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Executive Summary

Purpose

The Family Support Act of 1988 mandates that child care assistance rates be driven by market prices. The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of November 2014 currently requires states to survey their child care markets at least every three years, and no more than two years prior to submitting their Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan to the federal Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Care. States are encouraged by the federal government to set their state subsidy rates (state rates) for child care providers at the 75th percentile of current market prices, which is designed to give families receiving child care assistance access to 75% of the providers in their community.

A market price survey collects current provider prices for child care and qualitative information to evaluate states' child care assistance subsidy rates and to better understand states' child care markets. The primary purpose of conducting a market price survey is to help ensure that state rates for child care assistance are high enough so families receiving child care assistance have equal access to affordable child care as families who do not receive child care assistance.

The Alaska Child Care Market Price Survey Report 2020 and 2021 will be included in Alaska's CCDF Plan for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-2025 and used to revise Alaska's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) state subsidy rates (state rates).

In accordance with these federal regulations, the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) under contract with the Child Care Program Office (CCPO) to conduct a Child Care Market Price survey in 2020. Just as the survey was scheduled to launch in March 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic occurred. This delayed the survey until November 2020. Prior to the launch of the survey November 9 to December 7, 2020, questions were added to assess the impact of COVID-19 on child care providers in Alaska.

In November 2020, COVID-19 cases rose significantly resulting in additional business closures; layoffs and increasing unemployment; additional school closure; and mandatory public health measures such as masking and social distancing. With COVID-19 continuing, the CCPO contracted with ISER to administer a supplemental child care provider survey in March 2021 to measure the impact of the pandemic on child care providers in Alaska.

Market Price Survey 2020-2021

The Alaska Market Price Survey Report 2020 and 2021 is comprised of two surveys conducted in November 2020 and March 2021. Each survey had a different focus with the November 2020 emphasizing the collection of rate information and the March 2021 focusing on the impact of COVID-19 on child care providers. For clarity and ease in reporting findings and analysis, each survey is presented separately in this report Volume 1. Appendices are in Volume 2.

The development of this 2020-2021 Market Price Rate schedule is an evolving process. What we learned from both surveys was used to develop the 2021 Alaska Child Care Rate Schedule. What we learned in November was used to develop the rate schedule and inform of us of issues affecting child care. It gave us our first glimpse of the impact of COVID-19. We took that information and modified our questionnaire in March 2021 survey. We used the findings of the March 2021 survey and additional information provided to us via interview with child care providers to further modify

the rate schedule. The development of the rate schedule, which is explained in detail in the rate schedule methodology, was developed over the course of both surveys.

Child Care Provider Information Rates and Costs November 2021

- *What did we learn about child care providers in Alaska?*
- *What type of businesses and facilities participate in the child care assistance program?*
- *What is their capacity, enrollment, and waitlist status?*

Respondents to the November 2020 survey (n = 247) consisted of a roughly equal mix of Licensed Homes (45%) and Licensed Centers (46%) spread across each of seven geographic regions. Just over half (52%) of child care providers are Sole Proprietors with the next largest portion Limited Liability Companies (13%).

The vast majority of responding providers (91%) are participating in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP). Among the 9% of responding providers indicating they are not current participants in the CCAP, not having any families enrolled in the CCAP was the most commonly given reason for not participating (70%), followed by the application process being too long (14%).

More than 90% of providers do not charge private pay and subsidized families differently. Most providers (80%) reported they charge parents the difference for care if their price is greater than the amount the state pays.

Because this survey was conducted in November 2020 during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we expected important departures from typical practices. For example, 75% of providers responded as operating below their licensed capacity and these providers cited the pandemic - social distancing guidelines (69%) and the lack of demand (61%) – as the most important reason for this practice.

Responding providers represented total full-time monthly enrollment of 4,082 children. These providers reported having a waitlist of 1,415 children. By age, infants have the longest waitlist relative to total full-time monthly enrollment, approximately 1.2 children waiting for every 1 enrolled, while only 1 school-age child was on a waitlist for every 10 enrolled full-time monthly.

- *How do provider's set prices?*
- *What are child care provider prices?*
- *What are the additional fees and are there fees reductions?*
- *What types of care are provided in addition to the standard?*

Over half (56%) of providers use the “actual cost of providing care” when setting their rates compared to 47% who use the CCAP reimbursement rates.

Our survey found that the provider rate for a typical child in Alaska is \$850 per month for full time care. By age, the typical rate for infant care is \$1025 per month, typical toddler care is \$950 per month, pre-school care is \$850 per month, and school-age care is \$580 per month. The typical rate at a Licensed Home is \$700 per month, and \$885 at a Licensed Center.

In addition to basic child care rate, common fees include registration (69% of respondents), late pickup (63%), and late payment (60%).

A majority of school-age providers include additional care (such as early-release/parent-teacher conference days, emergency/weather closure days, in-service days, winter break, spring break, and

summer break) in their standard rates (range: 61% - 72%). A closer look reveals variability among Licensed Centers. For example, of the 73 Licensed Centers that provide care over winter break to school-age children, about 56% of them charge an additional fee for this care.

Small portions of child care providers (11% to 21%) provide regular care during the evening hours, daytime care on Saturday and/or Sunday, and regular overnight care.

Of providers who offer reduced rates, 56% offer reduced rates for additional children in the family and 47% for children of employees.

- *What are their operating costs?*

Two types of cost analyses were conducted. The first uses the same approach as the 2017 Alaska Child Care Market Price Survey Report conducted by CCPO to provide consistent estimates of cost over time. This analysis finds higher costs associated with rising staff wages from 2017 to 2020, in each of three labor market areas established by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The second is an original methodology developed for this study and uses information about provider costs solicited in the November 2020 Market Price Survey. This method is designed to compare cost drivers like wages, food, and rents across facility types and regions.

We explored operating costs for child care providers and found that more than two thirds (67%) pay for staff training. About half (45% to 51%) of child care providers offer paid leave for holidays, vacation, sick/personal time, and professional development days. The median number of combined paid leave days offered per year is 16.6. Health, dental, vision insurances, retirement plans, and other benefits are offered among 17% to 23% of child care providers

Impact of COVID-19 as of November 2020

- *How did COVID-19 pandemic impact child care providers' operations and provision of care?*
- *Where have providers gone for help in response to the pandemic?*

As of October 2020, more than a quarter (29%) of providers were charging families for children that were not attending child care. Among families/children who were authorized for part month enrollment, 36% of providers reported these families/children attended more than part-month.

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The Impact of COVID-19 March 2021

We explored four research questions in March 2021 to measure the ongoing impact of COVID-19 on child care providers.

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 - *What happened with Enrollment and Waitlist?*
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- *How has COVID-19 pandemic impacted child care providers?*

The COVID-19 pandemic had direct and indirect effects on child care providers in the state of Alaska. We document where and when the pandemic led to temporary provider closures; how enrollment was affected; the pandemic’s impact on provider costs and salaries; and how providers received assistance to mitigate some of these outcomes.

The statewide pattern of the child care provider closures followed the number of positive COVID-19 cases. Provider closures occurred both as the direct result of local mandates or indirectly because of staff health, or reduced childcare demand as parents became unemployed, work from home, or were concerned about health. In the March 2021 survey, over a quarter (27%) of the providers were closed at least once since October 2020 with an additional 7% reporting closure multiple times. Among providers who reported being closed at least once, the percent citing COVID-19 as the primary reason for closure varies by month. Among these providers, closures were highest in Spring of 2020: 62%, 66%, and 54% in March, April, and May, respectively. Through Summer, closures remain moderate, between 14% and 20% of closed providers citing COVID-19 as the primary cause. From October to December 2020—when Alaska was experiencing the most severe effects of the pandemic to date—child care providers responded by closing once again. By February 2021, 17% of responding providers reported being closed due to COVID-19. The majority (97%) of providers surveyed anticipated staying open.

The pandemic had impacts on provider expenses and salaries. Providers were asked in the November and March surveys if their costs for food, supplies, rent, and employee salaries changed. We then asked providers who reported either an increase or decrease in their costs whether the change was due to COVID-19. Most reported increases in the operating costs of food, supplies, and their rent/mortgage due to COVID-19. However, a number of providers reported decreases in food costs due to COVID-19, particularly in November 2020.

Employee salaries were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. With a decrease in salary, child care providers most often stated the change was related to COVID-19 (92% to 100%), but less so with salary increases (52% to 63% attributed change to COVID-19).

Among child care providers, 25% in the November 2020 and 18% in the March 2021 reported that their employees had applied for unemployment insurance. Few child care providers (9%, n = 22) from the March 2021 survey reported having laid off employees. Of those that did only two providers reported they continued to pay their laid off employees.

When reporting if they had applied to the SBA Paycheck Protection Program, 60 providers in November increasing to 85 in March stated they had—among providers who applied, 85% received the funding. In a similar pattern, in November, 48 providers increasing to 52 in March had applied for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan a majority of whom (73%) received funding. Over half (58%) of March survey respondents said they anticipate applying for future federal, state, or local fund available to small businesses, and two-thirds (68%) reported they need additional funding to stay open.

- *How did school closures affect child care?*

As the proportion of elementary schools closed increased between October 2020 and February 2021, we observed the following trends by age groups:

- Among infants, waitlist numbers decreased while part- and full-month enrollment increased.
- The number of toddlers on waitlist and part-month enrollment increased while full-month enrollment decreased.
- The number of pre-school age children on waitlist and part-month enrollment increased while full-month enrollment decreased.
- School-age children enrolled in part-month care increased, while full-month enrollment decreased. Waitlist numbers stayed about the same.

We looked at elementary school and child care provider closures by month relative to COVID-19 cases per 10,000 in Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Kenai. COVID-19 case rates saw large increases in the three boroughs in September through December 2020. Most Anchorage elementary schools remained closed over this period whereas Mat-Su and Kenai saw schools move in-and-out of in-person learning. There were a number of child care providers who were closed during this period citing COVID-19 as the main reason. In Anchorage, child care provider closures due to COVID-19 increased from 11% in September to over half (57%) in November. In Mat-Su, 13% of providers reported closures due to COVID-19 in September, but this increased to nearly half (44%) in December 2020. In Kenai, no providers reported being closed due to COVID-19 in September, but this increased substantially to 67% or two-thirds of closed providers in October and November 2020.

- *What have we learned about school age child care?*

Childcare is vastly different across age groups. Infant, toddler, and pre-school child care is especially different to that of school age children. School-age children may receive care before and after school; before-school only; after-school only; as well as summer programming when school is out of session.

Learning the differences in how child care providers for school age children operate compared to providers for other age groups was important to understanding and analyzing the data used to support the update of child care rates and the impact of COVID-19 on school age child care. We focused on child care providers that offer before and after school care for school age children during the school year. Key issues are:

- Number, location and type of facility and site;
 - Hours of operation and provision of care is linked to the school calendar;
 - Ability to gear the operation up when demand returns;
 - Summer operations; and
 - Influence of large child care providers in a particular area.
- *What happened with Enrollment and Waitlist?*

Providers who responded to both the November and March surveys are currently operating well under their desired capacity. The most frequently cited reason for under enrollment is that parents are not working. From the November to March surveys, statewide desired capacity utilization fell from 52% to 37%. While enrollment was down slightly from November to March (3,201 to 3,051), there was a large increase in the reported desired capacity (6,206 to 8,293). Anchorage accounted for most of the additional desired enrollees, which increased from 3,055 to 4,699 (+1,644), while enrollment fell slightly there. Mat-Su was the only region to see meaningful increases in enrollment, with enrollment growing from 282 to 523 children. Currently, the Southwest and Southeast regions of the state are the most under-enrolled, with less than one in three desired spots filled. In the Interior and Mat-Su regions, desired capacity utilization is close to two out of three spots filled.

Recommendations

These recommendations were generated from a review of the responses to the questions “What should be considered in the next market price/child care survey” as provided in the November 2020 and March 2021 survey findings and additional comments from follow up telephone interviews of respondents.

Most of the recommendations focus on the content and clarification of questions in the questionnaire.

- There is a need to increase understanding of how waitlists operate for parents and providers across different age groups.
- A concise way to define and measure quality of care is needed.
- Overall, child care providers would like to see a more detailed examination of costs to provide care.
- Providers would like an assessment of additional costs that have occurred as a result of COVID-19.
- Child care providers offer suggestions on the content areas of the market price survey and its design. Some felt the survey was geared more towards large child care programs and suggested revising questions to more directly address smaller providers. Also missing are sufficient questions on the seasonality of providing child care.
- Providers think it is important to document what child care looked like prior to the pandemic. What was the cost to provide care before COVID-19? Further guidance from providers would assist with the focus of look-back pre-COVID-19.

Regarding Child Care Program Office operations, respondents would like a review of the definition of age groups and eligibility. Logistics of payments were also noted as areas of further investigation by responding child care providers.

Survey Methodology

In November 2020, information for this licensed child care provider market price report was gathered through a survey sent to licensed child care providers from November 9 to December 7, 2020. In March 2021 Survey, an online child care provider survey was administered March 17 to April 29, 2021 to measure the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on child care providers in Alaska. One week prior to the start date, a notification email was sent. The invitation letter sent the first day of the survey included the link to the survey. Reminders were sent weekly to non-respondents. Telephone follow-up of non-respondents was added to increase the response rate.

In November 2020 of 437 licensed child care providers, 244 or 56% completed the survey. This rate is higher than the 42% of the 2017 Market Price Survey.

In March 2021, of 488 licensed child care providers, 286 or 58.6% completed the survey.

In addition to the analysis of the March 2021 survey respondents (n = 286), we compare findings to those of child care providers who responded to the November 2020 survey (n = 244). Depending on the research question, our analysis includes providers who responded to:

- Both the November 2020 and the March 2021 surveys (n = 187);
- November 2020 survey only (n = 57); and
- March 2021 survey only (n = 99).

The total number of unique child care providers responding to both the November 2020 and March 2021 surveys is 343 child care providers. That is 69.8% (343/488) of child care providers statewide

In the *Rates at the 75th Percentile* section of the November 2020 survey report, rates are weighted by the number of children enrolled in care. All other rates and fees (such as in the *Rates, Care, and Fees* section) are reported as unweighted and unadjusted survey responses.

When a provider responded to both surveys and there are differences in the how they responded, we use their March 2021 survey response based on the assumption that the information provided in March is more recent and accurate.

Rate Methodology - CCAP Rate Schedule

States are encouraged to establish state rates so that 75% of children currently receiving a given type of care in an area would be fully covered. Establishing this rate requires two pieces of information, enrollment by age group and type of care and provider rate by age and type of care.

Assistance rates are calculated for each type of care, age group, and by geographic area. First, an Updated Market Rate is calculated based on the rates respondents report most recently in the Market Price Survey. Updated Market Rates are calculated so that 75% of children currently receiving a given type of care in an area would be fully covered. This is the level is consistent with federal guidelines to ensure equal access to high- quality care. The Updated Market Rate is modified so that it is between 4% and 35% of a provider's current assistance rate.

Rates are established for each combination of Alaska borough, age group, provider type, full and part time care, and daily and monthly rates.

- *Which survey is used (March or November)?*

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we anticipated that disruption to child care providers would have negative impacts on survey response rates, and enrollment and provider rates were likely subject to fluctuation. For this reason, we conducted two surveys, one in November 2020, and one in March 2021 to understand how the situation for providers was changing, especially for the two pieces of information used for the rate schedule construction: enrollment and provider rates.

The most recent information available for each provider is used to construct rates. So, for providers responding to both the March and November surveys, their March information is used. If a provider only responds to one survey, then that survey's information is used for that provider. Finally, if a provider did not provide rate information in March or November, the rates in the Integrated Child Care Information System (ICCIS) are used.

In a sensitivity analysis, we test the implications of using the older information first. In other words, the November enrollment instead of March enrollment. We find nearly identical results.

- *Calculating Rates at the 75th Percentile*

Updated Market Rates are the rates that would fully cover provider rate for a particular type of care (e.g., full month school age care from a licensed center) in a specific area (e.g., Fairbanks North Star Borough) for at least 75% of children enrolled in providers responding to the survey.

For example, say a borough has 4 licensed center providers: A, B, C, D. Altogether they care for 100 school age children enrolled in full time monthly care, these providers charge the following rates:

- A: 20 school age children, \$300/month
- B: 30 school age children, \$350
- C: 25 school age children, \$400
- D: 25 school age children, \$450
- Total: 100 school age children

In this example if Updated Market Rates are set at \$400, then this rate would fully cover the 20 children at provider A, the 30 children at B, and the 25 children at C ($20+30+25=75$), which totals 75/100 children, 75%, of school age children in the borough. The updated market rate of 400 would fully cover children enrolled at provider A, B, and C. Children at provider D would be covered up to \$400.

Modifying Updated Market Rates

The Updated Rate is modified by establishing a minimum and maximum change from the current rate schedule March 2019. Setting a minimum and a maximum change for each rate provides stability and predictability in the rate schedule.

The Updated market rate is modified so that:

- All providers will see rate increases above the current (March 2019) assistance rates of at least 4%. The increase of 4% is approximately equal to the national rate of inflation over the last two years.
- No provider will see increases larger than 35% above their current (March 2019) assistance rates. 35% is high enough that it accommodates the growth in rates since 2019 of 8 in 10 rates.
- Therefore, all providers will see a rate increase between 4% and 35% of their current (March 2019) assistance rates.

Establishing a minimum and maximum change is motivated by two factors. First, it provides stability in the rate schedule. Due to non-response to the Market Price Survey, the composition of providers that did respond will impact the assistance rates that are ultimately calculated. By anchoring the Updated Rates to the previous assistance rates, missing responses from particularly high or low provider rates will not skew the results beyond the established bounds. Many providers set their rates to the assistance rates. For these providers, a 4% increase floor allows them to continue to set their rates at the assistance rate and receive an increase consistent with general inflation in the economy. On the other hand, the 35% cap provides a mechanism to control the escalation of child care rates. Anchoring the rates to the previous assistance rate schedule also provides for predictability, as extreme changes from Market Price Survey to Market Price Survey will be smoothed out.

- *Sufficient Providers in Each Area*

During data collection all types of care were not provided in all places and the response rates are less than 100%. Data is also missing for some *boroughs, facility types and age group* combinations depending upon the completeness of the survey by providers. A non-response leads to data holes.

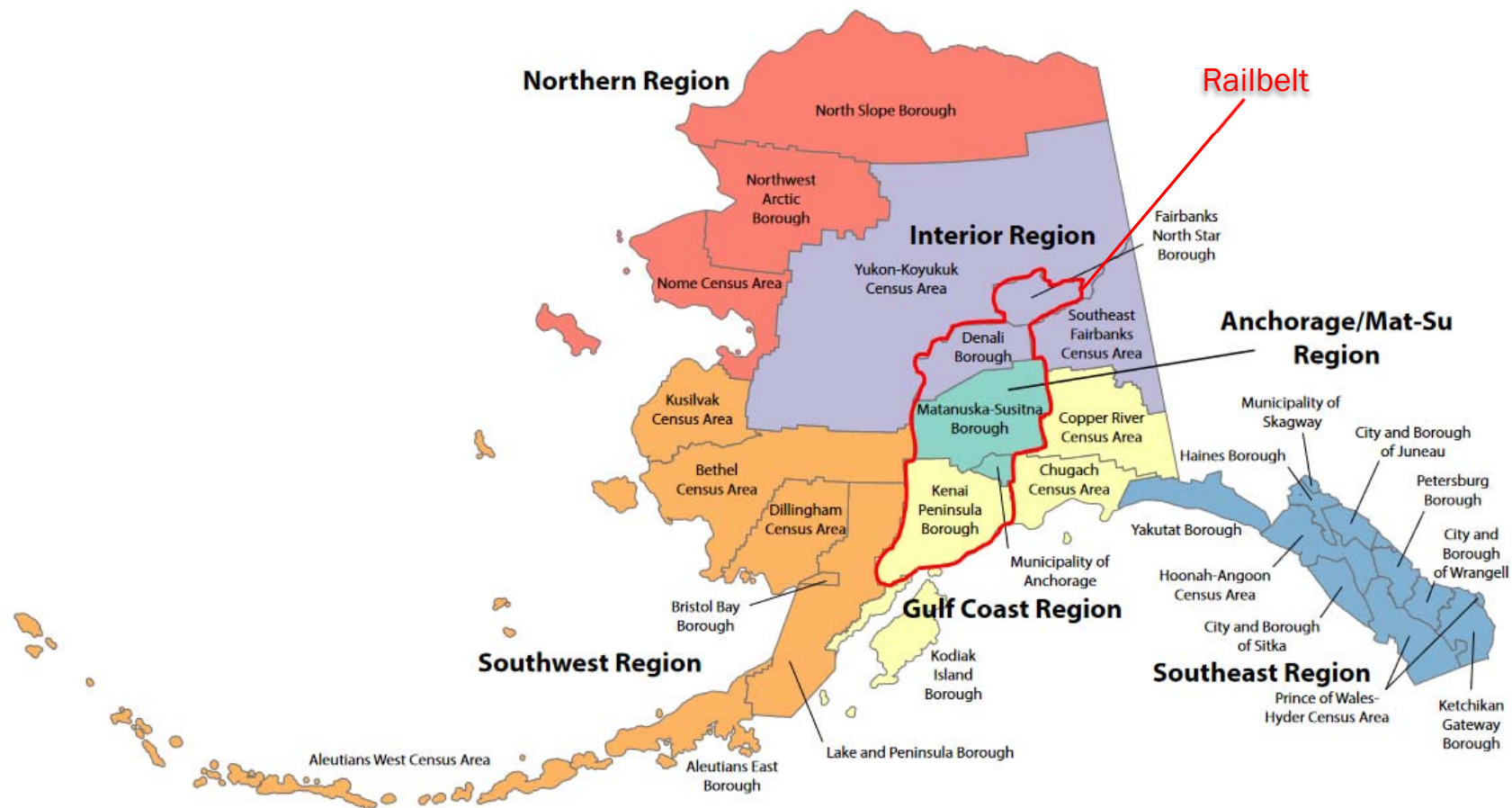
To fill in the missing data, we used group boroughs in similar geographic economic regions together to form a larger pool of providers across a larger area. We used the data as provided by child care providers to determine the 75th percentile for all places, facility types, age groups, and duration of care.

- **If** sufficient data are not available to calculate a weighted 75th percentile at the level of borough + facility type + age group + duration of care (full or part month)
- **Then** Calculate 75th percentile of the economic region + facility type + age group + duration of care
- **If** economic region is still not sufficient,
- **Then** Calculate 75th percentile of the Railbelt v non-Railbelt region + facility type + age group + duration of care

We define 'sufficient' as areas having valid responses from 4 or more providers. When we reach the aggregation of least 4 or more providers using the tiers as described below – the 75th percentile at that aggregated geographic level is selected for that borough, facility type, and age group. Grouping boroughs to achieve a minimum of 4 child care providers reduces the influence of a single provider responding for an area and thereby setting the rates for every facility in that region. If an area has only a single provider, this also prevents them from effectively setting their own state rates through their response to the survey.

Aggregating over space recognizes that the nature of child care markets differ across the state based on the cost of living, the local labor market, and other factors. The geographic levels are:

- Boroughs are 29 Child Care Assistance Rate Regions based on boroughs within the state of Alaska
- Economic regions are groups of boroughs with similar economic structures, including labor markets and transportation costs. These economic regions are defined by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, and used by other state agencies. See the map below for the groupings of boroughs into these regions.
- Railbelt is a convenience grouping separating the areas of the state, which are integrated via road, rail, and power from those that are not. The railbelt economies of Fairbanks, Denali, Mat-Su, Anchorage, and Kenai are more closely tied together due to the road, electricity, and rail network. This reduces the cost of moving goods to these communities and more closely links their labor markets (and therefore their childcare markets). We considered ad-hoc groupings for the highest tier (Railbelt), but ultimately chose an accepted and conventional grouping.



To clarify the 29 boroughs are the preferred basis we are using for calculation of rate percentiles. However, if there are less than 4 providers in a borough, we used the Alaska economic region grouping. If there are less than 4 providers at the economic region level we used the Railbelt vs non-Railbelt grouping. For example, in the Sitka City and Borough, 4 Licensed Centers who offer full-time care to preschoolers responded to the survey with enrollment and rate information. Because at least four providers in this borough offer this category of care and responded, the enrollment-weighted 75th percentile for these four providers determines the rate for the Sitka City and Borough full-time preschool aged care at Licensed Centers. In contrast, only three responding Licensed Centers in the Sitka City and Borough offer *part-time* care for preschoolers. To obtain a sufficient number of respondents for this category, we look at Sitka's economic region: Southeast. In the Southeast economic region, 11 responding Licensed Centers offer part time care for pre-schools. These include the 3 centers in Sitka, plus 4 in Juneau, and 1 each in Petersburg, Prince of Wales-Hyder, Ketchikan, and Haines. Grouping these centers together provides sufficient data to calculate the enrollment weighted 75th percentile for these 11 providers. This rate determines the rate for Sitka. Finally, for the case of part-time Licensed Home care for preschool children, Sitka had only 1 responding provider. The Southeast economic region has only 2 responding providers. As Sitka is not on the Railbelt, we look at all non-Railbelt Licensed Homes providing part-time preschool care, of which there are 4, meeting our requirement to calculate the enrollment-weighted 75th percentile, which determines the rate for Sitka for this category of care.

Calculating Daily Assistance Rates

The process for calculating the Updated Market Rate above is applied to all monthly rates, and a monthly assistance schedule is calculated. As in the previous assistance rate schedule, we calculate the daily assistance rate as 1/16.5 the monthly rates.

Limitations

In the November 2020 survey, tables provide child care providers' price information for the four CCAP age groups - infant, toddler, preschool age, and school age. Very few providers were available in some rate regions. It is recommended the actual number of respondents always be taken into consideration when interpreting the results. Data cleaning lead to some assumptions and standardizations about non-conforming responses. Child care providers noted limitations in the survey questionnaire. We noticed during data cleaning that some cost questions were unclear due to language and/or skip patterns.

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Chapter 1: November 2020 Survey

November 2020 Survey Summary

Purpose

The Family Support Act of 1988 mandates that child care assistance rates be driven by market prices. The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of November 2014 currently requires states to survey their child care markets at least every three years, and no more than two years prior to submitting their Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan to the federal Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Care. States are encouraged by the federal government to set their state subsidy rates (state rates) for child care providers at the 75th percentile of current market prices, which is designed to give families receiving child care assistance access to 75% of the providers in their community.

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Child Care Provider Information Rates and Costs

- *What did we learn about child care providers in Alaska?*
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Respondents to the survey (n = 247) consisted of a roughly equal mix of Licensed Homes (45%) and Licensed Centers (46%) spread across each of seven geographic regions.

Just over half (52%) of child care providers are Sole Proprietors with the next largest portion Limited Liability Companies (13%).

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More than 90% of providers do not charge private pay and subsidized families differently. Most providers (80%) reported they charge parents the difference for care if their price is greater than the amount the state pays.

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- *How do providers set prices?*
- *What are child care provider prices?*
- *What are the additional fees and are there fee reductions?*
- *What types of care are provided in addition to the standard?*

Over half (56%) of providers use the “actual cost of providing care” when setting their rates compared to 47% who use the CCAP reimbursement rates.

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In addition to basic tuition, common fees include registration (69% of respondents), late pickup (63%), and late payment (60%).

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- *What are their operating costs?*

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We explored operating costs for child care providers and found that more than two thirds (67%) pay for staff training. About half (45% to 51%) of child care providers offer paid leave for holidays, vacation, sick/personal time, and professional development days. The median number of combined paid leave days offered per year is 16.6. Health, dental, vision insurances, retirement plans, and other benefits are offered among 17% to 23% of child care providers

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Introduction

Federal Requirements

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1. Allow each State maximum flexibility in developing child care programs and policies that best suit the needs of children and parents within that State;
2. Promote parental choice to empower working parents to make their own decisions regarding the child care services that best suits their family's needs;
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4. Assist States in delivering high-quality, coordinated early childhood care and education services to maximize parents' options and support parents trying to achieve independence from public assistance;
5. Assist states in improving the overall quality of child care services and programs by implementing the health, safety, licensing, training, and oversight standards established in the federal law and in State law (including State regulations);
6. Improve child care and development of participating children; and
7. Increase the number and percentage of low-income children in high-quality child care settings.

The Family Support Act of 1988 stipulated that state child care assistance rates be driven by market prices. The passage of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act (PRWORA) in 1996 required states to survey their child care markets at least every two years. The reauthorization of the Child Care and Development Block Grant Act in November 2014 currently requires states to survey their child care markets at least every three years, and no more than two years prior to submitting their CCDF Plan.

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In accordance with these federal regulations, the Institute of Social and Economic Research under contract with the Child Care Program Office (CCPO) conducted the most recent market price survey from November 9 to December 7, 2020. Findings from the 2020 survey are included in this report and will be incorporated into *Alaska's Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan* to the federal government for Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2022-2024. *Alaska's CCDF Plan* will be posted on the

CCPO website once it is approved by the Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Care.

Survey findings are used to compare licensed providers' child care prices to the March 2019 state rates (see Appendices) for child care assistance by rate region.

Impact of Covid-19

Just as the Child Care Market Price Survey was scheduled to launch in March 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic occurred. The survey was delayed until November 9, 2020. Questions were added to access the impact of COVID-19 on child care providers in Alaska

Limitations

This report presents data collected and analyzed from the November 2020 Market Price Survey, covering facility capacity, child care enrollment and attendance information, waitlist information, incentives for reduced prices, registration fee information, and the child care provider's business type. ISER researchers noticed during data cleaning that some cost questions were unclear due to language and/or skip patterns, and data cleaning also lead to some assumptions and standardizations about non-conforming responses. Please look to the methodology section for detail. Definitions of terms and geographic regions are also located in the methodology section.

Provider Price Tables provide child care providers' price information for the four CCAP age groups - infant, toddler, preschool age, and school age. Very few providers were available in some rate regions. It is recommended the actual number of respondents always be taken into consideration when interpreting the results in this section. For instance, a high percentage may be seen in response to a question, but there may have been only one or two providers in that particular rate region. In all tables, percentages have been rounded to the nearest whole number and do not always add up to 100%.

Child care providers noted limitations in the survey questionnaire. Some commented that the questionnaire is geared more towards large child care program and suggested revising questions to more directly address smaller providers. They also commented on the adequacy of questions on the seasonality of child care provision, particularly among school age children. Providers questioned the accuracy of the responses to the questions on waitlists as parents list their children on multiple waitlists. Providers suggested questions on the length of time families are on the waitlist before a slot is available would add to the understanding of how waitlists work.

Rates, Care, and Fees

In this section of the report, all rates and fees are reported as unweighted and unadjusted survey responses.

When setting your rates, what information do you use?

Child care providers used a variety of sources when setting their rates. The most frequently used sources are the actual cost of providing care, neighboring facilities rates, and CCAP reimbursement rates (see Table 1). Among the 34 other responses providers provided descriptive responses of which 19 were recoded among provided value categories. Additional information sources for setting rates provided as other were historical information and cost of living.

Table 1. Information Used for Rate Setting

	Responding providers (n = 244)	
	#	%
Actual cost of providing care	137	56.1%
Neighboring facilities' rates	115	47.1%
CCAP reimbursement rates	116	47.5%
What I feel/hear that parents can afford	50	20.5%
Corporate Office/Church Board/School's Board of Directors	25	10.2%
Other		
Historical	4	1.6%
Cost of Living	4	1.6%
Other Unknown	7	2.1%

Respondents were asked to mark all that apply. Percentages are a portion of all responding providers (n = 244), and will not add up to 100%.

The following sections include enrollment and rates reported by child care providers by age group (infant, toddler, preschool age, and school age) as of October 2020. Enrollment and waitlist are also reported as of Tuesday, October 6, 2020.

Infant Care

Enrollment

Table 2. Infant Enrollment by month and day, October 2020 and October 6, 2020

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers	# Receiving Care on Tuesday, October 6, 2020		# Enrolled during October 2020	
		Part day	Full Day	Part Month	Full Month
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	4	115	13	159
Bethel	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	0	1	0
Dillingham	1	0	5	0	0
Fairbanks North Star	35	0	28	6	87
Haines	2	0	0	0	0
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	3	16	13	16
Kenai	20	0	23	5	21
Ketchikan Gateway	6	0	5	3	4
Kodiak Island	12	2	2	6	7
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	2	52	17	58
Nome	2	1	0	1	0
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	0	0	0
Petersburg	1	0	2	0	4
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	0	2	0	2
Sitka	6	0	7	0	7
Skagway	2	0	0	0	0
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	0	0	1
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	12	252	65	366

Waitlist

Number of providers with infants on waitlist include those who selected yes when asked if they had a waitlist for infants or provided the number of infants on waitlist (see survey questions in appendix).

Table 3. Infant Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Census/Borough	Providers with Infant Waitlist		# of Infants on Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020
	# of Responding Providers	% of Responding Providers	
Aleutians East			
Aleutians West			
Anchorage	23	28.4%	183
Bethel			
Bristol Bay			
Denali			
Dillingham	1	100%	2
Fairbanks North Star	8	32.0%	59
Haines			
Hoonah-Angoon			
Juneau	7	87.5%	64
Kenai	4	26.7%	12
Ketchikan Gateway	4	80.0%	12
Kodiak Island	4	40.0%	7
Kusilvak			
Lake and Peninsula			
Matanuska-Susitna	9	40.9%	35
Nome			
North Slope			
Northwest Arctic			
Petersburg	1	100%	1
Prince of Wales-Hyder			
Sitka	3	100%	41
Skagway			
Southeast Fairbanks			
Valdez-Cordova	1	100%	4
Wrangell			
Yakutat			
Yukon-Koyukuk			
Statewide	65	36.5%	420

Full and Part Month Price by Provider Type

Licensed Centers

*Table 4. Provider Rates for Full Month Infant Care in Licensed Center
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	# Responding	Number of Providers # Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
			Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	15	\$980.00	\$1,025.00	\$1,135.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,800.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00
Dillingham	1	1	\$938.00	\$938.00	\$938.00	\$938.00	\$938.00
Fairbanks North Star	13	6	\$950.00	\$975.00	\$1,226.50	\$1,273.00	\$1,342.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	3	\$1,000.00	\$1,083.00	\$1,183.00	\$1,205.00	\$1,210.00
Kenai	6	4	\$800.00	\$837.50	\$932.50	\$995.00	\$1,000.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$791.00	\$791.00	\$815.50	\$840.00	\$840.00
Kodiak Island	3	1	\$844.00	\$844.00	\$844.00	\$844.00	\$844.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	10	\$743.00	\$758.00	\$792.50	\$863.00	\$925.00
Nome	2	1	\$1,467.00	\$1,467.00	\$1,467.00	\$1,467.00	\$1,467.00
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$788.10	\$788.10	\$788.10	\$788.10	\$788.10
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$972.00	\$972.00	\$972.00	\$972.00	\$972.00
Sitka	5	2	\$1,240.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,280.00	\$1,320.00	\$1,320.00
Skagway	1	1	\$738.00	\$738.00	\$738.00	\$738.00	\$738.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	54	\$738.00	\$808.00	\$980.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,800.00

*Table 5. Provider Rates for Part Month Infant Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	7	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$685.00	\$730.00	\$975.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$625.00
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	4	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$600.00	\$680.00	\$710.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	4	\$650.00	\$700.00	\$754.00	\$793.00	\$828.00
Kenai	6	3	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$665.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	2	\$475.00	\$475.00	\$500.00	\$525.00	\$525.00
Kodiak Island	3	1	\$465.00	\$465.00	\$465.00	\$465.00	\$465.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	8	\$460.00	\$465.00	\$495.00	\$592.00	\$681.00
Nome	2	1	\$881.00	\$881.00	\$881.00	\$881.00	\$881.00
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$540.00
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$623.00	\$623.00	\$623.00	\$623.00	\$623.00
Sitka	5	2	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$805.00	\$860.00	\$860.00
Skagway	1	1	\$432.00	\$432.00	\$432.00	\$432.00	\$432.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	36	\$432.00	\$532.50	\$624.00	\$705.00	\$975.00

Licensed Group Homes

Table 6. Provider Rates for Full Month Infant Care in Licensed Group Homes by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	10	\$533.00	\$825.00	\$1,183.00	\$1,183.00	\$1,183.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
Kenai	4	2	\$850.00	\$850.00	\$875.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	2	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$770.50	\$791.00	\$791.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	2	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$742.50	\$760.00	\$760.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$647.00	\$647.00	\$647.00	\$647.00	\$647.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	18	\$533.00	\$750.00	\$875.00	\$1,183.00	\$1,183.00

*Table 7. Provider Rates for Part Month Infant Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	8	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$497.50	\$500.00	\$1,183.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Kenai	4	2	\$565.00	\$565.00	\$607.50	\$650.00	\$650.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	1	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	2	\$425.00	\$425.00	\$447.50	\$470.00	\$470.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$384.00	\$384.00	\$384.00	\$384.00	\$384.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	15	\$384.00	\$470.00	\$495.00	\$565.00	\$1,183.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 8. Full Month Infant Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	58	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$1,100.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	6	\$860.00	\$925.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,100.00
Haines	1	1	\$760.00	\$760.00	\$760.00	\$760.00	\$760.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	1	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$1,012.50	\$1,125.00	\$1,125.00
Kenai	10	9	\$560.00	\$800.00	\$802.00	\$850.00	\$1,000.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	1	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Kodiak Island	9	9	\$779.00	\$844.00	\$844.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	5	\$647.00	\$647.00	\$700.00	\$707.00	\$750.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	1	\$1,180.00	\$1,180.00	\$1,180.00	\$1,180.00	\$1,180.00
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	1	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	92	\$560.00	\$750.00	\$802.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00

*Table 9. Part Month Infant Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	44	\$390.00	\$450.00	\$470.00	\$600.00	\$775.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	4	\$520.00	\$535.00	\$575.00	\$700.00	\$800.00
Haines	1	1	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	8	\$350.00	\$505.50	\$548.00	\$650.00	\$750.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	9	\$435.00	\$465.00	\$481.00	\$482.00	\$800.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	5	\$375.00	\$388.00	\$388.00	\$488.00	\$700.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	1	\$735.00	\$735.00	\$735.00	\$735.00	\$735.00
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	72	\$350.00	\$450.00	\$481.00	\$600.00	\$800.00

Full and Part Day Price by Provider Type

Licensed Centers

*Table 10. Provider Rates for Full Day Infant Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	13	\$40.30	\$59.00	\$62.00	\$72.25	\$72.25
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	5	\$32.50	\$44.73	\$71.00	\$71.00	\$80.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	4	\$40.33	\$45.17	\$50.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
Kenai	6	3	\$29.33	\$29.33	\$33.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Kodiak Island	3	1	\$51.00	\$51.00	\$51.00	\$51.00	\$51.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	9	\$24.77	\$25.93	\$45.00	\$52.50	\$70.00
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$56.00
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$60.00
Sitka	5	2	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$77.50	\$85.00	\$85.00
Skagway	1	1	\$41.00	\$41.00	\$41.00	\$41.00	\$41.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	41	\$24.77	\$41.33	\$55.00	\$70.00	\$85.00

*Table 11. Provider Rates for Part Day Infant Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	9	\$28.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$43.00	\$43.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	3	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$65.00	\$65.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	4	\$21.67	\$28.33	\$40.00	\$47.50	\$50.00
Kenai	6	3	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$22.17	\$55.00	\$55.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00
Kodiak Island	3	1	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00	\$28.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	6	\$15.33	\$19.47	\$27.50	\$38.00	\$40.00
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$43.00	\$43.00
Sitka	5	2	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$57.50	\$70.00	\$70.00
Skagway	1	1	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	33	\$15.33	\$28.00	\$40.00	\$43.00	\$70.00

Licensed Group Homes

*Table 12. Provider Rates for Full Day Infant Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	5	\$35.00	\$39.43	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$71.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Kenai	4	1	\$28.33	\$28.33	\$28.33	\$28.33	\$28.33
Ketchikan Gateway	3	2	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$36.00	\$47.00	\$47.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	3	\$25.33	\$25.33	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	13	\$23.00	\$28.33	\$47.00	\$50.00	\$71.00

*Table 13. Provider Rates for Part Day Infant Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	4	\$25.00	\$27.50	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Kenai	4	1	\$20.23	\$20.23	\$20.23	\$20.23	\$20.23
Ketchikan Gateway	3	1	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$15.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	3	\$15.67	\$15.67	\$37.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00	\$23.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	11	\$15.00	\$20.23	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$45.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 14. Provider Rates for Full Day Infant Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	49	\$16.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$51.00	\$80.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	5	\$46.00	\$50.00	\$56.00	\$60.00	\$70.00
Haines	1	1	\$51.00	\$51.00	\$51.00	\$51.00	\$51.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	1	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Kenai	10	6	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$46.50	\$58.00	\$60.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	1	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Kodiak Island	9	8	\$25.97	\$48.00	\$49.50	\$51.00	\$70.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	4	\$39.00	\$39.00	\$39.50	\$42.00	\$44.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	76	\$16.00	\$40.00	\$47.50	\$51.00	\$80.00

*Table 15. Provider Rates for Part Day Infant Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	39	\$14.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$65.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	5	\$21.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$50.00
Haines	1	1	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	6	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$33.50	\$40.00	\$50.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	8	\$16.07	\$28.50	\$29.00	\$32.50	\$60.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	4	\$20.00	\$21.50	\$25.00	\$33.50	\$40.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	63	\$14.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$65.00

Toddler Care

Enrollment

*Table 16. Toddler Enrollment by month and day, October 2020 and October 6, 2020
by Part and Full month, October 2020 and by Part and Full Day October 6, 2020*

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers	# Receiving Care on Tuesday, October 6, 2020		# Enrolled during October 2020	
		Part day	Full Day	Part Month	Full Month
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	34	409	107	463
Bethel	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	0	3	2
Dillingham	1	0	5	0	6
Fairbanks North Star	35	2	74	12	134
Haines	2	0	2	1	3
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	1	34	13	36
Kenai	20	4	70	23	73
Ketchikan Gateway	6	0	25	2	28
Kodiak Island	12	4	13	15	16
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	5	89	35	100
Nome	2	2	0	8	0
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	0	0	0
Petersburg	1	2	10	0	14
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	0	2	1	3
Sitka	6	1	5	0	12
Skagway	2	0	5	2	2
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	0	0	0
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	55	741	222	892

Waitlist

Number of providers with toddlers on waitlist include those who selected yes when asked if they had a waitlist for toddlers or provided the number of toddlers on waitlist (see survey questions in appendix).

Table 17. Toddler Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Census/Borough	Providers with Toddler Waitlist		# of Toddlers on Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020
	# of Responding Providers	% of Responding Providers	
Aleutians East	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.
Anchorage	22	24.2%	199
Bethel	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	.	.	.
Denali	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	100%	7
Fairbanks North Star	8	25.0%	128
Haines	1	100%	1
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.
Juneau	6	60.0%	29
Kenai	6	31.6%	22
Ketchikan Gateway	4	66.7%	13
Kodiak Island	2	16.7%	7
Kusilvak	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	9	39.1%	38
Nome	1	100%	1
North Slope	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	.	.	.
Petersburg	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	.	.	.
Sitka	3	100%	12
Skagway	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	100%	3
Wrangell	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.
Statewide	64	31.1%	460

Full and Part Month Price by Provider Type

Licensed Centers

*Table 18. Full Month Toddler Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	24	\$815.00	\$922.50	\$992.50	\$1,169.00	\$1,650.00
Bethel	1	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00	\$875.00
Dillingham	1	1	\$902.00	\$902.00	\$902.00	\$902.00	\$902.00
Fairbanks North Star	13	11	\$785.00	\$900.00	\$1,067.00	\$1,111.00	\$1,119.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	6	\$930.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,090.00	\$1,114.00	\$1,160.00
Kenai	6	5	\$780.00	\$825.00	\$850.00	\$900.00	\$975.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	2	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$585.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Kodiak Island	3	3	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$744.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	15	\$417.00	\$710.00	\$735.00	\$800.00	\$900.00
Nome	2	1	\$1,383.00	\$1,383.00	\$1,383.00	\$1,383.00	\$1,383.00
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$788.10	\$788.10	\$788.10	\$788.10	\$788.10
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$871.00	\$871.00	\$871.00	\$871.00	\$871.00
Sitka	5	1	\$1,120.00	\$1,120.00	\$1,151.00	\$1,182.00	\$1,182.00
Skagway	1	2	\$738.00	\$738.00	\$738.00	\$738.00	\$738.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	75	\$417.00	\$785.00	\$915.00	\$1,100.00	\$1,650.00

*Table 19. Part Month Toddler Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	12	\$525.00	\$580.00	\$663.75	\$725.50	\$950.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$625.00	\$625.00
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	8	\$482.50	\$550.00	\$670.00	\$690.00	\$690.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	5	\$580.00	\$585.00	\$724.00	\$750.00	\$761.00
Kenai	6	5	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$625.00	\$650.00	\$707.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	2	\$470.00	\$470.00	\$585.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Kodiak Island	3	1	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$420.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	10	\$417.00	\$463.50	\$505.00	\$665.00	\$750.00
Nome	2	1	\$830.00	\$830.00	\$830.00	\$830.00	\$830.00
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$540.00	\$540.00
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$563.00	\$563.00	\$563.00	\$563.00	\$563.00
Sitka	5	2	\$655.00	\$655.00	\$737.50	\$820.00	\$820.00
Skagway	1	1	\$432.00	\$432.00	\$432.00	\$432.00	\$432.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	50	\$417.00	\$535.00	\$625.00	\$700.00	\$950.00

Licensed Group Homes

*Table 20. Full Month Toddler Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	11	\$533.00	\$725.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Kenai	4	3	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$850.00	\$850.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	3	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$700.00	\$850.00	\$850.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	2	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$697.50	\$720.00	\$720.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$615.00	\$615.00	\$615.00	\$615.00	\$615.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	21	\$533.00	\$700.00	\$830.00	\$900.00	\$900.00

*Table 21. Part Month Toddler Care in Licensed Group Home
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	8	\$525.00	\$533.00	\$533.00	\$725.00	\$900.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Kenai	4	3	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$607.00	\$607.00	\$607.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	1	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	2	\$420.00	\$420.00	\$435.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$369.00	\$369.00	\$369.00	\$369.00	\$369.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	16	\$350.00	\$487.50	\$533.00	\$607.00	\$900.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 22. Full Month Toddler Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	59	\$410.00	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$1,000.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	7	\$615.00	\$675.00	\$800.00	\$900.00	\$1,000.00
Haines	1	1	\$735.00	\$735.00	\$735.00	\$735.00	\$735.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	2	\$800.00	\$800.00	\$950.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00
Kenai	10	10	\$560.00	\$700.00	\$725.00	\$800.00	\$850.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	1	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Kodiak Island	9	9	\$452.00	\$744.00	\$744.00	\$780.00	\$1,200.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	5	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$700.00	\$707.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	1	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00	\$1,075.00
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	1	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	96	\$410.00	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$850.00	\$1,200.00

*Table 23. Part Month Toddler Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	44	\$325.00	\$425.00	\$450.00	\$535.00	\$800.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	5	\$370.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$550.00	\$800.00
Haines	1	1	\$510.00	\$510.00	\$510.00	\$510.00	\$510.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	9	\$350.00	\$452.00	\$500.00	\$600.00	\$625.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	9	\$330.00	\$420.00	\$436.00	\$480.00	\$800.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	5	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$488.00	\$650.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	1	\$655.00	\$655.00	\$655.00	\$655.00	\$655.00
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	74	\$325.00	\$420.00	\$452.00	\$550.00	\$800.00

Full and Part Day Price by Provider Type

Licensed Centers

Table 24. Full Day Toddler Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	19	\$27.17	\$47.33	\$58.00	\$63.00	\$85.00
Bethel	1	1	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	9	\$30.00	\$37.30	\$54.00	\$59.00	\$80.00
Haines	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	5	\$36.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$70.00	\$76.00
Kenai	6	6	\$26.00	\$28.33	\$41.25	\$55.00	\$65.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Kodiak Island	3	3	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$45.00	\$53.00	\$53.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	10	\$23.33	\$24.00	\$43.00	\$52.00	\$65.00
Nome	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$56.00	\$56.00
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00	\$55.00
Sitka	5	2	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Skagway	1	1	\$41.00	\$41.00	\$41.00	\$41.00	\$41.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	59	\$23.33	\$37.03	\$51.00	\$60.50	\$85.00

*Table 25. Part Day Toddler Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	13	\$20.67	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$39.00	\$85.00
Bethel	1	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Dillingham	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	5	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$65.00
Haines	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	4	\$19.50	\$27.25	\$42.50	\$52.50	\$55.00
Kenai	6	6	\$16.67	\$21.67	\$34.28	\$50.00	\$50.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00	\$33.00
Kodiak Island	3	2	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	7	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$27.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Nome	2	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00	\$36.00
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Sitka	5	2	\$45.00	\$45.00	\$47.50	\$50.00	\$50.00
Skagway	1	1	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	45	\$15.00	\$25.00	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$85.00

Licensed Group Homes

*Table 26. Full Day Toddler Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	5	\$30.00	\$37.00	\$53.00	\$54.00	\$54.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Kenai	4	2	\$26.67	\$26.67	\$26.67	\$26.67	\$26.67
Ketchikan Gateway	3	2	\$21.67	\$21.67	\$31.83	\$42.00	\$42.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	3	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$43.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	14	\$21.67	\$26.67	\$39.50	\$53.00	\$70.00

*Table 27. Part Day Toddler Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	4	\$27.00	\$29.50	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Kenai	4	2	\$20.23	\$20.23	\$20.23	\$20.23	\$20.23
Ketchikan Gateway	3	1	\$11.67	\$11.67	\$11.67	\$11.67	\$11.67
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	3	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	12	\$11.67	\$20.23	\$28.50	\$32.00	\$40.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 28. Full Day Toddler Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	51	\$16.00	\$35.00	\$41.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	5	\$37.00	\$40.00	\$44.00	\$50.00	\$70.00
Haines	1	1	\$48.00	\$48.00	\$48.00	\$48.00	\$48.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	2	\$26.67	\$26.67	\$48.33	\$70.00	\$70.00
Kenai	10	7	\$28.00	\$40.00	\$43.00	\$50.00	\$53.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	1	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Kodiak Island	9	8	\$15.07	\$33.00	\$43.50	\$45.00	\$60.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	4	\$36.00	\$36.50	\$38.50	\$42.00	\$44.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	80	\$15.07	\$37.00	\$42.00	\$50.00	\$70.00

*Table 29. Part Day Toddler Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	41	\$13.00	\$23.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$60.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	5	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
Haines	1	1	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	7	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	45
Ketchikan Gateway	1	8	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9		\$20.67	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$28.50	50
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	4	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$24.50	\$33.50	40
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1		.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	66	\$13.00	\$23.00	\$28.00	\$35.00	\$60.00

Preschool Age Care

Enrollment

*Table 30. Pre-School Enrollment by month and day, October 2020 and October 6, 2020
by Part and Full month, October 2020 and by Part and Full Day October 6, 2020*

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers	# Receiving Care on Tuesday, October 6, 2020		# Enrolled during October 2020	
		Part day	Full Day	Part Month	Full Month
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	115	656	161	883
Bethel	1	0	35	0	35
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	0	10	6
Dillingham	1	0	9	0	10
Fairbanks North Star	35	10	194	17	364
Haines	2	1	6	2	6
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	14	83	21	85
Kenai	20	16	107	42	122
Ketchikan Gateway	6	1	28	6	23
Kodiak Island	12	5	49	17	44
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	25	168	81	198
Nome	2	0	30	0	30
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	0	0	10
Petersburg	1	0	8	1	11
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	3	2	4
Sitka	6	45	13	27	57
Skagway	2	0	3	3	3
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	0	0	5
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	233	1392	390	1896

Waitlist

Number of providers with preschool age children on waitlist include those who selected yes when asked if they had a waitlist for preschool age children or provided the number of preschool age children on waitlist (see survey questions in appendix).

Table 31. Pre-School Waitlist Tuesday, October 6, 2020

Census/Borough	Providers with Pre-School Age Waitlist		# of Pre-School Age on Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020
	# of Responding Providers	% of Responding Providers	
Aleutians East	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.
Anchorage	20	19.6%	169
Bethel	1	100%	1
Bristol Bay	.	.	.
Denali	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	100%	1
Fairbanks North Star	8	23.5%	102
Haines	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.
Juneau	6	46.2%	28
Kenai	3	15.0%	6
Ketchikan Gateway	3	50.0%	9
Kodiak Island	1	8.3%	8
Kusilvak	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	8	34.8%	38
Nome	1	50.0%	16
North Slope	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	100%	4
Prince of Wales-Hyder	.	.	.
Sitka	4	80.0%	32
Skagway	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	100%	5
Wrangell	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.
Statewide	58	35.4%	424

Full and Part Month Price by Provider Type

Licensed Centers

Table 32. Full Month Preschool Age Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	34	\$285.00	\$800.00	\$872.50	\$1,050.00	\$1,500.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$775.00	\$775.00	\$775.00	\$775.00	\$775.00
Dillingham	1	1	\$755.00	\$755.00	\$755.00	\$755.00	\$755.00
Fairbanks North Star	13	12	\$590.00	\$792.50	\$892.50	\$929.00	\$1,050.00
Haines	1	1	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	8	\$850.00	\$955.00	\$977.50	\$1,000.00	\$1,426.00
Kenai	6	5	\$680.00	\$700.00	\$725.00	\$750.00	\$827.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	2	\$607.00	\$607.00	\$628.50	\$650.00	\$650.00
Kodiak Island	3	3	\$695.00	\$695.00	\$697.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	15	\$395.00	\$649.00	\$700.00	\$705.55	\$815.00
Nome	2	2	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$721.00	\$1,117.00	\$1,117.00
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	1	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Petersburg	1	1	\$707.63	\$707.63	\$707.63	\$707.63	\$707.63
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$768.00	\$768.00	\$768.00	\$768.00	\$768.00
Sitka	5	4	\$350.00	\$635.00	\$925.00	\$968.50	\$1,007.00
Skagway	1	1	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$720.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	92	\$285.00	\$700.00	\$800.00	\$929.50	\$1,500.00

*Table 33. Part Month Preschool Age Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	20	\$200.00	\$485.00	\$575.00	\$640.50	\$880.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00
Dillingham	1	8	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	1	\$482.50	\$540.00	\$645.00	\$690.00	\$800.00
Haines	1	0	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$265.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	6	\$525.00	\$545.00	\$585.50	\$693.00	\$750.00
Kenai	6	5	\$450.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$550.00	\$654.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	2	\$364.00	\$364.00	\$389.50	\$415.00	\$415.00
Kodiak Island	3	1	\$436.00	\$436.00	\$436.00	\$436.00	\$436.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	11	\$378.00	\$413.00	\$437.75	\$502.00	\$750.00
Nome	2	1	\$658.00	\$658.00	\$658.00	\$658.00	\$658.00
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$465.00	\$465.00	\$465.00	\$465.00	\$465.00
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$501.00	\$501.00	\$501.00	\$501.00	\$501.00
Sitka	5	4	\$225.00	\$300.00	\$492.00	\$614.50	\$620.00
Skagway	1	1	\$396.00	\$396.00	\$396.00	\$396.00	\$396.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	63	\$200.00	\$436.00	\$525.00	\$624.00	\$880.00

Licensed Group Homes

*Table 34. Full Month Preschool Age Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	11	\$639.00	\$675.00	\$825.00	\$825.00	\$825.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Kenai	4	4	\$690.00	\$695.00	\$725.00	\$754.00	\$758.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	3	\$607.00	\$607.00	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	2	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$662.50	\$675.00	\$675.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$537.00	\$537.00	\$537.00	\$537.00	\$537.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	22	\$537.00	\$675.00	\$725.00	\$825.00	\$900.00

*Table 35. Part Month Preschool Age Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	8	\$383.00	\$575.00	\$675.00	\$750.00	\$825.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Kenai	4	4	\$525.00	\$526.00	\$534.50	\$546.00	\$550.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	1	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	2	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$425.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$322.00	\$322.00	\$322.00	\$322.00	\$322.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	17	\$322.00	\$450.00	\$542.00	\$675.00	\$825.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 36. Full Month Preschool Age Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	62	\$275.00	\$585.90	\$677.50	\$775.00	\$1,020.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	9	\$539.00	\$675.00	\$760.00	\$900.00	\$1,200.00
Haines	1	1	\$680.00	\$680.00	\$680.00	\$680.00	\$680.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	3	\$700.00	\$825.00	\$962.50	\$987.50	\$1,000.00
Kenai	10	10	\$560.00	\$600.00	\$655.00	\$750.00	\$800.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	1	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
Kodiak Island	9	9	\$360.00	\$697.00	\$697.00	\$730.00	\$1,080.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	5	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$650.00	\$660.00	\$707.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	1	\$836.00	\$836.00	\$836.00	\$836.00	\$836.00
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	1	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	102	\$275.00	\$600.00	\$697.00	\$800.00	\$1,200.00

*Table 37. Part Month Preschool Age Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	46	\$327.00	\$354.00	\$400.00	\$525.00	\$750.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	7	\$323.00	\$450.00	\$460.00	\$600.00	\$700.00
Haines	1	1	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	9	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$420.00	\$527.00	\$600.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	8	\$300.00	\$420.00	\$436.00	\$460.00	\$700.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	5	\$330.00	\$360.00	\$360.00	\$488.00	\$650.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	1	\$578.00	\$578.00	\$578.00	\$578.00	\$578.00
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	77	\$300.00	\$360.00	\$436.00	\$527.00	\$750.00

Full and Part Day Price by Provider Type

Licensed Centers

Table 38. Full Day Preschool Age Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	23	\$24.50	\$45.00	\$50.00	\$54.00	\$85.00
Bethel	1	1	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	10	\$25.00	\$30.97	\$47.50	\$51.00	\$75.00
Haines	1	1	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$17.50	\$17.50
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	7	\$31.83	\$32.50	\$50.00	\$68.00	\$70.00
Kenai	6	6	\$22.67	\$24.17	\$36.28	\$50.00	\$65.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00
Kodiak Island	3	3	\$23.17	\$23.17	\$42.00	\$53.00	\$53.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	10	\$21.50	\$22.30	\$41.00	\$49.00	\$50.00
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	1	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Petersburg	1	1	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00	\$46.00
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Sitka	5	3	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$60.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Skagway	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	67	\$17.50	\$34.47	\$48.00	\$52.00	\$85.00

*Table 39. Part Day Preschool Age Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	14	\$17.17	\$26.00	\$31.75	\$33.50	\$85.00
Bethel	1	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	6	\$22.17	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$41.00	\$60.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	5	\$17.50	\$18.17	\$35.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Kenai	6	6	\$15.00	\$18.33	\$28.40	\$50.00	\$50.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Kodiak Island	3	2	\$26.00	\$26.00	\$30.50	\$35.00	\$35.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	9	\$13.17	\$16.73	\$26.00	\$30.00	\$40.00
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00	\$31.00
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00	\$37.00
Sitka	5	4	\$12.50	\$18.75	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Skagway	1	1	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00	\$22.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	52	\$12.50	\$22.08	\$30.00	\$36.00	\$85.00

Licensed Group Homes

*Table 40. Full Day Preschool Age Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	5	\$27.50	\$33.75	\$41.00	\$42.00	\$50.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Kenai	4	3	\$17.57	\$17.57	\$25.27	\$55.00	\$55.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	2	\$21.67	\$21.67	\$25.83	\$30.00	\$30.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	3	\$21.67	\$21.67	\$43.00	\$45.00	\$45.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	15	\$17.57	\$25.27	\$33.75	\$45.00	\$70.00

*Table 41. Part Day Preschool Age Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	4	\$20.00	\$21.88	\$23.88	\$32.50	\$41.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Kenai	4	3	\$18.00	\$18.00	\$23.00	\$35.00	\$35.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	1	\$11.67	\$11.67	\$11.67	\$11.67	\$11.67
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	3	\$13.33	\$13.33	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$40.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	1	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1		\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00	\$20.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	13	\$11.67	\$20.00	\$23.75	\$35.00	\$41.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 42. Full Day Preschool Age Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	52	\$13.33	\$30.00	\$39.50	\$45.00	\$65.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	7	\$22.50	\$32.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$60.00
Haines	1	1	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$42.00	\$42.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	2	\$23.33	\$23.33	\$46.67	\$70.00	\$70.00
Kenai	10	7	\$25.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$50.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	1	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$30.00
Kodiak Island	9	8	\$12.00	\$31.00	\$41.00	\$42.00	\$60.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	4	\$35.00	\$35.50	\$38.00	\$42.00	\$44.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	1	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	83	\$12.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$70.00

*Table 43. Part Day Preschool Age Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	42	\$10.90	\$18.00	\$25.00	\$33.00	\$55.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	7	\$15.00	\$19.00	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$50.00
Haines	1	1	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	7	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	8	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$26.00	\$27.50	\$50.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	4	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$24.50	\$33.50	\$40.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	69	\$10.90	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$30.00	\$55.00

School Age Care

Enrollment

*Table 44. School-Age Enrollment by month and day, October 2020 and October 6, 2020
by Part and Full month, October 2020 and by Part and Full Day October 6, 2020*

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers	# Receiving Care on Tuesday, October 6, 2020		# Enrolled during October 2020	
		Part day	Full Day	Part Month	Full Month
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	42	544	80	654
Bethel	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	0	5	0
Dillingham	1	0	0	0	0
Fairbanks North Star	35	2	153	10	212
Haines	2	1	0	3	0
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	1	48	11	50
Kenai	20	55	36	66	57
Ketchikan Gateway	6	11	14	17	11
Kodiak Island	12	51	28	43	10
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	101	50	117	113
Nome	2	0	0	0	0
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	0	0	0
Petersburg	1	0	13	1	12
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	0	1	0
Sitka	6	27	7	7	35
Skagway	2	5	0	3	0
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	0	0	1
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	297	893	364	1155

Waitlist

Number of providers with school-age children on waitlist include those who selected yes when asked if they had a waitlist for school-age children or provided the number of school-age children on waitlist (see survey questions in appendix).

Table 45. School-Age Waitlist

Census/Borough	Providers with School Age Waitlist # of Responding Providers	% of Responding Providers	# of School Age on Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020
Aleutians East	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.
Anchorage	12	12.6%	26
Bethel	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	.	.	.
Denali	.	.	.
Dillingham	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	5	14.7%	29
Haines	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.
Juneau	2	14.3%	11
Kenai	2	10.5%	14
Ketchikan Gateway	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	1	8.3%	3
Kusilvak	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	21.7%	29
Nome	.	.	.
North Slope	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	100%	6
Prince of Wales-Hyder	.	.	.
Sitka	1	25.0%	12
Skagway	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	.	.	.
Wrangell	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.
Statewide	29	13.6%	130

Price by Provider Type – Before School

Licensed Centers

*Table 46. Full Month School Age Before School Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	23	\$142.50	\$225.00	\$285.00	\$845.00	\$860.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	3	\$273.00	\$273.00	\$700.00	\$785.00	\$785.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Kenai	6	1	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$725.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Kodiak Island	3	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	10	\$284.00	\$425.00	\$660.00	\$695.00	\$765.00
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	5	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$292.50	\$292.50	\$292.50	\$292.50	\$292.50
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	40	\$142.50	\$284.50	\$401.50	\$715.28	\$1,000.00

*Table 47. Part Month School Age Before School Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	8	\$95.00	\$240.00	\$370.00	\$425.00	\$602.50
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	3	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$475.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Kenai	6	3	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$550.00	\$550.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$330.00
Kodiak Island	3	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	9	\$225.00	\$378.00	\$415.00	\$437.75	\$522.00
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	5	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$146.25	\$146.25	\$146.25	\$146.25	\$146.25
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	26	\$95.00	\$340.00	\$422.50	\$500.00	\$750.00

Licensed Group Homes

Table 48. Full Month School Age Before School Care in Licensed Group Homes by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	1	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	4	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	1	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	1	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	4	\$650.00	\$662.50	\$687.50	\$725.00	\$750.00

*Table 49. Part Month School Age Before School Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	.	.	.	.	.	.
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	4	2	\$245.00	\$245.00	\$385.00	\$525.00	\$525.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	2	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$340.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	1	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	5	\$245.00	\$330.00	\$350.00	\$380.00	\$525.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 50. Full Month School Before School Age Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	20	\$230.00	\$501.00	\$568.45	\$662.50	\$900.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	1	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	0.	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	4	\$200.00	\$380.00	\$580.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	4	\$648.00	\$689.00	\$761.00	\$846.00	\$900.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	2	\$483.00	\$483.00	\$483.00	\$483.00	\$483.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	31	\$200.00	\$483.00	\$585.90	\$678.00	\$900.00

*Table 51. Part Month School Age Before School Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	21	\$157.50	\$320.00	\$351.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	1	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	4	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	4	\$270.00	\$328.50	\$393.50	\$430.00	\$460.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	2	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	32	\$157.50	\$310.50	\$352.50	\$400.00	\$500.00

Price by Provider Type – After School

Licensed Centers

*Table 52. Full Month School Age After School Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	25	\$260.00	\$380.00	\$400.00	\$600.00	\$860.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00	\$480.00
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	3	\$479.00	\$479.00	\$700.00	\$785.00	\$785.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	1	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Kenai	6	2	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$776.00	\$827.00	\$827.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	3	2	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$490.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	8	\$284.00	\$401.50	\$562.50	\$685.00	\$705.55
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	5	2	\$452.50	\$452.50	\$551.25	\$650.00	\$650.00
Skagway	1	1	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$300.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	45	\$260.00	\$380.00	\$465.00	\$700.00	\$1,000.00

*Table 53. Part Month School Age After School Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	9	\$240.00	\$290.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$450.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00	\$240.00
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	4	\$450.00	\$462.50	\$487.50	\$525.00	\$550.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Kenai	6	4	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$525.00	\$602.00	\$654.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	3	1	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	7	\$225.00	\$378.00	\$395.00	\$475.00	\$522.00
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	5	2	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$477.50	\$580.00	\$580.00
Skagway	1	1	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	30	\$150.00	\$375.00	\$418.88	\$500.00	\$750.00

Licensed Group Homes

Table 54. Full Month School Age After School Care in Licensed Group Homes by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	2	\$639.00	\$639.00	\$669.50	\$700.00	\$700.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	4	1	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	1	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	1	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	5	\$639.00	\$650.00	\$675.00	\$700.00	\$750.00

*Table 55. Part Month School Age After School Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	1	\$383.00	\$383.00	\$383.00	\$383.00	\$383.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	4	1	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$525.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	2	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$340.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	1	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	5	\$330.00	\$350.00	\$380.00	\$383.00	\$525.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 56. Full Month School Age After School Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	21	\$230.00	\$501.00	\$550.00	\$675.00	\$900.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	1	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	3	\$560.00	\$560.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	4	\$648.00	\$689.00	\$761.00	\$846.00	\$900.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	1	\$483.00	\$483.00	\$483.00	\$483.00	\$483.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	30	\$230.00	\$501.00	\$572.98	\$700.00	\$900.00

*Table 57. Part Month School Age After School Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	23	\$210.00	\$320.00	\$351.00	\$450.00	\$650.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	1	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$450.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	4	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$375.00	\$400.00	\$400.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	1	\$270.00	\$328.50	\$393.50	\$430.00	\$460.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	1	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00	\$290.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	33	\$210.00	\$320.00	\$351.00	\$400.00	\$650.00

Price by Provider Type – Before and After School

Licensed Centers

Table 58. Full Month School Age Before and After School Care in Licensed Centers by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	27	\$275.00	\$450.00	\$530.00	\$849.00	\$860.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	10	\$325.00	\$585.00	\$700.00	\$750.00	\$785.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	8	\$975.00	\$1,213.00	\$1,426.00	\$1,426.00	\$1,426.00
Kenai	6	2	\$725.00	\$725.00	\$776.00	\$827.00	\$827.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$575.00
Kodiak Island	3	1	\$648.00	\$648.00	\$648.00	\$648.00	\$648.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	12	\$415.00	\$437.50	\$675.00	\$700.28	\$745.00
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	1	\$406.05	\$406.05	\$406.05	\$406.05	\$406.05
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$706.00	\$706.00	\$706.00	\$706.00	\$706.00
Sitka	5	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$720.00	\$720.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	64	\$275.00	\$457.50	\$682.50	\$836.00	\$1,426.00

*Table 59. Part Month School Age Before and After School Care in Licensed Centers
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	# Responding	Number of Providers # Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
			Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	47	10	\$215.00	\$315.00	\$432.50	\$575.00	\$624.00
Bethel	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	13	8	\$325.00	\$462.50	\$556.25	\$582.50	\$700.00
Haines	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	13	2	\$525.00	\$525.00	\$637.50	\$750.00	\$750.00
Kenai	6	4	\$500.00	\$525.00	\$602.00	\$702.00	\$750.00
Ketchikan Gateway	2	1	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00
Kodiak Island	3	1	\$387.00	\$387.00	\$387.00	\$387.00	\$387.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	15	9	\$378.00	\$415.00	\$450.00	\$475.00	\$675.00
Nome	2	0	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	\$464.00	\$464.00	\$464.00	\$464.00	\$464.00
Sitka	5	0	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	1	\$396.00	\$396.00	\$396.00	\$396.00	\$396.00
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	114	37	\$215.00	\$400.00	\$464.00	\$575.00	\$750.00

Licensed Group Homes

Table 60. Full Month School Age Before and After School Care in Licensed Group Homes by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	6	\$635.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	4	3	\$690.00	\$690.00	\$750.00	\$758.00	\$758.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	1	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00	\$650.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	1	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00	\$675.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	11	\$635.00	\$675.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$758.00

*Table 61. Part Month School Age Before and After School Care in Licensed Group Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	6	\$325.00	\$325.00	\$402.50	\$435.00	\$475.00
Haines	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	1	1	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Kenai	4	3	\$490.00	\$490.00	\$525.00	\$542.00	\$542.00
Ketchikan Gateway	3	2	\$330.00	\$330.00	\$340.00	\$350.00	\$350.00
Kodiak Island	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	3	1	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00	\$380.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Skagway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	23	13	\$325.00	\$350.00	\$405.00	\$790.00	\$700.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 62. Full Month School Age Before and After School Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	35	\$300.00	\$525.00	\$551.00	\$660.00	\$900.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	7	\$450.00	\$450.00	\$675.00	\$700.00	\$800.00
Haines	1	1	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	1	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00	\$950.00
Kenai	10	8	\$560.00	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$662.50	\$700.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	8	\$500.00	\$574.00	\$648.00	\$761.00	\$900.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	4	\$330.00	\$406.50	\$566.50	\$678.50	\$707.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	1	\$820.00	\$820.00	\$820.00	\$820.00	\$820.00
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	65	\$300.00	\$545.00	\$600.00	\$700.00	\$1,050.00

*Table 63. Part Month School Age Before and After School Care in Licensed Homes
by number of Responding Providers and Number Providing Rate Information*

Census/Borough	Number of Providers		Survey Prices (\$)				
	# Responding	# Providing Rate Information	Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Aleutians East	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	67	30	\$301.00	\$327.00	\$357.00	\$450.00	\$615.00
Bethel	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	11	6	\$315.00	\$315.00	\$435.00	\$450.00	\$500.00
Haines	1	1	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00	\$375.00
Hoonah-Angoon	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	4	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kenai	10	7	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$500.00
Ketchikan Gateway	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Kodiak Island	9	8	\$270.00	\$300.00	\$387.00	\$428.50	\$792.00
Kusilvak	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	4	\$225.00	\$257.50	\$389.00	\$569.00	\$650.00
Nome	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
North Slope	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	1	\$567.00	\$567.00	\$567.00	\$567.00	\$567.00
Skagway	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	0	.	.	.	.	.
Wrangell	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	0	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	110	57	\$225.00	\$327.00	\$375.00	\$450.00	\$792.00

Additional Forms of Care Offered for School-Age Children by Provider Type

Child care providers who offered care for school aged children were asked about additional forms of care offered. The following tables show the number and valid percent of providers who responded to each question.

All School Age Child Care Providers

Table 64. Number and percent of School Age Child Care Providers that offer additional forms of Care

School Age Child Care Providers (n= 189)	Do you offer this care?		Is this care included in your standard rate?		Is there an additional fee for this care?	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Early-Release/Parent-Teacher Conference Days	169	89.4%	120	71.9%	44	26.3%
Emergency/Weather Closure Days	138	73.0%	97	61.0%	40	26.5%
In-service Days	168	88.9%	117	71.3%	51	31.9%
Winter Break	164	86.3%	111	66.5%	54	33.1%
Spring Break	168	88.4%	112	67.1%	54	33.1%

Licensed Centers

Table 65. Number and percent of Licensed Centers providing School Age Child Care that offer additional forms of Care

Licensed Centers that offer care to school age children (n = 85)	Do you offer this care?		Is this care included in your standard rate?		Is there an additional fee for this care?	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Early-Release/Parent-Teacher Conference Days	77	90.6%	44	61.1%	30	39.5%
Emergency/Weather Closure Days	59	57.1%	21	31.3%	29	44.6%
In-service Days	76	89.4%	38	52.8%	39	52.0%
Winter Break	73	84.9%	33	45.2%	43	55.8%
Spring Break	74	86.0%	34	46.6%	42	54.4%

Licensed Group Homes

Table 66. Number and percent of Licensed Group Homes providing School Age Child Care that offer additional forms of Care

Licensed Group Homes that offer care to school age children (n = 20)	Do you offer this care?		Is this care included in your standard rate?		Is there an additional fee for this care?	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Early-Release/Parent-Teacher Conference Days	18	90.0%	12	70.6%	3	17.6%
Emergency/Weather Closure Days	18	90.0%	13	76.5%	4	25.0%
In-service Days	19	95.0%	15	88.2%	4	25.0%
Winter Break	18	94.7%	13	72.2%	5	29.4%
Spring Break	20	100%	13	72.2%	5	29.4%

Licensed Homes

Table 67. Number and percent of Licensed Homes providing School Age Child Care that offer additional forms of Care

Licensed Homes that offer care to school age children (n = 84)	Do you offer this care?		Is this care included in your standard rate?		Is there an additional fee for this care?	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Early-Release/Parent-Teacher Conference Days	74	88.1%	64	82.1%	11	14.9%
Emergency/Weather Closure Days	72	84.7%	63	84.0%	7	10.0%
In-service Days	73	86.9%	64	85.3%	8	11.6%
Winter Break	73	85.9%	65	85.5%	6	8.7%
Spring Break	74	88.1%	65	85.5%	7	10.1%

Summer Break

Child care providers who offered care for school age children were asked if summer break care is offered. Rates reported by providers are shown by percentile. These data are reported as percentiles (including the median) because of the variability in the distribution of survey responses. Reporting an average would mask this variability.

A percentile is a statistical measure; it is a value on a scale of 1 to 100 that indicates whether a distribution is above or below it. In this report, percentile represents the percentage of reported prices that are equal to or below the price shown.

Table 68. Number and percent of School Age Child Care Providers that offer Summer Break Care

School Age Child Care Providers	Summer Break Care is offered		Care included in standard rate		Additional fee for this care	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
All Providers (n = 189)	171	90.5%	119	72.1%	48	33.1%
Licensed Centers (n = 85)	74	86.0%	43	58.9%	37	48.1%
Licensed Group Homes (n = 20)	20	100%	13	76.5%	4	25.0%
Licensed Homes (n = 84)	74	88.1%	63	84.0%	7	10.0%

All Providers

Table 69. Full Time Summer Break Rates, All Providers offering Summer Break Care (n = 171)

Full Time Rates	# Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
		Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Hourly	36	\$4.00	\$6.38	\$7.25	\$10.00	\$42.00
Daily	82	\$24.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$54.00	\$70.00
Weekly	39	\$125.00	\$200.00	\$250.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
Monthly	137	\$350.00	\$650.00	\$700.00	\$820.00	\$1,426.00

Table 70. Part Time Summer Break Rates, All Providers offering Summer Break Care (n = 171)

Part Time Rates	# Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
		Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Hourly	38	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$7.50	\$10.00	\$33.00
Daily	71	\$18.00	\$24.00	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$75.00
Weekly	22	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$155.00	\$250.00	\$380.00
Monthly	102	\$150.00	\$380.00	\$450.00	\$542.00	\$1,100.00

Licensed Centers

*Table 71. Full Time Summer Break Rates in Licensed Centers offering Summer Break Care
(n = 74)*

Full Time Rates	# Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
		Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Hourly	13	\$5.00	\$6.75	\$7.00	\$7.50	\$30.00
Daily	39	\$24.00	\$41.00	\$50.00	\$56.70	\$62.00
Weekly	24	\$138.00	\$225.00	\$255.00	\$310.00	\$380.00
Monthly	63	\$475.00	\$675.00	\$725.00	\$885.00	\$1,426.00

*Table 72. Part Time Summer Break Rates in Licensed Centers offering Summer Break Care
(n = 74)*

Part Time Rates	# Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
		Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Hourly	14	\$3.00	\$6.75	\$6.88	\$8.08	\$12.00
Daily	31	\$18.00	\$27.00	\$33.50	\$42.00	\$75.00
Weekly	10	\$88.00	\$155.00	\$187.50	\$250.00	\$380.00
Monthly	41	\$290.00	\$387.00	\$522.00	\$550.00	\$1,100.00

Licensed Group Homes

*Table 73. Full Time Summer Break Rates in Licensed Group Homes offering Summer Break Care
(n = 20)*

Full Time Rates	# Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
		Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Hourly	9	\$4.00	\$5.25	\$6.50	\$10.00	\$20.00
Daily	14	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$40.25	\$45.00	\$70.00
Weekly	5	\$158.00	\$190.00	\$200.00	\$202.50	\$260.00
Monthly	20	\$537.00	\$650.00	\$700.00	\$730.00	\$900.00

*Table 74. Part Time Summer Break Rates in Licensed Group Homes offering Summer Break Care
(n = 20)*

Part Time Rates	# Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
		Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Hourly	9	\$4.00	\$5.25	\$7.00	\$9.00	\$20.00
Daily	12	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$23.88	\$32.50	\$40.00
Weekly	3	\$90.00	\$90.00	\$108.75	\$175.00	\$175.00
Monthly	19	\$315.00	\$350.00	\$400.00	\$475.00	\$750.00

Licensed Homes

*Table 75. Full Time Summer Break Rates in Licensed Homes offering Summer Break Care
(n = 74)*

Full Time Rates	# Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
		Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Hourly	14	\$4.42	\$6.75	\$10.00	\$16.00	\$42.00
Daily	29	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$45.00	\$52.00	\$70.00
Weekly	10	\$125.00	\$155.00	\$195.00	\$300.00	\$450.00
Monthly	54	\$350.00	\$575.00	\$675.00	\$750.00	\$1,025.00

*Table 76. Part Time Summer Break Rates in Licensed Homes offering Summer Break Care
(n = 74)*

Part Time Rates	# Providing Rate Information	Survey Prices (\$)				
		Min	25 th Percentile	50 th Percentile (Median)	75 th Percentile	Max
Hourly	15	\$3.50	\$6.00	\$10.00	\$12.00	\$33.00
Daily	28	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$45.00	\$65.00
Weekly	9	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$120.00	\$250.00	\$300.00
Monthly	42	\$150.00	\$400.00	\$451.50	\$525.00	\$650.00

Additional Fees

In addition to the standard rates, we asked providers if additional fees were charged for registration, late payment, application, materials, late pick-up, early drop-off, field trip, and activities.

All providers

Table 77. Child Care Providers Charging Additional Fees
(n = 247)

<i>Additional Fees</i>	All Child Care providers	
	#	%
Registration Fee	171	69%
Late payment fee	148	60%
Application Fee	13	5%
Materials Fee	15	6%
Late pick-up	155	63%
Early drop-off	26	11%
Field Trip Fee	26	11%
Activity Fee	22	9%

Licensed Centers

Table 78. Licensed Centers Charging Additional Fees
(n = 114)

<i>Additional Fees</i>	Responding Licensed Centers	
	#	%
Registration Fee	83	73%
Late payment fee	76	67%
Application Fee	9	8%
Materials Fee	12	11%
Late pick-up	85	75%
Early drop-off	13	11%
Field Trip Fee	15	13%
Activity Fee	4	4%

Licensed Group Homes

Table 79. Licensed Group Homes Charging Additional Fees

(n = 23)

<i>Additional Fees</i>	Responding Licensed Group Homes	
	#	%
Registration Fee	13	57%
Late payment fee	16	70%
Application Fee	0	0%
Materials Fee	1	4%
Late pick-up	14	61%
Early drop-off	2	9%
Field Trip Fee	2	9%
Activity Fee	0	0%

Licensed Homes

Table 80. Licensed Homes Charging Additional Fees

(n= 110)

<i>Additional Fees</i>	Responding Licensed Homes	
	#	%
Registration Fee	75	68%
Late payment fee	56	51%
Application Fee	4	4%
Materials Fee	2	2%
Late pick-up	56	51%
Early drop-off	11	10%
Field Trip Fee	5	5%
Activity Fee	1	1%

Additional Care

Child care providers were asked if they provided regular care during evening hours, regular daytime care on a Saturday and/or Sunday, and regular overnight care.

All Child Care Providers

Table 81. Number and percent of Child Care Providers that offer additional forms of Care

All providers	Care provided (n = 234)		Additional fee charged (n = 84)	
	#	%	#	%
Regular care during evenings (after 6:00 pm)	49	20.9%	7	8.3%
Regular daytime care on a Saturday and/or Sunday	29	12.4%	25	10.6%
Regular overnight care	25	10.6%	7	9.2%

Licensed Centers

Table 82. Number and percent of Licensed Centers that offer additional forms of Care

Licensed Centers	Care provided (n = 109)		Additional fee charged (n = 23)	
	#	%	#	%
Regular care during evenings (after 6:00 pm)	12	11.0%	1	4.3%
Regular daytime care on a Saturday and/or Sunday	0	0%	0	0%
Regular overnight care	0	0%	0	0%

Licensed Group Homes

Table 83. Number and percent of Licensed Group Homes that offer additional forms of Care

Licensed Group Homes	Care provided (n = 22)		Additional fee charged (n = 7)	
	#	%	#	%
Regular care during evenings (after 6:00 pm)	5	22.7%	2	28.6%
Regular daytime care on a Saturday and/or Sunday	5	22.7%	1	14.3%
Regular overnight care	2	9.1%	2	33.35

Licensed Homes

Table 84. Number and percent of Licensed Homes that offer additional forms of Care

Licensed Homes	Care provided (n = 103)		Additional fee charged (n =54)	
	#	%	#	%
Regular care during evenings (after 6:00 pm)	32	31.1%	4	7.4%
Regular daytime care on a Saturday and/or Sunday	24	23.3%	3	6.0%
Regular overnight care	23	22.1%	5	9.6%

Reduced Rates

We look at Alaska child care providers statewide and by facility type¹ to determine why they offer rate reductions or discounts. The most frequent reduction is for multiple children in a family followed by employee discount. Reduction of rates are also offered based on parent income and paying early (see Table 85).

Table 85. Providers offer reduced fees for....

(n = 118)

Reason for reduced/discounted rates	Providers offering reduced rates (n = 118)	
	#	%
Additional children in the family	66	55.9%
Children of employees	56	47.5%
Based on parents' income	24	20.3%
Paying early	17	14.4%
Paying through an auto pay mechanism	5	4.2%
Other		
Cash	3	2.5%
COVID-19 discount	4	3.3%
Military	4	3.3%
First Responder	1	0.8%
Referral	1	0.8%
Scholarship	2	1.7%
Years of Enrollment	2	1.7%
Late fee	1	0.8%
Homeowners that belong to an association	1	0.8%

Table 86. Licensed Center Providers offer reduced fees for....

(n = 69)

	Licensed Centers offering reduced rates (n = 69)	
	#	%
Additional children in the family	26	38%
Children of employees	43	62%
Based on parents' income	9	13%
Paying through an auto pay mechanism	5	7%
Paying early	11	16%
Other	13	19%

¹ Some counts are too small to display respondents by geography.

Table 87. Licensed Group Home Providers offer reduced fees for....
(n = 9)

Licensed Group Homes offering reduced rates (n = 9)		
	#	%
Additional children in the family	4	44%
Children of employees	3	33%
Based on parents' income	1	11%
Paying through an auto pay mechanism	0	0%
Paying early	2	22%
Other	2	22%

Table 88. Licensed Home Providers offer reduced fees for....
(n = 40)

Licensed Homes offering reduced rates (n = 40)		
	#	%
Additional children in the family	23	58%
Children of employees	1	3%
Based on parents' income	11	28%
Paying through an auto pay mechanism	0	0%
Paying early	4	10%
Other	21	53%

Rates at the 75th Percentile

States are encouraged to establish state rates at the 75th percentile of market prices to help provide equal access to child care. A percentile is a statistical measure; it is a value on a scale of 1 to 100 that indicates whether a distribution is above or below it. In this report, percentile represents the percentage of reported prices that are equal to or below the price shown. Before calculating percentiles for each price increment, prices were weighted by the number of children enrolled in care.

During data collection all types of care were not provided in all places and the response rates are less than 100%. Data is also missing for some *boroughs, facility types and age group* combinations depending upon the completeness of the survey by providers. A non-response leads to data holes.

To fill in the missing data, we used a tiered spatial aggregation method. We used the data as provided by child care providers to determine the 75th percentile for all places, facility types, age groups, and duration of care. We look at the data provided by child care providers and assess:

- **If** sufficient data are not available to calculate a weighted 75th percentile at the level of *borough + facility type + age group + duration of care*
- **Then** Calculate 75th percentile of the *economic region + facility type + age group + duration of care*
- **If** economic region is still not sufficient,
- **Then** Calculate 75th percentile of the *Railbelt v non-Railbelt region + facility type + age group + duration of care*

We define ‘sufficient’ has areas having valid responses from 4 or more providers. When we reach the aggregation of least 4 or more providers using the tiers as described below – the 75th percentile at that aggregated geographic level is selected for that borough, facility type, and age group. Spatial aggregation up to a minimum of 4 child care providers reduces the influence of “1” provider responding for an area and thereby setting the rates for every facility in that region. If an area has only a single provider, this also prevents them from effectively setting their own state rates through their response to the survey.

Aggregating over space recognizes that the nature of child care markets differ across the state based on the cost of living, the local labor market, and other factors. The geographic levels are:

- **Boroughs** are 29 Child Care Assistance Rate Regions based on boroughs within the state of Alaska
- **Economic regions** are groups of boroughs with similar economic structures, including labor markets and transportation costs.
- **Railbelt** is a convenience grouping separating the areas of the state, which are integrated via road, rail, and power from those that are not.
- We considered ad-hoc groupings for the highest tier (Railbelt), but ultimately chose an accepted and conventional grouping.

A more detailed description of these geographic areas can be found in Definitions within the Methodology section of this report along with maps.

To clarify the 29 boroughs are the preferred basis we are using for calculation of rate percentiles. However, if there are less than 4 providers in a borough, we used the Alaska economic region grouping. If there are less than 4 provers at the economic region level we used the Railbelt vs non-

Railbelt grouping. For example, in the Sitka City and Borough, 4 Licensed Centers who offer full-time care to preschoolers responded to the survey with enrollment and rate information. Because at least four providers in this borough offer this category of care and responded, the enrollment-weighted 75th percentile for these four providers determines the rate for the Sitka City and Borough full-time preschool aged care at Licensed Centers. In contrast, only three responding Licensed Centers in the Sitka City and Borough offer *part-time* care for preschoolers. To obtain a sufficient number of respondents for this category, we look at Sitka's economic region: Southeast. In the Southeast economic region, 11 responding Licensed Centers offer part time care for pre-schools. These include the 3 centers in Sitka, plus 4 in Juneau, and 1 each in Petersburg, Prince of Wales-Hyder, Ketchikan, and Haines. Grouping these centers together provides sufficient data to calculate the enrollment weighted 75th percentile for these 11 providers. This rate determines the rate for Sitka. Finally, for the case of part-time Licensed Home care for preschool children, Sitka had only 1 responding provider. The Southeast economic region has only 2 responding providers. As Sitka is not on the Railbelt, we look at all non-Railbelt Licensed Homes providing part-time preschool care, of which there are 4, meeting our requirement to calculate the enrollment-weighted 75th percentile, which determines the rate for Sitka for this category of care.

Even with this aggregation method, there are some age groups, facility, and regions that do not meet the 4 provider threshold. This occurs when there are few child care providers or more nonresponding providers for the specific location, age group, and provider type.

Following are the tables showing the 75th percentile for full and part month rates. Using the March 2019 rate schedule (see Appendices), we inferred day rates are 1/16.5 the monthly rates. Given that the calculation is straightforward, we opted not to show the following set of tables:

- *Infants - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Day*
- *Infants - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Day*
- *Infants - Licensed Home - Full Day*
- *Infants - Licensed Home - Part Day*

- *Preschool - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Day*
- *Preschool - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Day*
- *Preschool - Licensed Home - Full Day*
- *Preschool - Licensed Home - Part Day*

- *Toddler - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Day*
- *Toddler - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Day*
- *Toddler - Licensed Home - Full Day*
- *Toddler - Licensed Home - Part Day*

- *School Age - Before School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Day*
- *School Age - Before School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Day*
- *School Age - Before School - Licensed Home - Full Day*
- *School Age - Before School - Licensed Home - Part Day*

- *School Age - After School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Day*
- *School Age - After School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Day*
- *School Age - After School - Licensed Home- Full Day*
- *School Age - After School - Licensed Home - Part Day*

- *School Age - Both Before & After School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Day*
- *School Age - Both Before & After School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Day*
- *School Age - Both Before & After School - Licensed Home- Full Day*
- *School Age - Both Before & After School - Licensed Home - Part Day*

How to read the headings in the follow tables

Providers with Prices:

Only survey respondents (providers) with prices and enrolled children are included in this number. Providers are counted once in each category for which they reported children and a price.

Number of Providers:

Number of surveyed providers who reported having children in full month or part month enrollment care in October 2020.

Number of Children:

Number of children in full month enrollment or part month enrollment in October 2020 as reported by survey respondents.

State Rate:

Child Care Assistance rate schedule Updated March 2019 (see Appendices).

75th Percentile:

75% of the children are being charged equal to or below this price.

SR - 75 (\$): State Rate \$ Difference from the Price at the 75th Percentile

Calculated by subtracting the state rate from the price at the 75th percentile. A negative value indicates that the state rate is less than the price at the 75th percentile by that amount, while a positive value indicates that the state rate is more than the price at the 75th percentile by that amount.

The shaded amount shows the level aggregation used to identify the selected 75th percentile rate.

Please note the rates that are in **red text** did not reach the 4 provider minimum we discuss in the spatial aggregation. There were not enough providers for the age group, regions, and provider type that provide care and/or not enough that responded to the survey.

Table 89. Infants - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	934	12	36	1210	1	0					1210	276
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	934	12	36	1210	1	0					1210	276
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	980	45	332	1240	15	172	1217	15	172	1217	1217	237
Bethel	Southwest	No	934	12	36	1210	1	0					1210	276
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	934	12	36	1210	1	0					1210	276
Denali	Interior	Yes	811	45	332	1240	13	90	1342				1342	531
Dillingham	Southwest	No	908	12	36	1210	1	0		1	0		1210	302
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	1183	45	332	1240	13	90	1342	13	90	1342	1342	159
Haines	Southeast	No	861	12	36	1210	9	32	1210				1210	349
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	861	12	36	1210	9	32	1210				1210	349
Juneau	Southeast	No	1120	12	36	1210	9	32	1210	3	15	1210	1210	90
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	850	45	332	1240	7	23	995	6	19	1000	1000	150
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	791	12	36	1210	9	32	1210	2	4	840	1210	419
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	844	12	36	1210	7	23	995	1	4	844	995	151
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	934	12	36	1210	1	0					1210	276
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	934	12	36	1210	1	0					1210	276
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	758	45	332	1240				11	51	882	882	124
Nome	Northern	No	795	12	36	1210	1	0		1	0		1210	415
North Slope	Northern	No	1280	12	36	1210	1	0					1210	-70
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	795	12	36	1210	1	0					1210	415
Petersburg	Southeast	No	852	12	36	1210	9	32	1210	1	4	788	1210	358
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	972	12	36	1210	9	32	1210	1	2	972	1210	238
Sitka	Southeast	No	1190	12	36	1210	9	32	1210	2	7	1320	1210	20
Skagway	Southeast	No	861	12	36	1210	9	32	1210				1210	349
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	811	12	36	1210	13	90	1342				1342	531
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	844	12	36	1210	7	23	995				995	151
Wrangell	Southeast	No	861	12	36	1210	9	32	1210				1210	349
Yakutat	Southeast	No	861	12	36	1210	9	32	1210				1210	349
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	811	12	36	1210	13	90	1342				1342	531

Table 90. Infants - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	438	10	19	754							754	316
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	438	10	19	754							754	316
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	600	19	24	681	5	2	719	5	2	719	719	119
Bethel	Southwest	No	438	10	19	754							754	316
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	438	10	19	754							754	316
Denali	Interior	Yes	550	19	24	681	5	4	665	1	1	625	665	115
Dillingham	Southwest	No	438	10	19	754							754	316
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	495	19	24	681	5	4	665	4	3	680	680	185
Haines	Southeast	No	475	10	19	754	8	15	754				754	279
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	630	10	19	754	8	15	754				754	124
Juneau	Southeast	No	575	10	19	754	8	15	754	4	12	758	758	183
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	565	19	24	681	3	7	683	2	4	700	681	116
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	475	10	19	754	8	15	754	1	3	475	754	279
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	465	10	19	754	3	7	683	1	3	465	754	289
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	438	10	19	754							754	316
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	438	10	19	754							754	316
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	465	19	24	681				7	14	473	473	8
Nome	Northern	No	438	10	19	754	1	1	881	1	1	881	754	316
North Slope	Northern	No	768	10	19	754	1	1	881				754	-14
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	438	10	19	754	1	1	881				754	316
Petersburg	Southeast	No	475	10	19	754	8	15	754				754	279
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	475	10	19	754	8	15	754	1	0		754	279
Sitka	Southeast	No	713	10	19	754	8	15	754	2	0		754	41
Skagway	Southeast	No	475	10	19	754	8	15	754				754	279
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	550	10	19	754	5	4	665				665	115
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	465	10	19	754	3	7	683				754	289
Wrangell	Southeast	No	475	10	19	754	8	15	754				754	279
Yakutat	Southeast	No	475	10	19	754	8	15	754				754	279
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	550	10	19	754	5	4	665				665	115

Table 91. Infants - Licensed Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	704	26	26	900	21	21	900	21	21	900	900	196
Bethel	Southwest	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
Denali	Interior	Yes	734	26	26	900	2	1	1100				900	166
Dillingham	Southwest	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	938	26	26	900	2	1	1100	2	1	1100	900	-38
Haines	Southeast	No	750	6	4	956	2	1	1125	1	0		956	206
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	698	6	4	956	2	1	1125				956	258
Juneau	Southeast	No	726	6	4	956	2	1	1125	1	1	1125	956	230
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	802	26	26	900	6	5	900	2	2	931	900	98
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	698	6	4	956	2	1	1125				956	258
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	779	6	4	956	6	5	900	4	3	872	872	93
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	647	26	26	900				1	2	707	900	253
Nome	Northern	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
North Slope	Northern	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	734	6	4	956							956	222
Petersburg	Southeast	No	698	6	4	956	2	1	1125				956	258
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	698	6	4	956	2	1	1125				956	258
Sitka	Southeast	No	698	6	4	956	2	1	1125				956	258
Skagway	Southeast	No	698	6	4	956	2	1	1125				956	258
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	734	6	4	956	2	1	1100				956	222
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	779	6	4	956	6	5	900				900	121
Wrangell	Southeast	No	698	6	4	956	2	1	1125				956	258
Yakutat	Southeast	No	698	6	4	956	2	1	1125				956	258
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	734	6	4	956	2	1	1100				956	222

Table 92. Infants - Licensed Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	435	18	11	625	12	7	663	12	7	663	663	228
Bethel	Southwest	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
Denali	Interior	Yes	454	18	11	625	2	1	600				625	171
Dillingham	Southwest	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	350	18	11	625	2	1	600	2	1	600	625	275
Haines	Southeast	No	431	4	3	580	1	0		1	0		580	149
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	431	4	3	580	1	0					580	149
Juneau	Southeast	No	446	4	3	580	1	0					580	134
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	531	18	11	625	5	4	580	2	1	350	580	49
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	431	4	3	580	1	0					580	149
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	482	4	3	580	5	4	580	3	3	580	580	98
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	388	18	11	625				2	2	385	625	237
Nome	Northern	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
North Slope	Northern	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	423	4	3	580							580	157
Petersburg	Southeast	No	431	4	3	580	1	0					580	149
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	431	4	3	580	1	0					580	149
Sitka	Southeast	No	431	4	3	580	1	0					580	149
Skagway	Southeast	No	431	4	3	580	1	0					580	149
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	454	4	3	580	2	1	600				580	126
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	482	4	3	580	5	4	580				580	98
Wrangell	Southeast	No	431	4	3	580	1	0					580	149
Yakutat	Southeast	No	431	4	3	580	1	0					580	149
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	454	4	3	580	2	1	600				580	126

Table 93. Preschool - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	656	24	246	980	1	10	755				980	324
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	656	24	246	980	1	10	755				980	324
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	755	75	1538	929	32	800	1073	32	800	1073	1073	318
Bethel	Southwest	No	608	24	246	980	1	10	755				980	372
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	656	24	246	980	1	10	755				980	324
Denali	Interior	Yes	685	75	1538	929	24	426	929	1	6	775	929	244
Dillingham	Southwest	No	725	24	246	980	1	10	755	1	10	755	980	255
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	825	75	1538	929	24	426	929	23	420	929	929	104
Haines	Southeast	No	655	24	246	980	17	162	1000	1	5	525	1000	345
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	655	24	246	980	17	162	1000				1000	345
Juneau	Southeast	No	1030	24	246	980	17	162	1000	7	65	980	980	-50
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	690	75	1538	929	11	152	750	8	118	750	750	60
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	607	24	246	980	17	162	1000	3	23	650	1000	393
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	697	24	246	980	11	152	750	3	34	1000	750	53
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	656	24	246	980	1	10	755				980	324
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	656	24	246	980	1	10	755				980	324
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	649	75	1538	929				11	194	730	730	81
Nome	Northern	No	670	24	246	980	3	40	394	2	30	325	980	310
North Slope	Northern	No	670	24	246	980	3	40	394				980	310
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	670	24	246	980	3	40	394	1	10	600	980	310
Petersburg	Southeast	No	765	24	246	980	17	162	1000	1	11	1415	1000	235
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	768	24	246	980	17	162	1000	1	4	768	1000	232
Sitka	Southeast	No	700	24	246	980	17	162	1000	4	54	1007	1007	307
Skagway	Southeast	No	655	24	246	980	17	162	1000				1000	345
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	685	24	246	980	24	426	929				929	244
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	653	24	246	980	11	152	750				750	97
Wrangell	Southeast	No	655	24	246	980	17	162	1000				1000	345
Yakutat	Southeast	No	655	24	246	980	17	162	1000				1000	345
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	685	24	246	980	24	426	929				929	244

Table 94. Preschool - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	398	13	62	545							545	147
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	398	13	62	545							545	147
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	425	35	191	620	13	80	620	13	80	620	620	195
Bethel	Southwest	No	398	13	62	545							545	147
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	398	13	62	545							545	147
Denali	Interior	Yes	501	35	191	620	6	18	525	1	10	525	525	24
Dillingham	Southwest	No	398	13	62	545							545	147
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	675	35	191	620	6	18	525	5	8	512	512	-163
Haines	Southeast	No	275	13	62	545	11	56	545	1	1	265	545	270
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	450	13	62	545	11	56	545				545	95
Juneau	Southeast	No	140	13	62	545	11	56	545	4	21	621	621	481
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	527	35	191	620	9	40	550	8	34	550	550	23
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	364	13	62	545	11	56	545	1	5	364	545	181
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	436	13	62	545	9	40	550	1	6	436	550	114
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	398	13	62	545							545	147
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	398	13	62	545							545	147
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	395	35	191	620				8	59	445	445	50
Nome	Northern	No	406	13	62	545	1	0		1	0		545	139
North Slope	Northern	No	406	13	62	545	1	0					545	139
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	406	13	62	545	1	0					545	139
Petersburg	Southeast	No	521	13	62	545	11	56	545	1	1	465	545	24
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	501	13	62	545	11	56	545	1	2	501	545	44
Sitka	Southeast	No	225	13	62	545	11	56	545	3	26	375	545	320
Skagway	Southeast	No	397	13	62	545	11	56	545				545	148
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	501	13	62	545	6	18	525				525	24
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	436	13	62	545	9	40	550				550	114
Wrangell	Southeast	No	397	13	62	545	11	56	545				545	148
Yakutat	Southeast	No	397	13	62	545	11	56	545				545	148
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	501	13	62	545	6	18	525				525	24

Table 95. Preschool - Licensed Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	575	8	24	956							956	381
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	575	8	24	956							956	381
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	545	39	83	763	30	67	700	30	67	700	700	155
Bethel	Southwest	No	575	8	24	956							956	381
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	575	8	24	956							956	381
Denali	Interior	Yes	570	39	83	763	4	9	1200				1200	630
Dillingham	Southwest	No	575	8	24	956							956	381
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	539	39	83	763	4	9	1200	4	9	1200	1200	661
Haines	Southeast	No	670	8	24	956	4	14	975	1	1	680	975	305
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	550	8	24	956	4	14	975				975	425
Juneau	Southeast	No	913	8	24	956	4	14	975	2	10	975	975	62
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	660	39	83	763	7	14	697	3	4	800	697	37
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	607	8	24	956	4	14	975				975	368
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	600	8	24	956	7	14	697	4	10	697	697	97
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	575	8	24	956							956	381
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	575	8	24	956							956	381
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	600	39	83	763				2	3	707	763	163
Nome	Northern	No	621	8	24	956							956	335
North Slope	Northern	No	621	8	24	956							956	335
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	621	8	24	956							956	335
Petersburg	Southeast	No	550	8	24	956	4	14	975				975	425
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	550	8	24	956	4	14	975				975	425
Sitka	Southeast	No	550	8	24	956	4	14	975	1	3	836	975	425
Skagway	Southeast	No	550	8	24	956	4	14	975				975	425
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	570	8	24	956	4	9	1200				1200	630
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	600	8	24	956	7	14	697				697	97
Wrangell	Southeast	No	550	8	24	956	4	14	975				975	425
Yakutat	Southeast	No	550	8	24	956	4	14	975				975	425
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	570	8	24	956	4	9	1200				1200	630

Table 96. *Preschool - Licensed Home - Part Month 75th Percentile*

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	345	4	3	519							519	174
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	345	4	3	519							519	174
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	327	27	47	563	14	29	500	14	29	500	500	173
Bethel	Southwest	No	345	4	3	519							519	174
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	345	4	3	519							519	174
Denali	Interior	Yes	342	27	47	563	4	5	600				600	258
Dillingham	Southwest	No	345	4	3	519							519	174
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	323	27	47	563	4	5	600	4	5	600	600	277
Haines	Southeast	No	330	4	3	519	2	2	529	1	1	380	519	189
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	330	4	3	519	2	2	529				519	189
Juneau	Southeast	No	380	4	3	519	2	2	529				519	139
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	420	27	47	563	8	9	400	6	8	400	400	-20
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	330	4	3	519	2	2	529				519	189
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	360	4	3	519	8	9	400	2	1	460	400	40
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	345	4	3	519							519	174
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	345	4	3	519							519	174
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	360	27	47	563				3	5	330	563	203
Nome	Northern	No	335	4	3	519							519	184
North Slope	Northern	No	335	4	3	519							519	184
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	335	4	3	519							519	184
Petersburg	Southeast	No	330	4	3	519	2	2	529				519	189
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	330	4	3	519	2	2	529				519	189
Sitka	Southeast	No	578	4	3	519	2	2	529	1	1	578	519	-59
Skagway	Southeast	No	330	4	3	519	2	2	529				519	189
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	342	4	3	519	4	5	600				600	258
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	360	4	3	519	8	9	400				400	40
Wrangell	Southeast	No	330	4	3	519	2	2	529				519	189
Yakutat	Southeast	No	330	4	3	519	2	2	529				519	189
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	342	4	3	519	4	5	600				600	258

Table 97. Toddler - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	873	17	106	1150	1	6	902				1150	277
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	873	17	106	1150	1	6	902				1150	277
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	850	64	723	1119	23	417	1163	23	417	1163	1163	313
Bethel	Southwest	No	873	17	106	1150	1	6	902				1150	277
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	873	17	106	1150	1	6	902				1150	277
Denali	Interior	Yes	723	64	723	1119	23	145	1111	1	2	875	1111	388
Dillingham	Southwest	No	872	17	106	1150	1	6	902	1	6	902	1150	278
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	900	64	723	1119	23	145	1111	22	143	1115	1115	215
Haines	Southeast	No	744	17	106	1150	13	89	1160				1160	416
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	744	17	106	1150	13	89	1160				1160	416
Juneau	Southeast	No	1000	17	106	1150	13	89	1160	5	33	1160	1160	160
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	800	64	723	1119	9	74	975	7	63	900	900	100
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	700	17	106	1150	13	89	1160	4	28	750	750	50
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	744	17	106	1150	9	74	975	2	11	1000	975	231
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	873	17	106	1150	1	6	902				1150	277
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	873	17	106	1150	1	6	902				1150	277
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	700	64	723	1119				11	98	800	800	100
Nome	Northern	No	737	17	106	1150	1	0		1	0		1150	413
North Slope	Northern	No	1280	17	106	1150	1	0					1150	-130
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	737	17	106	1150	1	0					1150	413
Petersburg	Southeast	No	852	17	106	1150	13	89	1160	1	14	1576	1160	308
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	871	17	106	1150	13	89	1160	1	3	871	1160	289
Sitka	Southeast	No	1037	17	106	1150	13	89	1160	2	11	1151	1160	123
Skagway	Southeast	No	744	17	106	1150	13	89	1160				1160	416
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	723	17	106	1150	23	145	1111				1111	388
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	744	17	106	1150	9	74	975				975	231
Wrangell	Southeast	No	744	17	106	1150	13	89	1160				1160	416
Yakutat	Southeast	No	744	17	106	1150	13	89	1160				1160	416
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	723	17	106	1150	23	145	1111				1111	388

Table 98. Toddler - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	408	8	28	830							830	422
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	408	8	28	830							830	422
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	535	30	97	730	10	48	730	10	48	730	730	195
Bethel	Southwest	No	408	8	28	830							830	422
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	408	8	28	830							830	422
Denali	Interior	Yes	525	30	97	730	7	7	638	1	3	625	638	113
Dillingham	Southwest	No	408	8	28	830							830	422
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	533	30	97	730	7	7	638	6	4	660	660	127
Haines	Southeast	No	420	8	28	830	6	16	750				750	330
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	630	8	28	830	6	16	750				750	120
Juneau	Southeast	No	493	8	28	830	6	16	750	3	13	750	750	257
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	607	30	97	730	7	20	707	6	16	707	707	100
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	420	8	28	830	6	16	750	1	2	700	750	330
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	420	8	28	830	7	20	707	1	4	420	707	287
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	408	8	28	830							830	422
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	408	8	28	830							830	422
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	417	30	97	730				7	26	518	518	101
Nome	Northern	No	416	8	28	830	1	8	830	1	8	830	830	414
North Slope	Northern	No	768	8	28	830	1	8	830				830	62
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	416	8	28	830	1	8	830				830	414
Petersburg	Southeast	No	592	8	28	830	6	16	750				750	158
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	563	8	28	830	6	16	750	1	1	563	750	187
Sitka	Southeast	No	624	8	28	830	6	16	750	1	0		750	126
Skagway	Southeast	No	420	8	28	830	6	16	750				750	330
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	525	8	28	830	7	7	638				638	113
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	420	8	28	830	7	20	707				707	287
Wrangell	Southeast	No	420	8	28	830	6	16	750				750	330
Yakutat	Southeast	No	420	8	28	830	6	16	750				750	330
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	525	8	28	830	7	7	638				638	113

Table 99. Toddler - Licensed Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	650	34	66	775	26	50	769	26	50	769	769	119
Bethel	Southwest	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Denali	Interior	Yes	680	34	66	775	3	6	1000				775	95
Dillingham	Southwest	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	616	34	66	775	3	6	1000	3	6	1000	775	159
Haines	Southeast	No	725	7	10	780	3	5	1075	1	3	735	780	55
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	675	7	10	780	3	5	1075				780	105
Juneau	Southeast	No	800	7	10	780	3	5	1075	1	1	1075	780	-20
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	720	34	66	775	9	15	762	5	10	730	730	10
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	700	7	10	780	3	5	1075				780	80
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	620	7	10	780	9	15	762	4	5	780	780	160
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	600	34	66	775							775	175
Nome	Northern	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Northern Slope	Northern	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	680	7	10	780							780	100
Petersburg	Southeast	No	675	7	10	780	3	5	1075				780	105
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	675	7	10	780	3	5	1075				780	105
Sitka	Southeast	No	1075	7	10	780	3	5	1075	1	1	1075	780	-295
Skagway	Southeast	No	675	7	10	780	3	5	1075				780	105
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	680	7	10	780	3	6	1000				780	100
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	620	7	10	780	9	15	762				762	142
Wrangell	Southeast	No	675	7	10	780	3	5	1075				780	105
Yakutat	Southeast	No	675	7	10	780	3	5	1075				780	105
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	680	7	10	780	3	6	1000				780	100

Table 100. Toddler - Licensed Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	474	28	37	520	18	25	520	18	25	520	520	46
Bethel	Southwest	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
Denali	Interior	Yes	496	28	37	520	3	1	550				520	24
Dillingham	Southwest	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	450	28	37	520	3	1	550	3	1	550	520	70
Haines	Southeast	No	510	4	6	480	1	1	510	1	1	510	480	-30
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	510	4	6	480	1	1	510				480	-30
Juneau	Southeast	No	474	4	6	480	1	1	510				480	6
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	452	28	37	520	7	12	480	4	7	501	501	49
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	510	4	6	480	1	1	510				480	-30
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	452	4	6	480	7	12	480	3	5	480	480	28
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	360	28	37	520				3	4	360	520	160
Nome	Northern	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
North Slope	Northern	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	496	4	6	480							480	-16
Petersburg	Southeast	No	510	4	6	480	1	1	510				480	-30
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	510	4	6	480	1	1	510				480	-30
Sitka	Southeast	No	655	4	6	480	1	1	510				480	-175
Skagway	Southeast	No	510	4	6	480	1	1	510				480	-30
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	496	4	6	480	3	1	550				480	-16
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	452	4	6	480	7	12	480				480	28
Wrangell	Southeast	No	510	4	6	480	1	1	510				480	-30
Yakutat	Southeast	No	510	4	6	480	1	1	510				480	-30
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	496	4	6	480	3	1	550				480	-16

Table 101. School Age - Before School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	677	1	4	650							650	-27
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	677	1	4	650							650	-27
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	850	33	594	850	23	453	850	23	453	850	850	0
Bethel	Southwest	No	677	1	4	650							650	-27
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	677	1	4	650							650	-27
Denali	Interior	Yes	645	33	594	850	3	56	380				850	205
Dillingham	Southwest	No	250	1	4	650							650	400
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	700	33	594	850	3	56	380	3	56	380	850	150
Haines	Southeast	No	742	1	4	650	1	4	650				650	-92
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	742	1	4	650	1	4	650				650	-92
Juneau	Southeast	No	350	1	4	650	1	4	650				650	300
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	690	33	594	850	2	21	725	2	21	725	850	160
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	550	1	4	650	1	4	650	1	4	650	650	100
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	648	1	4	650	2	21	725				650	2
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	677	1	4	650							650	-27
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	677	1	4	650							650	-27
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	675	33	594	850	5	64	425	5	64	425	425	-250
Nome	Northern	No	890	1	4	650							650	-240
North Slope	Northern	No	890	1	4	650							650	-240
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	890	1	4	650							650	-240
Petersburg	Southeast	No	742	1	4	650	1	4	650				650	-92
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	742	1	4	650	1	4	650				650	-92
Sitka	Southeast	No	575	1	4	650	1	4	650				650	75
Skagway	Southeast	No	742	1	4	650	1	4	650				650	-92
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	645	1	4	650	3	56	380				650	5
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	690	1	4	650	2	21	725				650	-40
Wrangell	Southeast	No	742	1	4	650	1	4	650				650	-92
Yakutat	Southeast	No	742	1	4	650	1	4	650				650	-92
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	645	1	4	650	3	56	380				650	5

Table 102. School Age - Before School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	380	3	20	330							330	-50
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	380	3	20	330							330	-50
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	400	15	157	500	4	24	95	4	24	95	95	-305
Bethel	Southwest	No	380	3	20	330							330	-50
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	380	3	20	330							330	-50
Denali	Interior	Yes	469	15	157	500	1	2	550				500	31
Dillingham	Southwest	No	380	3	20	330							330	-50
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	325	15	157	500	1	2	550	1	2	550	500	175
Haines	Southeast	No	352	3	20	330	3	20	330				330	-22
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	450	3	20	330	3	20	330				330	-120
Juneau	Southeast	No	220	3	20	330	3	20	330	1	3	750	330	110
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	490	15	157	500	4	44	500	4	44	500	500	10
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	330	3	20	330	3	20	330	2	17	330	330	0
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	387	3	20	330	4	44	500				500	113
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	380	3	20	330							330	-50
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	380	3	20	330							330	-50
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	378	15	157	500	6	87	415	6	87	415	415	37
Nome	Northern	No	499	3	20	330							330	-169
North Slope	Northern	No	499	3	20	330							330	-169
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	499	3	20	330							330	-169
Petersburg	Southeast	No	439	3	20	330	3	20	330				330	-109
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	464	3	20	330	3	20	330				330	-134
Sitka	Southeast	No	350	3	20	330	3	20	330				330	-20
Skagway	Southeast	No	352	3	20	330	3	20	330				330	-22
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	469	3	20	330	1	2	550				330	-139
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	387	3	20	330	4	44	500				500	113
Wrangell	Southeast	No	352	3	20	330	3	20	330				330	-22
Yakutat	Southeast	No	352	3	20	330	3	20	330				330	-22
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	469	3	20	330	1	2	550				330	-139

Table 103. School Age - Before School- Licensed Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	501	17	50	620	14	45	650	14	45	650	650	149
Bethel	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Denali	Interior	Yes	504	17	50	620							620	116
Dillingham	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	700	17	50	620							620	-80
Haines	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Juneau	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	600	17	50	620	3	4	612	2	3	600	620	20
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	550	1	1	648							648	98
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	500	1	1	648	3	4	612	1	1	648	648	148
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	483	17	50	620	1	2	483	1	2	483	620	137
Nome	Northern	No	545	1	1	648							648	103
North Slope	Northern	No	545	1	1	648							648	103
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	545	1	1	648							648	103
Petersburg	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Sitka	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Skagway	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	504	1	1	648							648	144
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	500	1	1	648	3	4	612				648	148
Wrangell	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Yakutat	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	504	1	1	648							648	144

Table 104. School Age - Before School- Licensed Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	345											-345
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	345											-345
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	301	12	18	438	6	10	488	6	10	488	488	187
Bethel	Southwest	No	345											-345
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	345											-345
Denali	Interior	Yes	339	12	18	438							438	99
Dillingham	Southwest	No	345											-345
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	315	12	18	438							438	123
Haines	Southeast	No	350											-350
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	290											-290
Juneau	Southeast	No	290											-290
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	350	12	18	438	4	6	400	4	6	400	400	50
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	290											-290
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	300				4	6	400				400	100
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	345											-345
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	345											-345
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	315	12	18	438	2	2	290	2	2	290	438	123
Nome	Northern	No	327											-327
North Slope	Northern	No	327											-327
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	327											-327
Petersburg	Southeast	No	290											-290
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	290											-290
Sitka	Southeast	No	567											-567
Skagway	Southeast	No	290											-290
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	339											-339
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	300				4	6	400				400	100
Wrangell	Southeast	No	290											-290
Yakutat	Southeast	No	290											-290
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	339											-339

Table 105. School Age - After School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	677	5	43	551							551	-126
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	677	5	43	551							551	-126
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	850	36	634	817	24	483	850	24	483	850	850	0
Bethel	Southwest	No	677	5	43	551							551	-126
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	677	5	43	551							551	-126
Denali	Interior	Yes	645	36	634	817	4	56	534				534	-111
Dillingham	Southwest	No	250	5	43	551							551	301
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	700	36	634	817	4	56	534	4	56	534	534	-166
Haines	Southeast	No	742	5	43	551	3	39	650				551	-191
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	742	5	43	551	3	39	650				551	-191
Juneau	Southeast	No	350	5	43	551	3	39	650				551	201
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	690	36	634	817	5	35	827	3	31	827	827	137
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	550	5	43	551	3	39	650	1	4	650	551	1
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	648	5	43	551	5	35	827	2	4	330	827	179
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	677	5	43	551							551	-126
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	677	5	43	551							551	-126
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	675	36	634	817	5	64	425	5	64	425	425	-250
Nome	Northern	No	890	5	43	551							551	-339
North Slope	Northern	No	890	5	43	551							551	-339
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	890	5	43	551							551	-339
Petersburg	Southeast	No	742	5	43	551	3	39	650				551	-191
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	742	5	43	551	3	39	650				551	-191
Sitka	Southeast	No	575	5	43	551	3	39	650	2	35	453	551	-24
Skagway	Southeast	No	742	5	43	551	3	39	650				551	-191
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	645	5	43	551	4	56	534				534	-111
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	690	5	43	551	5	35	827				827	137
Wrangell	Southeast	No	742	5	43	551	3	39	650				551	-191
Yakutat	Southeast	No	742	5	43	551	3	39	650				551	-191
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	645	5	43	551	4	56	534				534	-111

Table 106. School Age - After School - Licensed Center/Group Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	380	5	32	450							450	70
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	380	5	32	450							450	70
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	400	15	145	500	4	28	375	4	28	375	375	-25
Bethel	Southwest	No	380	5	32	450							450	70
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	380	5	32	450							450	70
Denali	Interior	Yes	469	15	145	500	3	7	395	1	5	240	500	31
Dillingham	Southwest	No	380	5	32	450							450	70
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	325	15	145	500	3	7	395	2	2	550	500	175
Haines	Southeast	No	352	5	32	450	4	12	469				469	117
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	450	5	32	450	4	12	469				469	19
Juneau	Southeast	No	220	5	32	450	4	12	469	1	3	750	469	249
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	490	15	145	500	5	71	500	4	51	500	500	10
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	330	5	32	450	4	12	469	1	4	330	469	139
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	387	5	32	450	5	71	500	1	20	450	500	113
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	380	5	32	450							450	70
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	380	5	32	450							450	70
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	378	15	145	500	4	59	378	4	59	378	378	0
Nome	Northern	No	499	5	32	450							450	-49
North Slope	Northern	No	499	5	32	450							450	-49
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	499	5	32	450							450	-49
Petersburg	Southeast	No	439	5	32	450	4	12	469				469	30
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	464	5	32	450	4	12	469				469	5
Sitka	Southeast	No	350	5	32	450	4	12	469	2	5	375	469	119
Skagway	Southeast	No	352	5	32	450	4	12	469				469	117
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	469	5	32	450	3	7	395				450	-19
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	387	5	32	450	5	71	500				500	113
Wrangell	Southeast	No	352	5	32	450	4	12	469				469	117
Yakutat	Southeast	No	352	5	32	450	4	12	469				469	117
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	469	5	32	450	3	7	395				450	-19

Table 107. School Age - After School- Licensed Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	501	16	49	620	13	44	640	13	44	640	640	139
Bethel	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Denali	Interior	Yes	504	16	49	620							620	116
Dillingham	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	700	16	49	620							620	-80
Haines	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Juneau	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	600	16	49	620	3	4	612	2	3	600	620	20
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	550	1	1	648							648	98
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	500	1	1	648	3	4	612	1	1	648	648	148
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	575	1	1	648							648	73
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	483	16	49	620	1	2	483	1	2	483	620	137
Nome	Northern	No	545	1	1	648							648	103
North Slope	Northern	No	545	1	1	648							648	103
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	545	1	1	648							648	103
Petersburg	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Sitka	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Skagway	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	504	1	1	648							648	144
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	500	1	1	648	3	4	612				648	148
Wrangell	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Yakutat	Southeast	No	483	1	1	648							648	165
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	504	1	1	648							648	144

Table 108. School Age - After School - Licensed Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	345											-345
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	345											-345
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	301	11	17	450	6	10	488	6	10	488	488	187
Bethel	Southwest	No	345											-345
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	345											-345
Denali	Interior	Yes	339	11	17	450							450	111
Dillingham	Southwest	No	345											-345
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	315	11	17	450							450	135
Haines	Southeast	No	350											-350
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	290											-290
Juneau	Southeast	No	290											-290
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	350	11	17	450	4	6	400	4	6	400	400	50
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	290											-290
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	300				4	6	400				400	100
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	345											-345
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	345											-345
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	315	11	17	450	1	1	290	1	1	290	450	135
Nome	Northern	No	327											-327
North Slope	Northern	No	327											-327
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	327											-327
Petersburg	Southeast	No	290											-290
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	290											-290
Sitka	Southeast	No	567											-567
Skagway	Southeast	No	290											-290
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	339											-339
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	300				4	6	400				400	100
Wrangell	Southeast	No	290											-290
Yakutat	Southeast	No	290											-290
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	339											-339

Table 109. School Age - Both Before & After School – Licensed Center/Group Home – Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	677	12	61	1426							1426	749
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	677	12	61	1426							1426	749
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	850	56	796	750	26	463	850	26	463	850	850	0
Bethel	Southwest	No	677	12	61	1426							1426	749
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	677	12	61	1426							1426	749
Denali	Interior	Yes	645	56	796	750	19	193	750				750	105
Dillingham	Southwest	No	250	12	61	1426							1426	1176
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	700	56	796	750	19	193	750	19	193	750	750	50
Haines	Southeast	No	742	12	61	1426	11	60	1426				1426	684
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	742	12	61	1426	11	60	1426				1426	684
Juneau	Southeast	No	350	12	61	1426	11	60	1426	7	37	1426	1426	1076
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	690	56	796	750	5	37	827	4	36	827	827	137
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	550	12	61	1426	11	60	1426	2	11	650	1426	876
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	648	12	61	1426	5	37	827	1	1	648	827	179
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	677	12	61	1426							1426	749
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	677	12	61	1426							1426	749
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	675	56	796	750	7	104	425	7	104	425	425	-250
Nome	Northern	No	890	12	61	1426							1426	536
North Slope	Northern	No	890	12	61	1426							1426	536
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	890	12	61	1426							1426	536
Petersburg	Southeast	No	742	12	61	1426	11	60	1426	1	12	406	1426	684
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	742	12	61	1426	11	60	1426	1	0		1426	684
Sitka	Southeast	No	575	12	61	1426	11	60	1426				1426	851
Skagway	Southeast	No	742	12	61	1426	11	60	1426				1426	684
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	645	12	61	1426	19	193	750				750	105
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	690	12	61	1426	5	37	827				827	137
Wrangell	Southeast	No	742	12	61	1426	11	60	1426				1426	684
Yakutat	Southeast	No	742	12	61	1426	11	60	1426				1426	684
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	645	12	61	1426	19	193	750				750	105

Table 110. School Age - Both Before & After School – Licensed Center/Group Home – Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	380	5	20	387							387	7
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	380	5	20	387							387	7
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	400	18	178	500	4	23	310	4	23	310	310	-91
Bethel	Southwest	No	380	5	20	387							387	7
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	380	5	20	387							387	7
Denali	Interior	Yes	469	18	178	500	2	2	550				500	31
Dillingham	Southwest	No	380	5	20	387							387	7
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	325	18	178	500	2	2	550	2	2	550	500	175
Haines	Southeast	No	352	5	20	387	4	8	750				750	398
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	450	5	20	387	4	8	750				750	300
Juneau	Southeast	No	220	5	20	387	4	8	750	2	3	750	750	530
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	490	18	178	500	7	66	654	6	54	726	726	236
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	330	5	20	387	4	8	750	1	4	330	750	420
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	387	5	20	387	7	66	654	1	12	387	654	267
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	380	5	20	387							387	7
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	380	5	20	387							387	7
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	378	18	178	500	6	99	452	6	99	452	452	74
Nome	Northern	No	499	5	20	387							387	-112
North Slope	Northern	No	499	5	20	387							387	-112
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	499	5	20	387							387	-112
Petersburg	Southeast	No	439	5	20	387	4	8	750				750	311
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	464	5	20	387	4	8	750	1	1	464	750	286
Sitka	Southeast	No	350	5	20	387	4	8	750				750	400
Skagway	Southeast	No	352	5	20	387	4	8	750				750	398
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	469	5	20	387	2	2	550				387	-82
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	387	5	20	387	7	66	654				654	267
Wrangell	Southeast	No	352	5	20	387	4	8	750				750	398
Yakutat	Southeast	No	352	5	20	387	4	8	750				750	398
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	469	5	20	387	2	2	550				387	-82

Table 111. School Age - Both Before & After School - Licensed Home - Full Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	575	5	7	950							950	375
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	575	5	7	950							950	375
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	501	30	83	620	23	72	628	23	72	628	628	127
Bethel	Southwest	No	575	5	7	950							950	375
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	575	5	7	950							950	375
Denali	Interior	Yes	504	30	83	620	2	3	600				620	116
Dillingham	Southwest	No	575	5	7	950							950	375
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	700	30	83	620	2	3	600	2	3	600	620	-80
Haines	Southeast	No	483	5	7	950	2	3	950	1	0		950	467
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	483	5	7	950	2	3	950				950	467
Juneau	Southeast	No	483	5	7	950	2	3	950	1	3	950	950	467
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	600	30	83	620	5	7	624	2	3	600	624	24
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	550	5	7	950	2	3	950				950	400
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	500	5	7	950	5	7	624	3	4	648	624	124
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	575	5	7	950							950	375
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	575	5	7	950							950	375
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	483	30	83	620	3	5	707	3	5	707	620	137
Nome	Northern	No	545	5	7	950							950	405
North Slope	Northern	No	545	5	7	950							950	405
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	545	5	7	950							950	405
Petersburg	Southeast	No	483	5	7	950	2	3	950				950	467
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	483	5	7	950	2	3	950				950	467
Sitka	Southeast	No	483	5	7	950	2	3	950				950	467
Skagway	Southeast	No	483	5	7	950	2	3	950				950	467
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	504	5	7	950	2	3	600				950	446
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	500	5	7	950	5	7	624				624	124
Wrangell	Southeast	No	483	5	7	950	2	3	950				950	467
Yakutat	Southeast	No	483	5	7	950	2	3	950				950	467
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	504	5	7	950	2	3	600				950	446

Table 112. School Age - Both Before & After School - Licensed Home - Part Month 75th Percentile

Borough	Economic Region	Rail Belt	Current State Rate	Railbelt Level			Economic Region			Borough			75th Percentile Tiered Rate Spatial Aggregation	(75th Percentile Tiered Rate) minus (Current State Rate)
				# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile	# Providers	# Children	75th Percentile		
Aleutians East	Southwest	No	345	4	8	432							432	87
Aleutians West	Southwest	No	345	4	8	432							432	87
Anchorage	Anchorage	Yes	301	17	22	438	7	7	473	7	7	473	473	172
Bethel	Southwest	No	345	4	8	432							432	87
Bristol Bay	Southwest	No	345	4	8	432							432	87
Denali	Interior	Yes	339	17	22	438	4	6	315				315	-24
Dillingham	Southwest	No	345	4	8	432							432	87
Fairbanks North Star	Interior	Yes	315	17	22	438	4	6	315	4	6	315	315	0
Haines	Southeast	No	350	4	8	432	2	5	567	1	3	375	432	82
Hoonah-Angoon	Southeast	No	290	4	8	432	2	5	567				432	142
Juneau	Southeast	No	290	4	8	432	2	5	567				432	142
Kenai	Gulf Coast	Yes	350	17	22	438	6	8	390	4	5	400	400	50
Ketchikan Gateway	Southeast	No	290	4	8	432	2	5	567				432	142
Kodiak Island	Gulf Coast	No	300	4	8	432	6	8	390	2	3	387	390	90
Kusilvak	Southwest	No	345	4	8	432							432	87
Lake and Peninsula	Southwest	No	345	4	8	432							432	87
Matanuska-Susitna	MatSu	Yes	315	17	22	438	2	4	241	2	4	241	438	123
Nome	Northern	No	327	4	8	432							432	105
North Slope	Northern	No	327	4	8	432							432	105
Northwest Arctic	Northern	No	327	4	8	432							432	105
Petersburg	Southeast	No	290	4	8	432	2	5	567				432	142
Prince of Wales-Hyder	Southeast	No	290	4	8	432	2	5	567				432	142
Sitka	Southeast	No	567	4	8	432	2	5	567	1	2	567	432	-135
Skagway	Southeast	No	290	4	8	432	2	5	567				432	142
Southeast Fairbanks	Interior	No	339	4	8	432	4	6	315				315	-24
Valdez-Cordova	Gulf Coast	No	300	4	8	432	6	8	390				390	90
Wrangell	Southeast	No	290	4	8	432	2	5	567				432	142
Yakutat	Southeast	No	290	4	8	432	2	5	567				432	142
Yukon-Koyukuk	Interior	No	339	4	8	432	4	6	315				315	-24

Cost of Care

Employee Training

Slightly more than two thirds (67%) of responding providers (n = 211) pay for staff training and development (see Figure 1).

Figure 1. Number and percent of providers who pay for staff training and development



Paid Leave

Between 45% and 51% of child care providers offer paid leave for holidays, vacation, sick/personal time, and professional development days (see Figure 2).

Figure 2. Number and percent of responding providers offering paid leave to full-time employees



Looking at the 75th percentile, 26 days of paid leave are offered to full-time employees of child care providers (Table 113)

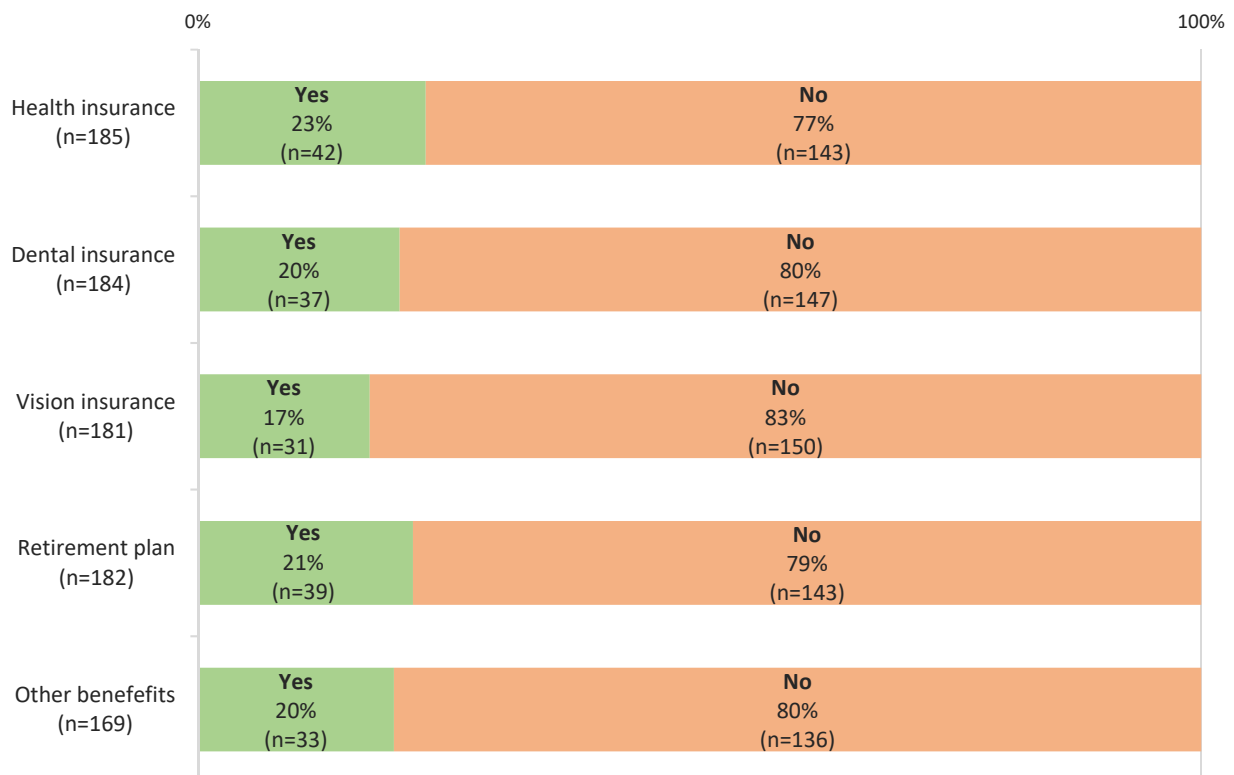
Table 113. Number of annual paid leave days offered by type and percentile

Type of leave days per year	25th percentile	50th (Median)	75th percentile
Paid holidays	7	9	12
Paid vacation leave	5	7	12.25
Paid sick/personal leave	2	5	9.25
Paid professional development days	2	3	5
Other paid leave	1	2.5	6.75
Total	12	16.5	26

Benefits

Not quite 25% (between 17% and 23%) of child care providers offer benefits such as health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, and a retirement plan (see Figure 3).

Figure 3. Number and percent of responding providers offering full time employee's benefits



Narrow Cost Analysis

To understand the cost of providing child care in Alaska, two methodologies are utilized. The first uses the same approach as the 2017 Alaska Child Care Market Price Survey Report conducted by CCPO to provide consistent estimates of cost over time. The second is an original methodology developed for this study and using information about provider costs solicited in the November 2020 Market Price Survey.

Update to 2017 Method:

First we present the results of a narrow cost analysis conducted using the same methodology as the 2017 Alaska Child Care Market Price Survey Report, with relevant updates to input data. The following text is reproduced with some contextual modification from the 2017 report:

Three key inputs are used to estimate the cost of child care: child-to-caregiver and maximum group size ratios established in licensing regulations, regional wage data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and a set of assumptions taken from the “Guidance on Estimating and Reporting the Costs of Child Care” developed by the National Center on Early Childhood Quality Assurance and National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability. More specifically, we used the assumption that personnel costs tend to range between 70% and 80% of total costs for centers.

For Licensed Centers, CCPO used the low end – 70% – of the range. As such, the estimates of total cost that were generated should be on the high end of the range. For Group Homes and Licensed Homes, CCPO assumed the high end – 80% – of the range. CCPO chose the high end of the range because there should be less overhead in Group Homes and Licensed Homes than in Licensed Centers. This should be especially the case for building/facility costs. For Licensed Centers, CCPO used licensing regulations to calculate the total number of children that could be in full time care with two caregivers, along with a half-time caregiver to provide coverage for breaks. For salary, CCPO assumed that caregivers would be compensated in line with the mean wages for Childcare Workers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics for three areas (Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Southeast – nonmetro). In this way, the analysis is limited to the regions defined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics occupational wage and salary data. The latest wage data from the BLS are for 2019. For mandatory employer contributions, CCPO assumed a contribution of 6.2% for Social Security and 1.45% for Medicare taxes.

After establishing the total amount for wages and mandatory contributions, CCPO calculated personnel costs by multiplying the number of FTEs by the number of hours in the month (160) and then multiplying the product by the hourly wage (including mandatory contributions). To get the total cost to the provider, the personnel costs were divided by the proportion of total costs that personnel costs typically make up (70% as described above). From this total cost, CCPO derived: a) the cost per child (by dividing total cost by number of children), and b) the average hourly admin wages (by subtracting total costs from state total reimbursement and dividing the difference by the number of hours in a month).

This process was repeated for Anchorage, Fairbanks, and Southeast (non-metro). This process was then repeated for Group Homes and Licensed Homes. The input parameters for Group Homes and Licensed Homes were identical to the input parameters for centers with two exceptions: 1) the proportion of total costs that personnel costs make up was set to 80% as described above, and 2) the average hourly admin wages above and beyond base wage was calculated for all children in care separately and then summed.

The estimated costs and the inputs used to calculate these costs can be found in Table 114 below. Figure 4 compares the 2020 estimated costs to the estimated costs from the 2017 Market Price Survey Report, and shows the estimated cost of care has increased from 2017 to 2020 for all age groups, regions, and provider types.

Table 114. 2020 Estimated Costs

Age	N Children ¹	FTE Employment ²	Wages/hr. ³	Mandatory Contributions ^{4,5}	Labor Cost/ FTE ^{3,4}	State Rate ⁶	Proportion of Total Cost from Labor ⁷	State Total Reimbursement ⁸	Total Labor Cost ⁹	Total Cost ¹⁰	Admin Wages/Hr. ¹¹	Cost Per Child/Month ¹²
Anchorage: Centers												
Infant	8	2.5	13.54	0.0765	14.58	900	0.7	7200	5830	8329	-7.06	1041
Toddler	11	2.5	13.54	0.0765	14.58	800	0.7	8800	5830	8329	2.94	757
Preschool	20	2.5	13.54	0.0765	14.58	700	0.7	14000	5830	8329	35.44	416
School Age	20	2.5	13.54	0.0765	14.58	745	0.7	14900	5830	8329	41.07	416
Fairbanks: Centers												
Infant	10	2.5	16.45	0.0765	17.71	825	0.7	8250	7083	10119	-11.68	1012
Toddler	12	2.5	16.45	0.0765	17.71	888	0.7	10656	7083	10119	3.36	843
Preschool	20	2.5	16.45	0.0765	17.71	675	0.7	13500	7083	10119	21.13	506
School Age	36	2.5	16.45	0.0765	17.71	639	0.7	23004	7083	10119	80.53	281
Southeast - non metro: Centers												
Infant	10	2.5	13.65	0.0765	14.69	791	0.7	7910	5878	8397	-3.04	840
Toddler	12	2.5	13.65	0.0765	14.69	700	0.7	8400	5878	8397	0.02	700
Preschool	20	2.5	13.65	0.0765	14.69	607	0.7	12140	5878	8397	23.40	420
School Age	36	2.5	13.65	0.0765	14.69	650	0.7	23400	5878	8397	93.77	233
Fairbanks: Group Homes												
Infant	4	2.5	16.45	0.0765	17.71	825	0.8	3300	2361	2951	2.18	738
Toddler	1	2.5	16.45	0.0765	17.71	888	0.8	888	590	738	0.94	738
Preschool	3.5	2.5	16.45	0.0765	17.71	675	0.8	2363	2066	2582	-1.37	738
School Age	3.5	2.5	16.45	0.0765	17.71	639	0.8	2237	2066	2582	-2.16	738
Southeast - non metro: Group Homes												
Infant	4	2.5	13.65	0.0765	14.69	791	0.8	3164	1959	2449	4.47	612
Toddler	1	2.5	13.65	0.0765	14.69	700	0.8	700	490	612	0.55	612
Preschool	3.5	2.5	13.65	0.0765	14.69	607	0.8	2125	1714	2143	-0.12	612
School Age	3.5	2.5	13.65	0.0765	14.69	650	0.8	2275	1714	2143	0.83	612
Anchorage: Homes												
Infant	2	1	13.54	0.0765	14.58	700	0.8	1400	583	729	4.20	364
Toddler	1	1	13.54	0.0765	14.58	650	0.8	650	292	364	1.79	364
Preschool	2.5	1	13.54	0.0765	14.58	545	0.8	1363	729	911	2.82	364
School Age	2.5	1	13.54	0.0765	14.58	501	0.8	1253	729	911	2.13	364
Fairbanks: Homes												
Infant	2	1	16.45	0.0765	17.71	680	0.8	1360	708	885	2.97	443
Toddler	1	1	16.45	0.0765	17.71	616	0.8	616	354	443	1.08	443
Preschool	2.5	1	16.45	0.0765	17.71	539	0.8	1348	885	1107	1.50	443
School Age	2.5	1	16.45	0.0765	17.71	600	0.8	1500	885	1107	2.46	443
Southeast - non metro: Homes												
Infant	2	1	13.65	0.0765	14.69	694	0.8	1388	588	735	4.08	367
Toddler	1	1	13.65	0.0765	14.69	675	0.8	675	294	367	1.92	367
Preschool	2.5	1	13.65	0.0765	14.69	550	0.8	1375	735	918	2.85	367
School Age	2.5	1	13.65	0.0765	14.69	483	0.8	1208	735	918	1.81	367

² <http://www.legis.state.ak.us/basis/aac.asp#7.57.010>

³ <https://data.bls.gov/oes/#/home>

⁴ <http://doa.alaska.gov/dof/manuals/aam/resource/360.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.irs.gov/taxtopics/tc751>

⁶ <http://dhss.alaska.gov/dpa/Documents/dpa/programs/ccare/Documents/Files/CC-Rate-Schedule-20190301.pdf>

⁷ https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/public/guidance_estimating_cost_care_0.pdf

⁸ # of Children X State Reimbursement Rate

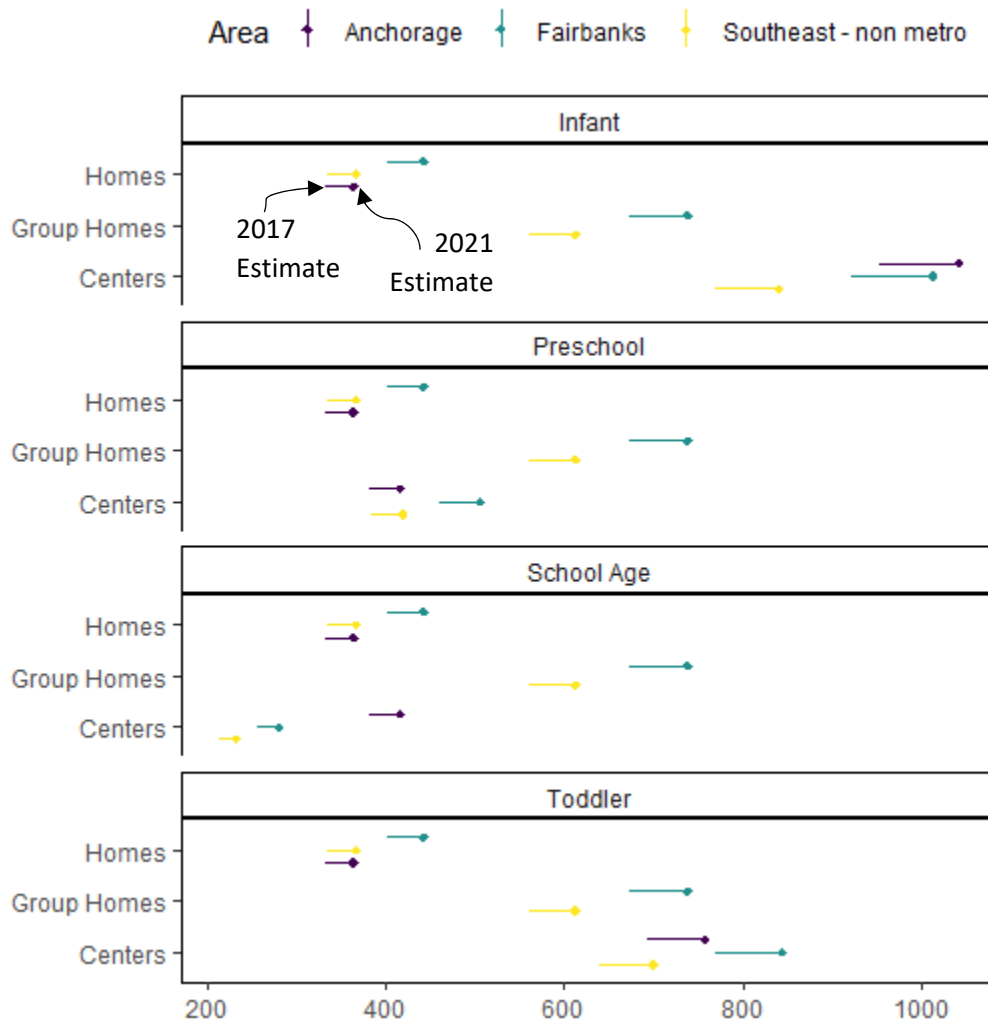
⁹ (Wages/HR X FTE X # of Hours in Month (160))

¹⁰ Personnel Costs / Proportion of Total Costs that Personnel Makes Up

¹¹ (State Total Reimbursement Minus Total Costs) / 160

¹² Total Costs / # of Children

Figure 4. Comparison of 2017 Market Price Survey estimated costs and 2020 estimated costs



New Method:

The cost of a full-time equivalent (FTE) month of child care was also estimated by utilizing information solicited as part of the Market Price Survey. Providers were asked about their staffing, employee wages and benefits, and about their key operational expenses including food, supplies, rent, and utilities. These costs were then aggregated and normalized based on other operational data providers supplied as well as some assumptions.

Enrollment:

Providers were asked to report their full- and part-time enrollment by age group for October 2020. We estimate full-time equivalent enrollment (FTE) for each age group by assuming that part-time enrollment constitutes 65% of a full-time enrollment on a monthly basis. This assumption is in-line with providers' responses regarding their full- and part time enrollment definitions.

Staff expenses:

Providers were asked to indicate the number and wage ranges of employees in the following positions: director, assistant director, lead teacher, and assistant teacher. For our analysis, we

utilize the midpoint of the wage range as a point estimate. We multiply the number of employees in each position by the midpoint wage then add these products together to obtain the total hourly wage expense. Assuming 160 hours of care per month (8hr/day x 5 days/week x 4 weeks/month), multiplying the total hours open per month by this average hourly wage expense yields the monthly wage expense.

Providers were asked to provide their budget for staff training. This cost was converted to a total monthly cost.

Employers must pay Social Security, Medicare, and contribute to unemployment insurance. These mandatory contributions range from between 8-11% of an employee's wages. We will assume 10% mandatory contributions for our purpose.

Fringe benefits, if provided, are typically 10-30% of an employee's wages. Child care providers were asked to indicate whether certain fringe benefits such as health or dental benefits were provided as part of employment. If a provider indicated that any such benefits were provided, we assume this cost adds 20% of employee wages to employee expenses.

Base wages are added to training, mandatory benefits, and fringe benefits to estimate the total monthly staff expense. We divide this expense by the number of FTE children enrolled to calculate the staff expense per month per FTE child.

Other expenses:

Providers were asked to indicate their monthly expenditures for food, supplies, rent, and utilities including gas or heating oil, water, electricity, and phone and internet. These expenses are divided by the number of enrolled FTE children and totaled to estimate the total other expenses per FTE child.

To understand the differences in the cost of providing care across geography and facility type, we estimate a simple linear regression model using these two factors as explanatory variables. Geography is measured using Alaska's seven economic regions: Anchorage, Gulf Coast, Interior, Mat-Su, Northern, Southeast, and Southwest. The model is estimated by ordinary least squares (used in the 2017 Market Price Survey Report).

We estimate these geographic and facility-type effects for seven different measures of the cost per full time equivalent child enrolled. These costs include wages and benefits, then other expenses: food, supplies, rent, utilities (the sum of oil and gas, water, electric, and telecom). We also analyze the total cost of these other expenses (Total) and the overall cost of wages and benefits and these additional items (All).

Table 115 presents the results. Each column represents an individual or aggregated expense type. The top row – Licensed Homes in Anchorage, is the reference category. The values in this row are the estimated costs for such a provider per month per FTE enrolled child. The values in the other rows represent *relative costs* to the reference category. For example, food expenses average \$103 per month per FTE child in Anchorage Licensed Homes. The value of -\$5.46 for Mat-Su suggests that relative to Anchorage, food expenditures are \$5.46 less for facilities located in that region relative to Anchorage.

Complete response rates varied by geography. Responses were particularly sparse in the remote Northern and Southwest regions, which should lead to caution in generalizing the results in these

areas. The average cost to provide care in a Licensed Home in Anchorage is estimated to be \$730.19 per month per FTE child.¹³

Table 115. Effect of Geography and Facility Type on Operating Costs in Dollars

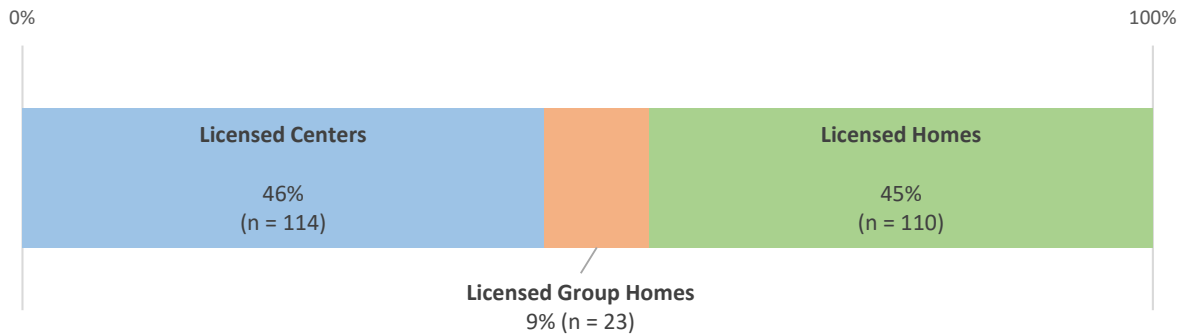
Comparison Group	All		Staff Expense		Other Expenses				
			Wages & Benefits		Total	Food	Supplies	Rent	Utilities
Anchorage: Licensed Home	730.19		326.92		403.27	102.96	38.28	173.77	88.25
Gulf Coast	-136.35		-203.9		67.55	34.99	13.81	1.08	17.69
	(n=15)		(n=15)		(n=28)	(n=16)	(n=18)	(n=17)	(n=28)
Interior	-187.22		-241.52		54.29	6.15	-3.72	33.65	18.22
	(n=19)		(n=19)		(n=29)	(n=21)	(n=20)	(n=20)	(n=29)
Mat-Su	-196.82		-229.97		33.14	-5.46	-11	25.2	24.41
	(n=14)		(n=14)		(n=18)	(n=13)	(n=12)	(n=15)	(n=18)
Northern	-36.21		-144.24		108.03	NA	25.76	NA	134.26
	(n=2)		(n=2)		(n=2)	(n=0)	(n=1)	(n=0)	(n=2)
Southeast	233.85		182.87		50.98	23.22	17.52	4.59	5.66
	(n=23)		(n=23)		(n=30)	(n=22)	(n=26)	(n=18)	(n=30)
Southwest	395.59		446.43		-50.84	NA	28.58	NA	-11.29
	(n=1)		(n=1)		(n=2)	(n=0)	(n=1)	(n=0)	(n=2)
Licensed Center	215.34		525.34		-310	-87.82	-25.07	-120.79	-76.32
	(n=84)		(n=84)		(n=96)	(n=54)	(n=62)	(n=45)	(n=96)
Licensed Group Home	253.29		326.48		-73.19	-11.61	-10.64	-33.27	-17.68
	(n=13)		(n=13)		(n=19)	(n=15)	(n=16)	(n=17)	(n=19)
Estimated cost differentials between regions and facility types. Each column represents an individual or aggregated expense type. All is the total cost of operation, in dollars per month per full time equivalent child enrolled. Wages and benefits are the staff expenses from base wages, mandatory benefits, fringe benefits, and reported training costs. Total is the total of other expenses, which include food, supplies, rent, and utilities. The top row – Licensed Homes in Anchorage, is the reference category. The values in this row are the estimated costs for such a provider per month per FTE enrolled child. The values in the other rows represent relative costs to the reference category.									

¹³ Ordinary least squares regression used in the 2017 report is also used here.

Type of Facility

Most responding child care providers were either Licensed Centers (46%) or Licensed Homes (45%) (see Figure 5). More than half (52%) of responding child care providers were Sole Proprietors (see Table 116).

Figure 5. Number and percent of responding providers by facility type



Type of Business

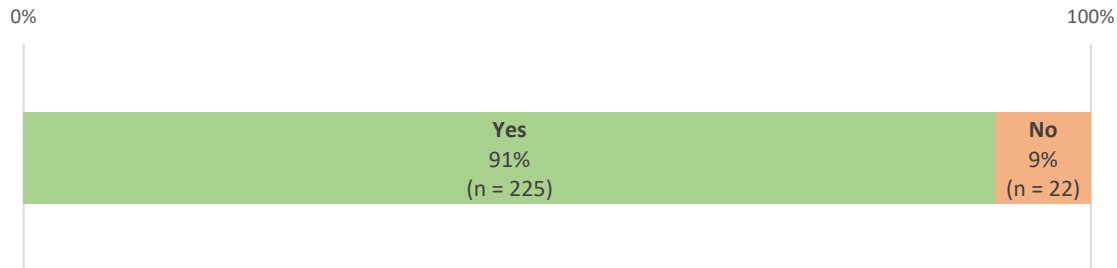
Table 116. What is the business type of your facility?

Business Type	Child Care Providers	
	#	%
Sole Proprietor	128	52%
Limited Liability Company (LLC)	32	13%
Cooperative	5	2%
Partnership	3	1%
Non-Profit Corporation	52	21%
Religious Corporation	5	2%
Other		
S corporation	5	2%
Government, city, and/or school district	7	3%
Owner	1	.01%
Missing/Blank	9	3%
Total	247	99.01%

Participation in Child Care Program

Most (91%) child care providers participate in the Child Care Assistance Program (see Figure 6).

Figure 6. Number and percent of current participants in Child Care Assistance Program



Reasons for not participating

For the 9% of child care providers who are not participating in the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP), we asked what their reasons are. Seventy percent (70%) of these providers said they did not have families that qualify enrolled in their program (see Table 117).

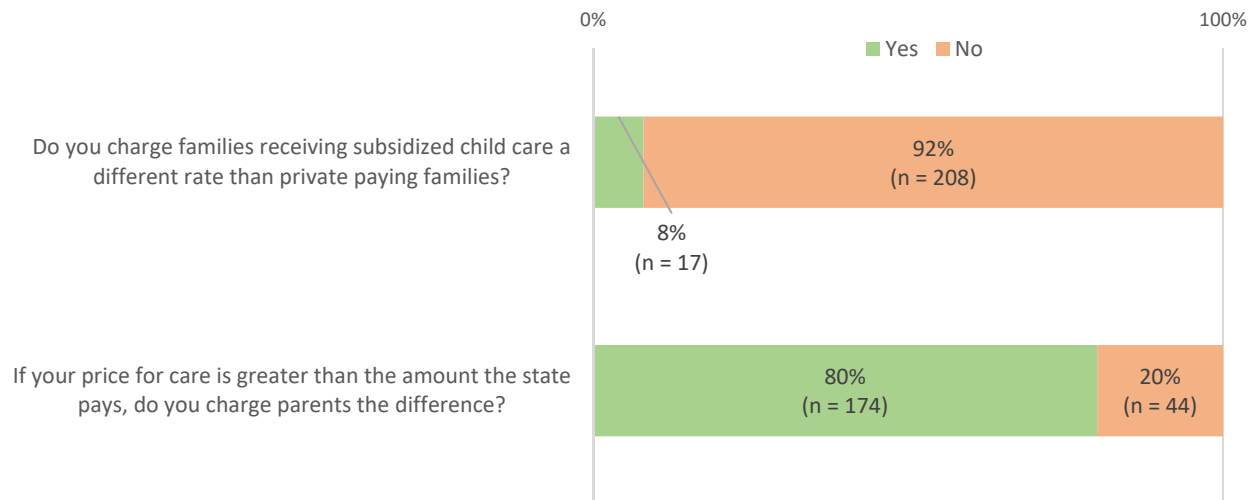
*Table 117. Reasons for Not Participating in Child Care Assistance Program
(n = 20)*

	CCAP non-participant providers (n = 20)	
	#	%
Family eligibility requirements change too often	0	0%
Past difficulty collecting fees from CCAP	1	5%
Reimbursement rates are too low	2	10%
Do not know about the program	0	0%
Do not know how to participate	2	10%
Application process is too long	3	14%
Requirements are too high	0	0%
Other		
Do not have families enrolled in CCAP	14	70%
Due to in-person school closure and COVID-19 pandemic, our program is currently closed and services are suspended.	1	5%
Hassle	1	5%
Moved so had to apply	1	5%
Not being paid until working for over a month. No one should have to care for a child 50 hours a week for 6 weeks or more before receiving a dime. I am paid in advance of services	1	5%

Families charged subsidized compared to private paying

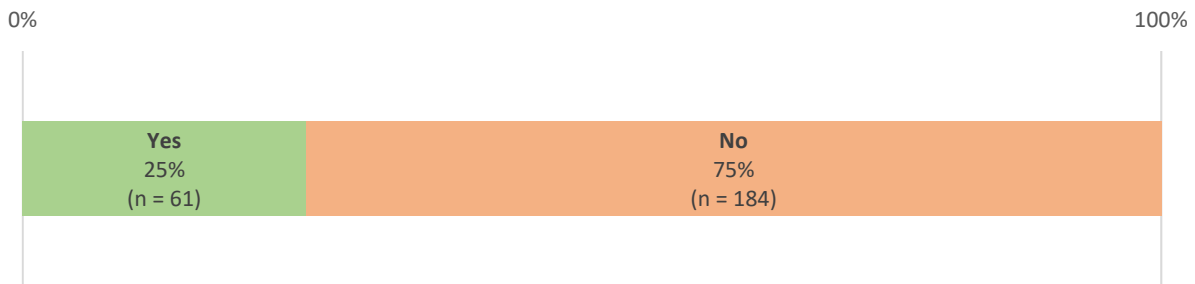
Most child care providers (92%) have the same rates for subsidized and unsubsidized care. If the price is greater than the state amount 80% of providers charge parents the difference (see Figure 7)

Figure 7. Families charged subsidized compared to private pay



Capacity

Figure 8. Respondents Operating at Full Capacity as of October 2020 as Listed on Child Care License



Three-quarters (75%) of responding providers say they are not operating at full capacity (see Figure 8). When asked reasons for not operating at full capacity as listed on the child care office license, three COVID-19 related reasons were the most frequently marked. COVID-19 had a substantial impact on providers' ability to operate at full capacity affecting the demand for child care (61.2%) and due to the need to implement social distancing guidelines (68.9%). In addition, a smaller but notable percent, 21.3% noted that employees were worried about getting COVID-19 (see Table 118).

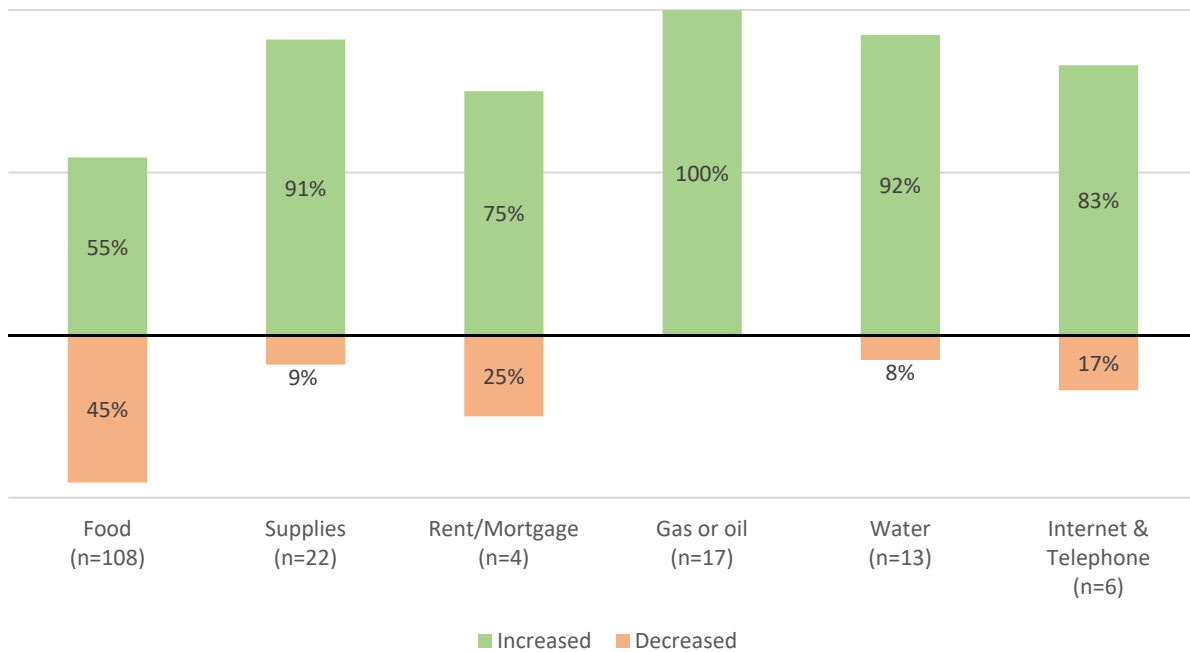
Table 118. Reasons for Not Operating at Full Capacity as Listed on Child Care License

	Providers not operating at full capacity (n = 184)	
	#	%
Lack of qualified Child Care Associates	31	16.9%
Lack of qualified Child Development Leaders	18	9.8%
Lack of other qualified child care staff	30	16.4%
Not enough families interested in child care	75	41.0%
Too many other licensed child care providers	9	4.9%
Due to COVID-19 - social distancing guidelines	126	68.9%
Due to COVID-19 - I/my employees are worried about getting	39	21.3%
Due to COVID-19 - Lack of demand for services school closings/unemployment rates	112	61.2%
Do not want to operate at full licensed capacity	34	14%
Other		
Age of children	1	0.5%
Capacity limits	10	5.5%
Choose not to	10	5.5%
Licensed capacity is too high	5	2.7%
staffing	3	1.6%
Other	4	2.2%
Moved	2	1.0%
Variance on capacity	1	0.5%

COVID-19 Impacts

We asked providers about operating costs increases and decreases since March 2020, the start of the COVID-19 pandemic (see Figure 9). Looking at operating costs increases, COVID-19 was noted as the primary reason. It is also noteworthy to see that almost half (45%) of responding providers felt decreases in their costs for food were also related to COVID-19.

Figure 9. Cost changes due to COVID-19

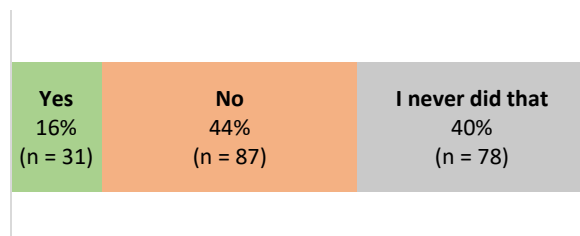


We asked child care providers about the impact of COVID-19 on their employees. Sixteen percent (16%) of responding providers continued to pay their laid off employees (see Figure 10).

Figure 10. Paying laid off employees

In **October 2020**, did you continue to...

pay employees who would have been laid off?
(n = 196)



As reported by child care providers, a quarter (25%) of their employees applied for unemployment benefits.

Figure 11. Employees applied for unemployment insurance benefits as of October 2020

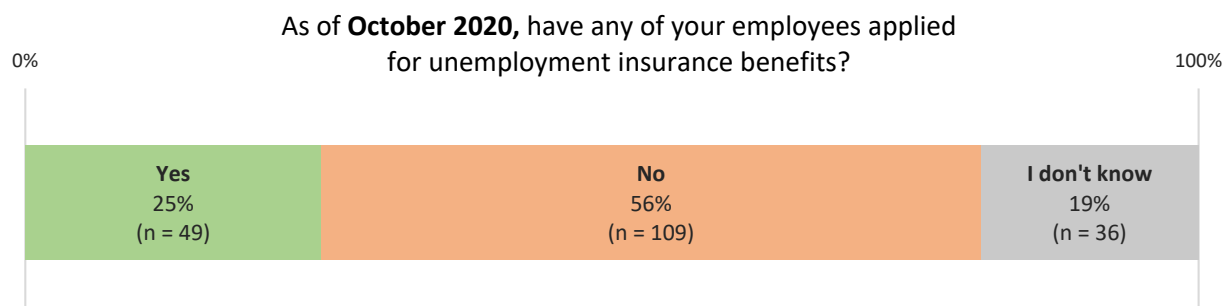


Table 119. Percent of providers reporting employee salary changes since March 2020 and if change due to COVID-19 - All Providers

All providers	% reporting change since March 2020			% attributing change to COVID-19
	Increase	Decrease	No change	
Director (n = 35)	60%	26%	9%	49%
Assistant Director (n = 26)	62%	12%	8%	42%
Lead Teacher (n = 38)	66%	11%	18%	61%
Assistant Teacher (n = 45)	76%	7%	13%	58%

Table 120. Percent of providers reporting employee salary changes since March 2020 and if change due to COVID-19 - Licensed Centers

Licensed Centers	% reporting change since March 2020			% attributing change to COVID-19
	Increase	Decrease	No change	
Director (n = 22)	82%	14%	5%	41%
Assistant Director (n = 21)	76%	14%	10%	48%
Lead Teacher (n = 33)	73%	12%	15%	64%
Assistant Teacher (n = 39)	79%	5%	15%	56%

Table 121. Percent of providers reporting employee salary changes since March 2020 and if change due to COVID-19 - Licensed Group Homes

Licensed Group Homes	% reporting change since March 2020			% attributing change to COVID-19
	Increase	Decrease	No change	
Director (n = 2)	0%	100%	0%	50%
Assistant Director (n = 1)	100%	0%	0%	100%
Lead Teacher (n = 2)	50%	0%	50%	50%
Assistant Teacher (n = 2)	50%	50%	0%	100%

Table 122. Percent of providers reporting employee salary changes since March 2020 and if change due to COVID-19 - Licensed Homes

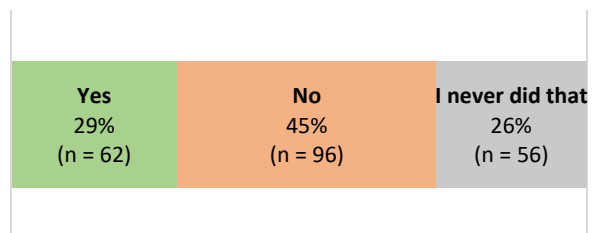
Licensed Homes	% reporting change since March 2020			% attributing change to COVID-19
	Increase	Decrease	No change	
Director (n = 9)	33%	44%	22%	67%
Assistant Director (n = 1)	0%	0%	0%	0%
Lead Teacher (n = 2)	0%	0%	50%	50%
Assistant Teacher (n = 2)	100%	0%	0%	100%

As of October 2020, 29% of responding providers were charging families for children that did not attend.

Figure 12. Charging families for children that did not attend

In **October 2020**, did you continue

charge families for children that did not attend?
(n = 214)



Looking more closely at the impact of school closures, 36% of responding childcare providers stated children authorized for part month enrollment attended more than authorized. Among this group, almost two-thirds (64%) did not provide this additional care for free.

Figure 13. School-age children attendance changes as result of COVID-19

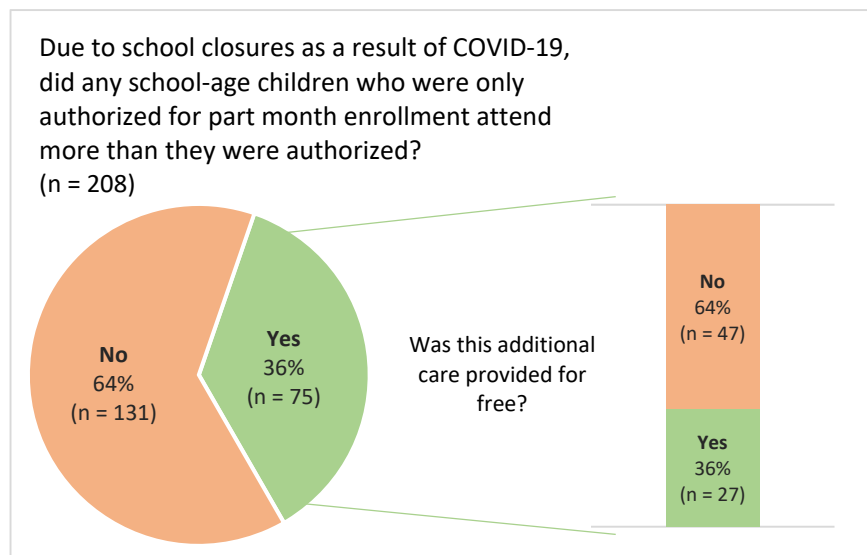


Figure 14. SBA Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan

As of **October 2020**, have you applied for the...

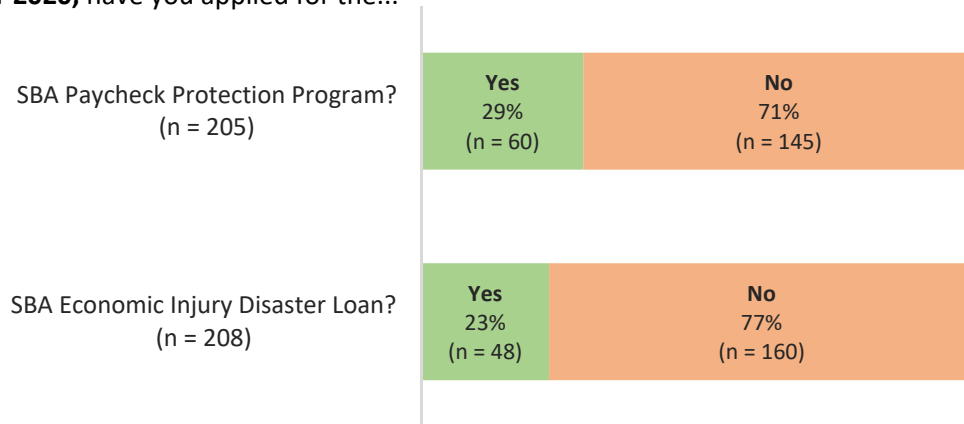


Figure 15. Applied for SBA Paycheck Protection Program by Provider Type

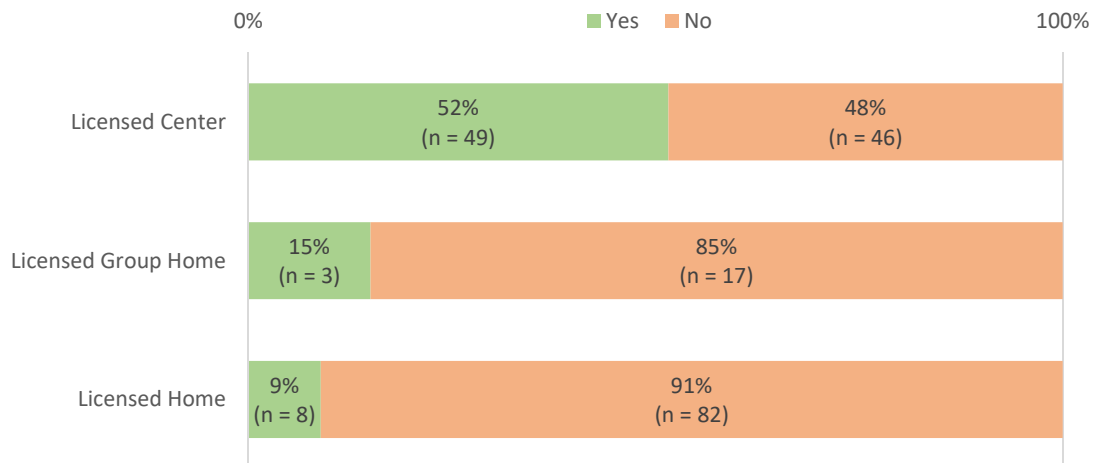
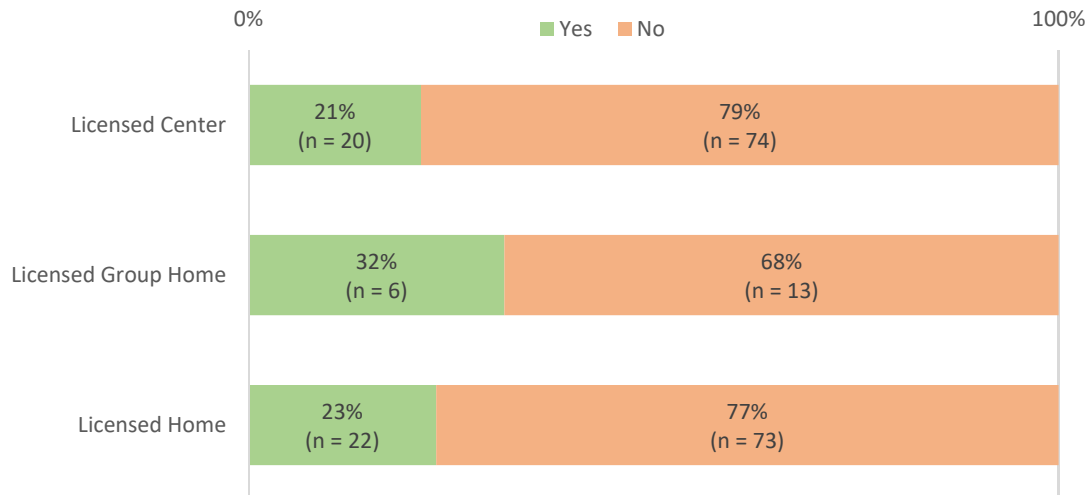


Figure 16. Applied for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan by Provider Type



Here we take a closer look at how child care providers utilized the SBA Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan programs.

Among all providers, 14% applied for both the SBA Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan programs. Among those who applied for both, 68% were Licensed Centers. (see Tables 123 and 124)

Table 123. Number and percent of providers and by facility type among those that applied for both SBA Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Long programs

Child care providers that applied for both programs		
Provider Type	#	%
Licensed Center	19	68%
Licensed Group Home	3	11%
License Home	6	21%
All providers	28	100%

Table 124. Number and percent of providers and by facility type that applied for both programs SBA Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loan

Child care providers that applied for both programs		
# Responding Providers by Type	#	%
Licensed Center (n = 94)	19	20%
Licensed Group Home (n = 19)	3	16%
License Home (n = 90)	6	7%
All providers (n = 205)	28	14%

Looking at those who only applied for the SBA Paycheck Protection Program they are 16% of all providers. Licensed centers were 94% of this group.

Table 125. Number and percent of all providers and by facility type among those that only applied for SBA Paycheck Protection Program

Provider Type	Child care providers that only applied for SBA Paycheck Protection Program	
	#	%
Licensed Center	30	94%
Licensed Group Home	0	0%
License Home	2	6%
All providers	32	100%

Table 126. Number and percent of all providers and by facility type that only applied for SBA Paycheck Protection Program

# Responding Providers by Type	Child care providers that only applied for SBA Paycheck Protection Program	
	#	%
Licensed Center (n = 94)	30	32%
Licensed Group Home (n = 19)	0	0%
License Home (n = 90)	2	2%
All providers (n = 205)	32	16%

Those that only applied for the Economic Injury Disaster Program were 10% of providers. Eighty percent (80%) of these applicants were Licensed Homes

Table 127. Number and percent of all providers and by facility type among those that only applied for Economic Injury Disaster Loan

Provider Type	Child care providers that only applied for Economic Injury Disaster Loan	
	#	%
Licensed Center	1	5%
Licensed Group Home	3	15%
License Home	16	80%
All providers	20	100%

Table 128. Number and percent of all providers and by facility type that only applied for Economic Injury Disaster Loan

# Responding Providers by Type	Child care providers that only applied for Economic Injury Disaster Loan	
	#	%
Licensed Center (n = 94)	1	1%
Licensed Group Home (n = 19)	3	16%
License Home (n = 90)	16	18%
All providers (n = 205)	20	10%

More than half (57%) of responding providers were closed temporarily at least once since March 2020.

Figure 17. Temporary closures since March 2020

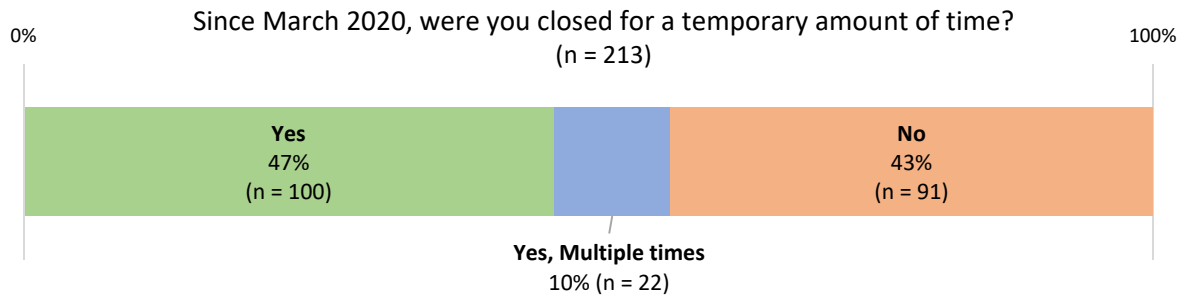


Figure 18 shows the percent of providers who reported being closed (n = 122) due to COVID-19 by month of closure. Over time most of the closures of child care providers occurred March through May, 2020. As of November 2020, 97% of open child care providers anticipate staying open.

Figure 18. Percent of survey respondents who were closed due to COVID-19, by month of closure

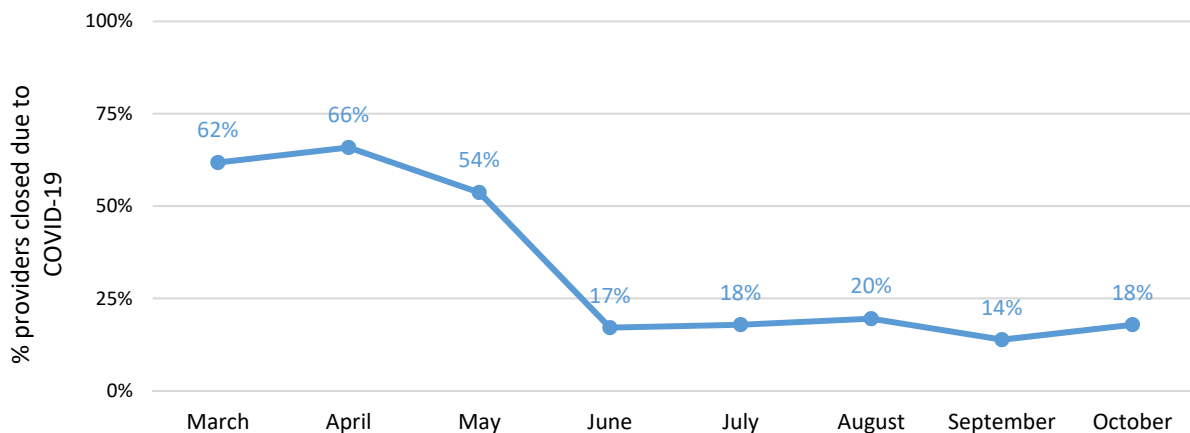
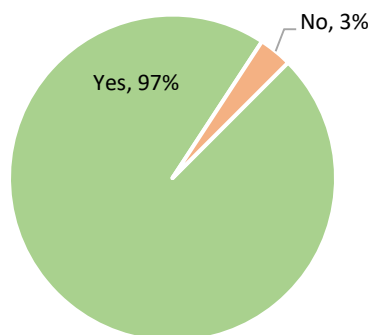


Figure 19. Percent of survey respondents who anticipate staying open

Do you anticipate staying open?
(n = 214)



A Thematic Analysis of “What should we consider in the next Market Price Survey?”

The following section is a thematic analysis of the responses to the question “What should we consider in the next Market Price Survey?” There were 79 responses. Among the responses, there were five overarching themes emerged across the analysis. These are:

1. COVID-19
2. Change in rates and funding
3. Program operational costs
4. CCAP issues
5. Survey administration and Content

Each theme has sub components. Table 129 shows the five themes and their components. Some of the responses did not fit among these prominent themes and hence are not included in the thematic analysis. Specific quotes are presented to convey relevant details regarding how each of the themes or factors should be considered in the next Market Price Survey.

Table 129. Themes and Subcomponents for what to consider in the next Market Price Survey

Theme	Subcomponents
COVID-19	-COVID-19 Relief -Closure
Change of rates and funding	-Increase rates -Increase funding -Do survey every year
Program operational costs	-Costs questions -Cost of living -Substitute staffing
CCAP issues	-Eligibility -Definition of age groups -Logistics of payment
Survey administration and content	-Survey issues -Small Day care -Seasonal

COVID-19

The largest number of responses referred to the impacts of COVID-19. These impacts of COVID-19 include increased expense for supplies such as PPE and staffing, loss of kids (reduced enrollment) or higher enrollment, relief from COVID-19 impacts, and closures.

COVID-19 meant providers were spending more on supplies such as PPE and staffing.

"Costs of extra supplies and staffing will remain high. Repeated closures will drain savings which may cause rates to increase"

"Please consider that covid19 has made all business owners to spend more money in cleaning supplies in order to provide a safe and healthy environment for the children to play. Plus all disinfecting supplies are more expensive now with COVID, gloves PPE etc. These expenses have made a huge impact in my finances that everything that we get paid it goes straight to rent and bills and supplies"

"Higher rate, due to so many things that we face, especially PPE and supplies cost is sky rocket"

"Increased number of staff needed to comply with COVID19 Mitigation Plans, increased cleaning supplies and scarcity of resources, how operations have had to change for safety"

COVID-19 has caused a loss of kids (reduced enrollment) or higher enrollment due to school closures and keeping adequate staffing levels.

"Closed for 10 days in November due to COVID, Need for low enrollment, families in crisis due to loss of work, need additional staffing for illness coverage"

"[M]aybe more children attending my day care due to the covid-19. with school still closed"

"Maybe more enrollment. Maybe COVID numbers will decrease"

"2 of my kids (not subsidized) had to go to part time because of COVID. We don't have a big profit margin. It hurts our budget. Also, there's a lot of extra work right now, but the pay does not reflect that for small one person operations."

"Did you work with other centers to secure Subs in case employees got sick?"

COVID-19 relief through change in rates, grant, or other means to help with increased costs.

"An option for a grant to help with the increase expenses due to COVID"

"Cost of the changes in prices during COVID. Our paychecks we decided [w]e are a monthly ref from what we have left after bills so it varies"

"I lost 7 kids for COVID 19 and I wish the amount for full time more th[a]n 500 dollar full time is more time in care preschool still care same like a little toddler"

"More options for paying teachers while out with COVID or COVID related incidents, pay increase across the board for entry level teachers"

"COVID relief if faculty has to close for two weeks due to COVID CDC requirements"

"Taking into account the providers that have to count their own school age children that are home due to COVID and losing income from their sports"

"Child Care CARES grants have allowed me to bring my employee back and maintain my business"

Child care provider responses on closures seemed to be related to or directly mentioned COVID-19.

"Some other childcare are closed so I think they still need help"

"The numbers are crazy at the moment and I am debating whether to stay open or not."

"Include questions for facilities that had to close due to COVID-19, like Aquarian Childcare Program. We hope to re-open, but that is questionable until at least August/September 2021"

Change of rates and funding

Child care providers advocated for increase in the rates or additional funding with some providers specifically mentioning increasing the rate for home licensing and for additional care (before/after care pricing) and staff/salary pricing. Others comment that they complete the survey every year yet see no change in rates.

Provider comments on increase rates and funding:

"That those of us in the valley still pay the same for insurance, rent, and payroll. Our reimbursement rate should not be the lowest in the state"

"that you pay more the price of money for each age of the children that raise the payment rates and that you help me to send children to my care I need I have space right now I only have 2 children in my daycare before you pay us higher prices but they lowered us the last time you made the change all the providers here in [place] hope that you will increase the rates of the prices of each child more than you"

"The state maximum subsidized rate for a preschooler is 545.00 per full time month enrollment for a licensed home in Anchorage. If you divide that by 21 days in a month which would be 25.00 per day, then divide that by 10 hours a day for care that comes to an hourly rate of 2.59 for the child care provider. That rate is extremely low and does not include the cost for providing quality care"

"Rates increasing and paying for all school age children who are out of school at a full time rate instead of part time its taking a strain on everyone"

"5% increase to help cover costs of sanitation and running of center."

"another grant to help us stay open & pay for rent"

Providers complete the survey every year:

"They do this survey every year, and our rates don't change."

"Every year, I fill these out and I am always disappointed to see that my prices are not reflected in your final survey."

Program operational costs

Costs of providing child care and consideration of the costs of living were two areas child care providers expressed the need for and felt more information could be collected to reflect the costs of child care.

Comments about questions that reflect the costs of providing child care:

"Questions that reflect the Yes cost of care per child, how much is subsidized, how much is subsidized, how much parents pay, and how much is funded through grant sources. We have about a 1.5M budget for this program and only 550,000 is revenue (tribal CCDF, State subsidy, parent payments). The remaining amount is funded through the Office of Head Start. State reimbursement rate decisions need to take into consider the Yes cost of child care for our region. If it was not for our Office of Head Start grant, parents would have to pay much more than we charge and it would be impossible for them to pay an amount greater than they have earned."

"The Yes cost of what it cost for childcare facilities to operate a safe sound program for all families"

"Being open 12 hours a day , having more pay after 10 hours"

"Cost of refurbishing facilities or renewal of equipment to comply with licensing safety regulations"

Providers would like consideration of the cost of living.

" Families on CCAP are very difficult to work with and mostly unable to make their CO-PAY"

"the cost of living for my staff"

"Wages that support cost of living for staff"

"cost of l[i]ving"

CCAP issues

The definition of age groups, eligibility, and the logistics of payment were three Child Care Program Office issues cited by the responding child care providers.

Definition of Age Groups:

"Definitions of school age, preschool, toddler, infant ages"

"My School age children that graduated from pre-k stayed in pre -k for another year. Child care assistants does not offer the same amount and it is really hard on families to do the co - pay for their spot"

"HAVING PRICE RANGES. I CHARGE DIFFERENTLY DEPENDING ON HOW MANY DAYS A WEEK THEY ATTEND AND IF THEY ARE KINDERGARTEN OR OLDER."

"Bring up rates to reflect current rates.....school age should only include who are enrolled in public school programs. Do not include the preschool enrolled children who are 5 and enrolled in full day child care."

Eligibility:

"Reevaluate the eligibility standards. A 200 difference in income can mean somebody is not eligible for childcare. It is a sad situation, and a lot of people can benefit from child care assistance. Looking at the emotional stress this is causing families, and encouraging families to apply for assistance and set their pride aside."

Payment Logistics:

"Would care givers want co-pay's to be paid to them or paid directly back to the state?"

Survey content and administration

Child care providers offer suggestions on the content areas of the market price survey and its administration. Some felt the survey was geared more towards large child care programs and suggested revising questions to more directly address smaller providers. Also missing are sufficient questions on the seasonality of providing child care.

Revise or add questions to obtain more information from small day care.

"As a sole proprietor I do not have any employees and don't offer health care, these questions did not apply to me."

"I am self-employed I have no employees so There were a lot of question I couldn't answer"

"asking questions to daycare that only have one employee, so that this survey will apply to them, so you can get an accurate reading. It impacted me, but you will never know because of these stupid questions."

"change some questions to people who only have small day [c]ares"

"I am the only employee owner of my business. I have 4 school age kids who don't attend school at all. They are full time here with distance learning or homeschooling. So none of the questions addressed that. Several questions were difficult to answer because it seemed to be not applicable to my situation"

"Some of this didn't apply because I am a sole propri[e]tor with no employees."

"this survey was more geared towards centers. Most of the questions were not relative to me and my licensed home"

"Even for home daycare the cost of operations is high. The current state rates do not reflect current rate needed to maintain operations."

"I work alone in home licensed day care so some questions are hard for me to answer b[e]c[ause] don't actually reflect reality of my situation."

Seasonal provision of care:

"Seasonal facilities"

"Months closed does not give option for those months that we are usually not open. We do not normally operate in June, July or August."

Ways to improve data collection for the market price survey:

"Please send out all the questions before hand. When we answered Yes on several questions a whole additional set of questions came up that we didn't know we needed to answer."

"We did not fill all questions because they did not show up on the hard copy. Please get back to us if you need all sections filled out"

"Web page doesn't work correctly - i.e. expense change for supply is connected to internet expense. Some questions are unclear/vague. The tuition/enrollment information is already reported to CCAP."

"Some questions are unclear or vague. The tuition rate and enrollments are already reported to CCAP, they should have all the information."

"Did not have all the information for the yes pop ups. Please contact us if you want us to fill in blanks"

"The director is paid salary, that wasn't an option this year."

Methodology

Survey Methodology

The survey methodology includes a description of the processes, notification system, and methods used to collect information for purposes of the 2020 Market Price Survey. This survey had previously been planned for a March 2020 distribution. The survey was rescheduled to November 2020 due the COVID-19 pandemic.

Scope of Survey

The 2020 Market Price Survey consisted collection of child care market price data. These are:

- Facility and Business type
- Child Care Assistance Participation
- Capacity
- Age Groups - Infancy to School aged Children
- Enrollment and Waitlist
- Rates – full and part -month and day for all age groups; and before, after, and both before and after for school age children
- Additional Fees
- Additional Care
- Reduced rates

Additional questions collected data on:

- Operation Costs
- COVID-19 effects

A copy of the paper version of the questionnaire is in the appendix.

Questionnaire Development

The 2020 Child Care Market Price Survey questionnaire is based on the 2017 version. Questions were revised in consultation with and at the request of the CCPO. Sources used included:

- Sample questionnaires from other states
- Technical assistance from National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability (NCSIA)
- Comments and feedback from pre-test conducted prior to the previously planned March survey distribution
- Review of 2022-2024 CCDF PRERINT for FIRST COMMENT PERIOD

At the request of CCPO and the recommendation of ISER researchers' revisions to the 2017 survey instrument, additional questions were added to collect information on:

- operational costs associated with providing child care;
- school aged children;
- additional fees charged for providing care; and

- impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on child care providers who were able to remain open since March 2020.

Notification/Recruitment

Providers were sent advanced email notices of the survey: a *2020 Child Care Market Price Survey: Provider Notification* letter was emailed on October 26, 2020 to all licensed providers. The *2020 Child Care Market Price Survey: Provider Notification*: described the information needed to complete the survey; gave the survey dates; and provided instructions for using the online survey tool (see Appendix for copy).

Email bounce-backs to this notification were forward to the CCPO for follow up. CCPO staff called all licensed child care providers with incorrect or non-working email addresses. This enabled CCPO staff to ensure that providers' contact information in the CCPO's database, called the Integrated Child Care Information System (ICCIS)¹⁴, was current.

In addition, CCAP Designees and CCPO partner agencies, such as Alaska's statewide Child Care Resource and Referral Network, thread, were also notified of the November 2020 survey. Designees and partners were encouraged to include this information in any type of regular communication they use to licensed child care providers, such as postings in their lobbies and in newsletters

Data Collection/Survey Administration

The November 2020 survey population consisted of 437 licensed child care providers with an ICCIS status of Active/Open on November 1, 2020.

On November 9, 2020, a link to the web-based survey was distributed by email to providers. ISER researchers conducted the survey from November 9, to through December 7, 2020.

Providers who did not respond to the survey in the first week received a reminder notice by email. The *reminders for 2020 Market Price Survey* included a brief description of the survey and a friendly reminder to participate. (Copies are in the Appendices).

CCPO staff reminded and encouraged providers to participate in the survey through regular contact with licensed child care facilities.

Data Cleaning

After the close of the survey period, all duplicate, incomplete, or inconsistent responses were identified and corrected. Initial data cleaning was done on an extracted set of data from Qualtrics. They were then imported into Excel and the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) for further cleaning and analysis.

¹⁴ The Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Rates and Responsibilities is a form on which all licensed providers participating in CCAP are required to declare their child care rates based on category of age and registration fee, if applicable.

Response Rates

Of the 437 licensed child care providers surveyed, 247 (56.5%) responded. This response rate is higher than the 2017 survey response rate of 42%. One key difference is that this year's Market Price Survey had telephone follow up, which was initiated two weeks after the launch of the survey. Respondents who had partially completed and those who had not started were called. Response rates for Licensed Centers, Licensed Homes, and Licensed Group Homes were consistent.

Table 130. Response Rates

Economic Regions	Total Child Providers	Response Rates	
		#	%
Anchorage			
Licensed Center	115	47	40.9%
Licensed Home	123	67	54.5%
Licensed Group Home	-	-	-
Military Center	4	0	0.0%
Total	242	114	47.1%
Gulf Coast			
Licensed Center	16	9	56.3%
Licensed Home	26	20	76.9%
Licensed Group Home	9	4	44.4%
Military Center	-	-	-
Total	51	33	64.7%
Interior			
Licensed Center	28	14	50.0%
Licensed Home	27	11	40.7%
Licensed Group Home	16	11	68.8%
Military Center	-	-	-
Total	71	36	50.7%
Mat-Su			
Licensed Center	27	15	55.6%
Licensed Home	14	5	35.7%
Licensed Group Home	10	3	30.0%
Military Center	-	-	-
Total	47	23	48.9%
Northern			
Licensed Center	3	3	100.0%
Licensed Home	2	0	0.0%
Licensed Group Home	-	-	-
Military Center	-	-	-
Total	5	3	60.0%
Southeast			
Licensed Center	35	24	68.6%
Licensed Home	15	7	46.7%
Licensed Group Home	8	5	62.5%
Military Center	-	-	-
Total	58	36	62.1%
Southwest			
Licensed Center	3	2	66.7%
Licensed Home	-	-	-
Licensed Group Home	-	-	-
Military Center	-	-	-
Total	3	2	66.7%
Grand Total	437	247	56.5%

General Definitions/Descriptions

Child Care Program Office (CCPO):

The CCPO operates within the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance. Based in Anchorage with regional licensing offices in Fairbanks and Juneau, the CCPO Care Assistance, Child Care Licensing, Alaska Inclusive Child Care (Alaska IN!) and Child Care Grant Programs in addition to statewide Child Care Resource and Referral Network.

Child Care Time Period:

Child care providers were asked for their definitions of part and full, month and day enrollment. Their responses were both in text and numeric values. ISER researchers reviewed them and saw a preponderance of responses consistent with these definitions. The provider rates are also consistent with these definitions. Length of time used for rates of child care are by the following periods:

- **Full month:** 30 days
- **Part month:** 15 days
- **Full day:** 8 hours
- **Part day:** 5.2 hours

Age Groups:

State subsidy rates for Child Care Assistance are differentiated by the following four child age groups:

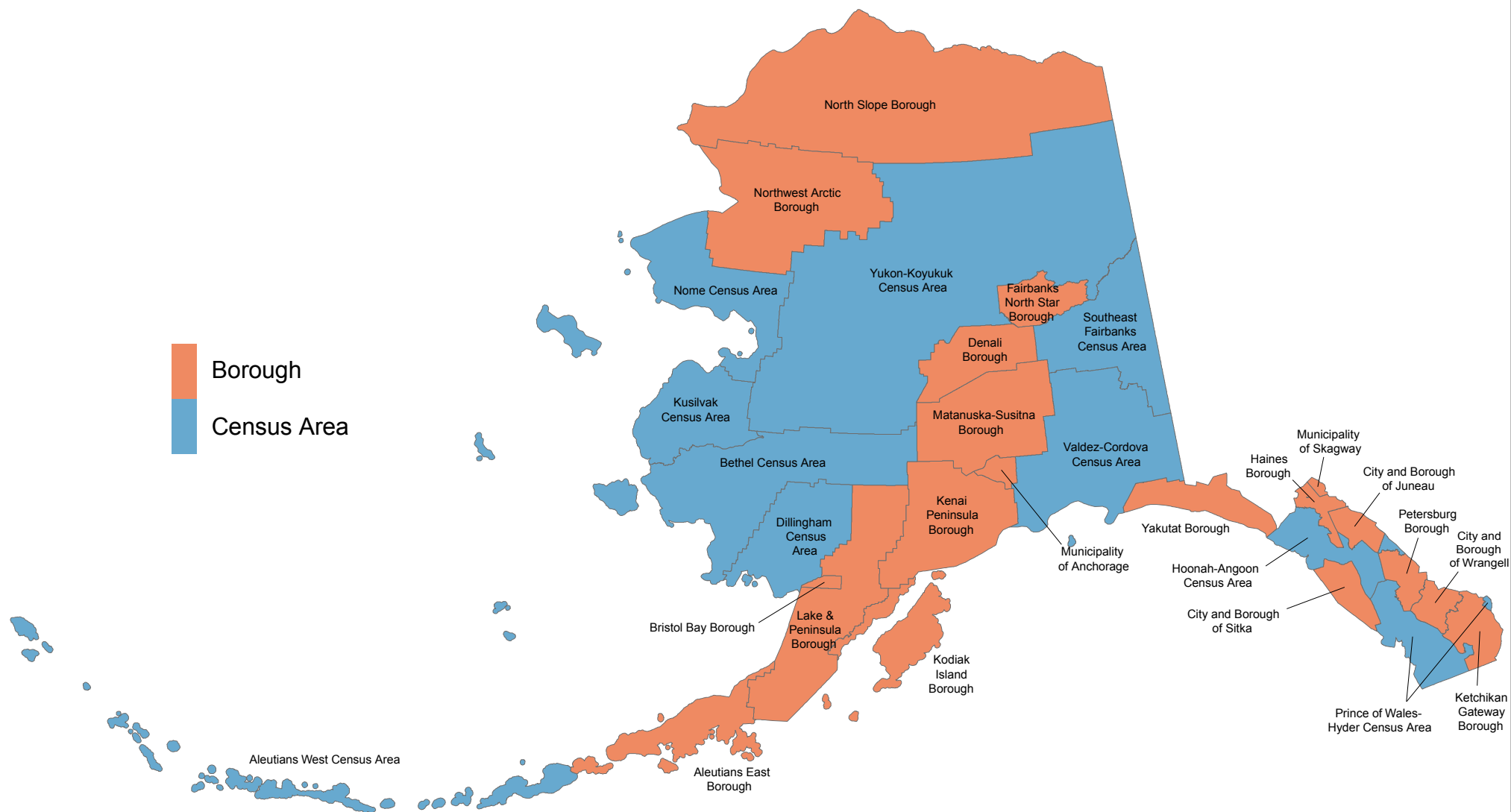
- **Infant:** Birth through 12 months
- **Toddler:** 13 months through 35 months
- **Preschool Age:** 36 months through 59 months
- **School Age:** 5 years through 12 years

Rate Regions Analyzed in 2020 Market Price Survey:

Census and Borough: Boroughs/Census Areas are the 19 boroughs and 10 US Census Bureau-defined census areas. These two systems have been aggregated into 29 geographic units which correspond to 2015 census area definitions.

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|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| • Aleutians East Borough | • Lake and Peninsula Borough |
| • Aleutians West Census Area | • Matanuska-Susitna Borough |
| • Anchorage Municipality | • Nome Census Area |
| • Bethel Census Area | • North Slope Borough |
| • Bristol Bay Borough | • Northwest Arctic Borough |
| • Denali Borough | • Petersburg Borough |
| • Dillingham Census Area | • Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area |
| • Fairbanks North Star Borough | • Sitka City and Borough |
| • Haines Borough | • Skagway Municipality |
| • Hoonah-Angoon Census Area | • Southeast Fairbanks Census Area |
| • Juneau City and Borough | • Valdez-Cordova Census Area |
| • Kenai Peninsula Borough | • Wrangell City and Borough |
| • Ketchikan Gateway Borough | • Yakutat Borough |
| • Kodiak Island Borough | • Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area |
| • Kusilvak Census Area | |

Alaska Borough/Census Areas



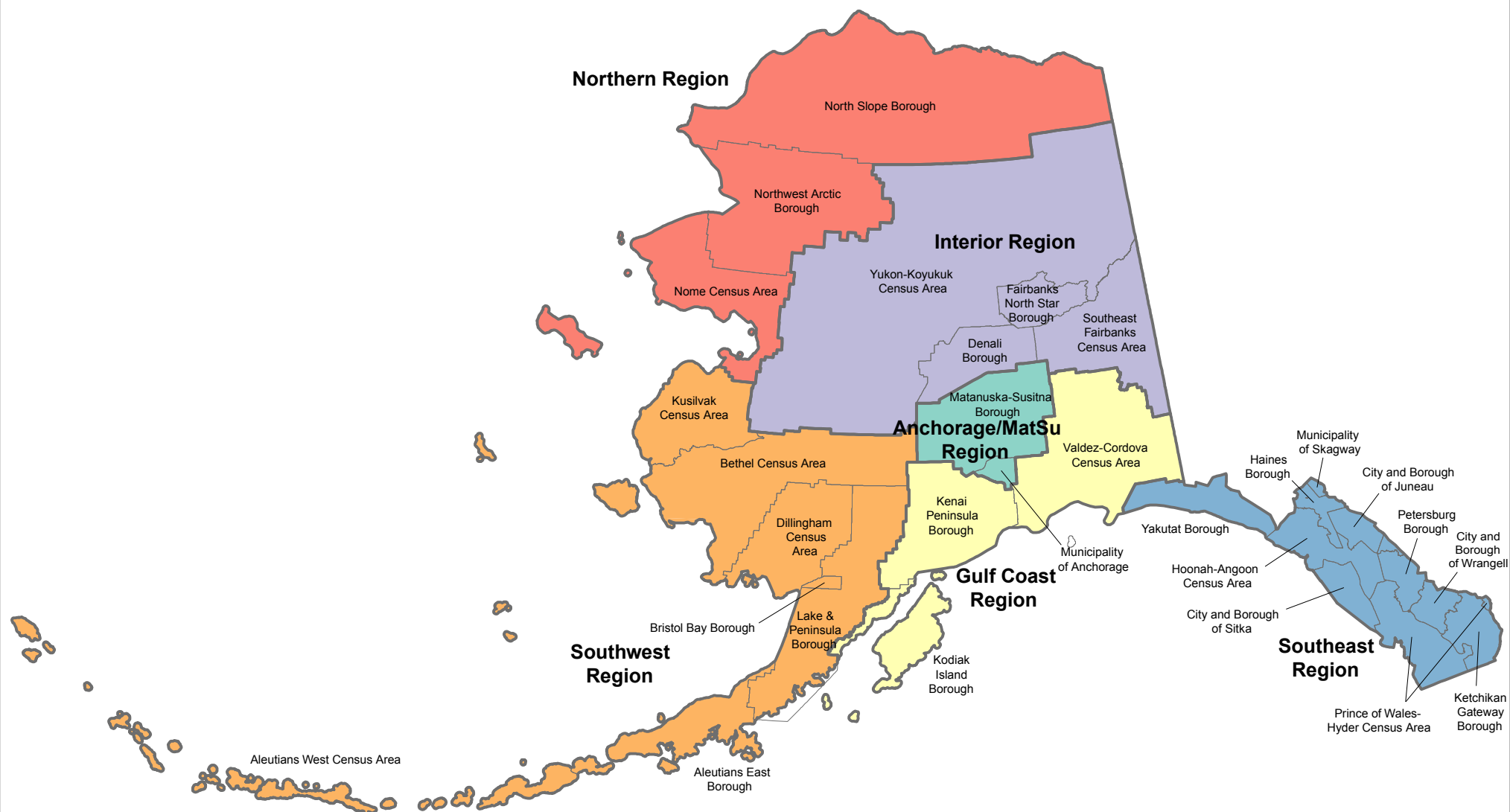
Note: Based on 2013 Geography

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

Alaska Economic Regions: Alaska Economic Regions are based on the 2013 borough and census area geography. Boundaries are determined by the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development:

- Anchorage and Mat-Su
- Gulf Coast
- Interior
- Northern
- Southeast
- Southwest

Alaska Economic Regions



Note: Based on 2013 Geography

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section

Rail belt and Non Rail belt: Rail belt is a convenience grouping separating the areas of the state that are integrated via road, rail, and power from those that are not.

- Rail belt
- Non Rail belt

Railbelt region:



Data Cleaning: Assumptions and Standardizations

To ensure calculations and statistical summaries of provider reported rates were accurate and consistent, several definitions, assumptions, and standardizations were applied to the data during cleaning of raw survey response. These key decisions include:

Assumptions:

Child Care Time Period:

- Part month: 5.2 hours per day for 15 days, 78 hours total
- Full month: 8 hours per day for 30 days, 240 hours total
- Full Day: 8 hours per day
- Part Day: 5.2 hours per day

Rates

- If zero (0) entered for cost, salary, rates, etc., then recoded as missing under assumption \$0 means either the provider does not provide that care, does not pay that cost, does not have that employee, etc.
- If provider entered text (e.g., varies, depends on schedule, etc.) for rates, value was recoded as missing.

Salaries

- If a provider entered an annual salary, then it was divided by 2,080 to obtain assumed full-time hourly rate
 - If entered value other than hourly or annual, assumed monthly and divided by 160 hours to obtain assumed full-time hourly rate. Exceptions if dividing by 160 meant max hourly salary was greater than min; or director salary was lower than teacher/assistant, or dividing by 160 made hourly salary less than minimum wage.

Utilities

- Utilities were reported as combined in some cases, and combinations varied (e.g., water and electric; all for one monthly rate, etc.). In these cases, we took the median cost of each utility in the economic region the provider was located, summed these median costs to obtain a percentage each utility was of the total cost to impute the individual utility values.

Standardizations:

- If provider gave a daily rate (e.g., \$20/day) when asked for monthly rates, we multiplied the daily rate by 15 for part month ($\$20 \times 15 = \300), and by 30 for full month ($\$20 \times 30 = \600).
- If a provider gave an hourly rate (e.g., \$10/hour) when asked for daily rates, we multiplied the hourly rate by 5.2 for part day ($\$10 \times 5.2 = \52), and by 8 for full day ($\$10 \times 8 = \80).
 - For school-age rates, when given hourly, we recalculated as follows to standardize to daily rates:
 - BEFORE only: hourly rate * 1.5 hours
 - AFTER only: hourly rate * 2 hours
 - BEFORE & AFTER: hourly rate * 3 hours
- If a provider gave a range for their rates (e.g., \$300 - \$500), then we would take an average of the range $((300+500)/2 = \$400)$.
- All operating costs were standardized to monthly rates.
- All additional fees were standardized to daily rates. There was great variability in responses and how providers charge additional fees, so several methods were applied and all calculations/imputations were rounded up in order to capture the upper bound to represents the most cases.

Chapter 2: March 2021 Survey

March 2021 Survey Summary

Purpose

The Family Support Act of 1988 mandates that child care assistance rates be driven by market prices. The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of November 2014 currently requires states to survey their child care markets at least every three years, and no more than two years prior to submitting their Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan to the federal Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Care. A market price survey collects current provider prices for child care and qualitative information to evaluate states' child care assistance subsidy rates and to better understand states' child care markets. The primary purpose of conducting a market price survey is to help ensure that state rates for child care assistance are high enough so families receiving child care assistance have equal access to affordable child care as families who do not receive child care assistance.

In accordance with these federal regulations, the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) under contract with the Child Care Program Office (CCPO) to conduct the 2020 Child Care Market Price survey. Just as the survey was scheduled to launch in March 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic occurred. This delayed the survey until November 2020. Prior to the launch of the survey November 9 to December 7, 2020, questions were added to assess the impact of COVID-19 on child care providers in Alaska.

In November 2020, COVID-19 cases rose significantly resulting in additional business closures; layoffs and increasing unemployment; additional school closure; and mandatory public health measures such as masking and social distancing. With COVID-19 continuing, the CCPO contracted with ISER to administer a child care provider survey in March 2021 to measure the impact of the pandemic on child care providers in Alaska.

Research Questions

We explored four research questions in March 2021. The findings are presented in this report.

1. How has COVID-19 pandemic impacted child care providers?

The COVID-19 pandemic had direct and indirect effects on child care providers in the state of Alaska. We document where and when the pandemic led to temporary provider closures; how enrollment was affected; the pandemic's impact on provider costs and salaries; and how providers received assistance to mitigate some of these outcomes.

The statewide pattern of the child care provider closures followed the number of positive COVID-19 cases. Provider closures occurred both as the direct result of local mandates or indirectly because of staff health, or reduced childcare demand as parents became unemployed, work from home, or were concerned about health. In the March 2021 survey, over a quarter (27%) of the providers were closed at least once since October 2020 with an additional 7% reporting closure multiple times. Among providers who reported being closed at least once, the percent citing COVID-19 as the primary reason for closure varies by month. Among these providers, closures were highest in

Spring of 2020: 62%, 66%, and 54% in March, April, and May, respectively. Through Summer, closures remain moderate, between 14% and 20% of closed providers citing COVID-19 as the primary cause. From October to December 2020—when Alaska was experiencing the most severe effects of the pandemic to date—child care providers responded by closing once again. By February 2021, 17% of responding providers reported being closed due to COVID-19. The majority (97%) of providers surveyed anticipated staying open.

The pandemic had impacts on provider expenses and salaries. Providers were asked in the November and March surveys if their costs for food, supplies, rent, and employee salaries changed. We then asked providers who reported either an increase or decrease in their costs whether the change was due to COVID-19. Most reported increases in the operating costs of food, supplies, and their rent/mortgage due to COVID-19. However, a number of providers reported decreases in food costs due to COVID-19, particularly in November 2020.

Employee salaries were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. With a decrease in salary, child care providers most often stated the change was related to COVID-19 (92% to 100%), but less so with salary increases (52% to 63% attributed change to COVID-19).

Among child care providers, 25% in the November 2020 and 18% in the March 2021 reported that their employees had applied for unemployment insurance. Few child care providers (9%, n = 22) from the March 2021 survey reported having laid off employees. Of those that did only two providers reported they continued to pay their laid off employees.

When reporting if they had applied to the SBA Paycheck Protection Program, 60 providers in November increasing to 85 in March stated they had—among providers who applied, 85% received the funding. In a similar pattern, in November, 48 providers increasing to 52 in March had applied for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan a majority of whom (73%) received funding. Over half (58%) of March survey respondents said they anticipate applying for future federal, state, or local fund available to small businesses, and two-thirds (68%) reported they need additional funding to stay open.

2. How did school closures affect child care?

As the proportion of elementary schools closed increased between October 2020 and February 2021, we observed the following trends by age groups:

- Among infants, waitlist numbers decreased while part- and full-month enrollment increased.
- The number of toddlers on waitlist and part-month enrollment increased while full-month enrollment decreased.
- The number of pre-school age children on waitlist and part-month enrollment increased while full-month enrollment decreased.
- School-age children enrolled in part-month care increased, while full-month enrollment decreased. Waitlist numbers stayed about the same.

We looked at elementary school and child care provider closures by month relative to COVID-19 cases per 10,000 in Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Kenai. COVID-19 case rates saw large increases in the three boroughs in September through December 2020. Most Anchorage elementary schools remained closed over this period whereas Mat-Su and Kenai saw schools move in-and-out of in-person learning. There were a number of child care providers who were closed during this period

citing COVID-19 as the main reason. In Anchorage, child care provider closures due to COVID-19 increased from 11% in September to over half (57%) in November. In Mat-Su, 13% of providers reported closures due to COVID-19 in September, but this increased to nearly half (44%) in December 2020. In Kenai, no providers reported being closed due to COVID-19 in September, but this increased substantially to 67% or two-thirds of closed providers in October and November 2020.

3. What have we learned about school age child care?

Childcare is vastly different across age groups. Infant, toddler, and pre-school child care is especially different to that of school age children. School-age children may receive care before and after school; before-school only; after-school only; as well as summer programming when school is out of session.

Learning the differences in how child care providers for school age children operate compared to providers for other age groups was important to understanding and analyzing the data used to support the update of child care rates and the impact of COVID-19 on school age child care. We focused on child care providers that offer before and after school care for school age children during the school year. Key issues are:

- Number, location and type of facility and site;
- Hours of operation and provision of care is linked to the school calendar;
- Ability to gear the operation up when demand returns;
- Summer operations; and
- Influence of large child care providers in a particular area.

4. What happened with Enrollment and Waitlist?

Providers who responded to both the November and March surveys are currently operating well under their desired capacity. The most frequently cited reason for under enrollment is that parents are not working. From the November to March surveys, statewide desired capacity utilization fell from 52% to 37%. While enrollment was down slightly from November to March (3,201 to 3,051), there was a large increase in the reported desired capacity (6,206 to 8,293). Anchorage accounted for most of the additional desired enrollees, which increased from 3,055 to 4,699 (+1,644), while enrollment fell slightly there. Mat-Su was the only region to see meaningful increases in enrollment, with enrollment growing from 282 to 523 children. Currently, the Southwest and Southeast regions of the state are the most under-enrolled, with fewer than one in three desired spots filled. In the Interior and Mat-Su regions, desired capacity utilization is close to two out of three spots filled.

Recommendations

These recommendations were generated from a review of the responses to the questions “What should be considered in the next market price/child care survey” as provided in the November 2020 and March 2021 survey findings and additional comments from follow up telephone interviews of respondents.

Most of the recommendations focus on the content and clarification of questions in the questionnaire.

- There is a need to increase understanding of how waitlists operate for parents and providers across different age groups.
- A concise way to define and measure quality of care is needed.
- Overall, child care providers would like to see a more detailed examination of costs to provide care.
- Providers would like an assessment of additional costs that have occurred as a result of COVID-19.
- Child care providers offer suggestions on the content areas of the market price survey and its design. Some felt the survey was geared more towards large child care programs and suggested revising questions to more directly address smaller providers. Also missing are sufficient questions on the seasonality of providing child care.
- Providers think it is important to document what child care looked like prior to the pandemic. What was the cost to provide care before COVID-19? Further guidance from providers would assist with the focus of look-back pre-COVID-19.

Regarding Child Care Program Office operations, respondents would like a review of the definition of age groups and eligibility. Logistics of payments were also noted as areas of further investigation by responding child care providers.

Limitations

Skip patterns based on question responses to the March 2021 survey is a limitation of the findings in this report. When the survey was revised for the March 2021 administration, some questions were designed based on the assumption that child care providers would have responded to the November 2020 survey in order to understand how things have changed since October. Following this assumption, we missed an opportunity to collect some information from providers who only responded to the March survey.

Methodology

An online child care provider survey was administered March 17 to April 29, 2021 to measure the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on child care providers in Alaska. One week prior to the start date, a notification email was sent. The invitation letter sent the first day of the survey included the link to the survey. Reminders were sent weekly to non-respondents. Telephone follow-up of non-respondents began one week after the survey was launched to increase the response rate. Of 488 licensed child care providers, 286 or 58.6% completed the survey.

In addition to the analysis of the March 2021 survey respondents (n = 286), we compare findings to those of child care providers who responded to the November 2020 survey (n = 244). Depending on the research question, our analysis includes providers who responded to:

- Both the November 2020 and the March 2021 surveys (n = 187);
- November 2020 survey only (n = 57); and
- March 2021 survey only (n = 99).

The total number of unique respondents is 343 child care providers.

When a provider responded to both surveys and there are differences in the how they responded, we use their March 2021 survey response based on the assumption that the information provided in March is more recent and accurate.

Introduction

The Family Support Act of 1988 mandates that child care assistance rates be driven by market prices. The Child Care and Development Block Grant Act of November 2014 currently requires states to survey their child care markets at least every three years, and no more than two years prior to submitting their Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan to the federal Administration for Children & Families, Office of Child Care. A market price survey collects current provider prices for child care and qualitative information to evaluate states' child care assistance subsidy rates and to better understand states' child care markets. The primary purpose of conducting a market price survey is to help ensure that state rates for child care assistance are high enough so families receiving child care assistance have equal access to affordable child care as families who do not receive child care assistance.

In accordance with these federal regulations, the Institute of Social and Economic Research (ISER) under contract with the Child Care Program Office (CCPO) to conduct the 2020 Child Care Market Price survey. Just as the survey was scheduled to launch in March 2020 the COVID-19 pandemic occurred. This delayed the survey until November 2020. Prior to the launch of the survey November 9 to December 7, 2020, questions were added to assess the impact of COVID-19 on child care providers in Alaska

In November 2020, COVID-19 cases rose significantly resulting in additional business closures; layoffs and increasing unemployment; additional school closure; and mandatory public health measures such as masking and social distancing. With COVID-19 continuing, the CCPO contracted with ISER to administer a child care provider survey in March 2021 to measure the impact of the pandemic on child care providers in Alaska.

The March 2021 child care provider survey included questions on: facility description; attendance and enrollment fees; capacity, rates; enrollment and waitlist numbers; and operating costs (see survey questionnaire in Appendix)

The March 2021 results were compared to those of the November 2020 to look for trends among providers and the ongoing impact of COVID-19. The March 2021 survey findings were also used to complete missing information not obtained in the November 2020 survey to revise Alaska's Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) state subsidy rates (state rates).

Research Questions

We explored four research questions in the March 2021 survey. These are:

1. How has COVID-19 pandemic impacted child care providers?

We sought to understand the various ways the COVID-19 pandemic affected child care providers and explored topics including:

- Child provider closure
- Costs associated with operations or operating costs
- Child care finances and funding

2. How did school closures affect child care?

School closures due to COVID-19 varied throughout the state. We wanted to understand how these school closures affected monthly enrollment by age group, and child care provider closures statewide. With different approaches for school closures, we chose to focus on comparing Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Kenai boroughs.

3. What have we learned about school age child care?

Child care is vastly different across age groups, but especially for school-age children who may receive care before and after school; before-school only; after-school only; as well as summer programming. With such variability, we first wanted to understand what, if any, changes occurred to overall school-age child care enrollment and waitlist numbers between October 2020 and February 2021.

We then focused on child care providers that offer before and after school care for school age children during the school year to help us understand more about this type of care and who these providers are. We also highlighted comments of two large school age child care providers in Anchorage and Juneau.

4. What happened with Enrollment and Waitlist?

We wanted to learn what, if any, changes occurred to enrollment, waitlist numbers and full month enrollment compared to desired capacity. Looking at October 2020 and February 2021 by age group—that is, infants, toddlers, and pre-school age children.

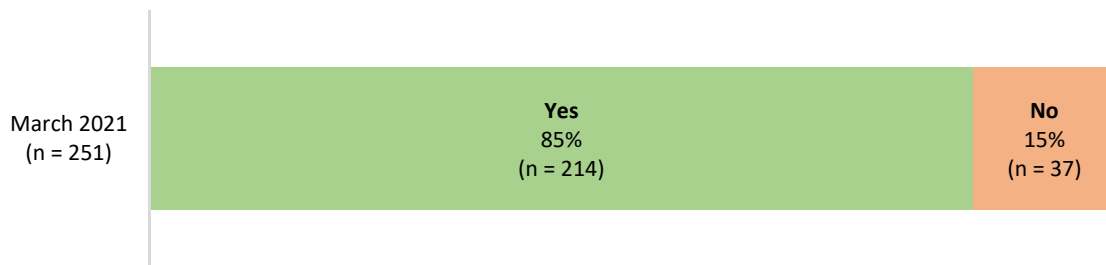
How has COVID-19 pandemic impacted child care providers?

Focusing on the effects of COVID-19 on child care providers in Alaska, we compared the responses of all child care providers who responded to the November survey (n = 244) to all those who responded to the March survey (n = 286).

The CCPO has been a source of COVID-19 information. Among March 2021 survey respondents, 85% reported that they are receiving Child Care program office broadcasts regarding COVID-19 (Figure 1).

Figure 20. Child Care Program Office broadcasts - COVID-19 (March only)

Are you receiving Child Care Program Office broadcasts regarding COVID-19?



Child Care Provider Closure

Business closures are a known consequence of the COVID-19 pandemic. When asked if providers were closed for a temporary amount of time since the start of the pandemic (March 2020)—just under half, or 47%, of November respondents (n = 213) said yes, and an additional 10% said they were closed multiple times (Figure 2). In the March 2021 survey (n = 244), child care providers were asked about closure since November 2020, 27% of whom replied yes, and an additional 7% reported they were closed multiple times (Figure 3).

What this means is while over half (57%) of providers had been closed at least once since March 2020 (as reported in the November 2020 survey), the proportion of providers who had been closed at least once since October 2020 (as reported in the March 2021 survey) decreased to just over a third (34%).

Figure 21. Temporary closures since March 2020

Were you closed for temporary amount of time since March 2020?

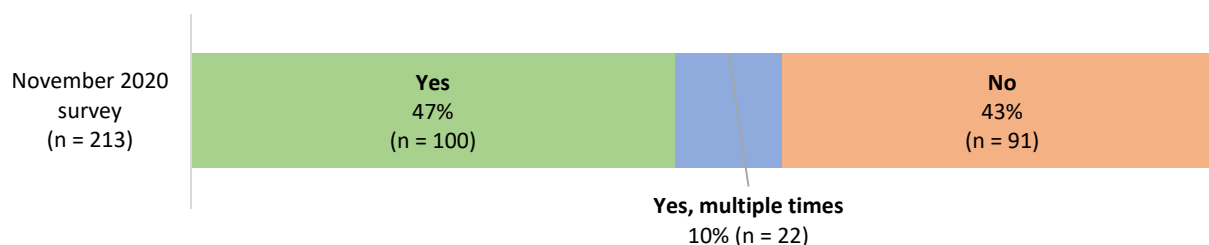
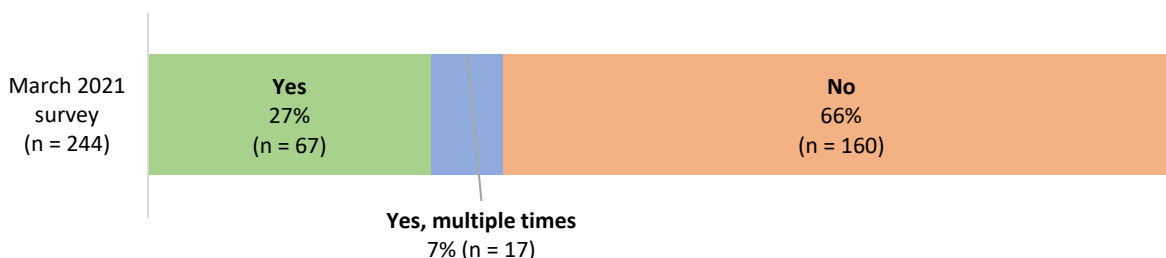


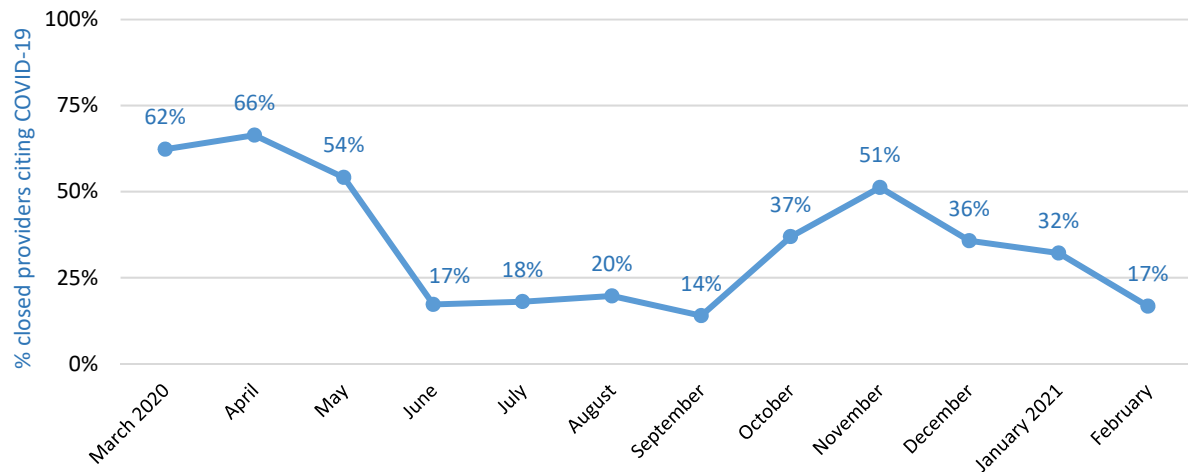
Figure 22. Temporary closures since October 2020

Were you closed for temporary amount of time since October 2020?



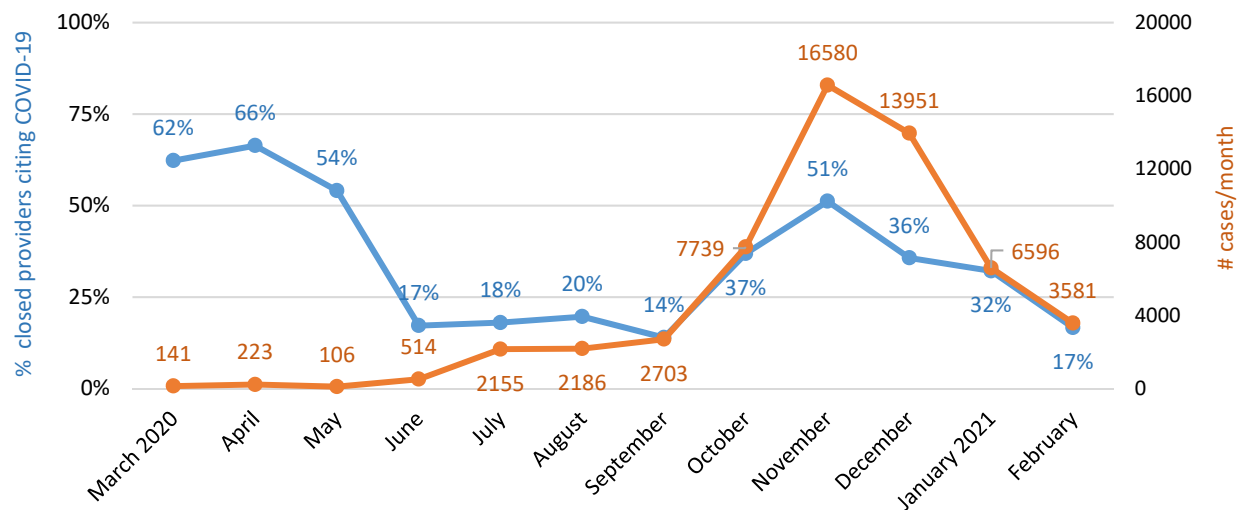
As shown in Figure 4, among providers who reported being closed at least once, the percent citing COVID-19 as the primary reason for closure varies by month. Among these providers, closures were highest in Spring of 2020: 62%, 66%, and 54% in March, April, and May, respectively. Through Summer, closures remain moderate, between 14% and 20% of closed providers citing COVID-19 as the primary cause. From October to December 2020—when Alaska was experiencing the most severe effects of the pandemic to date—child care providers responded by closing once again. By February 2021, 17% of responding providers reported being closed due to COVID-19.

Figure 23. Percent of closed providers citing COVID-19 as primary reason for closure, by month



We can see the statewide pattern of child care provider closures due to COVID-19 mirrored trends in the number of reported COVID-19 cases statewide (Figure 5). As the number of COVID-19 cases increased and decreased, so did the percent of closed child care providers citing the pandemic as the primary cause for closure.

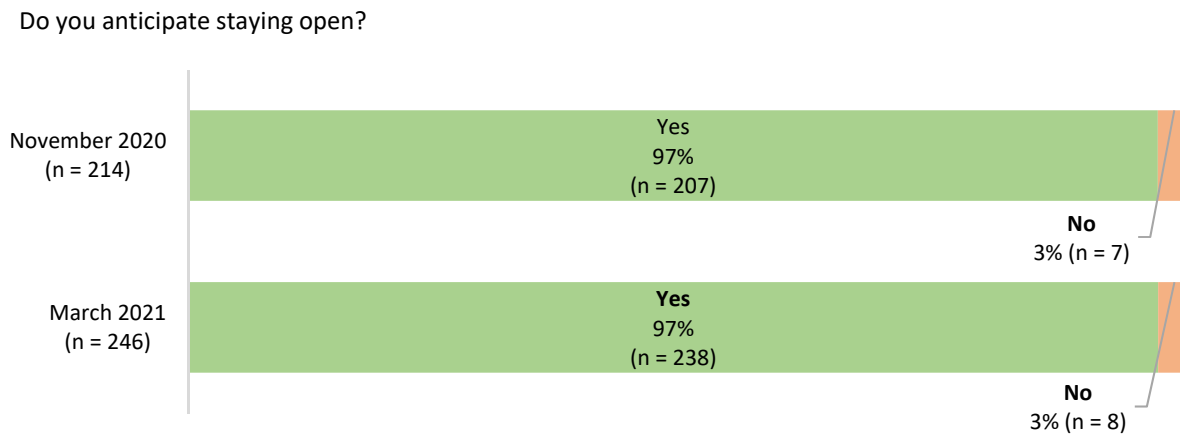
Figure 24. Percent of closed providers citing COVID-19 as primary reason, by month of closure and number of COVID cases[†] per month reported statewide



[†]Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Coronavirus Response Hub (last updated 6/23/2021) "Download Summary tables" <https://alaska-coronavirus-vaccine-outreach-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>

The majority (97%) of providers surveyed anticipated staying open (Figure 6).

Figure 25. Percent of survey respondents who anticipate staying open, November 2020 and March 2021



Operating Costs

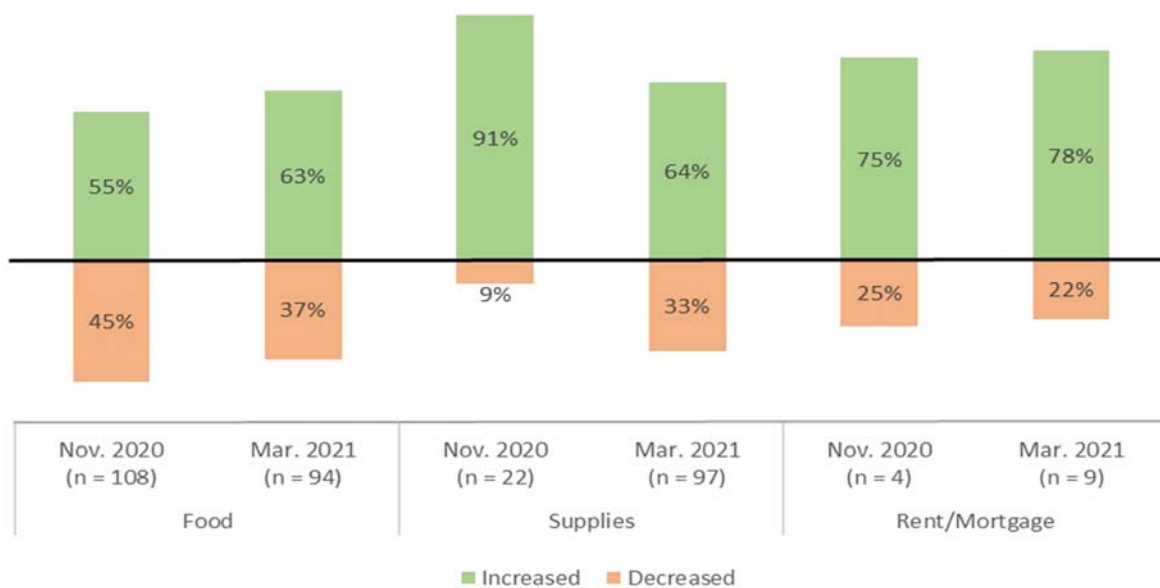
Child care providers were asked whether their operating costs have changed. Table 1 compares change in costs for food, supplies, and rent/mortgage among providers who responded to the November 2020 survey (reporting changes since March 2020) to those who responded to the March 2021 survey (reporting changes since October 2020). We see similar trends in cost changes by type of cost from both surveys.

Table 131. Change in costs for food, supplies, and rent/mortgage since March versus October 2020

		Change in Cost						Total
		Increase		Decrease		No Change		
Type of cost	Change since...	#	%	#	%	#	%	
Food	Mar. '20	64	37%	51	30%	57	33%	172
	Oct. '20	70	42%	39	24%	56	34%	165
Supplies	Mar. '20	89	53%	29	17 %	50	30%	168
	Oct. '20	92	55%	24	14%	50	30%	166
Rent/Mortgage	Mar. '20	18	11%	6	4%	139	85%	163
	Oct. '20	19	13%	4	3%	125	84%	148

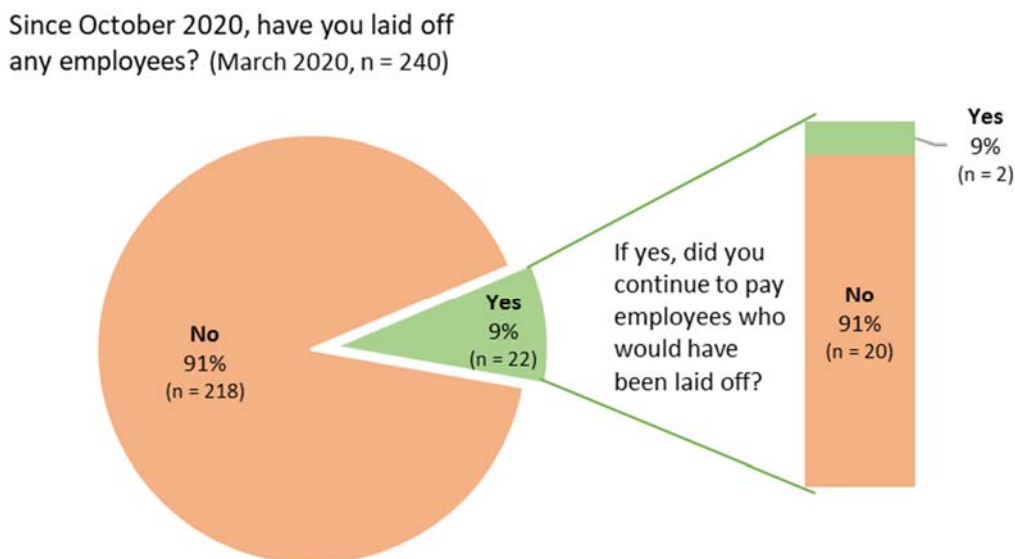
We then asked providers who reported either an increase or decrease in their costs whether the change was due to COVID-19. Most reported increases in the operating costs of food, supplies, and their rent/mortgage due to COVID-19 (Figure 7). However, a number of providers reported decreases in food costs due to COVID-19, particularly in November 2020.

Figure 26. Percent of providers who reported cost change citing COVID-19 as primary reason, November 2020 and March 2021



Few child care provides (9%, n=22) from the March 2021 survey reported having laid off employees. Of those that did 9% (n=2) continued to pay their laid off employees (Figure 8).

Figure 27. Laid off employees since October 2020 (March survey)



Among child care providers, 25% in the November 2020 and 18% in the March 2021 reported that their employees had applied for unemployment insurance (Figure 9).

Figure 28. Employees applied for unemployment insurance benefits, October 2020 and February 2021



As shown in Table 2, employee salaries were affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. With a decrease in salary, child care providers most often stated the change was related to COVID-19 (92% to 100%), but less so with salary increases (52% to 63% attributed change to COVID-19).

Table 132. Number and percent of providers reporting employee salary changes since October 2020 and if change due to COVID-19

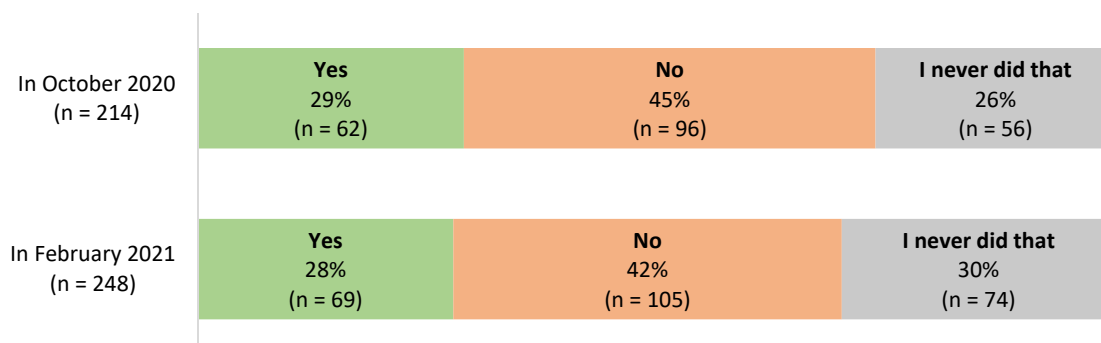
	<i>Salary change</i>	Type of change		Change due to COVID-19	
		#	%	#	%
Director (n = 74)	Increase	31	42%	16	52%
	Decrease	43	58%	41	95%
Assistant Director (n = 45)	Increase	38	84%	24	63%
	Decrease	7	16%	7	100%
Lead Teacher (n = 69)	Increase	56	81%	31	55%
	Decrease	13	19%	12	92%
Assistant Teacher (n = 71)	Increase	52	73%	31	60%
	Decrease	19	27%	18	95%

Child Care Finances

COVID-19 reduced demand for child care services, thereby affecting the revenue and income available to child care providers. Both in the November 2020 and March 2021 surveys we asked child care providers if they continued to charge families for children that did not attend. In both surveys, respondents saying yes were very similar at 29% to 28% (Figure 10).

Figure 29. Charging families for children that did not attend

Did you continue to charge families for children that did not attend?



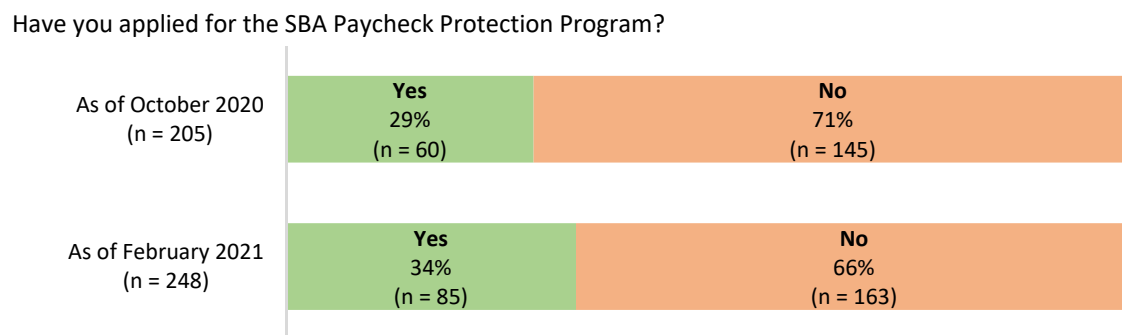
SBA funding

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) created two programs to support businesses negatively impacted by COVID-19 – the Paycheck Protection and Economic Impact Disaster Loan Programs.

SBA Paycheck Protection Program

As of October 2020, 29% of responding child care providers reported they had applied to the Paycheck Protection Program. That percentage increased to 34% as of February 2021 (Figure 11).

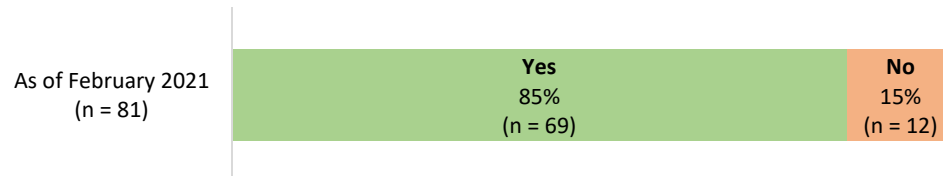
Figure 30. Applied for SBA Paycheck Protection Program



In March 2021, of those who applied, 85% received the Paycheck Protection Program assistance as shown in Figure 12.

Figure 31. If applied for SBA Paycheck Protection Program, was funding received (March survey)

If yes, did you receive SBA Paycheck Protection Program funding or assistance?
(March survey only)



At 93%, Licensed Centers and providers in Mat-Su had the highest percentage of child care providers that received SBA Paycheck Protection assistance (Tables 3 & 4).

Table 133. Providers who applied for and received SBA Paycheck Protection Program funding or assistance, by provider type

<i>by Provider Type</i>	As of February 2021		
	# applied	# received	% received
Licensed Center	60	56	93%
Licensed Group Home	8	6	75%
Licensed Home	17	7	41%
All providers	85	69	81%

Table 134. Providers who applied for and received SBA Paycheck Protection Program funding or assistance, by region

<i>by Region</i>	As of February 2021		
	# applied	# received	% received
Anchorage	40	32	80%
Gulf Coast	7	5	71%
Interior	12	9	75%
Mat-Su	15	14	93%
Northern	0	0	-
Southeast	11	9	82%
Southwest	0	0	-
All providers	85	69	81%

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program

As of October 2020, 48 responding child care providers reported they had applied to the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. There was a slight increase to 52 as of February 2021 (Figure 13).

Figure 32. Applied for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan

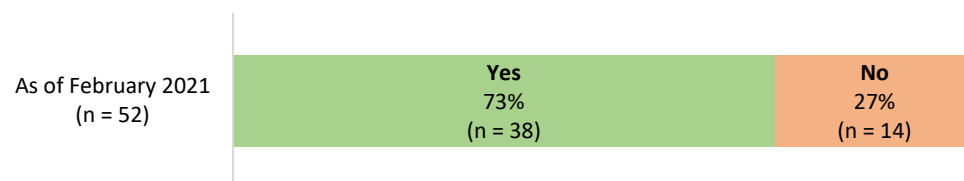
Have you applied for the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan?



Of those who applied as of February 2021, 73% (n=38) received the Economic Injury Disaster Loan program (Figure 14).

Figure 33. If applied for SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan, was funding received (March survey)

If yes, did you receive SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan?
(March survey only)



Licensed Centers at 80% (n=20) and providers in Southeast at 100% (n=2) had the highest percentage of child care providers that received SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan assistance (Tables 5 & 6).

Table 135. Providers who applied for and received SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan, by provider type

<i>by Provider Type</i>	As of February 2021		
	# applied	# received	% received
Licensed Center	25	20	80%
Licensed Group Home	4	3	75%
Licensed Home	23	15	65%
All providers	52	38	73%

Table 136. Providers who applied for and received SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan, by region

<i>by Region</i>	As of February 2021		
	# applied	# received	% received
Anchorage	30	20	67%
Gulf Coast	2	1	50%
Interior	7	6	86%
Mat-Su	11	9	82%
Northern	0	0	-
Southeast	2	2	100%
Southwest	0	0	-
All providers	52	38	73%

Future Funding

Of child care providers responding in March 2021, 78% said they are receiving CCPO program broadcasts regarding funding options (Figure 15). As shown in Figure 16, just over two thirds (68%) of child care providers said they need additional funds to remain open. More than half (58%) anticipate applying for federal, state, or local funds (Figure 17).

Figure 34. Child Care Program Office broadcasts - funding options (March only)

Are you receiving Child Care Program Office broadcasts regarding funding options?

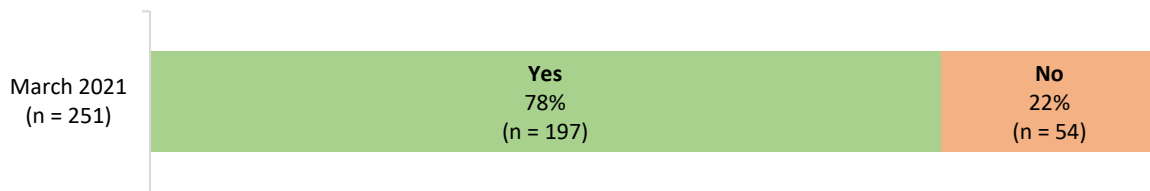


Figure 35. Need for additional funding (March only)

Do you need additional funding to stay open?

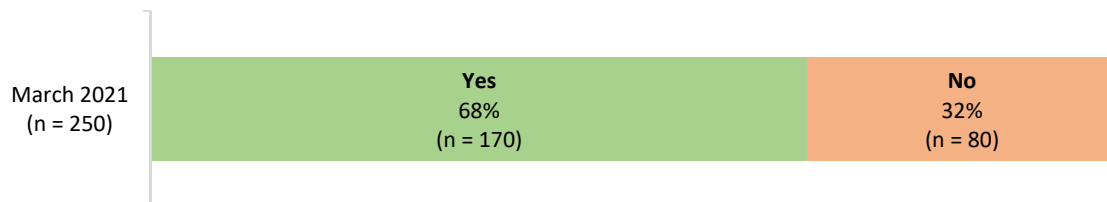
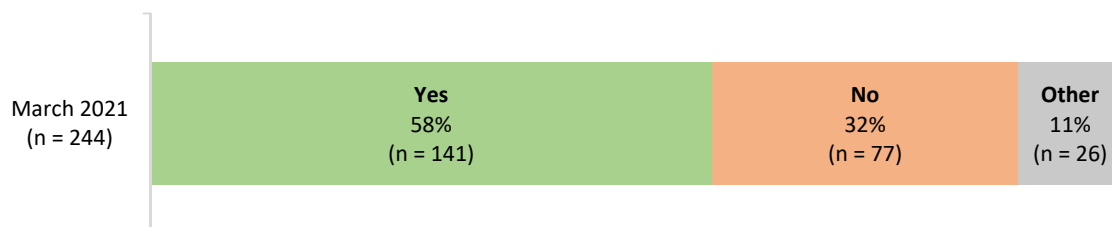


Figure 36. Plans to apply for future funding

Do you anticipate applying for future federal, state, or local funds available to small businesses?



How did School Closures affect Child Care?

It is interesting to examine the trends in public school closure from the standpoint of child care for two reasons. For parents of school age children, a school closure results in an increased demand for alternative child care that can also support online learning. Public school closure could reduce the supply of child care when employees or operators of child care providers, who are also parents, must adjust their work schedule to address their own child care needs.

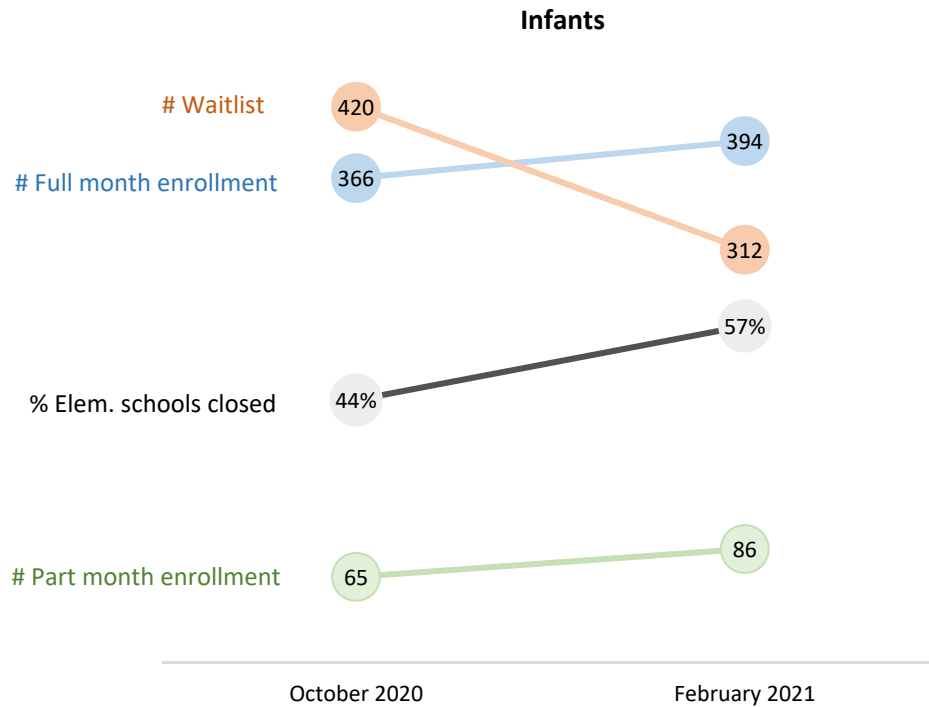
The data¹⁵ on school closure used in this section relies on cell-phone location pings from elementary school locations. The level of activity (number of cell phones) in a given month is compared to the level of activity in the same month of 2019, before the pandemic. So, as school activity is greatly reduced over the summer and winter breaks under normal conditions, the difference between “pandemic” activity and “normal” activity during these break periods will be smaller.

¹⁵ Source: Parolin, Z., & Lee, E. K. (2021). Large socio-economic, geographic, and demographic disparities exist in exposure to school closures. *Nature Human Behaviour*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01087-8>.

Elementary School Closures and Monthly Enrollment by Age Group

This section looks at elementary school closures¹⁶ relative to monthly enrollment and waitlist list numbers by age group comparing November 2020 to March 2021 responses.

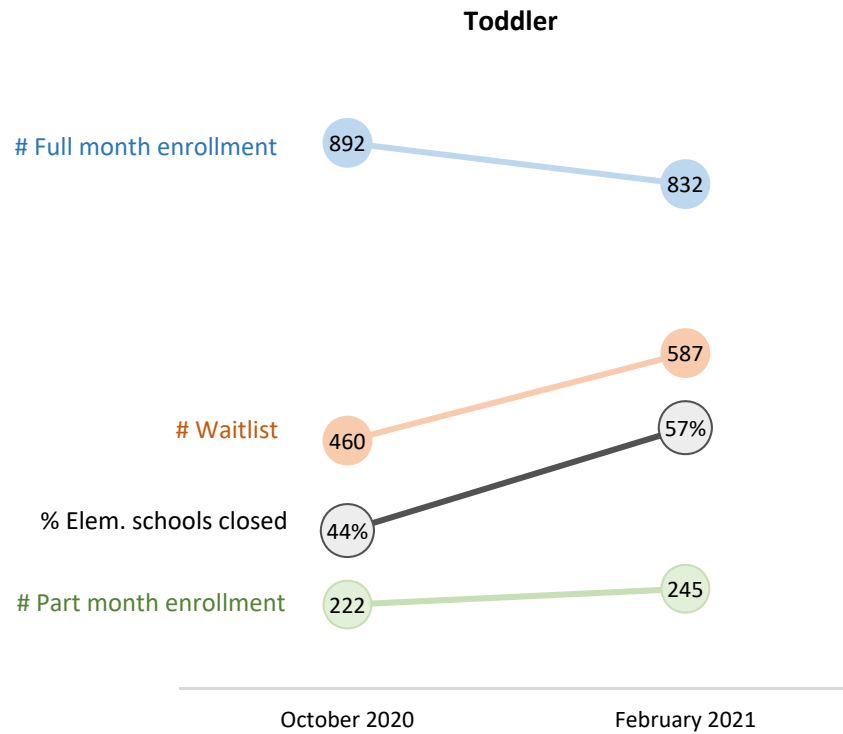
Figure 37. Statewide number of infants full and part month enrollment, on waitlist, and percent elementary schools closed, October 2020 and February 2021



As the proportion of elementary schools closed increased between October 2020 and February 2021, the number of infants on the waitlist decreased while part- and full-month enrollment increased (Figure 18).

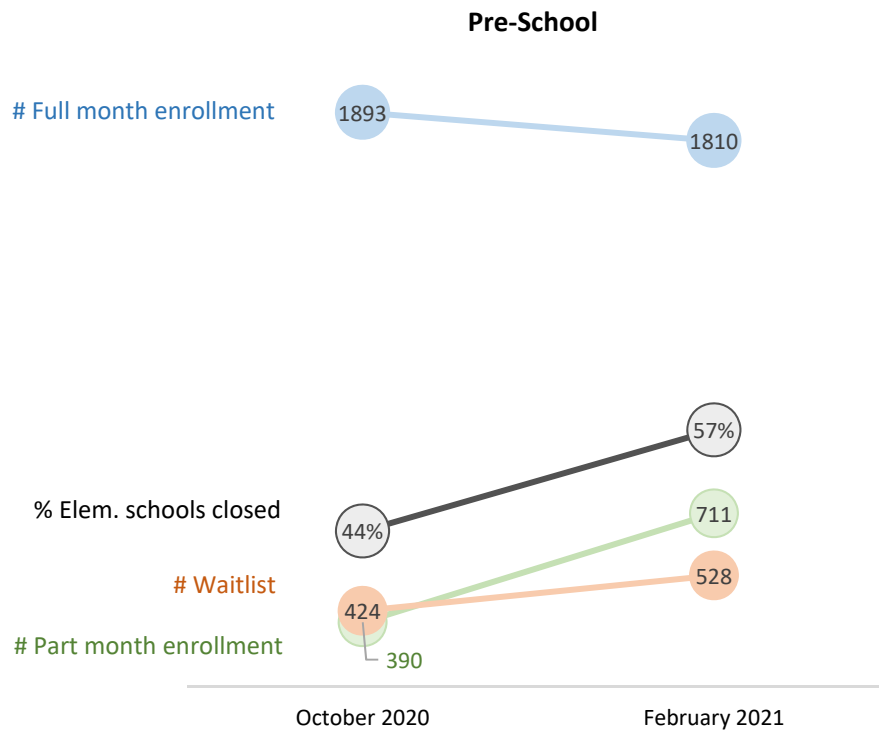
¹⁶ An elementary school is considered closed when they have an average 50% year-over-year decline in visitors as reported by Parolin & Lee (2021).

Figure 38. Statewide number of toddlers full and part month enrollment, on waitlist, and percent elementary schools closed, October 2020 and February 2021



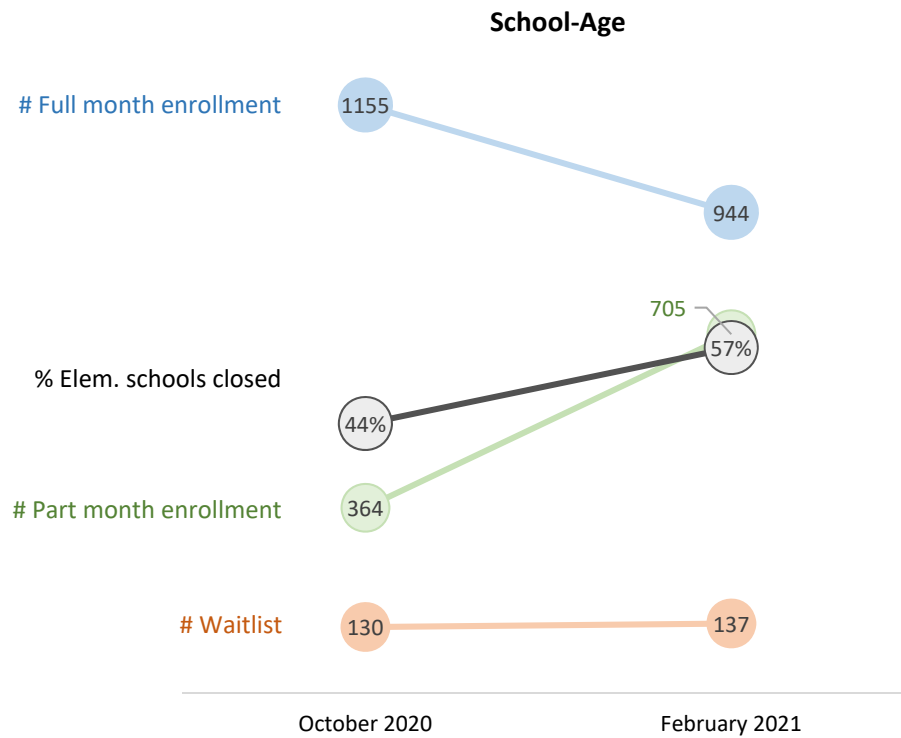
As the proportion of elementary schools closed increased between October 2020 and February 2021, the number of toddlers on the waitlist and part-month enrollment increased while full-month enrollment decreased (Figure 19).

Figure 39. Statewide number of pre-school age full and part month enrollment, on waitlist, and percent elementary schools closed, October 2020 and February 2021



As the proportion of elementary schools closed increased between October 2020 and February 2021, the number of pre-school age children on the waitlist and part-month enrollment increased while full-month enrollment decreased (Figure 20).

Figure 40. Statewide number of school-age full and part month enrollment, on waitlist, and percent elementary schools closed, October 2020 and February 2021

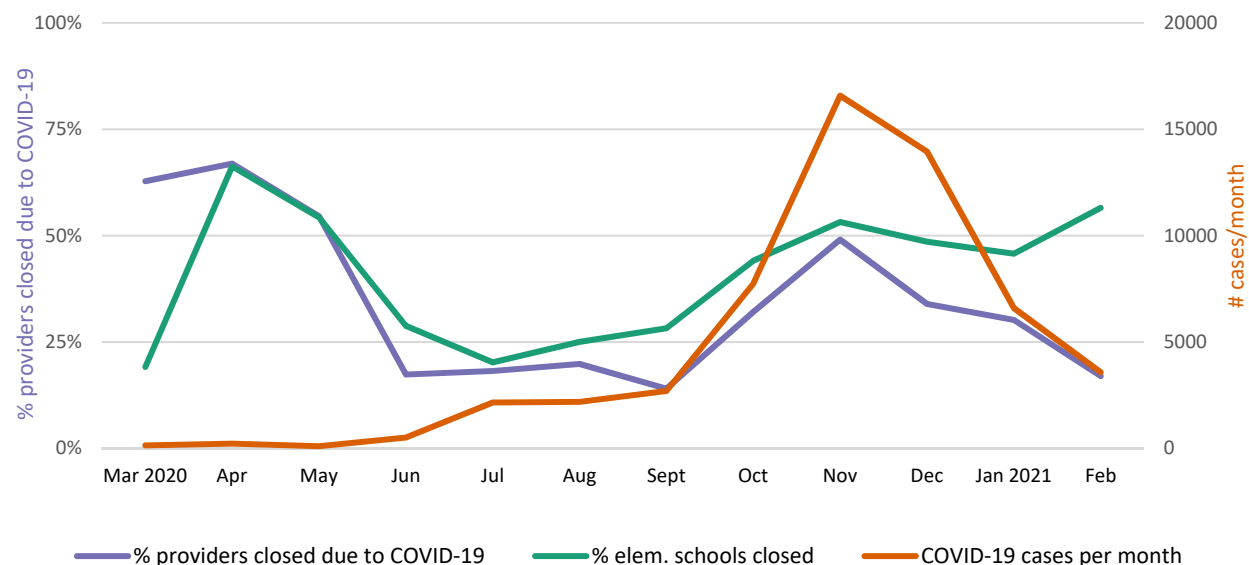


As the proportion of elementary schools closed increased between October 2020 and February 2021, the number of school-age children enrolled in part-month care increased, while full-month enrollment decreased. Waitlist numbers stayed about the same (Figure 21).

Elementary School and Provider Closures¹⁷ Relative to COVID-19 Case Counts

This section examines elementary school¹⁸ and child care provider closures by month relative to COVID-19 case counts¹⁹. As many businesses are re-opening, hiring back employees has proven difficult. Some have pointed to school and child care provider closures as a reason some parents have been slow to re-enter the labor force. So, understanding the trend in school and child care closures is important from a broader economic perspective. Looking at Figure 22, elementary school and provider closures relative to COVID-19 case counts follow similar trends.

Figure 41. Statewide percent of elementary schools and providers closed due to COVID-19, by month of closure and number of COVID cases per month, March 2020 through February 2021



Comparing Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Kenai

Here we look at elementary school and child care provider closures relative to COVID-19 cases per 10,000 by month and by borough—specifically, Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Kenai (Figure 23). Public elementary schools in each region closed for in-person learning at the onset of the pandemic in March 2020. Thereafter, each of these school districts had a different approach to school openings. Anchorage implemented a phased reopening beginning early January 2021. Public elementary schools in Mat-Su re-opened in Fall 2020, with school-specific closures that would follow a confirmed positive case at a school. In Mat-Su, a district-wide closure also occurred in late November. Kenai reopened elementary schools in Fall 2020, but periodically closed clusters of schools when regional case rates rose.

¹⁷ An elementary school is considered closed when they have an average 50% year-over-year decline in visitors as reported by Parolin & Lee (2021). Provider closures are based on survey responses to the November 2020 and March 2021 survey administered by ISER.

¹⁸ Parolin, Z., & Lee, E. K. (2021). Large socio-economic, geographic, and demographic disparities exist in exposure to school closures. *Nature Human Behaviour*. <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41562-021-01087-8>.

¹⁹ Alaska Department of Health and Social Services Coronavirus Response Hub (last updated 6/23/2021) "Download Summary Tables" <https://alaska-coronavirus-vaccine-outreach-alaska-dhss.hub.arcgis.com/>

Figure 42. Percent of Anchorage, Mat-Su, and Kenai elementary schools and providers closed due to COVID-19, by month of closure and COVID-19 cases per 10,000, March 2020 through February 2021



As shown in Figure 23, April and May of 2020 saw relatively low COVID-19 case counts per 10,000 (orange line) in the three Southcentral boroughs, but high rates of elementary school closures (green line) and the proportion of closed providers citing COVID-19 as the primary reason for closure (purple line).

About half of Anchorage providers that experienced a closure cited COVID-19 as the primary reason in March through May 2020, which decreased to 11% in June. This is compared to just over a third (38%) of Mat-Su providers in March and April 2020, which decreased to 13% in May and through September 2020. While the proportion of closed providers in Kenai reporting COVID-19 as the primary reason for closure in March and April 2020 was comparable to Mat-Su, a slightly larger proportion attributed closures in June (29%) and July (43%) to COVID-19 than the other two regions.

COVID-19 case rates saw large increases in the three boroughs in September through December 2020. Most Anchorage elementary schools remained closed over this period, whereas Mat-Su and Kenai saw specific schools move in-and-out of in-person learning. There were a number of child care providers who were closed during this period citing COVID-19 as the main reason. In Anchorage, child care provider closures due to COVID-19 increased from 11% in September to over half (57%) in November. In Mat-Su, 13% of providers reported closures due to COVID-19 in September, but this increased to nearly half (44%) in December 2020. In Kenai, no providers reported being closed due to COVID-19 in September, but this increased substantially to 67% or two-thirds of closed providers in October and November 2020.

What have we learned about School Age child care?

Tables 7 to 9 report enrollment by day, by month, and waitlist for child care providers offering before school only, after school only, and before and after school care who responded to the November 2020 survey compared to those who responded to the March 2021 survey.

Enrollment

There was an increase in part day enrollment from October 6, 2020 to February 2, 2021, but a decrease in full day enrollment for school age children (Table 7).

Table 137. School-Age enrollment by day, October 6, 2020 and February 2, 2021

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers		# School-Age Receiving Care on Tuesday			
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 6, 2020		Feb 2, 2021	
			Part Day	Full Day	Part Day	Full Day
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	143	42	544	240	367
Bethel	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	0	0	0	2
Dillingham	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fairbanks North Star	35	37	2	153	84	136
Haines	2	1	1	0	2	0
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	18	1	48	0	24
Kenai	20	22	55	36	51	13
Ketchikan Gateway	6	7	11	14	22	5
Kodiak Island	12	8	51	28	6	1
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	29	101	50	123	44
Nome	2	4	0	0	2	0
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	.	0	0	.	.
Petersburg	1	2	0	13	0	0
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	2	1	0	0	0
Sitka	6	6	27	7	25	7
Skagway	2	2	5	0	0	3
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	3	0	0	3	8
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	286	297	893	558	610

There was an increase in part month enrollment from October 2020 to February 2021, but a decrease in full month enrollment for school age children (Table 8).

Table 138. School-Age enrollment by month, October 2020 and February 2021

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers		# School-Age Enrolled during			
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 2020 Part Month	Oct 2020 Full Month	Feb 2021 Part Month	Feb 2021 Full Month
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	143	80	654	240	606
Bethel	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	5	0	0	6
Dillingham	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fairbanks North Star	35	37	10	212	92	136
Haines	2	1	3	0	1	0
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	18	11	50	4	42
Kenai	20	22	66	57	97	4
Ketchikan Gateway	6	7	17	11	37	11
Kodiak Island	12	8	43	10	9	2
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	29	117	113	183	112
Nome	2	4	0	0	2	0
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	.	0	0	.	.
Petersburg	1	2	1	12	0	0
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	1	0	0	0
Sitka	6	6	7	35	26	11
Skagway	2	2	3	0	2	3
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	3	0	1	12	11
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	286	364	1155	705	944

Waitlist

While the number of providers with a waitlist for school age children increased by 9 from October 2020 to February 2021, the number on a waitlist only increased by 7 school age children (Table 9).

Table 139. School-Age Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 and February 2, 2021

Census/Borough	# of providers with School-Age Waitlist		# of School-Age on Waitlist on Tuesday	
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 6, 2020	Feb 2, 2021
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	12	15	26	45
Bethel	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.
Denali	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	.	.	.	.
Fairbanks North Star	5	6	29	30
Haines	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.
Juneau	2	2	11	2
Kenai	2	4	14	10
Ketchikan Gateway	.	1	.	4
Kodiak Island	1	1	3	2
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	5	5	29	20
Nome	.	.	.	.
North Slope	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	.	6	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	.	.	.	.
Sitka	1	3	12	22
Skagway	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	.	1	.	2
Wrangell	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.
Statewide	29	38	130	137

**Child care providers who offer before and after school care:
November 2020 to March 2021**

Childcare is vastly different across age groups. Infant, toddler, and pre-school child care is especially different to that of school age children. School age children may receive care before and after school; before-school only; after-school only; as well as summer programming when school is out.

With such variability, we focus in this section on child care providers that offer before and after school care for school age children during the school year. We call these providers SABA (School Age Before and After school). We compared SABA providers from the November 2020 (n = 150) and March 2021 (n = 121) surveys and found their responses by economic region (Table 10), provider type (Table 11), and types of care provided (Figure 24 and Table 12) were similar.

Table 140. SABA providers by region

by Region	November 2020 (n = 150)		March 2021 (n = 121)	
	#	%	#	%
Anchorage	63	42%	62	51%
Gulf Coast	24	16%	16	13%
Interior	24	16%	17	14%
Mat-Su	20	13%	14	12%
Northern	0	0%	0	0%
Southeast	19	13%	12	10%
Southwest	0	0%	0	0%

Table 141. SABA providers by provider type

by Provider Type	November 2020 (n = 150)		March 2021 (n = 121)	
	#	%	#	%
Licensed Center	64	43%	53	44%
Licensed Group Home	16	11%	17	14%
Licensed Home	70	47%	51	42%

Figure 43. Percent of SABA that include these types of care in their standard rates, November 2020 and March 2021

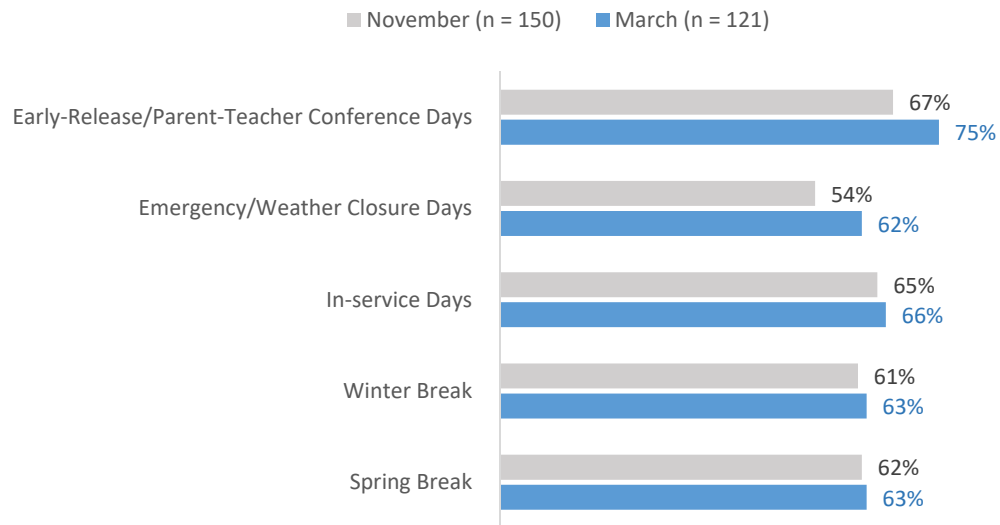


Table 142. Number and Percent of SABA providers which include summer care included in standard rates and those who charge an additional fee

	November (n = 150)		March (n = 121)	
	#	%	#	%
Summer break				
Included in standard rates	95	63%	77	64%
Additional fee	38	25%	40	33%

Comments on Care for School Age Children: **Camp Fire Anchorage: Rally Juneau/Southeast**

In Anchorage and Juneau, there are two organizations that care for the majority of the school age children in each respective area. Camp Fire Alaska in Anchorage and Rally in Juneau. While conducting both the November 2020 and March 2021 surveys, with their help we identified some specific challenges for care provision of school age children.

Learning the differences in how child care providers for school age children operate compared to providers for other age groups was important to understanding and analyzing the collected data used to support the update of child care rates and the impact of COVID-19 on school age child care providers. Directors at Camp Fire Alaska and Rally provided additional comments to help us understand the needs of school age child care providers. Here are highlights.

What are Camp Fire Alaska and RALLY?

Camp Fire Alaska²⁰

For more than 100 years, Camp Fire Alaska has provided programs for children. There are summer camps and the school-year program. There are full day programs and before and after school programs at select locations in Anchorage and Eagle River. Students in kindergarten through sixth grade can attend any program location. The school programs are open from 7am to 9:30am and 3pm to 6pm Monday through Friday.

Camp Fire operates during the school year, during school breaks, and all summer. During the summer, Camp Fire offers licensed programs that run all day at elementary schools in Anchorage and Eagle River (7am to 5:30 pm). A child can join for a week or the whole summer.

There are three different summer programs:

- 1) *Summer Adventure* for children entering grades 1 to 7.
- 2) *Camp Si-Lo-Meo* for children ages 5 to 13 who can attend for a week or more of outdoor adventures at the day camp located in Anchorage on the Alaska Pacific University campus.
- 3) *Camp K* is a co-ed overnight camp located on the Kenai Peninsula for campers ages 6 to 17.

RALLY²¹

RALLY has been a part Juneau for several decades either as RALLY, or as Community Schools Latchkey Program. The RALLY website notes that a recently found article referenced Latchkey as far back as 1984. The organization now has a new identity. RALLY stands for “Relationships and Leadership, Learning for Youth.” In partnership with the Juneau School District, during the school year, RALLY provides state licensed child care for elementary students ages 5 through 12 operating at each of the 6 elementary schools. Children enrolled in a Juneau School District Elementary K-5 classroom may participate in RALLY, which operates Monday to Friday with varying hours by location. The Fall 2021 schedule is shown in Table 13. RALLY in summer offers programs at 2 sites; downtown and in the valley.

²⁰ <https://www.campfireak.org/>

²¹ <https://www.juneauschools.org/rally-248c4304>

Table 143. RALLY Fall 2021 schedule by location

RALLY Location	Hours of Operation
Auke Bay	6:30 – 8:00am & 2:30 – 6:00pm
Gastineau	2:30 – 6:00pm
Glacier Valley	2:30 – 6:00 pm
Harborview	7:00 – 8:30am & 2:30 – 6:00pm
Mendenhall River	2:30 – 6:00pm
Riverbend	2:30 – 6:00 pm

Number Location and Type of Facilities and Sites

An important limitation of cost analysis emerged when conducting the in-depth look at school aged care. The RALLY and Camp Fire programs operate multiple sites, but in surveying costs, we conceptualized a single independent facility. As the survey was administered to the director of each facility, they could not speak directly to the shared cost of the central office, shared facilities/equipment, and other fixed cost items. Another issue is identifying how costs are shared when a program is located within the facility of another organization (e.g., schools or churches). For example, are the expenses shared or is there an in-kind donation? What is the value of the in-kind donation? Given the size of the Rally and Camp Fire programs, future market price surveys conducting cost analysis should consider specialized cost analysis for these programs.

Camp Fire Alaska

Some schools have limited the space they are allowed to run their program in. Instead of having it in a gym or multipurpose room, they now have one or two classrooms. They would like to have more space but they would need to work with the school (and probably wait until COVID is a little more under control) and hire more people.

Camp Fire doesn't have a waitlist by site. They have a waitlist for the whole program. Right now, there are 24 kids on the list. The CPO said that it is a little high because in a normal year, they have the staff and the space to enroll more kids.

Hours of operation and the provision of care to school age children is linked to the school calendar.

Two factors in combination impact school age child care—school closure and reduced labor force (i.e., employee layoffs and terminations)—resulted in lack of demand for child care. Providers of care for school age children were hit particularly hard.

Camp Fire Alaska

In February 2021 Camp Fire Alaska posted on their website *"We are currently operating at 12 locations, which is a little Less than half the number of sites from previous years. The Pandemic continues to affect our operations, but we are slowly recovering and looking to open one or two new Locations next quarter as staffing and school spacing allows."*

The CCPO said some sites have lack of demand, which caused them to close. However, some parents have been begging for their normal sites to reopen because they cannot get off work and move their kids from their school with a closed Camp Fire program to a site with an open program.

RALLY

March 2021- only 3 of the 6 sites are currently open.

Ability to gear back up when demand returns

There is a labor shortage for child care workers. These jobs have been characterized as lower wage jobs. Potential workers are choosing not to work in child care due several reasons. These include concerns for potential COVID-19 transmission to school age and younger children at the facility and/or their own; seeking a higher paying employment opportunity; needing to stay home to care for themselves or household/family members who remain at high risk for infection such as children who lack access to a vaccine.

Camp Fire Alaska

All hourly pay increased by \$2 to incentivize people to apply. They are struggling finding quality staff.

RALLY

Generally, they have 4-5 staff members per site: 1 director, 1 assistant director, and 2-3 lead teachers. However, about 25% of staff has been absent on any given day. This is mostly due to COVID. (Positive cases, exposure, waiting for results, etc.)

School age care providers faced a particularly novel need to teach children in their care when schools closed and initiated online learning.

Camp Fire Alaska

In October 2020, schools were still closed and they ran full day programs where staff were essentially teachers. They helped with schoolwork and sites would be open based on location in town. Enrollment was geographically open. For example, Abbott Loop was open and serviced all of the south Anchorage area. Denali was open full day and serviced all of midtown Anchorage. Eagle River held Alpenglow for the entire city.

Summer operations

School age child care programs may operate at different facilities during the summer breaks. These facilities have different operating costs such as rent, labor, supplies, utilities, etc. The providers have different summer and school year rates, which vary by program such as overnight camp vs day camp.

Camp Fire Alaska

They offer a summer camp. The rates change from a monthly payment to a weekly payment. The camps are usually \$300-320 per week. See the description of the different summer programs under 'What are Camp Fire Alaska and RALLY?' heading in this section.

Influence of large child care provider in a particular area

Identifying respondent influence/bias is a part of data analysis. There is concern that large multi-site single providers can influence child care rates for a particular area and age group. This is particularly the case with Camp Fire Alaska in Anchorage and RALLY in Juneau.

RALLY

Concerning because RALLY is the major Licensed Center for school-age kids in Juneau and can influence rates, funding, etc. for other local providers.

What happened with Enrollment and Waitlist?

Tables 14 to 22 report information on enrollment and waitlist by day, by month, and waitlist for child care providers offering infant, toddler, and preschool care who responded to the November 2020 survey compared to those who responded to the March 2021 survey. There were more providers who responded to the March 2021 survey (n = 286) than in November 2020 (n = 247), but enrollment and waitlist numbers did not necessarily follow the same trend.

Infant Care

Enrollment

There was an increase in part day and full day enrollment from October 6, 2020 to February 2, 2021 for infants (Table 14).

Table 144. Infant enrollment by day, October 6, 2020 and February 2, 2021

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers		# Infants Receiving Care on Tuesday			
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 6, 2020		Feb 2, 2021	
			Part Day	Full Day	Part Day	Full Day
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	143	4	115	6	107
Bethel	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	0	0	1	1
Dillingham	1	1	0	5	0	0
Fairbanks North Star	35	37	0	28	3	73
Haines	2	1	0	0	0	0
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	18	3	16	1	19
Kenai	20	22	0	23	3	13
Ketchikan Gateway	6	7	0	5	7	13
Kodiak Island	12	8	2	2	0	0
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	29	2	52	6	67
Nome	2	4	1	0	0	4
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	.	0	0	.	.
Petersburg	1	2	0	2	0	0
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	2	0	2	0	1
Sitka	6	6	0	7	0	4
Skagway	2	2	0	0	2	0
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	3	0	0	3	4
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	286	12	252	32	306

There was an increase in part month and full month enrollment from October 2020 to February 2021 for infants (Table 15).

Table 145. Infant enrollment by month, October 2020 and February 2021

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers		# Infants Enrolled during			
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 2020 Part Month	Oct 2020 Full Month	Feb 2021 Part Month	Feb 2021 Full Month
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	143	13	159	35	172
Bethel	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	1	0	2	0
Dillingham	1	1	0	0	0	0
Fairbanks North Star	35	37	6	87	4	70
Haines	2	1	0	0	0	0
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	18	13	16	1	21
Kenai	20	22	5	21	10	10
Ketchikan Gateway	6	7	3	4	5	12
Kodiak Island	12	8	6	7	0	2
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	29	17	58	23	93
Nome	2	4	1	0	0	4
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	.	0	0	.	.
Petersburg	1	2	0	4	0	0
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	0	2	1	0
Sitka	6	6	0	7	0	5
Skagway	2	2	0	0	2	1
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	3	0	1	3	4
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	286	65	366	86	394

Waitlist

While the number of providers reporting a waitlist for infants increased from November 2020 to March 2021, the number of infants on a waitlist decreased (Table 16).

Table 146. Infant Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 and February 2, 2021

Census/Borough	# of providers with Infant Waitlist		# of Infants on Waitlist on Tuesday	
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 6, 2020	Feb 2, 2021
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	23	29	183	113
Bethel	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.
Denali	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	.	2	.
Fairbanks North Star	8	11	59	75
Haines	.	.	.	.
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.
Juneau	7	5	64	35
Kenai	4	6	12	13
Ketchikan Gateway	4	4	12	16
Kodiak Island	4	1	7	3
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	9	8	35	30
Nome	.	1	.	.
North Slope	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	.	1	1
Prince of Wales-Hyder	.	.	.	.
Sitka	3	3	41	20
Skagway	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	2	4	6
Wrangell	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.
Statewide	65	70	420	312

Toddler Care

Enrollment

The number of toddlers enrolled in part day care nearly doubled from October 6, 2020 to February 2, 2021, but full day enrollment decreased (Table 17).

Table 147. Toddler enrollment by day, October 6, 2020 and February 2, 2021

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers		# Toddlers Receiving Care on Tuesday			
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 6, 2020		Feb 2, 2021	
			Part Day	Full Day	Part Day	Full Day
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	143	34	409	60	314
Bethel	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	0	0	2	2
Dillingham	1	1	0	5	0	6
Fairbanks North Star	35	37	2	74	15	120
Haines	2	1	0	2	1	2
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	18	1	34	4	43
Kenai	20	22	4	70	4	41
Ketchikan Gateway	6	7	0	25	1	28
Kodiak Island	12	8	4	13	0	6
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	29	5	89	10	113
Nome	2	4	2	0	0	6
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	.	0	0	.	.
Petersburg	1	2	2	10	0	0
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	0	2	0	2
Sitka	6	6	1	5	1	11
Skagway	2	2	0	5	2	1
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	3	0	0	5	12
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	286	55	741	106	707

There was an increase in part month enrollment from October 2020 to February 2021, but a decrease in full month enrollment for toddlers (Table 18).

Table 148. Toddler enrollment by month, October 2020 and February 2021

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers		# Toddlers Enrolled during			
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 2020 Part Month	Oct 2020 Full Month	Feb 2021 Part Month	Feb 2021 Full Month
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	143	107	463	103	428
Bethel	1	1	0	0	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	3	2	2	4
Dillingham	1	1	0	6	0	0
Fairbanks North Star	35	37	12	134	46	105
Haines	2	1	1	3	1	3
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	18	13	36	8	44
Kenai	20	22	23	73	35	19
Ketchikan Gateway	6	7	2	28	4	29
Kodiak Island	12	8	15	16	4	6
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	29	35	100	33	160
Nome	2	4	8	0	0	8
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	.	0	0	.	.
Petersburg	1	2	0	14	0	0
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	1	3	1	2
Sitka	6	6	0	12	1	12
Skagway	2	2	2	2	2	1
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	3	0	0	5	11
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	286	222	892	245	832

Waitlist

While the number of providers reporting having a toddler waitlist decreased by 1 provider, the number of toddlers on a waitlist increased by more than 100 children (Table 19).

Table 149. Toddler Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 and February 2, 2021

Census/Borough	# of providers with Toddler Waitlist		# of Toddlers on Waitlist on Tuesday	
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 6, 2020	Feb 2, 2021
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	22	25	199	233
Bethel	.	.	.	.
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.
Denali	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	.	7	.
Fairbanks North Star	8	12	128	244
Haines	1	1	1	2
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.
Juneau	6	4	29	18
Kenai	6	4	22	10
Ketchikan Gateway	4	3	13	8
Kodiak Island	2	2	7	8
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	9	7	38	35
Nome	1	.	1	.
North Slope	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	.	.	.	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	.	.	.	.
Sitka	3	3	12	22
Skagway	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	2	3	7
Wrangell	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.
Statewide	64	63	460	587

Preschool Age Care

Enrollment

Both part day and full day enrollment for preschool age children increased from October 2020 to February 2021 (Table 20).

Table 150. Pre-School enrollment by day, October 6, 2020 and February 2, 2021

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers		# Pre-School Age Receiving Care on Tuesday			
			Oct 6, 2020		Feb 2, 2021	
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Part Day	Full Day	Part Day	Full Day
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	143	115	656	115	615
Bethel	1	1	0	35	0	0
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	0	0	6	4
Dillingham	1	1	0	9	0	10
Fairbanks North Star	35	37	10	194	79	314
Haines	2	1	1	6	0	3
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	18	14	83	1	89
Kenai	20	22	16	107	10	83
Ketchikan Gateway	6	7	1	28	18	26
Kodiak Island	12	8	5	49	2	16
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	29	25	168	52	245
Nome	2	4	0	30	29	1
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	.	0	0	.	.
Petersburg	1	2	0	8	0	0
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	1	3	2	2
Sitka	6	6	45	13	42	31
Skagway	2	2	0	3	1	3
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	3	0	0	4	24
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	286	233	1392	361	1466

Part month enrollment increased from 390 preschool age children in October 2020 to 711 in February 2021, but full month enrollment for preschool age children decreased (Table 21).

Table 151. Pre-School Age enrollment by month, October 2020 and February 2021

Census/Borough	# of Responding Providers		# Pre-School Age Enrolled during			
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 2020		Feb 2021	
			Part Month	Full Month	Part Month	Full Month
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	114	143	161	883	241	814
Bethel	1	1	0	35	6	28
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.	.	.
Denali	1	1	10	6	3	10
Dillingham	1	1	0	10	0	0
Fairbanks North Star	35	37	17	364	161	304
Haines	2	1	2	6	0	3
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.	.	.
Juneau	18	18	21	85	4	93
Kenai	20	22	42	122	77	78
Ketchikan Gateway	6	7	6	23	15	33
Kodiak Island	12	8	17	44	12	19
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	23	29	81	198	128	341
Nome	2	4	0	30	0	30
North Slope	.	.	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	1	.	0	10	.	.
Petersburg	1	2	1	11	0	0
Prince of Wales-Hyder	1	1	2	4	3	1
Sitka	6	6	27	57	45	35
Skagway	2	2	3	3	1	2
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	3	0	5	15	19
Wrangell	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.	.	.
Statewide	247	286	390	1896	711	1810

Waitlist

There were 3 more providers with a waitlist for preschool age children, and the waitlist increased by a little more than 100 children October 2020 to February 2021 (Table 22).

Table 152. Pre-School Age Waitlist on Tuesday, October 6, 2020 and February 2, 2021

Census/Borough	# of providers with Pre-School Age Waitlist		# of Pre-School Age on Waitlist on Tuesday	
	Nov '20	Mar '21	Oct 6, 2020	Feb 2, 2021
Aleutians East	.	.	.	.
Aleutians West	.	.	.	.
Anchorage	20	21	169	208
Bethel	1	.	1	.
Bristol Bay	.	.	.	.
Denali	.	.	.	.
Dillingham	1	.	1	.
Fairbanks North Star	8	12	102	171
Haines	.	1	.	2
Hoonah-Angoon	.	.	.	.
Juneau	6	4	28	22
Kenai	3	4	6	5
Ketchikan Gateway	3	2	9	6
Kodiak Island	1	2	8	10
Kusilvak	.	.	.	.
Lake and Peninsula	.	.	.	.
Matanuska-Susitna	8	7	38	45
Nome	1	1	16	20
North Slope	.	.	.	.
Northwest Arctic	.	.	.	.
Petersburg	1	.	4	.
Prince of Wales-Hyder	.	.	.	.
Sitka	4	5	32	28
Skagway	.	.	.	.
Southeast Fairbanks	.	.	.	.
Valdez-Cordova	1	2	5	11
Wrangell	.	.	.	.
Yakutat	.	.	.	.
Yukon-Koyukuk	.	.	.	.
Statewide	58	61	424	528

Full Month Enrollment and Desired Capacity

Here we summarize October 2020 and February 2021 total full month enrollment for all age groups relative to desired capacity as reported by child care providers. We compare providers who responded to both surveys (n = 187). Change in demand is shown by decrease in enrollment versus desired capacity (Table 23).

Providers who responded to both the November and March surveys are currently operating well under their desired capacity (Table 23). From the November to March surveys, statewide desired capacity utilization fell from 52% to 37%. While enrollment was down slightly from November to March (3,201 to 3,051), there was a large increase in the reported desired capacity (6,206 to 8,293). Anchorage accounted for most of the additional desired enrollees, which increased from 3,055 to 4,699 (+1,644), while enrollment fell slightly there. Mat-Su was the only region to see meaningful increases in enrollment, with enrollment growing from 282 to 523 children. Currently, the Southwest and Southeast regions of the state are the most under-enrolled, with fewer than one in three desired spots filled (20% and 26% respectively). In the Interior and Mat-Su regions, desired capacity utilization is close to two out of three spots (61%) filled.

Table 153. Total full month enrollment and provider desired capacity, October 2020 and February 2021 by economic region, November 2020 and March 2021 surveys (n = 187)

	October 2020			February 2021		
	Total Desired Capacity	Total Full Month Enrollment	Enrollment/Desired Capacity	Total Desired Capacity	Total Full Month Enrollment	Enrollment/Desired Capacity
Anchorage	3055	1589	52%	4699	1430	30%
Gulf Coast	431	288	67%	427	147	34%
Interior	718	594	83%	922	587	64%
Mat-Su	883	282	32%	864	523	61%
Northern	112	30	27%	112	38	34%
Southeast	915	367	40%	1127	298	26%
Southwest	92	51	55%	142	28	20%
Statewide	6206	3201	52%	8293	3051	37%

Combining the total unique respondents to the November 2020 and March 2021 survey (n=343). Almost three quarters (70%) said they are not operating at full capacity (Table 24).

Table 154. Child Care Providers by survey and by full capacity operating status

	November— March Match		March Only		November Only		Total # unique respondents	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Operating at full capacity								
Yes	51	27%	32	32%	9	16%	92	27%
No	135	72%	66	67%	47	82%	248	72%
Missing	1	1%	1	1%	1	2%	3	1%
Total	187	100%	99	100%	57	100%	343	100%
% panel	38%		20%		12%		70%	

In Table 25, you can see that providers with a desired capacity of between 1 and 20 children comprised 57% of responding providers.

Table 155. Total unique Child Care Providers Both November 2020 and March surveys by desired capacity (n = 343)

Desired capacity	Total # unique respondents	
	#	%
1 – 10	145	42%
11 – 20	52	15%
21 – 30	15	4%
31 – 40	11	3%
41 – 50	17	5%
51 – 60	18	5%
61 – 70	14	4%
71 – 80	19	6%
81 – 90	14	4%
91 – 100	5	1%
Over 100	25	7%
Missing	8	2%
Total	343	100%
% panel	70%	

Looking across providers, there are a variety of reasons for not operating at full capacity. The most frequent was parents not working. The remaining list includes:

- Emergency Order
- Group size limit
- Parents are hesitant to enroll
- Lack of demand
- Mitigation plan/costs
- Owners children taking slots
- Residual effect of temporary closure
- Seasonal
- Choose to limit capacity
- Consolidate staff to be able to provide care for full days during virtual and adjusted schedule schooling.
- Current demand is for infant care
- Educational demands at daycare due to COVID closures and changes at school

Which Providers Responded to the November 2020 and March 2021 Surveys?

In this section, we provide a description of the child care providers that responded to:

- Both the November 2020 and the March 2021 surveys (n = 187);
- November 2020 survey only (n = 57); and
- March 2021 survey only (n = 99).

The total number of unique respondents is 343 child care providers.

As shown in Tables 26 through 29, the proportion of child care providers by region, provider type, business, and CCAP participation across the surveys are similar, but a larger proportion of providers who only responded to the March survey were from Anchorage (Table 26). Licensed Centers were almost half of respondents (Table 27). Over half of the respondents are sole proprietorships (Table 28). Of responding child care providers, 90% participate in the CCAP (Table 29).

Table 156. Child Care Providers by survey and region

<i>by Region</i>	November— March Match		March Only		November Only		Total # unique respondents	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Anchorage	86	46%	57	58%	27	47%	170	50%
Gulf Coast	23	12%	10	10%	10	18%	43	13%
Interior	25	13%	13	13%	10	18%	48	14%
Mat-Su	19	10%	10	10%	4	7%	33	10%
Northern	2	1%	2	2%	1	2%	5	1%
Southeast	30	16%	7	7%	5	7%	42	12%
Southwest	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%
Total	187	100%	99	100%	57	100%	343	100%
% child care providers	38%		20%		12%		70%	

Table 157. Child Care Providers by survey and provider type

<i>by Provider Type</i>	November—March Match		March Only		November Only		Total # unique respondents	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Licensed Center	85	45%	42	42%	27	47%	154	45%
Licensed Group Home	17	9%	12	12%	5	9%	34	10%
Licensed Home	85	45%	45	45%	25	44%	155	45%
Military Center	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Total	187	100%	99	100%	57	100%	343	100%
% child care providers	38%		20%		12%		70%	

Table 158. Child Care Providers by survey and business type

<i>By Business Type</i>	November and March		March Only		November Only		Total # unique respondents	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Sole Proprietor	96	51%	57	58%	30	53%	183	53%
Limited Liability Company	17	9%	10	10%	10	18%	37	11%
Cooperative	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%
Partnership	4	2%	1	1%	0	0%	5	1%
Non-Profit Corporation	40	21%	22	22%	11	19%	73	21%
Religious Corporation	0	0%	1	1%	2	4%	3	1%
S Corporation	12	6%	5	5%	0	0%	17	5%
Other*	14	7%	3	3%	4	7%	21	6%
Missing	2	1%	0	0%	0	0%	2	1%
Total	187	100%	99	100%	57	100%	343	100%
% child care providers	38%		20%		12%		70%	

*Other responses to Business type include: Religious Center, C corporation, Government, Non-Profit Cooperative, School District, Self-Employed, and Tribe

Table 159. Child Care Providers by survey and CCAP participation

<i>Participation in CCAP</i>	November— March Match		March Only		November Only		Total # unique respondents	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Yes	171	91%	85	86%	49	86%	305	89%
No	16	9%	14	14%	8	14%	38	11%
Total	187	100%	99	100%	57	100%	343	100%
% child care providers	38%		20%		12%		70%	

Table 160. Number and percent of providers who receive other financial support by type, March survey only (n = 286)

	Providers who responded Yes	
	#	%*
Donated Space	11	4%
Rent Assistance	6	2%
Free or reduced cost for services (maintenance, landscaping, janitorial, etc.)	9	3%
Free or donated materials and/or supplies	25	9%
Free or donated food	15	5%
Monetary contributions	23	8%
Grants	122	43%
Other [†]	29	10%

* Percentages will not add to 100% because providers only selected financial support they receive.

[†] Other responses include: Child Care grants, COVID supports, Food programs, fund raising, tribal organizations, United Way, tuition and program revenue, Coast Guard, Carper replacements, sliding door replacement, bathroom repair, my husband's salary.

In the March 2021 survey, we asked child care providers what other financial support, besides fees and state child care reimbursement, are used to support program costs. The most common form of financial support reported was grants by 43% of child care providers (Table 30). The grant amounts ranged from \$150,000 – \$2.2 million.

Of these 122 providers who indicated they receive grants as financial support, just over half (52%, n = 64) were Licensed Centers, followed by Licensed Homes (38%, n = 46), and Licensed Group Homes (10%, n = 12) (see Appendix).

What are Considerations for Future Surveys?

The following section is a thematic analysis of the responses to the question “What should we consider in the next Market Price Survey?” There were 107 responses. We used four overarching themes to code these open-ended responses. These are:

6. Increase Rates
7. COVID-19
8. Program operation and costs
9. Survey

Each theme has subcomponents. Table 31 shows the four themes and their components. Specific quotes are presented to convey relevant details regarding how each of the themes should be considered in future child care providers surveys.

Table 161. Themes and Subcomponents for what to consider in the next Market Price Survey

Theme	Subcomponents
Increase Rates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - State Rates - Rates for school age children - Rates to support employee training and parental aid - Rates for certain regions
COVID-19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Closures - COVID-19 Relief - Impact of COVID-19
Program operation and costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Benefits - Bilingual Staff - Costs - Guidelines - Parents working from home/school closure - Supplies
Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Clarify Questions - Operating Costs - Survey Design and Content

Increase Rates

Child care providers advocated for rate increases or additional funding. Some providers specifically mentioned increasing the rate for Licensed Homes, certain regions in the state, or school age children. Others focused on increase funding to support employee training and parental aid.

State Rates

Regarding the Child Care Assistant rate - Licensed Homes should have the same rate as licensed Centers. Several other states do not have a different rate for homes vs. centers.

*More funding for small Business
I need more children in my care or funding to surviv[e].*

Bringing assistance in line to what we have to charge for tuition. There is a big gap and this is a hardship on many families who need assistance to stay in the work force

hopefully additional financial support

Rates for school age children

The amount of pay for school age kids is awfully low compared to the amount of hours worked and level of supervision that is needed.

I had to open up a second facility for school age children. We were teaching them their lessons. Now that the kids are back in school, I'm still watching them 4 plus hours a day vs before Covid it was maybe 2 hours a day. Plus I had a lot more expenses incurred while trying to teach these children virtually. We don't get paid enough for school-age children!!!!

Rates to support employee training and parental aid

Huge Price increases for Childcare Rates and grants for teachers for their personal life as well as their professional careers.

The amount employees deserve to be paid vs what parents can realistically afford for childcare. Also go back to paying the copays for parents.

Parent aid

Rates for certain regions

Mat-Su DCAP rates need to increase to match Anchorage DCAP rates.

RAISE STATE RATES FOR THE VALLEY

State rates for the Kenai Peninsula are far too low. They have been on the bottom for so very long and it as inflation takes place EVERY YEAR so should the budget and income guidelines for families. All of our subsidised families have to pay more than their co-pay and it is often crippling to their financial situation. Also, the mandate that requires CCA's from open to close is absurd and has placed great hardship on centers since it was adopted. Last, we want to thank the state for helping centers and families during COVID by covering many of their co-pays and extra funds to help centers stay open. This was the ONLY way we were able to stay open and provide services to our community. Thank you!!!

COVID-19

Child care providers referred to school closures and the need for COVID-19 relief funds to stay open. Comments and examples of the impacts of COVID-19 vary. They include increased operating costs and fewer children to care for; difficulty to remain open with reduced income; and concerns for positivity rates in their community.

Closures

closures during covid exposure

The lasting impact of uncertainty families have about placing their children in child care centers in fear there will be risk of COVID or closures due to COVID. Child care centers provide a necessary service for the community and are in need of assistance to maintain clean and functional facilities.

COVID-19 Relief

"We have two additional staff that administer the RALLY program, the Program Supervisor (Half Time) and our Billing Specialist. (Full time) for all 6 RALLY sites. All staff for this site are currently working other sites to support long day availability to families. Our ability to stay open may depend on relief funds coming through from the two covid relief bills. "

"... Days closed between SY and Summer sessions depends on the district calendar and how the month lays out. Days for PD may vary. We are very concerned about our ability to stay open which may depend on relief funds coming through from the two covid relief bills. "

"We are very concerned about our ability to stay open which may depend on relief funds coming through from the two covid relief bills. ... "

Our ability to stay open may depend on relief funds coming through from the two covid relief bills.

Impact of COVID-19

A lot of the children in care have left because of unemployment. I have been helping out a school age child, and not receiving any type of compensation because of the circumstances. I am trying to stay afloat to help the community and parents that are going back to work.

grants to help with cleaning supplies, electricity, house payments since we are having difficulty being fully participated in case of high risk changes and having to tell parents they are not allowed to attend child care

The impact that the pandemic has on our services to the community.

How many people have tested positive for COVID in the facility and its impact.

considering what the daycare attendance will be back to normal and weather the parents are back to work.

How much assistance that the State had offered to the program to help the program stays open or survive during a pandemic time?

Cost of losing families due to job loss

Program Operation and Costs

There were many remarks about operating costs such as employee benefits, bilingual staffing, and specific costs (e.g., wages, supplies, training, etc.). Providers raised issues about guidelines for the counting of part time children, and payment when parents are working from home and children are at home due to school closures.

Benefits

"Costs of - and resulting lack of benefits such as health insurance and retirement. Costs of educational demands on daycare providers "

Benefits for Employees. In order to hire and keep qualified employees, we need to offer hire wages and benefits.

education of employees working with the children

Funding to provide child care for employees to meet the growing child care needs.

Giving teachers more options with grants and personal financial options with help with their professional and career finances.

Medical insurance for providers

Staff insurance grant program

Bilingual Staff

More training licensing hours in Spanish for providers.

Costs

"Since almost everything is more expensive now But the state rates are the same since before COVID it has made it hard for me because I can't charge more because families complain."

Cost of payroll, training time vs pay for at home trainings online.

How we can continue to operate safely. I think you guys have it covered. Staff pay, and pay to help offset the costs is going to be needed

I think cost of living went up and so has minimum wage. I base my rates on the CCPO rate schedule, which was revised March 1, 2019. Thank you.

operating costs and cost of living by location

Sanitation and increased over-time

We are hanging on to a thread. A lot of parents don't feel like it's fair to charge them when they aren't in care. It's hard to continue to pay all of our bills when we are losing tuition

Guidelines

that the amount of children enrolled may exceed the capacity because you have part time kids and children that attend before school and after school only which allows space during hours when those children are not there

Parents working from home/school closure

How providers feel in the eyes of the state. She feels that she is at the bottom of the totem pole and without her people can't go to work because she takes care of their kids.

Parents on DCA with school age children should be covered full time when they are in daycare for full days. It shouldn't depend on the schools being open. Parents working out of their homes on DCA should be covered with childcare, so they can do their best work.

Supplies

More supplies for maintain the childcare

Survey

Among comments on the survey questionnaire, the largest number point to further clarification of questions.

Providers expressed the need for and felt more information could be collected to reflect the true costs of providing child care.

Child care providers offer suggestions on the content areas of the market price survey and its design. Some felt the survey was geared more towards large child care programs and suggested revising questions to more directly address smaller providers. Also missing are sufficient questions on the seasonality of providing child care.

Clarify Questions

"This is further clarification to previous questions: six of our closures are In-Service days for staff while the rest are holidays. Regarding the Market Price Survey- with the increased funding coming from the Federal Government I would look at indicators to support higher quality: staff education and longevity. The cost of care is highly subsidized by the poverty wages paid to workers in the profession. As work is done on the national and state level to increase professionalism in regards to education and most importantly competency there needs to be funding directly to cover the increase in wages the employees deserve (and require so that they can be more emotionally present in the classroom). "

"This question is confusing: ""Since October 2020, have you started to provide care for school-age children?"" We did not START since October 2020, we have always offered care for school-age. We have been struggling in 2021 with finding qualified employees in part due to increases to unemployment benefits. We would also like to see a long-term solution to the gap between what it costs to run a childcare center and what families can afford, such as increased childcare assistance benefits, subsidies for childcare centers, etc."

"I just felt some of the questions were yes or no but needed more explanation Like I'm a before n after school -transport children to n from school Thanks"

more clarification on some of the questions

PT pricing. Our part time care has many options MWF or T/Th they have different prices.

Closed Facilities

Asking how many kids are enrolled in a facility and considering help if the facility does not have enough kids to pay the mortgage, utilities, insurance and employees. This will help in the foreclosure of the facilities.

You need to consider if the facility is still close due to not having any kids due to COVID and help the facility to stay open by helping to pay the mortgage or rent if the facility is we will not go into foreclosure. That will be a big help to us.

Operating Costs

Personnel

Insert hourly rate option

Asking what we estimate the true cost of care is per child per year. The questions this time have us provide you more financial information but still is not enough for you to understand all our expenses (utilities, telephone, internet, dues, maintenance, salaries/fringe) and the true cost of care per child.

The questions about salary asked if the salary amount had increased due to covid. The amount that I pay each person did not increase specifically due to covid, however, the amount of total staff I need to schedule has increased significantly due to covid, which has resulted in the largest increase in our costs related to covid. Prior to covid we could have one extra staff to handle occasional sick days, however, at this time in order to run successfully we need to have 3 to 4 extra staff on hand in case of absences due to covid, testing etc. When there are not absences it's expensive to keep these staff available in case absences occur, and we are not able to find quality staff that are able to merely work on-call. Because of this, I'm not sure that the questions in this survey accurately reflected the increased cost due to covid.

Multiple Facilities/Buildings

We do not operate in one building. We have programs in Anchorage School District elementary schools (before and after school care). 2020-2021 school year we have 12 programs running.

We are a small religious preschool attached to a church. Many of the financial questions would not yield an accurate answer from us because our financials are also entwined with those of the church. The tuition the parents pay does not cover the costs of the preschool-the church covers extra costs.

Seasonal Care

Seasonal operations

License

Note - our facility maintains a child care license but we are currently not providing child care services. Our facility operates a Head Start preschool program through federal and state grants, along with Tribal funding.

Survey Design and Content

Length and Frequency

Shorter survey. This is too long.

We already submitted the all the information and most of the data could be obtained from Child Care Assistance Program office. Please do not burden the providers with extra work.

You can glean all the data you need from the documentation/reports we have submitted to Child Care Assistance Program without pestering the providers with extra work.

You should be able to obtain and/or glean these information from the data we have submitted to Child Care Assistance Program. Please do not pester the providers with extra work.

Making it shorter

Separate Age Groups

I would encourage you to look at school age child care separate from infants and toddler care. I believe the industry has been impacted differently (school age care disproportionately impacted)

Ages of children when considering prices infants require more work for a longer period of time even up to 30 months

Small Child Care Providers

Maybe gear more of the questions to be specific to Child Care Homes vs Centers. I found that several of the questions did not apply to my business.

Make it available right away for small business like me with one staff only, myself as an owner and child care giver/teacher.

The questions are too broad and do not fit all childcare homes

Children with Special Needs

Providers that care for children with special needs.

Waitlist

More waitlist questions. Waitlists are inaccurate. Ask 'How long does it take infants/pre-schooler/etc into care? How long are they on the waitlist? How many people actually get enrolled' Parents skew waitlists by applying to multiple facilities. This includes children who are not born yet, foster care, etc. Also, some people only want one day or partial daycare which a lot of facilities will not allow.

Raising childcare rates. Inflated waitlist questions.

Translation

In Spanish, please.

Recommendations

These recommendations were generated from a review of the responses to the questions “What should be considered in the next market price/child care survey” as provided in the November 2020 and March 2021 survey findings and additional comments from follow up telephone interviews of respondents. Most of the comments were focused on the design and content of future child care provider surveys. There was one CCPO issue raised by survey respondents.

Survey Design and Content

There is a need to increase understanding of how waitlists operate for parents and providers across different age groups. Is this much competition good for the market? Is there a better way to get a more accurate picture of how many children are waiting to receive care? Parents (particularly those seeking infant care) place their name on waitlists at multiple providers. Future surveys and analyses need to look into ways to measure actual need adjusting for the inflation created by these multiple listings.

A concise way to define and measure quality of care is needed. Does the quality of care change when providers have more money? How does increasing or diminishing the number of child care providers affect quality of care?

Overall, child care providers would like to see a more detailed examination of costs to provide care. Questions could collect data differently (such as hourly instead of monthly or annually) or more information could be gathered to reflect the costs of providing child care such as: different costs of summer and school year operations; value of in-kind contribution of rent, utilities, supplies, etc.

Providers would also like an assessment of the additional costs to provide care that have occurred as a result of COVID-19. These include increased expenses for supplies such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and staffing, loss of kids (reduced enrollment) or change in enrollment from different age groups, and impact of school closure.

Child care providers offer suggestions on the content areas of the market price survey and its design. Some felt the survey was geared more towards large child care programs and suggested revising questions to more directly address smaller providers. Also missing are sufficient questions on the seasonality of providing child care.

Providers think it is important to document what child care looked like prior to the pandemic. What was the cost to provide care before COVID-19? Further guidance from providers would assist with the focus of look-back pre-COVID-19.

CCPO Operation

Respondents would like a review of the definition of age groups and eligibility. Logistics of payments were also noted as areas of further investigation by responding child care providers.

Limitations

A limitation of this report and the findings included are due to the March 2021 survey question skip patterns. When the survey was revised for the March 2021 administration, many questions were designed based on the assumption that child care providers would have responded to the November 2020 survey in order to understand how things have changed since October 2020. Following this assumption, we missed an opportunity to collect some information from providers who only responded to the March survey (See Appendix paper version of the survey)

Specific questions from the March survey that had skip patterns include:

- Q6. *Since October 2020, has your program changed the monthly or daily rates you charge?*
 - If a provider responded *No* indicating their rates had not *changed* since October 2020 then the follow-up questions were skipped, so if a provider did not respond in November, we do not know what their rates are.
- Q7. *Since October 2020, in addition to the standard rates, have you added any additional fees, such as registration, late payment, application, materials, late pick-up, early drop-off, field trip, or activity fees?*
 - We asked if they *added* any fees, so if they said no, we obtained no other information about additional fees from providers, which is a gap if they did not respond to the November 2020 survey.
- Q8. *Since October 2020, have you started to provide additional care, such as care during the evenings (after 6pm); daytime care on a Saturday and/or Sunday; or overnight care on a regular basis?*
 - We asked if they *started* to provide additional care, so if they said no, we obtained no other information about additional care from providers, which is a gap if they did not respond to the November 2020 survey.
- Q10. *Since October 2020, have you started to provide care for school age children?*
 - We asked if they *started* to provide school age child care since October 2020. However, during data cleaning we noticed it was difficult to discern whether a provider in fact *began* to offer care to school age children—that is, school age children were a new age group they never served before—or if the provider started to provide school age care *again*—as in the provider re-opened and began offering existing services. If they didn’t respond to the November 2020 survey, we cannot be certain.

During data cleaning of the March 2021 survey to match provider responses to those who also responded in November 2020, we discovered duplicate responses for three (3) providers whose responses were entered by different people at the same facility. This discrepancy was overlooked in previous data cleaning prior to reporting the November 2020 results; therefore, the correct number of providers who responded to the November 2020 survey is 244 instead of the reported 247. However, this difference of 3 providers’ responses did not significantly changes any reported results so findings from the November survey (Chapter 1) are left as is, but the March 2021 survey section (Chapter 2) includes the corrected sample size.

Methodology

Survey Methodology

The survey methodology includes a description of the processes, notification system, and methods used to collect information for purposes of the March 2021 Alaska Child Care Survey. This survey is a follow up to the November 2020 Market Price Survey with an emphasis on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on Alaska child care providers.

Scope of Survey

The 2021 Alaska Child Care Survey. Price Survey consisted collection of child care provider data. These are:

- Facility and Business type
- Child Care Assistance Participation
- Capacity
- Change in Rates
- Additional Fees
- Additional Care
- Reduced rates
- School Age Children
- Enrollment Numbers and Waitlist
- Operation Costs
- Hours of Operation
- COVID-19 effects

A copy of the paper version of the questionnaire is in the appendix.

Questionnaire Development

The 2021 Alaska Child Care survey questionnaire is based on the November 2020 Market Price Survey. Questions were revised in consultation with and at the request of the CCPO.

Notification/Recruitment

Providers were sent an advanced email notice of the survey: the CCAP Survey Notification – March 2021 letter was emailed on March 9, 2021 to all licensed providers. This letter described the information needed to complete the survey; gave the survey dates; and provided instructions for using the online survey tool (see Appendix).

Email bounce-backs to this notification were forward to the CCPO for follow up. CCPO staff called all licensed child care providers with incorrect or non-working email addresses. This enabled CCPO staff to ensure that providers' contact information in the CCPO's database, called the Integrated Child Care Information System (ICCIS)²², was current.

²² Data from the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP) Rates and Responsibilities is a form on which all licensed providers participating in CCAP are required to declare their child care rates based on category of age and registration fee, if applicable.

In addition, CCAP Designees and CCPO partner agencies, such as Alaska's statewide Child Care Resource and Referral Network, thread, were also notified of the March 2021 survey. Designees and partners were encouraged to include this information in any type of regular communication they use to licensed child care providers, such as postings in their lobbies and in newsletters

Data Collection/Survey Administration

The March 2021 survey population consisted of 488 licensed child care providers with an ICCIS status of Active/Open on November 1, 2020.

On March 17, 2021, a link to the web-based survey was distributed by email to providers. ISER researchers conducted the survey from March 17 through April 29, 2021.

Providers who did not respond to the survey in the first week received a reminder notice by email. The CCAP Survey Notification – March 2021 Reminder email included a brief description of the survey and a friendly reminder to participate (see Appendix). We initiated telephone follow up one week after the launch of the survey with respondents who had partially completed the survey and those who had not started.

CCPO staff reminded and encouraged providers to participate in the survey through regular contact with licensed child care facilities.

Data Cleaning

After the close of the survey period, all duplicate, incomplete, or inconsistent responses were identified and corrected. Initial data cleaning was done on an extracted set of data from Qualtrics. Data were then imported into Excel and the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) for further cleaning and analysis.

Child Care Provider Response Rates

Of the 488 licensed child care providers surveyed in March 2021, 286 (58.6%) responded. This response rate is slightly higher than the November 2020 survey response rate²³ of 55.8%.

Table 162. Child care provider response rates by region and type, November 2020 and March 2021

Economic Regions	November 2020			March 2021		
	Total Providers	Response Rates		Total Providers	Response Rates	
		#	%		#	%
Anchorage	203	113	55.7%	245	143	58.4%
Licensed Center	79	46	58.2%	117	60	51.3%
Licensed Home	120	67	55.8%	124	83	66.9%
Licensed Group Home	-	-	-	-	-	-
Military Center	4	0	0.0%	4	0	0.0%
Gulf Coast	51	33	64.7%	51	33	64.7%
Licensed Center	16	9	56.3%	16	11	68.8%
Licensed Home	26	20	76.9%	26	17	65.4%
Licensed Group Home	9	4	44.4%	9	5	55.6%
Military Center	-	-	-	-	-	-
Interior	71	34	47.9%	72	38	52.8%
Licensed Center	28	13	46.4%	28	12	42.9%
Licensed Home	16	10	62.5%	17	10	58.8%
Licensed Group Home	27	11	40.7%	27	16	59.3%
Military Center	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mat-Su	47	23	48.9%	53	29	54.7%
Licensed Center	27	15	55.6%	27	16	59.3%
Licensed Home	14	5	35.7%	16	8	50.0%
Licensed Group Home	10	3	30.0%	10	5	50.0%
Military Center	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern	5	3	60.0%	5	4	80.0%
Licensed Center	3	3	100.0%	3	2	66.7%
Licensed Home	2	0	0.0%	2	2	100.0%
Licensed Group Home	-	-	-	-	-	-
Military Center	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southeast	57	36	63.2%	59	37	62.7%
Licensed Center	34	24	70.6%	35	24	68.6%
Licensed Home	15	7	46.7%	16	10	62.5%
Licensed Group Home	8	5	62.5%	8	3	37.5%
Military Center	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southwest	3	2	66.7%	3	2	66.7%
Licensed Center	3	2	66.7%	3	2	66.7%
Licensed Home	-	-	-	-	-	-
Licensed Group Home	-	-	-	-	-	-
Military Center	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	437	244	55.8%	488	286	58.6%

²³ Typos were discovered for November 2020 response rates table, specifically for Anchorage and Southeast regions. For Anchorage, the total number of Licensed Centers was reported as 115 and has been corrected to 79. Licensed Homes total was reported as 123 and corrected to 120. The total in Anchorage was updated from 242 to 203, changing the overall response rate from 47.1% to the corrected 55.7%. For Southeast, the total number of Licensed Centers was reported as 35 and has been corrected to 34, changing the overall total in Southeast from 58 to 57, and overall response rate from 62.1% to the corrected 63.2%.

Table 33 shows the number and percent of unique child care providers participating in November 2020 and/or March 2021 surveys—that is, those that participated in November 2020 only; March 2021 only; or both.

Table 163. Number and percent of unique child care providers participating in November 2020 and/or March 2021 surveys

Economic Regions	Unique Respondents		
	Total Providers	Survey Participants	
		#	%
Anchorage	245	170	69.4%
Licensed Center	117	72	61.5%
Licensed Home	124	98	79.0%
Licensed Group Home	-	-	-
Military Center	4	0	0.0%
Gulf Coast	51	43	84.3%
Licensed Center	16	15	93.8%
Licensed Home	26	22	84.6%
Licensed Group Home	9	6	66.7%
Military Center	-	-	-
Interior	72	48	66.7%
Licensed Center	28	16	57.1%
Licensed Home	17	14	82.4%
Licensed Group Home	27	18	66.7%
Military Center	-	-	-
Mat-Su	53	33	62.3%
Licensed Center	27	19	70.4%
Licensed Home	16	9	56.3%
Licensed Group Home	10	5	50.0%
Military Center	-	-	-
Northern	5	5	100.0%
Licensed Center	3	3	100.0%
Licensed Home	2	2	100.0%
Licensed Group Home	-	-	-
Military Center	-	-	-
Southeast	59	42	71.2%
Licensed Center	35	27	77.1%
Licensed Home	16	8	50.0%
Licensed Group Home	8	7	87.5%
Military Center	-	-	-
Southwest	3	2	66.7%
Licensed Center	3	2	66.7%
Licensed Home	-	-	-
Licensed Group Home	-	-	-
Military Center	-	-	-
Grand Total	488	343	70.3%

General Definitions/Descriptions

Child Care Program Office (CCPO):

The CCPO operates within the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services, Division of Public Assistance. Based in Anchorage with regional licensing offices in Fairbanks and Juneau, the CCPO Care Assistance, Child Care Licensing, Alaska Inclusive Child Care (Alaska IN!) and Child Care Grant Programs in addition to statewide Child Care Resource and Referral Network.

Child Care Time Period:

Child care providers were asked for their definitions of part and full, month and day enrollment. Their responses were both in text and numeric values. We reviewed them and saw a preponderance of responses consistent with these definitions. The provider rates are also consistent with these definitions. Length of time used for rates of child care are by the following periods:

- **Full month:** 30 days
- **Part month:** 15 days
- **Full day:** 8 hours
- **Part day:** 5.2 hours

Age Groups:

State subsidy rates for Child Care Assistance are differentiated by the following four child age groups:

- **Infant:** Birth through 12 months
- **Toddler:** 13 months through 35 months
- **Preschool Age:** 36 months through 59 months
- **School Age:** 5 years through 12 years

Census and Borough: Boroughs/Census Areas are the 19 boroughs and 10 US Census Bureau-defined census areas. These two systems have been aggregated into 29 geographic units which correspond to 2015 census area definitions.

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| • Aleutians East Borough | • Nome Census Area |
| • Aleutians West Census Area | • North Slope Borough |
| • Anchorage Municipality | • Northwest Arctic Borough |
| • Bethel Census Area | • Petersburg Borough |
| • Bristol Bay Borough | • Prince of Wales-Hyder Census Area |
| • Denali Borough | • Sitka City and Borough |
| • Dillingham Census Area | • Skagway Municipality |
| • Fairbanks North Star Borough | • Southeast Fairbanks Census Area |
| • Haines Borough | • Valdez-Cordova Census Area |
| • Hoonah-Angoon Census Area | • Wrangell City and Borough |
| • Juneau City and Borough | • Yakutat Borough |
| • Kenai Peninsula Borough | • Yukon-Koyukuk Census Area |
| • Ketchikan Gateway Borough | |
| • Kodiak Island Borough | |
| • Kusilvak Census Area | |
| • Lake and Peninsula Borough | |
| • Matanuska-Susitna Borough | |

Datasets and Assumptions

In addition to the analysis of the March 2021 survey respondents (n = 286), we compare findings to those of child care providers who responded to the November 2020 survey (n = 244). Depending on the research question, our analysis includes providers who responded to:

- Both the November 2020 and the March 2021 surveys (n = 187);
- November 2020 survey only (n = 57); and
- March 2021 survey only (n = 99).

The total number of unique respondents is 343 child care providers.

We identified child care providers by their provider ID number in order to verify whether they had completed both the November 2020 and March 2021 surveys, or only one or the other.

When a provider responded to both surveys and there are differences in the how they responded, we use their March 2021 survey response based on the assumption that the information provided in March is more recent and accurate.