

2014 Maryland Child Care Market Rate Survey

Maryland's child care market rate survey collects information on the weekly fees that child care providers charge, and parents pay, for care in family child care homes and child care centers. This data provides information on the range of fees charged by provider type (family child care or child care center), age of child (under 2 years, 2 or over, or before and after school), and the county (or Baltimore City) where the care is provided.

Methodology: Maryland Family Network (MFN), under an agreement with the Maryland State Department of Education, collects and maintains information on all regulated child care facilities in Maryland. For each market rate survey MFN provides rate information that was collected within the previous 24 months. The rate information entered into the provider database is collected primarily through an annual questionnaire sent to all licensed and registered child care providers. Providers may also update their rate information on the MFN website or over the phone with MFN staff. Updating rate information is an ongoing, continuous process. The goal is accurate, reasonably current rate information on the whole population of child care providers.

The market rate information is prepared as follows:

Fee information for the requested age groups, types of care, and regions is extracted from the database of licensed providers.

Age groups: MFN collects and maintains fees based on a child's age in years. If the requested age grouping is multi-year (e.g. the age group, "under 2 years" comprises 0-11 months and 12-24 months), fees are noted as follows: fees for each year are summed, then divided by the number of non-zero values (for example, if a provider reports fees of \$125 for 0-11 months and \$100 for 12-24 months, then the averaged fee for 0-24 months for that provider would be \$112.5 ($\$125 + \$100 = \225, divided by 2 fees equals \$112.5).

Types of care: The market rate survey breaks the fees into the categories of family child care and child care center.

Regions: Rates for each county and Baltimore City are compared and grouped by comparable costs into seven payment regions.

A market rate survey examines the range of the fees charged by providers in each region by type of care and age group. The non-zero fees for each category are rank ordered in a spreadsheet from lowest to highest. The appropriate counts and percentiles are calculated and the entire sheet is sent to MSDE for analysis and reporting. A rate at the 75th percentile of the market rate is the rate that would be equal to or greater than the rate charged by 75% of the providers in that category. Only 25% of providers in the category charge more than the 75th percentile rate.

Maryland's Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP)

The Maryland State Department of Education, Division of Early Childhood Development, Office of Child Care is responsible for the administration of the CCSP. This program helps eligible families pay for child care. The financial assistance provided through this program allows eligible families to participate in work, training and school.

CCSP is funded by CCDF and State General Funds. CCDF requires that a market rate survey be conducted at least every two years and recommends that subsidy rates be set at the 75th percentile of the market rate – that is, an amount equal to or greater than the rate charged by 75% of all child care providers in a category.

2014 Market Rate Survey Results

Child Care Centers				
	Age	Average	Weekly Market Rate	
			Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile
Region U (Cecil, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot and Washington counties)	0 - 23 Months	207.64	203.00	225.00
	24 - 59 Months	154.60	154.67	170.00
	60 Months and up	147.29	145.00	160.00
Region V (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Somerset and Wicomico counties)	0 - 23 Months	168.12	172.50	180.00
	24 - 59 Months	119.47	120.00	128.33
	60 Months and up	115.85	110.00	126.25
Region W (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Carroll, Charles and Prince George's counties)	0 - 23 Months	264.16	255.00	295.75
	24 - 59 Months	185.96	180.00	205.67
	60 Months and up	175.08	170.00	196.50
Region X (Howard and Montgomery counties)	0 - 23 Months	344.74	340.00	376.00
	24 - 59 Months	258.22	250.67	295.17
	60 Months and up	227.55	227.00	275.00
Region Y (Baltimore, Frederick and Harford counties)	0 - 23 Months	282.01	280.00	326.50
	24 - 59 Months	196.17	188.33	228.00
	60 Months and up	188.92	185.00	215.00
Region Z (Allegany, Garrett and Worcester counties)	0 - 23 Months	163.56	165.00	195.00
	24 - 59 Months	116.47	120.00	130.00
	60 Months and up	109.06	115.00	125.00
Region BC (Baltimore City)	0 - 23 Months	223.02	201.50	225.00
	24 - 59 Months	157.08	149.17	163.75
	60 Months and up	146.78	140.00	160.00

Family Child Care Homes				
	Age	Average	Weekly Market Rate	
			Median (50th Percentile)	75th Percentile
Region U (Cecil, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Talbot and Washington counties)	0 - 23 Months	151.41	150.00	170.00
	24 - 59 Months	121.07	125.00	135.00
	60 Months and up	118.85	120.00	134.88
Region V (Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Somerset and Wicomico counties)	0 - 23 Months	123.60	125.00	135.00
	24 - 59 Months	103.07	100.00	111.67
	60 Months and up	97.93	100.00	100.00
Region W (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Carroll, Charles and Prince George's counties)	0 - 23 Months	180.88	180.00	200.00
	24 - 59 Months	162.27	160.00	175.00
	60 Months and up	150.34	150.00	170.00
Region X (Howard and Montgomery counties)	0 - 23 Months	244.57	250.00	266.88
	24 - 59 Months	211.52	200.00	240.00
	60 Months and up	195.95	200.00	225.00
Region Y (Baltimore, Frederick and Harford counties)	0 - 23 Months	182.84	177.75	200.00
	24 - 59 Months	157.42	150.00	175.00
	60 Months and up	146.88	150.00	166.25
Region Z (Allegany, Garrett and Worcester counties)	0 - 23 Months	123.57	125.00	140.00
	24 - 59 Months	106.34	100.00	120.00
	60 Months and up	101.25	100.00	110.00
Region BC (Baltimore City)	0 - 23 Months	160.71	150.00	175.00
	24 - 59 Months	131.61	130.00	148.33
	60 Months and up	121.70	125.00	138.50