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Executive summary

The Minnesota Department of Human Services (department), consistent with federal requirements, conducts a statewide survey of prices charged by licensed family child care and licensed center child care providers. The market rate survey is a component of the Minnesota Child Care Provider Business Update.

Based on prices reported on the survey, counties are grouped into price clusters by provider type. Price data is analyzed separately for licensed family child care and licensed center-based child care. All prices reported by providers in the counties that form a price cluster are grouped for analysis, and survey results apply to the entire price cluster.

Separate results are generated for hourly, daily and weekly prices in four age groups. The 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles of provider prices are reported here. The 25th percentile is the price where one-quarter of the prices are lower and three-quarters are higher. The 50th percentile (median) is the price where one-half of the prices are higher and one-half are lower. The 75th percentile is the price where three-quarters of the prices are lower and one-quarter are higher.

Although results are used to inform setting of maximum rates paid for care under the Child Care Assistance Program, results in this document are distinct from these maximum rates. Current Child Care Assistance Program maximum rates were set by the Minnesota Department of Human Services, based on legislative direction and effective on Feb. 3, 2014. These maximums are based on the higher of the 25th percentile of the 2011 market rate survey results, or the maximums in place on Nov. 28, 2011.

Results of the 2016 Minnesota Child Care Provider Business Update

Table 1: 2016 Minnesota Child Care Provider Business Update:

Child care center 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles

Table 2: 2016 Minnesota Child Care Provider Business Update:

Family child care 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles

Table 3: 2016 Minnesota Child Care Provider Business Update:

Price cluster assignments for center and family child care

- Figure 1: 2016 Minnesota price clusters: Child care centers
- Figure 2: 2016 Minnesota price clusters: Family child care

Center Price Cluster ¹	Age Group	Hourly Rate 25 th Percentile	Hourly Rate 50 th Percentile	Hourly Rate 75 th Percentile	Daily Rate 25 th Percentile	Daily Rate 50 th Percentile	Daily Rate 75 th Percentile	Weekly Rate 25 th Percentile	Weekly Rate 50 th Percentile	Weekly Rate 75 th Percentile
1	Infant	\$3.00	\$3.50	\$3.85	\$29.60	\$31.50	\$36.00	\$133.00	\$161.00	\$175.00
	Toddler	\$2.75	\$3.35	\$3.75	\$28.00	\$29.00	\$31.00	\$126.00	\$146.00	\$155.00
	Preschool	\$2.75	\$3.10	\$3.45	\$23.00	\$27.00	\$29.00	\$120.00	\$129.00	\$145.00
	School age	\$2.50	\$2.90	\$3.50	\$26.00	\$28.00	\$29.00	\$108.00	\$113.00	\$120.00
2	Infant	\$4.00	\$4.80	\$6.31	\$36.00	\$41.00	\$43.75	\$175.00	\$190.00	\$197.00
	Toddler	\$3.75	\$4.25	\$5.75	\$33.50	\$37.00	\$40.00	\$155.00	\$180.00	\$188.00
	Preschool	\$3.50	\$3.90	\$5.66	\$31.00	\$35.00	\$37.00	\$145.00	\$161.00	\$174.00
	School age	\$3.50	\$3.75	\$5.52	\$27.50	\$32.00	\$35.00	\$135.00	\$142.00	\$150.00
3	Infant	\$9.00	\$11.50	\$13.00	\$50.00	\$55.00	\$65.00	\$181.00	\$206.00	\$229.00
	Toddler	\$7.75	\$10.00	\$11.00	\$43.00	\$49.00	\$55.00	\$168.00	\$188.00	\$208.00
	Preschool	\$7.00	\$9.50	\$11.00	\$40.00	\$46.00	\$52.00	\$155.00	\$177.00	\$190.00
	School age	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$9.50	\$32.00	\$36.00	\$46.50	\$135.00	\$145.00	\$150.00
4	Infant	\$10.00	\$14.00	\$14.00	\$85.00	\$100.00	\$168.00	\$290.00	\$331.00	\$375.00
	Toddler	\$9.00	\$10.80	\$12.00	\$64.15	\$78.00	\$108.00	\$249.00	\$289.00	\$330.00
	Preschool	\$8.00	\$9.60	\$11.00	\$57.84	\$69.41	\$90.00	\$225.00	\$252.00	\$284.00
	School age	\$7.50	\$7.50	\$9.00	\$53.00	\$56.00	\$77.00	\$175.00	\$189.00	\$238.00

Table 1: 2016 Minnesota Child Care Provider Business Update: Child care center 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles

¹ Minnesota counties were grouped into clusters based on child care prices. A list of counties included in each price cluster is in Table 3.

² The 50th percentile is equivalent to the median.

Table 2: 2016 Minnesota Child Care Provider Business Update: Family child care 25th, 50th and 75th percentiles

Center Price Cluster ¹	Age Group	Hourly Rate 25th Percentile	Hourly Rate 50th Percentile	Hourly Rate 75th Percentile	Daily Rate 25th Percentile	Daily Rate 50th Percentile	Daily Rate 75th Percentile	Weekly Rate 25th Percentile	Weekly Rate 50th Percentile	Weekly Rate 75th Percentile
1	Infant	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.55	\$20.50	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$125.00
	Toddler	\$2.25	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$20.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$120.00
	Preschool	\$2.25	\$2.40	\$2.50	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$100.70	\$115.00
	School Age	\$2.25	\$2.40	\$2.50	\$20.00	\$22.00	\$25.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$110.00
2	Infant	\$2.50	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$25.00	\$25.50	\$30.00	\$120.00	\$127.00	\$140.00
	Toddler	\$2.50	\$2.60	\$3.00	\$24.00	\$25.00	\$28.00	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$130.00
	Preschool	\$2.50	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$26.50	\$112.00	\$120.00	\$125.00
	School Age	\$2.40	\$2.50	\$3.00	\$23.00	\$25.00	\$26.00	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$125.00
3	Infant	\$2.95	\$3.10	\$4.00	\$30.00	\$31.00	\$35.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$165.00
	Toddler	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$35.00	\$130.00	\$140.00	\$155.00
	Preschool	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$4.00	\$26.00	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$150.00
	School Age	\$2.75	\$3.00	\$3.75	\$25.00	\$27.00	\$30.00	\$117.00	\$125.00	\$140.00
4	Infant	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$47.00	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$200.00
	Toddler	\$5.00	\$6.00	\$8.00	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$45.00	\$150.00	\$170.00	\$190.00
	Preschool	\$5.00	\$5.50	\$7.00	\$31.55	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$145.00	\$160.00	\$175.00
	School Age	\$5.00	\$5.25	\$7.00	\$30.00	\$34.00	\$40.00	\$125.00	\$145.00	\$160.00

¹ Minnesota counties were grouped into clusters based on child care prices. A list of counties included in each price cluster is in Table 3.

 $^{\rm 2}$ The 50 $^{\rm th}$ percentile is equivalent to the median.

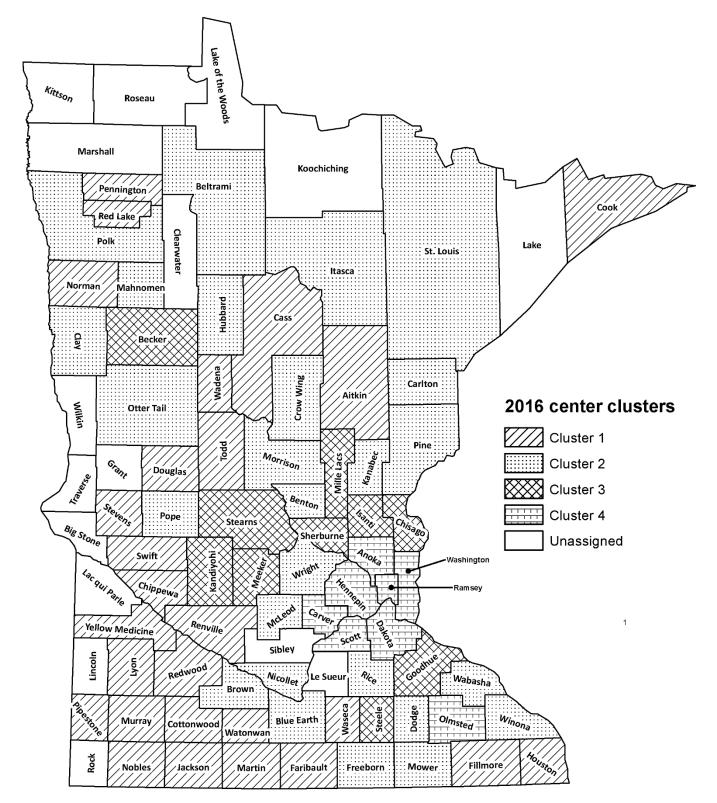
Table 3: 2016 Minnesota Child Care Provider Business Update: Price cluster assignments for center and family child care

County Name	Center Price Cluster Assignment	Family Child Care Price Cluster Assignment
Aitkin	Unassigned ¹	3
Anoka	4	4
Becker	3	2
Beltrami	2	2
Benton	2	2
Big Stone	Unassigned ¹	1
Blue Earth	2	2
Brown	2	1
Carlton	2	3
Carver	4	4
Cass	1	2
Chippewa	1	1
Chisago	3	3
Clay	2	2
Clearwater	Unassigned ¹	2
Cook	1	3
Cottonwood	1	2
Crow Wing	2	2
Dakota	4	4
Dodge	2	3
Douglas	1	2
Faribault	1	1
Fillmore	1	2
Freeborn	2	2
Goodhue	3	3
Grant	Unassigned ¹	2
Hennepin	4	4
Houston	1	2
Hubbard	2	2
Isanti	3	3
Itasca	2	3

County Name	Center Price Cluster Assignment	Family Child Care Price Cluster Assignment
Jackson	1	1
Kanabec	2	1
Kandiyohi	3	2
Kittson	Unassigned ¹	1
Koochiching	Unassigned ¹	1
Lac qui Parle	Unassigned ¹	2
Lake	Unassigned ¹	2
Lake of the Woods	Unassigned ¹	1
Le Sueur	Unassigned ¹	3
Lincoln	Unassigned ¹	1
Lyon	1	2
McLeod	2	2
Mahnomen	Unassigned ¹	1
Marshall	1	1
Martin	2	1
Meeker	3	2
Mille Lacs	3	2
Morrison	2	1
Mower	2	2
Murray	1	1
Nicollet	2	2
Nobles	1	1
Norman	1	1
Olmsted	4	3
Otter Tail	2	2
Pennington	1	2
Pine	2	2
Pipestone	1	1
Polk	2	2
Роре	2	2
Ramsey	4	4
Red Lake	1	1
Redwood	1	2

County Name	Center Price Cluster Assignment	Family Child Care Price Cluster Assignment
Renville	1	2
Rice	2	3
Rock	Unassigned ¹	1
Roseau	Unassigned ¹	1
St. Louis	2	3
Scott	4	4
Sherburne	3	3
Sibley	Unassigned ¹	3
Stearns	3	2
Steele	3	2
Stevens	1	1
Swift	1	1
Todd	1	1
Traverse	Unassigned ¹	2
Wabasha	2	2
Wadena	1	2
Waseca	1	2
Washington	4	4
Watonwan	1	1
Wilkin	Unassigned ¹	1
Winona	2	2
Wright	2	3
Yellow Medicine	1	1

¹ Counties with no reported prices in 2016 are not assigned to a price cluster.



¹Counties with no reported center rates in 2016 are not assigned a price cluster.

