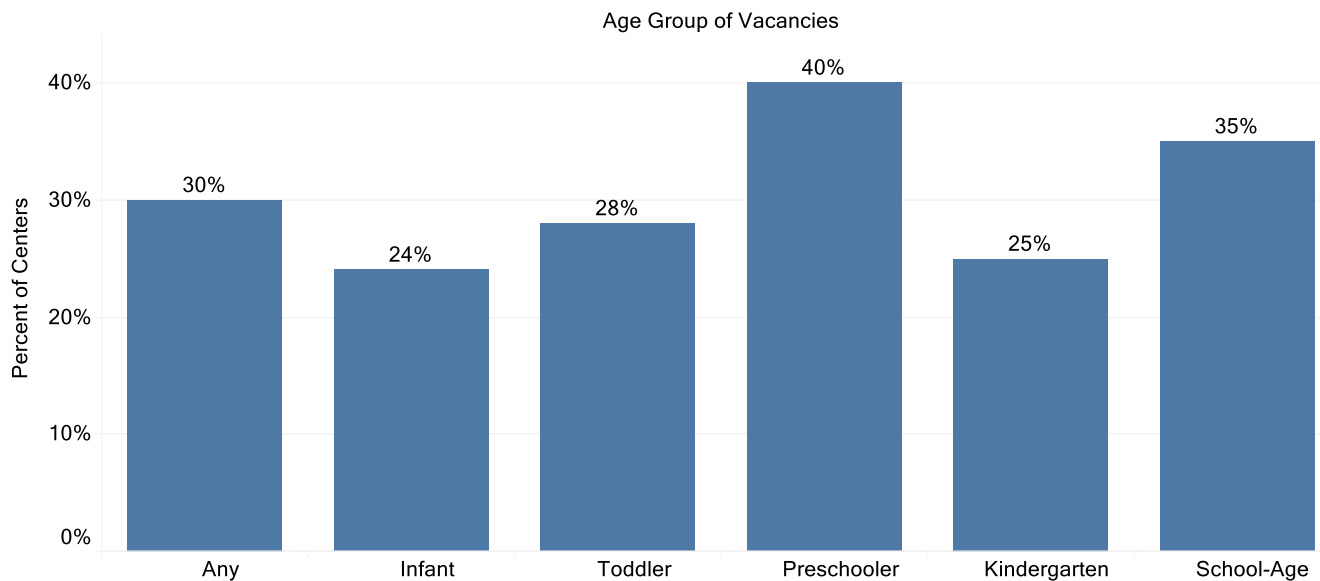
The distribution of children in licensed centers by center capacity was small centers (less than 50) 23 percent, mid-sized (51-100 children) 38 percent, and large centers (more than 150) 12 percent.

Figure 3: Distribution of Children in Licensed Centers by Capacity, 2018*

*Chart columns are based on capacity. The percent is based on the total number of children in center care =79,662

Vacancies

Researchers calculated vacancy rates from reported openings. By this measure, about a half, or 54 percent, of licensed centers have vacancies. Twenty-four percent of licensed centers licensed for infants have full or part-time vacancies for infants. Twenty-eight percent of licensed centers reported that they could enroll additional toddlers. The portion of facilities with vacancies for preschoolers was 40 percent while the vacancy rate for both kindergarteners and school-age children was 30 percent.

Figure 4: Percent of Centers with Vacancies by Age Group, 2018*

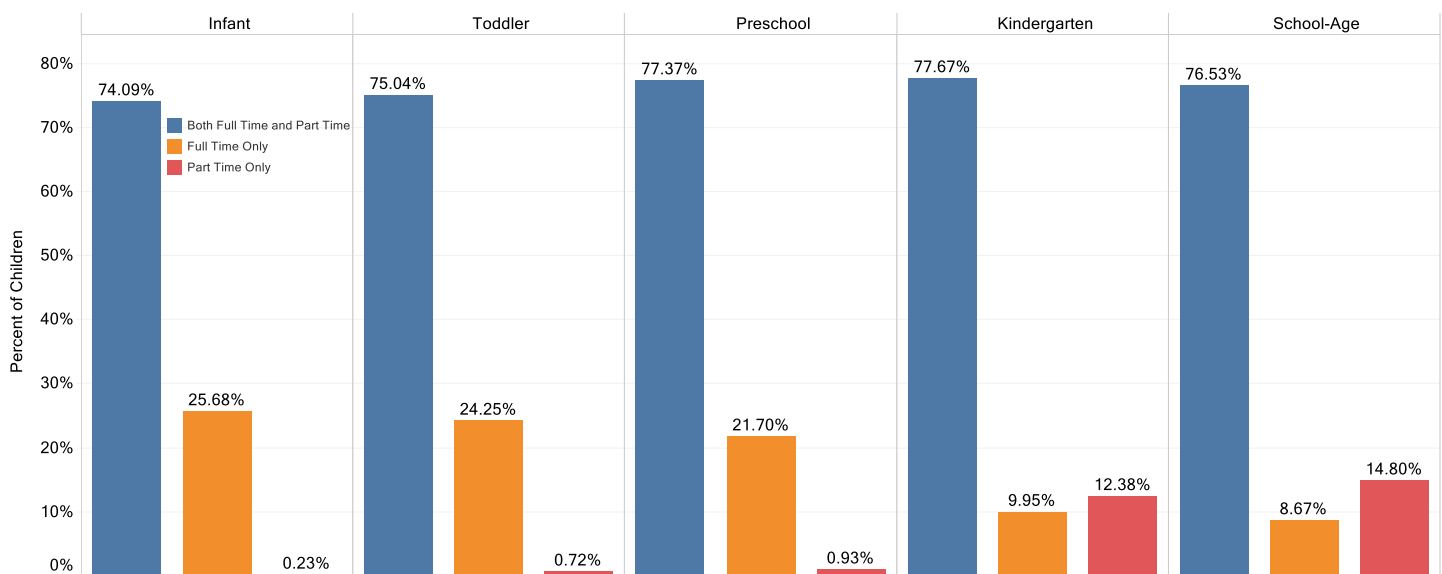
*Researchers calculated summary data from aggregate survey responses.

Table 12: Percent of Vacancies by Region for Licensed Centers, 2018

Region	# Vacancies	% Vacancies
1	205	3%
2	776	10%
3	1,221	16%
4	2,339	31%
5	931	12%
6	1,254	17%
Spokane	746	10%
Total	7,472	

Full-Time and Part-Time Care in Centers by Age and Region Category

Most centers (about three fourths) offer both full-time and part-time care. Of the remaining fourth, most offer only full-time care, and only a few (kindergarten and school-age) offer only part-time care.

Figure 5: Centers Providing Full-Time and Part-Time Care by Age Group, 2018

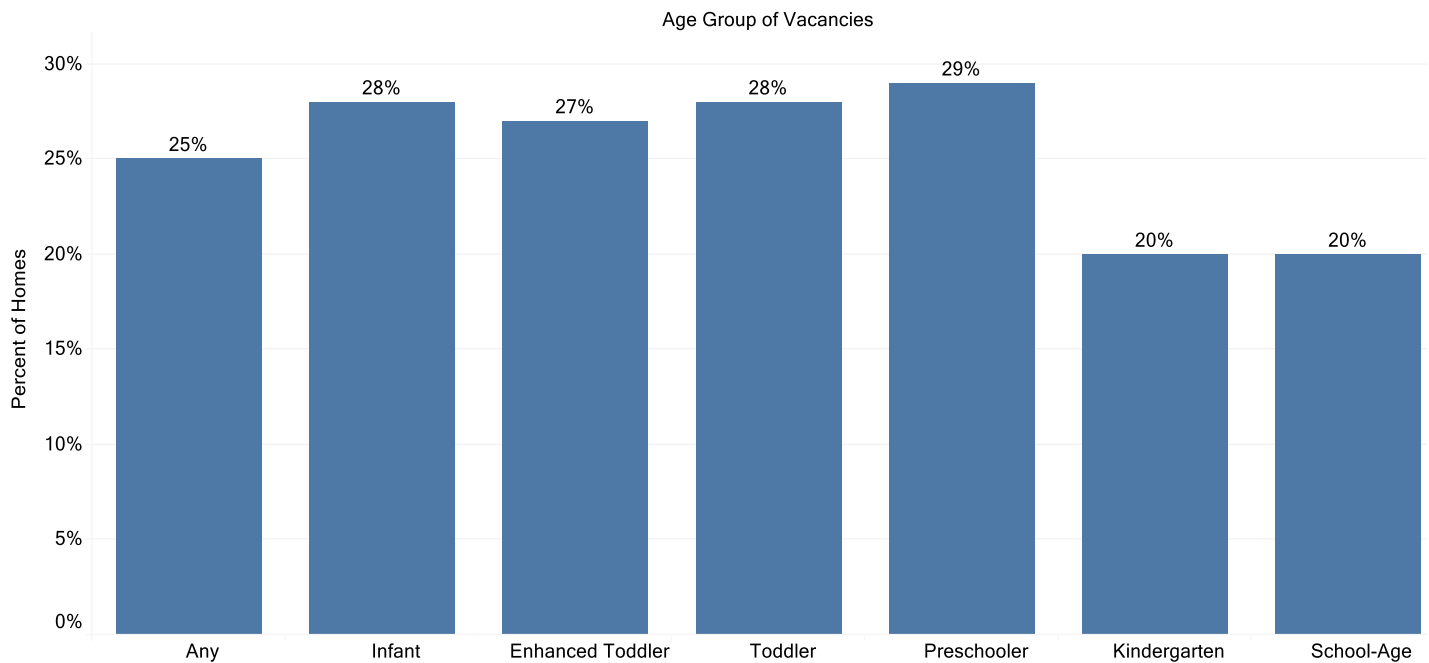
When examining the population of children enrolled in licensed centers by Child Care Subsidy Region, Region 4 had the highest number of children receiving care. Region 1 had the lowest number of children receiving care.

Table 13: Licensed Center Population by Region and Age Group, 2018

	Region							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Spokane	All
Both Full and Part-Time	2,206	2,907	9,623	15,870	7,566	8,578	5,580	52,330
Full-Time Only	226	1,886	1,116	4,061	1,833	1,663	1,462	12,247
Part-Time Only	40	609	864	1,694	55	370	201	3,833
Total	2,472	5,402	11,603	21,625	9,454	10,611	7,243	68,410

Children in Licensed Family Child Care Homes*Vacancies*

One fourth, or 25 percent, of licensed family child care homes indicated they had vacancies. Twenty-eight percent of homes reported vacancies for infant children. Approximately 28 percent of licensed family child care homes reported that they could enroll additional toddlers and 27 percent could enroll enhanced toddlers. The portion of facilities with vacancies for preschoolers was 29 percent while for kindergarteners and school-age children it was 20 percent.

Figure 6: Percent of Licensed Family Child Care Homes with Vacancies by Age Group, 2018*

*Researchers calculated summary data from aggregate survey responses.

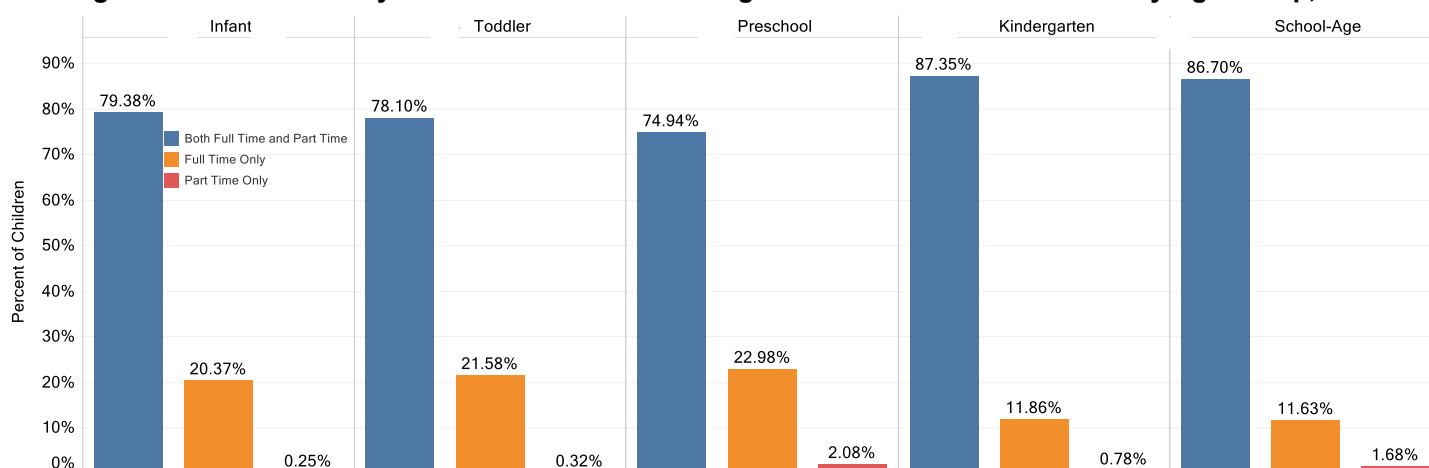
When looking at differences in vacancies by region, Region 4 had proportionately more family homes reporting vacancies (31 percent) than the other regions. Comparatively, Spokane accounted for only one percent of the state's homes with reported vacancies. The remainder of the regional rates of family homes with vacancies range from seven percent in Region 6 to 18 percent in Regions 3 and 5.

Table 14: Licensed Family Child Care Homes with Vacancies by Region, 2018

Region	# Vacancies	% Vacancies
1	437	17%
2	472	18%
3	216	8%
4	831	31%
5	485	18%
6	166	6%
Spokane	37	1%
Total	2,645	100%

Full-Time and Part-Time Care in Licensed Family Child Care Homes by Age and Region Category

The vast majority of licensed family child care homes provide full and part-time care, resulting in licensed family child care homes that provide both types of care serving 75 percent or more of the total number of children in care. Licensed family child care homes that offer full-time care only serve the remaining 20 to 23 percent of those who fall into the infant to preschool age range. Of the remaining children in the kindergarten and school-age range, licensed family child care homes offering full-time care only serve 12 percent.

Figure 7: Licensed Family Child Care Homes Providing Full-Time and Part-Time Care by Age Group, 2018

When examining the population of children enrolled in licensed family child care homes by Child Care Subsidy Region, Region 4 had the highest number of children receiving care. Region 1 had the lowest number of children receiving care.

Table 15: Licensed Family Child Care Home Population by Region and Age Group, 2018

	Region							
	1	2	3	4	5	6	Spokane	All
Both Full and Part-Time	1,146	1,332	1,194	2,883	1,066	1,053	324	8,998
Full-Time Only	206	356	303	612	307	310	122	2,216
Part-Time Only	0	24	45	29	5	52	0	155
Total	1,352	1,712	1,542	3,524	1,378	1,415	446	11,369

CHILD CARE MARKET RATES AND PERCENTILES

Child Care Prices

In general, licensed centers charged more per child than licensed family child care homes regardless of the child's age. However, school-age care (Kindergarten through age 12) was approximately equal for both facility types. Infant care was the most expensive, with rates decreasing as children's age increased for both licensed centers and licensed family child care homes.

Table 16: Average Rate per Month by Enrollment and Annual Cost for Full-Time Child Care by Type of Facility and Age Group, 2018

	Average Rate per Month	Annual Cost of Child Care
<i>Licensed Centers*</i>		
Infant	\$1,264.12	\$15,169.47
Enhanced Toddler	\$1,087.62	\$13,051.41
Toddler	\$1,069.21	\$12,830.56
Preschool	\$956.84	\$11,482.14
School-Age	\$662.55	\$7,950.63
Center Average	\$1,008.07	\$12,096.84
<i>Licensed Family Child Care Homes**</i>		
Infant	\$1,018.79	\$12,225.54
Enhanced Toddler	\$971.81	\$11,661.66
Toddler	\$886.29	\$10,635.46
Preschool	\$818.37	\$9,820.44
School-Age	\$660.13	\$7,921.55
Family Home Average	\$871.08	\$10,452.93

* Rates are all standard, full-time, non-subsidized, and calculated based on current enrollment.

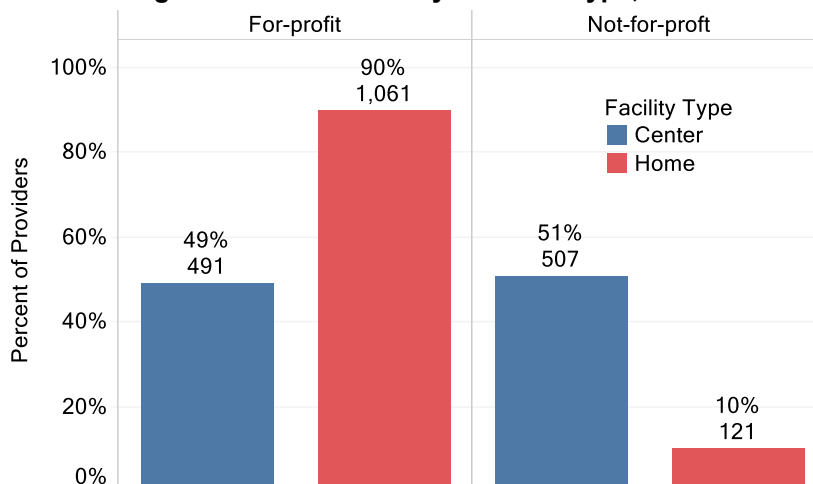
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PROVIDER DETAIL AND SPECIALIZATION

Type of Facility and Specialization

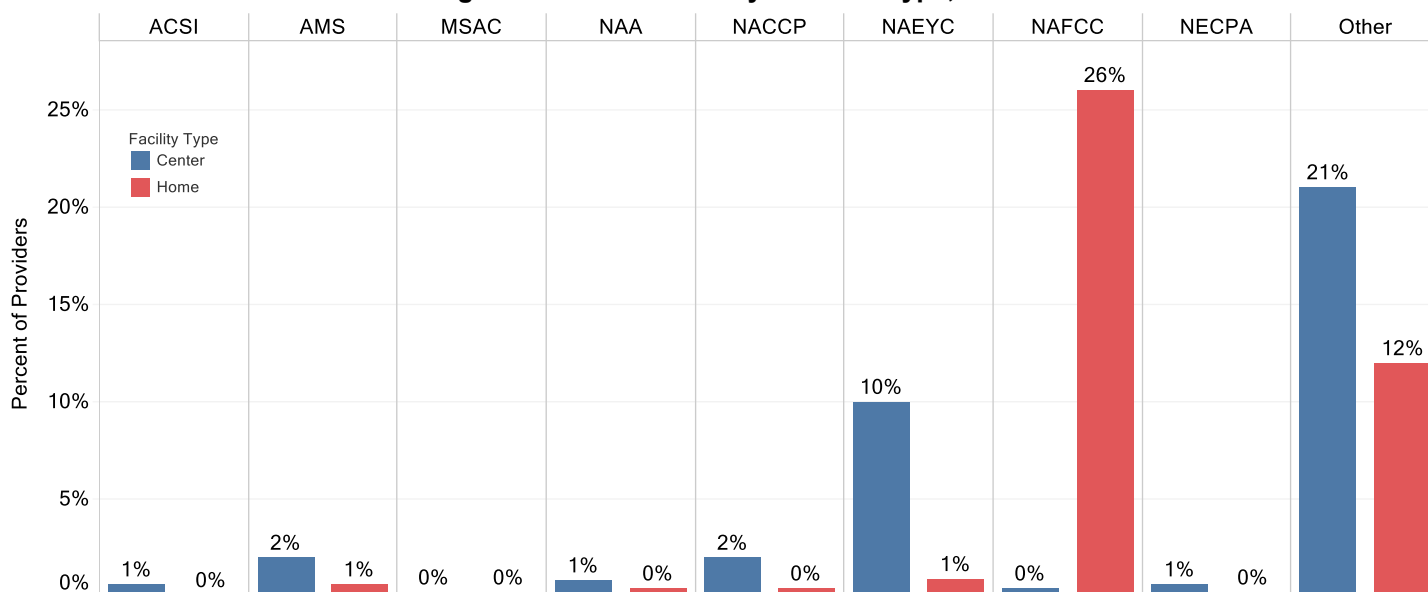
Overwhelmingly, providers are open year round (92 percent) with 0.4 percent open for the summer only and only seven percent open during the school year only. Overall, the majority of facilities are considered for-profit by the IRS. Only 29 percent have not-for-profit status. However, 51 percent of licensed centers are not-for-profit compared to only a reported ten percent of licensed family child care homes.

Figure 8: Profit Status by Provider Type, 2018

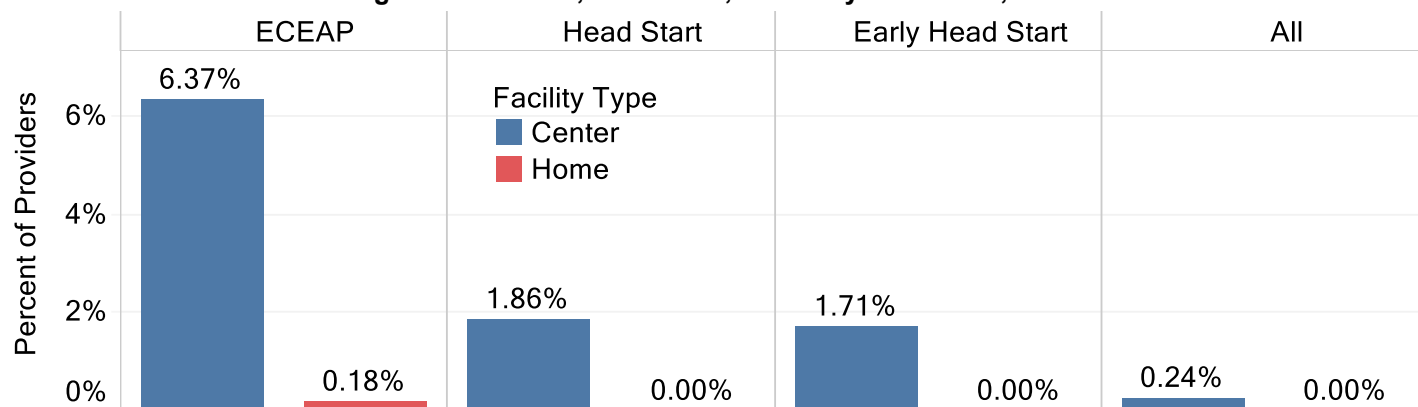


NAFCC (National Association for Family Child Care) was the most utilized accreditation for licensed family child care homes, at 26 percent of licensed family child care homes. For licensed centers, NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) was the most utilized survey accreditation option at 10 percent. There were, however, large numbers of “other” responses, indicating fragmentation amongst the types of accreditation organizations providers use.

Figure 9: Accreditation by Provider Type, 2018



Most providers surveyed do not offer ECEAP, Head Start, or Early Head Start. Licensed centers overwhelmingly provide these services. From DEL administrative data, 6.3 percent of licensed centers provide ECEAP, 1.9 percent provide Head Start, 1.7 percent provide Early Head Start, and approximately one-quarter percent provide all three.

Figure 10: ECEAP, Head Start, and Early Head Start, 2018**Language Used in Licensed Centers and Licensed Family Child Care Homes**

The majority of licensed centers who responded (99 percent) prefer to conduct business in English, though over half (59 percent) of them have at least one staff member who can converse in a language other than English. For licensed family child care homes who responded, 95.9 percent prefer English, though similarly to licensed centers, 58 percent can converse in another language. Providers who accept subsidy, and those that do not, have differences in language frequency and type. Most notably, providers that accept subsidy are more likely to speak another language than English. Of those licensed centers and licensed family child care homes that can converse in a language other than English, Spanish and Somali are the most prevalent.

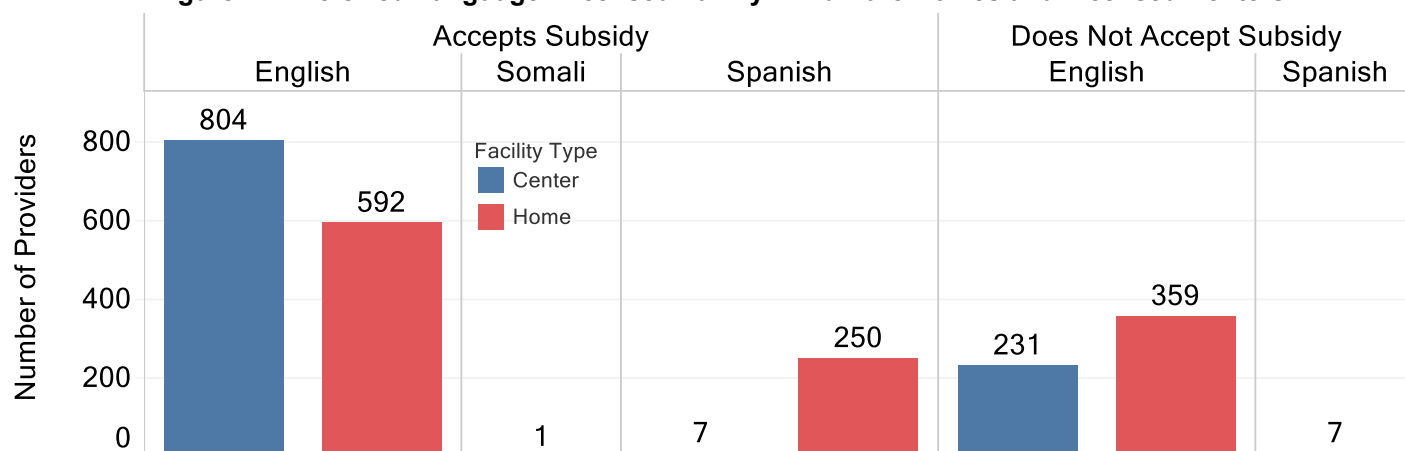
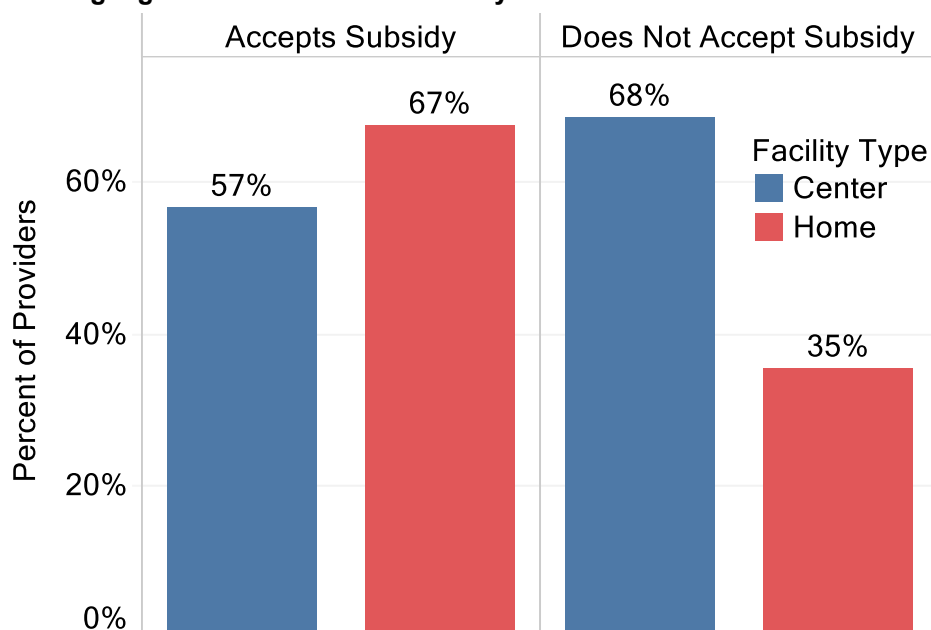
Figure 11: Preferred Language: Licensed Family Child Care Homes and Licensed Centers**Figure 12: Other Language Possible: Licensed Family Child Care Homes and Licensed Centers, 2018**

Figure 13: Top Five Languages Other Than English: Licensed Family Child Care Homes and Licensed Centers That Accept Subsidy, 2018
Accepts Subsidy

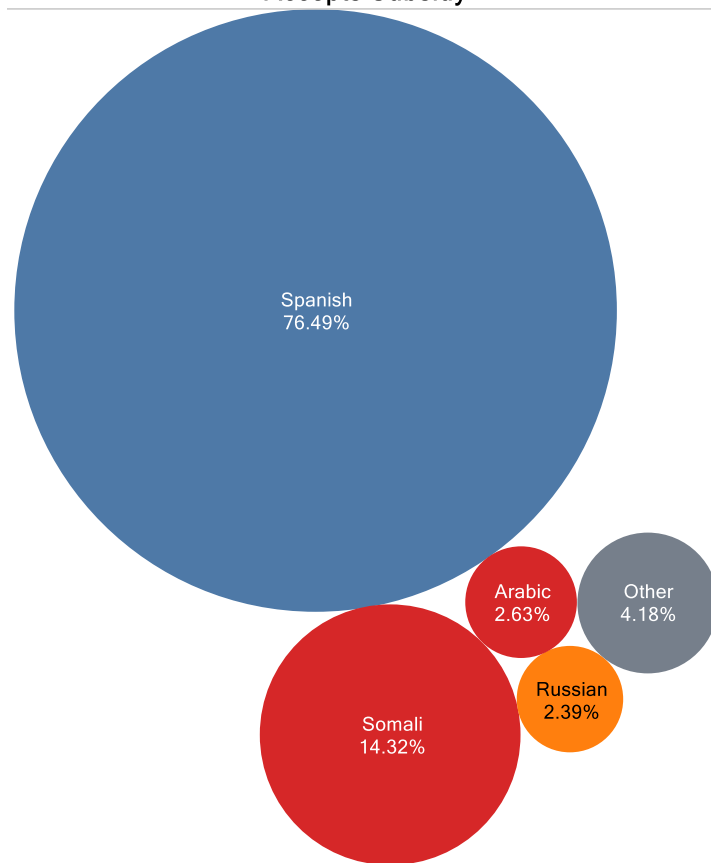
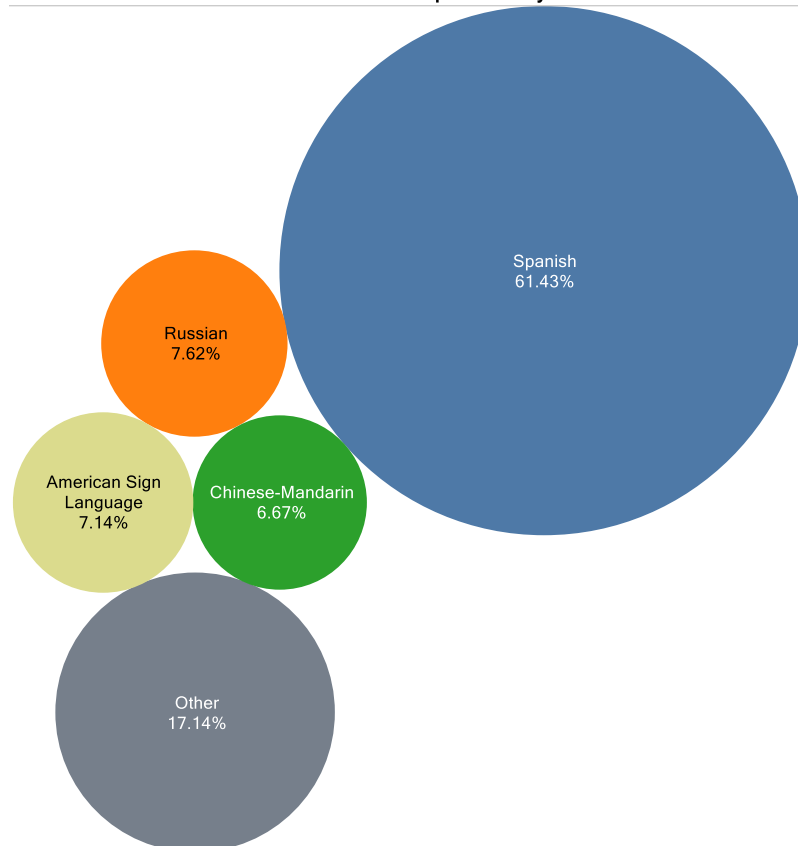


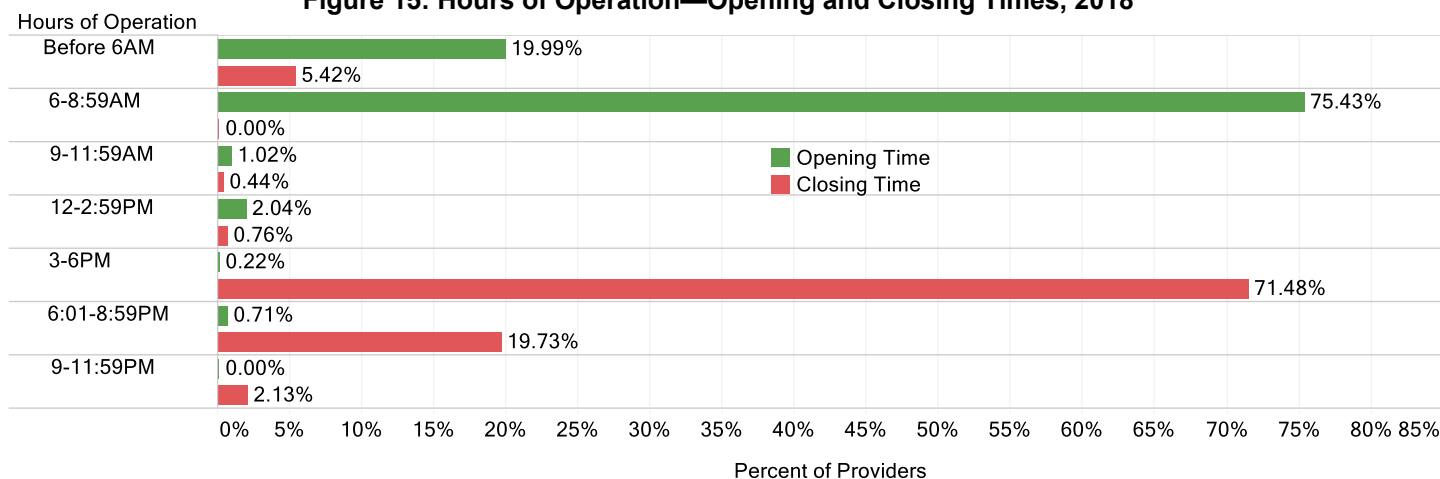
Figure 14: Top Five Languages Other Than English: Licensed Family Child Care Homes and Licensed Centers That Do Not Accept Subsidy, 2018
Does Not Accept Subsidy



Hours of Operation

In 2018, 20 percent of licensed centers and licensed family child care homes open before 6:00AM. The majority (75 percent) open between the hours of 6:00AM and 9:00AM. In terms of closing times, 71 percent of licensed family child care homes and licensed centers close between 3:00PM and 6:00PM and 20 percent close between 6:01PM and 9:00PM.

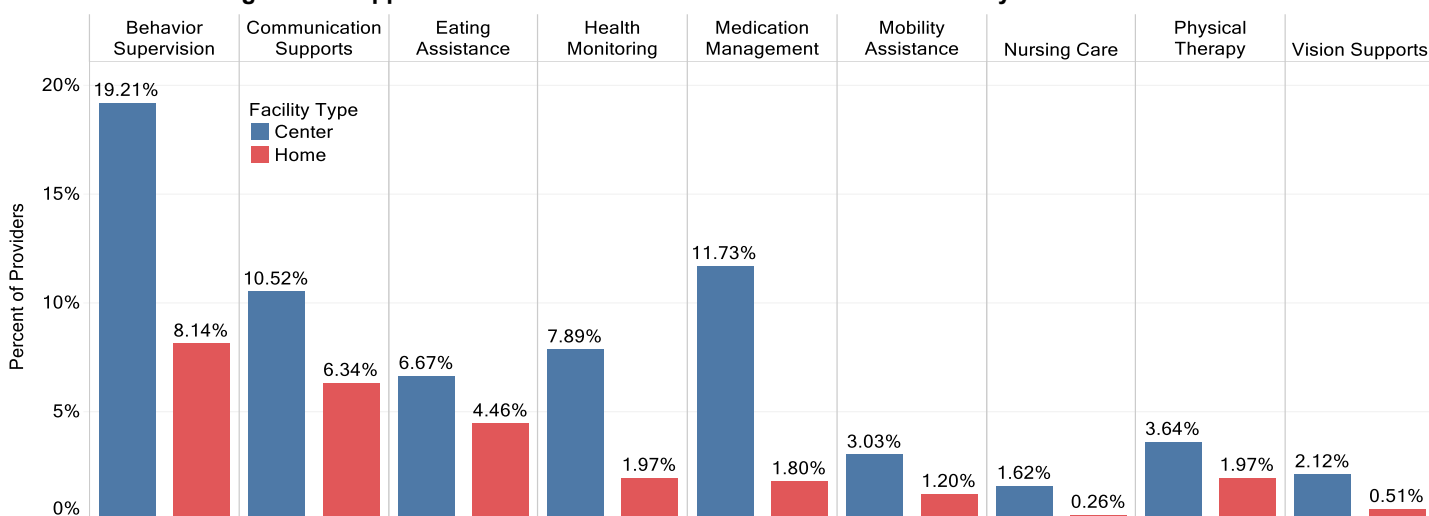
Figure 15: Hours of Operation—Opening and Closing Times, 2018



Support Services at Licensed Centers and Licensed Family Child Care Homes

Overall, 30 percent of licensed centers and 21 percent of licensed family homes offered support services of some kind. Of the services offered, the three most frequently offered by licensed centers were behavior supervision and supports for children with challenging behaviors (19 percent), medication management for a child requiring ongoing medication and recordkeeping (12 percent), and communication supports (11 percent). The three most frequently offered at licensed family child care homes were behavior supervision and supports for children with challenging behaviors (eight percent), communication supports (six percent), and eating assistance (four percent).

Figure 16: Support Services at Licensed Centers and Licensed Family Child Care Homes



The vast majority of licensed providers did not charge fees for extra support services. For licensed providers that did not accept subsidy, 16 percent offered support services and none of these facilities charged a fee. For licensed providers that did accept subsidy, 28 percent offered support services and six percent of those providers charged a fee.

STAFFING AND COMPENSATION

Licensed Center Staffing Composition and Openings

Licensed centers who responded to the survey typically include a director, an administrative staff, three or more lead teachers, and three or more assistant teachers. The highest position with openings are lead teachers and assistant teachers with approximately 56 percent of licensed providers indicating that there was at least one opening in the past year (including current openings) for those positions.

Table 17. Licensed Centers Staff Positions and Openings

	% of Staff in Position				Openings	
	1	2	3 or more	N	Count	% With Openings
Program Manager	76.6%	10.7%	12.7%	352	129	26.8%
Administrator	72%	16.5%	11.5%	279	64	18.7%
Additional Staff	12.7%	14.5%	78.2%	1,189	481	28.8%
Lead Teacher	3.9%	4.2%	91.9%	3,126	1,146	26.8%
Assistant Teacher	11.2%	6.6%	82.2%	3,042	1,267	29.4%

Licensed Center Compensation

Given the distribution of the monthly reported wages, researchers split responses into full-time and part-time monthly wages: unless designated as part-time, responses at or above \$1,730 (full-time minimum wage) are classified as full-time and anything below the amount are part-time.

Monthly wages reported in the survey vary greatly across licensed center programs. There is an approximate average \$7,000 difference between full-time wages reported, and about \$3,000 of a difference between part-time wages across all position types. When looking at the average wage, full-time directors are the highest wage earners, followed by administrators. Note: providers' staff titles vary as well, so the wages by position are based on providers' self-identified classifications.

Table 18. Licensed Center Staff Monthly Wages**A. Full-Time Staff**

Position	Count	Min	Max	Average
Director	579	\$ 1,750	\$ 9,504	\$ 3,354
Program Manager	334	\$ 1,800	\$ 8,750	\$ 2,792
Administrator	245	\$ 1,764	\$ 8,500	\$ 3,065
Additional Staff	829	\$ 1,745	\$ 9,810	\$ 2,459
Lead Teacher	2,697	\$ 1,750	\$ 8,320	\$ 2,467
Assistant Teacher	1,983	\$ 1,733	\$ 9,169	\$ 2,429

B. Part-Time Staff

Position	Count	Min	Max	Average
Director	34	\$ 367	\$ 3,120	\$ 1,276
Program Manager	18	\$ 500	\$ 2,405	\$ 1,440
Administrator	34	\$ 258	\$ 4,141	\$ 1,572
Additional Staff	360	\$ 83	\$ 4,873	\$ 1,124
Lead Teacher	429	\$ 220	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,277
Assistant Teacher	1,059	\$ 120	\$ 1,725	\$ 1,225

Licensed Family Child Care Home Provider Staffing Composition and Openings

Licensed family child care homes were asked to report on staffing composition using the same position titles as center providers. Typical licensed family child care homes have one owner who may also identify as a program manager, administrator, lead teacher or assistant teacher. The following section summarizes responses from the survey. Licensed family child care homes typically have just one person filling each of the roles listed below. For those responses with two or more positions filled, respondents may have double counted owners and/or staff filling multiple roles (and position titles).

Table 19. Family Home Staff Positions and Openings

	% of Staff in Position				Openings	
	1	2	3+	N	Count	% With Openings
Program Manager	50%	36.8%	13.2%	38	19	33.3%
Administrator	48.4%	32.3%	19.3%	62	39	38.6%
Additional Staff	53.5%	35.3%	11.2%	170	25	12.8%
Lead Teacher	70%	25.2%	4.8%	206	86	29.5%
Assistant Teacher	52.3%	39%	8.7%	220	75	25.4%

Licensed Family Child Care Home Compensation

The minimum and maximum reported monthly wages for licensed family child care homes vary greatly. The average reported monthly wages are greatest for full-time administrators.

Table 20. Licensed Family Child Care Home Staff Monthly Wages**A. Full-Time Staff**

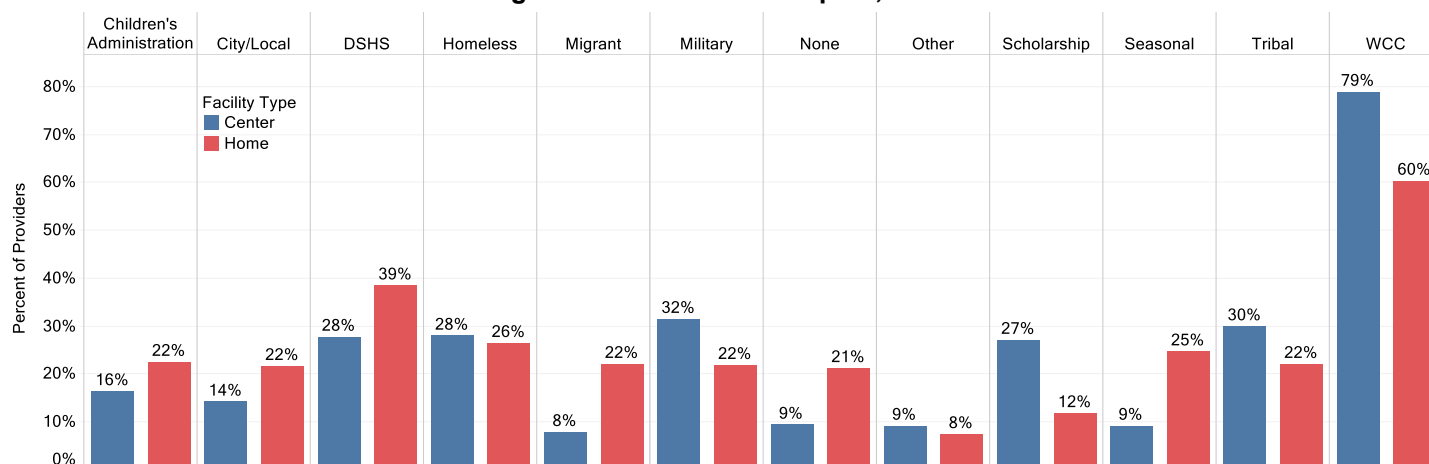
Position	Count	Min	Max	Average
Program Manager	28	\$ 1,800	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,758
Administrator	44	\$ 1,800	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,639
Additional Staff	42	\$ 1,800	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,236
Lead Teacher	146	\$ 1,733	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,657
Assistant Teacher	102	\$ 1,750	\$ 3,700	\$ 2,389

B. Part-Time Staff

Position	Count	Min	Max	Average
Program Manager	10	\$ 300	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,060
Administrator	18	\$ 400	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,150
Additional Staff	128	\$ 100	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,074
Lead Teacher	60	\$ 300	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,056
Assistant Teacher	118	\$ 100	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,100

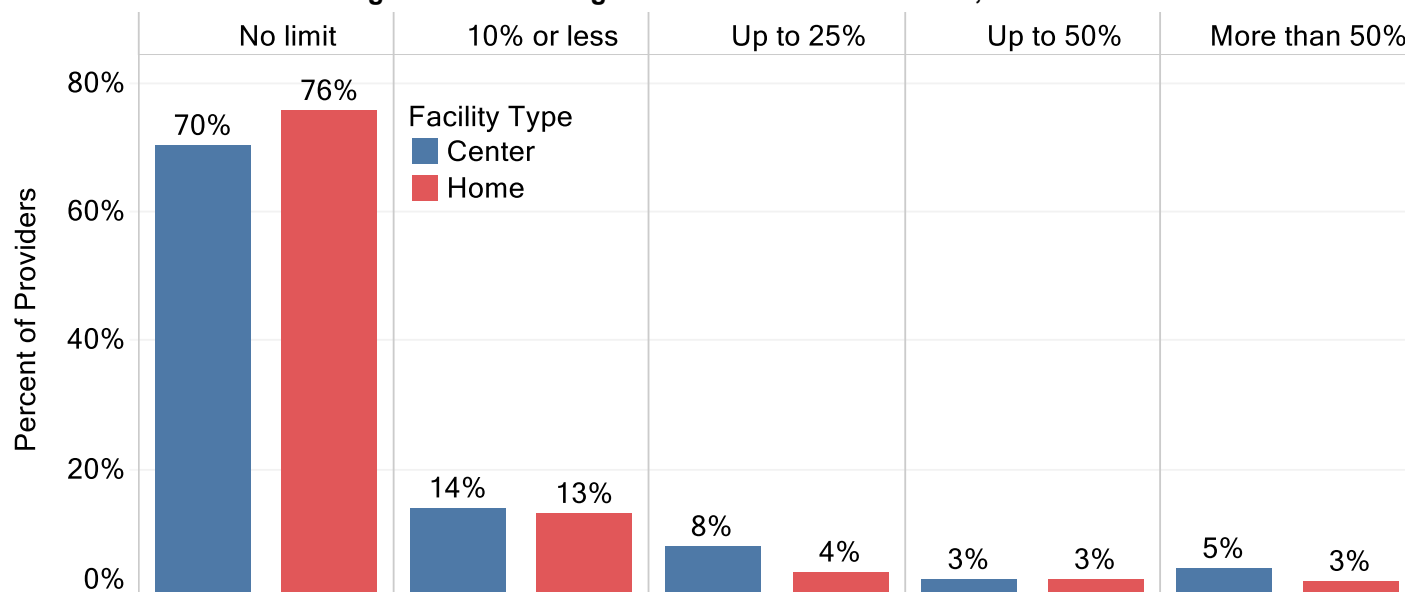
SUBSIDY SATURATION**Children Who Receive Care Subsidized by the State****Facilities That Accepted Child Care Subsidies**

Overall, 91 percent of licensed centers and 79 percent of licensed family child care homes accept subsidies. The State Child Care Subsidy Working Connections Child Care (WCCC) was the most widely accepted by both licensed centers (79 percent) and licensed family child care homes (60 percent).

Figure 17: Subsidies Accepted, 2018

The majority of licensed centers and licensed family child care homes do not limit the number of subsidized children they accept. However, of the 30 percent of licensed centers and 24 percent of licensed family child care homes that do limit the number of subsidized children, most have set a stringent limit of ten percent or less.

Figure 18: Percentage of Subsidized Care Allowed, 2018



Subsidy Rates and 75th Percentile Rate for All Age Groups

Researchers converted non-subsidized hourly, daily, and weekly rates for licensed centers and licensed family child care homes to monthly rates for comparison purposes in Tables 23 and 24. Researchers calculated rate percentiles and weighted them based on current enrollment of children in each age group by provider to give a more accurate assessment of the current child care market in each region for each age group.

To compare the 75th percentile of rates to DEL's current subsidy rates, researchers used Early Achievers rates. Early Achievers is Washington's quality rating and improvement system. Early Achievers helps to ensure that providers can get the professional development and support they need to enhance their overall quality and that parents have the information they need to make the right choices in early learning for their family. Early Achievers launched on July 1, 2012 as a voluntary quality rating improvement system with a staggered rollout to regions across the state. Some regions began implementing Early Achievers on July 1, 2012, while other regions did not begin implementation until July 1, 2013.

In June 2015, the Legislature approved and Governor Jay Inslee signed the Early Start Act into law. The Early Start Act focuses on improving access to high-quality early learning opportunities in Washington as a key path to improving outcomes in young children and promoting strong school readiness rates. Research clearly demonstrates that the quality of early learning environments is critical to supporting child growth and development, and that children need access to high quality programs and stable participation in these programs (sometimes described as, "dosage"). The Early Start Act responded to this need by providing supports to help existing early learning providers offer a level of quality that will promote strong child outcomes, mandate levels of quality for providers that accept children on child care subsidy or Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) funding, and focus on improving quality for children most at-risk for not being ready for kindergarten. The Early Start Act requires that all licensed child care providers serving non-school age children on subsidy enroll in Early Achievers and rate Level 3-5 by the required deadlines established in RCW 43.215.135. The Early Start Act also requires Early Childhood Education and Assistance Program (ECEAP) sites to enroll in Early Achievers and rate at a Level 4-5 by the required deadlines established in RCW 43.215.415. Participation in Early Achievers is voluntary for licensed or certified center-and home-based early learning sites that do not receive state subsidy payments or other state funds.

BASE SUBSIDY RATES

Below, we have provided for reference the 2017 base rates for providers not participating in Early Achievers. Note that preceding charts used current Early Achievers rates for Level 3 compared to the 75th percentile of market rates.

Table 21: Monthly Center-Based Program Rates (2017, Not Participating in Early Achievers)

Licensed Center Based Monthly Rates				
Region	Infants	Toddlers	Preschool	School Age
Region 1	\$748.66	\$629.64	\$594.66	\$560.12
Region 2	\$756.58	\$630.96	\$585.42	\$517.66
Region 3	\$1,001.00	\$834.46	\$721.16	\$700.04
Region 4	\$1,164.68	\$972.40	\$816.20	\$735.02
Region 5	\$854.04	\$735.02	\$646.80	\$574.64
Region 6	\$839.96	\$721.16	\$629.64	\$616.22
Spokane	\$765.82	\$644.16	\$608.74	\$573.10

Table 22: Monthly Licensed Family Child Care Home Rates (2017, Not Participating in Early Achievers)

Licensed Family Child Care Home Base Monthly Rates					
Region	Infants	Enhanced Toddlers	Toddlers	Preschool	School Age
Region 1	\$664.62	\$664.62	\$578.16	\$533.72	\$474.32
Region 2	\$687.94	\$687.94	\$598.18	\$548.46	\$504.02
Region 3	\$942.04	\$942.04	\$797.50	\$797.50	\$646.36
Region 4	\$1,196.14	\$1,196.14	\$996.82	\$897.16	\$710.82
Region 5	\$815.54	\$815.54	\$709.06	\$598.18	\$504.02
Region 6	\$733.26	\$733.26	\$637.78	\$598.18	\$563.20
Spokane	\$680.46	\$680.46	\$591.58	\$545.82	\$484.66

LICENSED CENTER PROGRAMS

Licensed centers for all age groups but school-age generally had a current subsidy rate that would cover approximately 10 percent to 20 percent of care. On average, the largest percent differences in subsidy and 75th percentile rates were in Region 4 (King County). The smallest gaps between subsidy and 75th percentile rates were generally in Region 1 (eastern and northeastern Washington).

Subsidy rates are in greatest alignment with school-age market rates, where in all regions subsidy would cover 50 percent or more of child care.

Table 23: Licensed Center Subsidy Rates versus 75th Percentile Rate per Day and Percent of Enrolled Children Covered for Full-Time Children by Age Group and Region, 2018*

Region	Infant			Enhanced Toddler		
	Subsidy Rate* ¹	75 th Percentile ²	Percentile Range ³	Subsidy Rate	75 th Percentile	Percentile Range ³
1	\$778.61	\$890.00	20 th	\$692.60	\$784.00	30 th
2	\$786.84	\$990.00	20 th	\$694.06	\$863.00	30 th
3	\$1,041.04	\$1,569.50	10 th	\$917.91	\$1,397.50	20 th
4	\$1,211.27	\$1,999.50	10 th	\$1,069.64	\$1,720.00	20 th
5	\$888.20	\$1,294.30	20 th	\$808.52	\$1,118.00	20 th
6	\$873.56	\$1,199.70	20 th	\$793.28	\$1,100.00	30 th
Spokane	\$796.45	\$1,161.00	20 th	\$708.58	\$1,000.00	20 th

Region	Toddler			Preschool			School Age		
	Subsidy Rate* ¹	75 th Percentile ²	Percentile Range ³	Subsidy Rate	75 th Percentile	Percentile Range ³	Subsidy Rate	75 th Percentile	Percentile Range ³
1	\$692.60	\$801.90	40 th	\$654.13	\$748.00	40 th	\$616.13	\$682.00	50 th
2	\$694.06	\$770.00	40 th	\$643.96	\$775.00	40 th	\$569.43	\$602.00	70 th
3	\$917.91	\$1,384.00	20 th	\$793.28	\$1,150.00	20 th	\$770.04	\$817.00	70 th
4	\$1,069.64	\$1,650.00	20 th	\$897.82	\$1,495.00	20 th	\$808.52	\$967.50	70 th
5	\$808.52	\$1,118.00	20 th	\$711.48	\$976.00	20 th	\$632.10	\$682.00	70 th
6	\$793.28	\$1,006.00	40 th	\$692.60	\$990.00	20 th	\$677.84	\$700.00	70 th
Spokane	\$708.58	\$1,000.00	10 th	\$669.61	\$950.00	20 th	\$630.41	\$704.00	70 th

*All subsidy rates used are based on current, 2018 Early Achievers rates at Level 3 (ten percent for licensed family child care homes and four percent for licensed centers).

¹ Monthly subsidy rate= Daily rate*22 days.

² Weighted 75th percentile of what providers charge, by total active enrollment.

³ Approximate percentile of private pay children currently enrolled that would be covered by subsidy rate.

LICENSED FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

Overall, the gap between the licensed family child care home 75th percentile and subsidy rates was closer than that of licensed centers. Preschool age children saw the widest marginal difference between subsidy and the 75th percentile, while children considered enhanced toddlers in all regions had a subsidy rate that covered the greatest portion of market rates when compared to other age groups. In Region 5, for enhanced toddlers, the subsidy rate meets the 75th percentile of market rates for licensed family child care homes.

Table 24: Licensed Family Child Care Home Subsidy Rates versus 75th Percentile Rate per Day and Percent of Facilities At or Below the Subsidy Rate for Full-Time Children by Age Group and Region, 2018*

Region	Infant			Enhanced Toddler		
	Subsidy Rate ^{*1}	75th Percentile ²	Percentile Range ³	Subsidy Rate	75th Percentile	Percentile Range ³
1	\$731.08	\$880.00	40 th	\$731.08	\$770.00	60 th
2	\$756.73	\$880.00	30 th	\$756.73	\$860.00	40 th
3	\$1,036.24	\$1,200.00	60 th	\$1,036.24	\$1,100.00	70 th
4	\$1,315.75	\$1,350.00	70 th	\$1,315.75	\$1,328.14	70 th
5	\$897.09	\$990.00	50 th	\$897.09	\$900.00	75 th
6	\$806.59	\$900.00	60 th	\$806.59	\$880.00	70 th
Spokane	\$748.51	\$880.00	50 th	\$748.51	\$850.00	50 th

Region	Toddler			Preschool			School Age		
	Subsidy Rate ^{*1}	75th Percentile ²	Percentile Range ³	Subsidy Rate	75th Percentile	Percentile Range ³	Subsidy Rate	75th Percentile	Percentile Range ³
1	\$635.98	\$693.00	40 th	\$587.09	\$660.00	40 th	\$521.75	\$660.00	40 th
2	\$658.00	\$770.00	30 th	\$603.31	\$726.00	30 th	\$554.42	\$660.00	40 th
3	\$877.25	\$1,000.00	40 th	\$877.25	\$990.00	50 th	\$711.00	\$800.00	60 th
4	\$1,096.50	\$1,320.00	50 th	\$986.88	\$1,200.00	50 th	\$781.90	\$817.00	75 th
5	\$779.97	\$880.00	50 th	\$658.00	\$800.00	30 th	\$554.42	\$770.00	40 th
6	\$701.56	\$850.00	50 th	\$658.00	\$770.00	40 th	\$619.52	\$660.00	60 th
Spokane	\$650.74	\$770.00	50 th	\$600.40	\$770.00	40 th	\$533.13	\$682.00	30 th

*All subsidy rates used are based on current, 2018 Early Achievers rates.

¹ Monthly subsidy rate= Daily rate*22 days.

² Weighted 75th percentile of what providers charge, by total active enrollment.

³ Approximate percentile of children currently enrolled that would be covered by subsidy rate.

PERCENTILE RATE CHARTS

Percentile Analysis for Licensed Child Care Centers

Table 25: Monthly Full-Time Rates in Licensed Centers, 2018, By Region

Full-Time Monthly Rate for Infants, Licensed Centers							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$1,144.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,978.00	\$2,660.00	\$2,068.00	\$1,584.00	\$1,823.20
90	\$910.80	\$1,056.00	\$1,780.20	\$2,120.00	\$1,410.00	\$1,276.00	\$1,425.00
80	\$895.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,634.00	\$2,033.90	\$1,333.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,204.00
75	\$890.00	\$990.00	\$1,569.50	\$1,999.50	\$1,294.30	\$1,199.70	\$1,161.00
70	\$858.00	\$990.00	\$1,532.52	\$1,950.00	\$1,268.50	\$1,143.00	\$1,150.00
60	\$808.50	\$913.00	\$1,410.00	\$1,795.00	\$1,255.00	\$1,096.50	\$1,080.00
50	\$792.00	\$885.00	\$1,363.00	\$1,580.16	\$1,109.40	\$1,075.00	\$1,052.00
40	\$792.00	\$880.00	\$1,285.70	\$1,520.00	\$1,080.00	\$1,036.00	\$1,000.00
30	\$785.00	\$818.00	\$1,222.00	\$1,436.20	\$984.70	\$995.00	\$963.20
20	\$780.00	\$800.00	\$1,112.00	\$1,386.00	\$950.00	\$902.00	\$890.00
10	\$748.66	\$774.00	\$1,040.00	\$1,275.00	\$875.00	\$850.00	\$774.00
Enrollment	84	152	637	853	970	500	324
Current Subsidy	\$778.61	\$786.84	\$1,041.04	\$1,211.27	\$888.20	\$873.56	\$796.45
Subsidy as % of 75th	87.5%	79.5%	66.3%	60.6%	68.6%	72.8%	68.6%

Full-Time Monthly Rate for Enhanced Toddlers, Licensed Centers							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$1,056.00	\$990.00	\$1,978.00	\$2,540.00	\$1,892.00	\$1,425.00	\$1,750.00
90	\$841.50	\$980.00	\$1,520.00	\$1,913.50	\$1,290.00	\$1,195.40	\$1,250.00
80	\$784.00	\$880.00	\$1,419.00	\$1,806.00	\$1,147.00	\$1,104.00	\$1,080.00
75	\$784.00	\$863.00	\$1,397.50	\$1,720.00	\$1,118.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00
70	\$770.00	\$863.00	\$1,354.00	\$1,694.20	\$1,078.00	\$1,100.00	\$974.38
60	\$770.00	\$800.00	\$1,218.00	\$1,565.00	\$1,032.00	\$1,006.00	\$946.00
50	\$742.50	\$762.30	\$1,182.50	\$1,429.00	\$990.00	\$925.00	\$900.00
40	\$725.00	\$715.00	\$1,122.00	\$1,390.00	\$903.00	\$890.00	\$875.00
30	\$725.00	\$700.00	\$1,056.00	\$1,300.00	\$875.00	\$800.00	\$795.00
20	\$638.00	\$682.00	\$990.00	\$1,232.00	\$814.12	\$770.00	\$755.00
10	\$629.64	\$630.96	\$903.00	\$1,056.00	\$770.00	\$739.60	\$705.00
Enrollment	172	331	1,555	2,197	970	1,111	785
Current Subsidy	\$692.60	\$694.06	\$917.91	\$1,069.64	\$808.52	\$793.28	\$708.58
Subsidy as % of 75 th	88.3%	80.4%	65.7%	62.2%	72.3%	72.1%	70.9%

Full-Time Monthly Rate for Toddlers, Licensed Centers							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$1,600.00	\$990.00	\$1,806.00	\$2,265.00	\$1,892.00	\$1,386.00	\$1,750.00
90	\$841.50	\$880.00	\$1,540.00	\$1,829.00	\$1,281.40	\$1,169.60	\$1,080.00
80	\$801.90	\$792.00	\$1,401.80	\$1,685.00	\$1,118.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,050.00
75	\$801.90	\$770.00	\$1,384.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,118.00	\$1,006.00	\$1,000.00
70	\$785.00	\$770.00	\$1,310.00	\$1,634.00	\$1,078.00	\$1,001.00	\$989.00
60	\$770.00	\$762.30	\$1,199.70	\$1,483.50	\$1,032.00	\$980.00	\$920.00
50	\$742.50	\$715.00	\$1,138.50	\$1,388.90	\$993.30	\$920.00	\$885.00
40	\$726.00	\$700.00	\$1,096.50	\$1,320.00	\$903.00	\$880.00	\$830.00
30	\$668.00	\$682.00	\$995.00	\$1,250.00	\$855.70	\$781.00	\$735.00
20	\$650.00	\$680.00	\$935.00	\$1,121.00	\$814.00	\$750.00	\$725.00
10	\$629.64	\$630.96	\$858.00	\$1,010.50	\$780.00	\$726.00	\$684.80
Enrollment	212	283	1,476	1,986	908	922	826
Current Subsidy	\$692.60	\$694.06	\$917.91	\$1,069.64	\$808.52	\$793.28	\$708.58
Subsidy as % of 75 th	86.4%	90.1%	66.3%	64.8%	72.3%	78.9%	70.9%

Full-Time Monthly Rate for Preschool, Licensed Centers							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$1,600.00	\$1,089.00	\$1,692.00	\$2,301.75	\$1,650.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,340.00
90	\$800.00	\$855.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,640.00	\$1,139.50	\$1,056.00	\$1,025.00
80	\$748.00	\$791.00	\$1,212.60	\$1,575.00	\$1,034.00	\$1,001.00	\$971.80
75	\$748.00	\$775.00	\$1,150.00	\$1,495.00	\$976.00	\$990.00	\$950.00
70	\$742.50	\$750.00	\$1,118.00	\$1,450.00	\$950.00	\$963.20	\$907.00
60	\$700.00	\$726.00	\$1,056.00	\$1,392.00	\$924.00	\$868.34	\$850.00
50	\$685.00	\$700.00	\$967.50	\$1,262.00	\$834.20	\$812.00	\$815.00
40	\$673.20	\$664.00	\$935.25	\$1,225.50	\$793.00	\$792.00	\$786.90
30	\$638.00	\$630.00	\$880.00	\$1,118.00	\$760.00	\$725.00	\$752.00
20	\$616.00	\$616.00	\$836.00	\$1,040.00	\$726.00	\$699.00	\$700.00
10	\$594.66	\$585.42	\$721.16	\$894.40	\$680.00	\$660.00	\$631.40
Enrollment	638	1,473	6,680	8,384	3,869	3,617	2,686
Current Subsidy	\$654.13	\$643.96	\$793.28	\$897.82	\$711.48	\$692.60	\$669.61
Subsidy as % of 75 th	87.5%	83.1%	69.0%	60.1%	72.9%	70.0%	70.5%

Full-Time Monthly Rate for School-Age, Licensed Centers							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$750.00	\$990.00	\$1,655.50	\$1,715.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,056.00
90	\$742.50	\$602.00	\$1,012.00	\$1,092.20	\$950.00	\$803.00	\$792.00
80	\$700.00	\$602.00	\$903.00	\$990.00	\$700.00	\$710.00	\$739.60
75	\$682.00	\$602.00	\$817.00	\$967.50	\$682.00	\$700.00	\$704.00
70	\$682.00	\$581.00	\$792.00	\$967.50	\$675.00	\$682.00	\$700.00
60	\$663.30	\$500.00	\$748.20	\$774.00	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$566.50
50	\$663.30	\$451.00	\$705.00	\$645.00	\$500.00	\$561.00	\$550.00
40	\$583.00	\$451.00	\$640.70	\$590.00	\$429.00	\$460.00	\$477.00
30	\$560.12	\$405.00	\$562.00	\$495.00	\$429.00	\$365.00	\$469.00
20	\$275.00	\$370.00	\$468.70	\$419.00	\$429.00	\$314.00	\$469.00
10	\$275.00	\$344.00	\$400.00	\$419.00	\$429.00	\$314.00	\$469.00
Enrollment	467	1,167	4,639	6,866	3,013	2,429	2,380
Current Subsidy	\$616.13	\$569.43	\$770.04	\$808.52	\$632.10	\$677.84	\$630.41
Subsidy as % of 75 th	90.3%	94.6%	94.3%	83.6%	92.7%	96.8%	89.5%

Percentile Analysis for Licensed Family Child Care Homes

Table 27: Monthly Full-Time Prices in Licensed Family Child Care Homes, 2018, By Region

Full-Time Monthly Rate for Infants, Licensed Family Child Care Homes							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$1,100.00	\$2,150.00	\$1,650.00	\$2,178.00	\$1,584.00	\$1,320.00	\$990.00
90	\$990.00	\$1,056.00	\$1,290.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,000.00	\$924.00
80	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,000.00	\$967.50	\$924.00
75	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,350.00	\$990.00	\$900.00	\$880.00
70	\$814.00	\$880.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,320.00	\$990.00	\$860.00	\$880.00
60	\$770.00	\$836.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,300.00	\$935.00	\$836.00	\$880.00
50	\$770.00	\$770.00	\$990.00	\$1,210.00	\$900.00	\$800.00	\$770.00
40	\$748.00	\$770.00	\$950.00	\$1,196.14	\$860.00	\$775.00	\$731.00
30	\$682.00	\$770.00	\$946.00	\$1,188.00	\$850.00	\$759.00	\$688.00
20	\$660.00	\$724.90	\$920.00	\$1,161.00	\$808.50	\$726.00	\$660.00
10	\$650.00	\$682.00	\$880.00	\$1,000.00	\$760.00	\$660.00	\$650.00
Enrollment	91	124	98	281	151	76	29
Current Subsidy	\$731.08	\$756.73	\$1,036.24	\$1,315.75	\$897.09	\$806.59	\$748.51
Subsidy as % of 75 th	83.1%	86.0%	86.4%	97.5%	90.6%	89.6%	85.1%

Full-Time Monthly Rate for Enhanced Toddlers, Licensed Family Child Care Homes							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$1,100.00	\$1,210.00	\$1,650.00	\$2,376.00	\$1,350.00	\$1,100.00	\$990.00
90	\$902.00	\$990.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,595.00	\$990.00	\$990.00	\$924.00
80	\$814.00	\$880.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,400.00	\$950.00	\$902.00	\$880.00
75	\$770.00	\$860.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,328.14	\$900.00	\$880.00	\$850.00
70	\$770.00	\$850.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,320.00	\$880.00	\$838.50	\$803.00
60	\$770.00	\$800.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$880.00	\$792.00	\$770.00
50	\$731.06	\$770.00	\$990.00	\$1,200.00	\$860.00	\$770.00	\$770.00
40	\$682.00	\$770.00	\$967.50	\$1,196.14	\$850.00	\$750.00	\$726.00
30	\$660.00	\$748.00	\$946.00	\$1,166.00	\$770.00	\$704.00	\$682.00
20	\$660.00	\$704.00	\$900.00	\$1,042.13	\$752.50	\$675.00	\$660.00
10	\$616.00	\$660.00	\$797.50	\$950.40	\$725.00	\$638.00	\$645.00
Enrollment	123	205	151	430	151	135	42
Current Subsidy	\$731.08	\$756.73	\$1,036.24	\$1,315.75	\$897.09	\$806.59	\$748.51
Subsidy as % of 75 th	94.9%	88.0%	94.2%	99.1%	99.7%	91.7%	88.1%

Full-Time Monthly Rate for Toddlers, Licensed Family Child Care Homes							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$1,320.00	\$1,210.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,135.00	\$900.00
90	\$840.00	\$870.98	\$1,100.00	\$1,496.00	\$967.50	\$990.00	\$880.00
80	\$748.00	\$792.00	\$1,056.00	\$1,375.00	\$900.00	\$880.00	\$803.00
75	\$693.00	\$770.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,320.00	\$880.00	\$850.00	\$770.00
70	\$664.62	\$770.00	\$990.00	\$1,300.00	\$880.00	\$792.00	\$770.00
60	\$660.00	\$748.00	\$967.50	\$1,200.00	\$860.00	\$770.00	\$704.00
50	\$660.00	\$704.00	\$900.00	\$1,109.24	\$800.00	\$735.00	\$660.00
40	\$636.02	\$660.00	\$880.00	\$1,075.00	\$770.00	\$700.00	\$645.00
30	\$616.00	\$660.00	\$860.00	\$1,000.00	\$745.00	\$660.00	\$600.00
20	\$578.16	\$616.00	\$814.00	\$990.00	\$665.00	\$660.00	\$600.00
10	\$550.00	\$572.00	\$797.50	\$880.00	\$650.00	\$625.00	\$550.00
Enrollment	200	234	240	563	193	180	54
Current Subsidy	\$635.98	\$658.00	\$877.25	\$1,096.50	\$779.97	\$701.56	\$650.74
Subsidy as % of 75 th	91.8%	85.5%	87.7%	83.1%	88.6%	82.5%	84.5%

Full-Time Monthly Rate for Preschool, Licensed Family Child Care Homes							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$1,320.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,596.00	\$1,287.00	\$1,135.00	\$990.00
90	\$770.00	\$792.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,375.00	\$880.00	\$860.00	\$880.00
80	\$660.00	\$748.00	\$990.00	\$1,250.00	\$850.00	\$770.00	\$800.00
75	\$660.00	\$726.00	\$990.00	\$1,200.00	\$800.00	\$770.00	\$770.00
70	\$660.00	\$704.00	\$900.00	\$1,182.50	\$797.50	\$740.00	\$725.00
60	\$660.00	\$660.00	\$880.00	\$1,100.00	\$770.00	\$700.00	\$682.00
50	\$616.00	\$660.00	\$880.00	\$1,000.00	\$750.00	\$675.00	\$660.00
40	\$594.00	\$616.00	\$841.50	\$950.00	\$725.00	\$660.00	\$645.00
30	\$550.00	\$616.00	\$800.00	\$897.16	\$682.00	\$650.00	\$600.00
20	\$550.00	\$572.00	\$770.00	\$879.56	\$650.00	\$644.00	\$594.00
10	\$533.72	\$548.46	\$748.00	\$792.00	\$616.00	\$600.00	\$550.00
Enrollment	470	574	662	1,262	584	643	208
Current Subsidy	\$587.09	\$603.31	\$877.25	\$986.88	\$658.00	\$658.00	\$600.40
Subsidy as % of 75 th	89.0%	83.1%	88.6%	82.2%	82.3%	85.5%	78.0%

Full-Time Monthly Rate for School-Age, Licensed Family Child Care Homes							
Percentile	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6	Spokane
MAX	\$1,100.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,650.00	\$1,200.00	\$990.00	\$990.00
90	\$704.00	\$748.00	\$880.00	\$900.00	\$860.00	\$770.00	\$803.00
80	\$660.00	\$704.00	\$836.00	\$870.00	\$770.00	\$660.00	\$700.00
75	\$660.00	\$660.00	\$800.00	\$817.00	\$770.00	\$660.00	\$682.00
70	\$660.00	\$660.00	\$770.00	\$781.00	\$750.00	\$660.00	\$682.00
60	\$572.00	\$660.00	\$748.00	\$770.00	\$660.00	\$638.00	\$660.00
50	\$550.00	\$616.00	\$688.00	\$710.82	\$660.00	\$605.00	\$660.00
40	\$528.00	\$572.00	\$660.00	\$704.00	\$600.00	\$572.00	\$550.00
30	\$484.00	\$550.00	\$660.00	\$696.96	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
20	\$465.08	\$506.00	\$616.00	\$660.00	\$500.00	\$400.00	\$495.00
10	\$440.00	\$440.00	\$467.50	\$600.00	\$392.00	\$330.00	\$396.00
Enrollment	441	447	322	802	316	317	73
Current Subsidy	\$521.75	\$554.42	\$711.00	\$781.90	\$554.42	\$619.52	\$533.13
Subsidy as % of 75 th	79.1%	84.0%	88.9%	95.7%	72.0%	93.9%	78.2%



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