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## I. STUDY BACKGROUND

### A. PURPOSE OF CHILD CARE MARKET RATE SURVEY

The Federal Child Care and Development Block Grant (CCDBG) Act of 2014 at 42 U.S.C.9858c(e)(4)(B) and the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) final rule at 45 CFR 98.45 requires states and territories to develop and conduct either a market rate survey or alternative methodology to guide them in determining the amounts they will pay for child care subsidies. The CCDBG Act requires the market rate survey or alternative methodology to be conducted every 3 years. The National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability with the Early Childhood Training and Technical Assistance System of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children and Families, Office of Child Care, prepared a series of briefs addressing topics related to market rate surveys. In these briefs, the purpose of child care market rate surveys is described as follows:

A market rate survey is the collection and analysis of prices and fees charged by child care providers for services in the priced market. The priced market is the open market where parent and provider do not have a relationship that could affect the price charged. The purpose of the market rate survey is to guide Lead Agencies in setting subsidy payments within the context of market conditions so that they are sufficient to provide families receiving subsidies with equal access to the full range of child care services that private-paying families have. The CCDF Final Rule of 2016 requires Lead Agencies administering CCDF to conduct either a statistically valid and reliable market rate survey or an alternative methodology approved in advance by the ACF Office of Child Care. The CCDF regulations require Lead Agencies to ensure that market rate surveys reflect the full population of providers in various geographic location, category of provider, and age of child. To meet this requirement, Lead Agencies are recommended to examine all relevant providers or a statistically valid sample of providers for all localities in their jurisdiction. The child care market includes all providers that offer child care services to the public statewide and within local service areas for an established price. The market is defined as the entire population of child care providers that determine the price of child care services. Unregulated and license-exempt providers, particularly providers who are relatives or friends of the child's family, are generally not considered part of the priced child care market and should not be included in a



market rate survey. (National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability briefs on Market Rate Surveys 2018 through 2020 at <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/centers/national-center-child-care-subsidy-innovation-and-accountability>).

South Carolina's 2020 Child Care Market Rate Survey was conducted by the Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services (CUACS) at North Carolina State University for the South Carolina Department of Social Services (SCDSS) Division of Early Care and Education (DECE), the Lead Agency administering the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) in South Carolina. This study is based on a survey of South Carolina's regulated child care providers, along with the license-exempt child care providers that are enrolled with the SC Voucher Program. This report describes the procedures used in the survey and provides background on the current operation of child care facilities in South Carolina.

#### **B. REQUIREMENTS FOR SUBSIDIZED CHILD CARE**

The objective in market rate surveys is to determine what child care providers are charging the general population so that child care subsidy payments can be set at a level that allows families with subsidies to have equal access to the full range of child care that is available to families not receiving subsidies. Lead Agencies must describe in their CCDF State Plan the facts they relied on to determine that subsidy payments are sufficient to ensure equal access. Lead Agencies consider a number of factors in determining subsidy payments. The benchmark for equal access established by the Administration for Children and Families (ACF) Office of Child Care (OCC) is the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of rates in the current child care market, based on the most recent child care market rate survey conducted no earlier than two years before submission of the CCDF State Plan. As described by the Office of Child Care's National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability,

“A percentile is the value at or below which a given percentage of observations in a group of observations fall. It is a ranking of the market prices, rather than an average of the reported charges. To calculate market rate percentiles, a researcher lists the prices in rank order, from highest to lowest, alongside the number of providers that reported charging the same price. The 75<sup>th</sup> percentile market rate is the price at or below which 75 percent of child care

providers reported charging for services.” (National Center on Subsidy Innovation and Accountability briefs on Market Rate Surveys 2018 through 2020: <https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/centers/national-center-child-care-subsidy-innovation-and-accountability>).

## II. STUDY METHODOLOGY

### A. SURVEY POPULATION

All regulated child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes, along with ABC Quality-enrolled license-exempt child care centers were included in the market rate survey population. The stated private pay rates charged by the facilities were used in the calculation of the market rates.

### B. SURVEY DESIGN

Prior to the market rate survey design, SCDSS convened a virtual meeting of 38 child care stakeholders to obtain their perspectives and recommendations for the market rate survey and process. Participants included representatives from the Early Childhood Advisory Council, all types of child care providers to be surveyed (centers, group and family child care homes, providers serving children experiencing homelessness, faith-based, and afterschool providers), early care and education services agencies (SC First Steps to School Readiness and County First Steps partnership), professional organizations (SC Association for the Education of Young Children, SC Early Childhood Association, SC Association of Early Childhood Education, SC Association of Community Action Partnerships), university contractors that provide technical assistance to child care providers (University of South Carolina: SC Child Care Resource and Referral Network, Inclusion Collaborative, Program for Infant-Toddler Care), and South Carolina's market rate survey contractor North Carolina State University's Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services. A proposed methodology and survey questions were discussed along with the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has been having on child care providers and the families they serve. Specific issues addressed were types and frequency of fees that providers charge (such as registration, re-enrollment, activity fees, etc.) in addition to their rates for child care services/tuition and whether those are assessed per child or family if more than one child in child care. There was discussion about whether providers charge families if there is a difference between the rates they charge and the subsidy payment and copayment. A provider explained that it is a balancing act of what they charge and when because they are not going to let the difference between the SC Voucher (subsidy) payment and the rates they charge cost them the enrollment. There was discussion about temporary closures of child care programs due to positive COVID cases but with plans to reopen. A provider said that they were not mixing children so when there is a positive COVID -19 case, they are only closing the classroom. After

the virtual meeting, SCDSS staff met virtually with the NC State University CUACS contractor team to finalize the market rate survey and process based on stakeholders' input.

The study involved the use of a single survey form for child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes. The 2020 survey was designed to capture information on child care enrollment and rates for the month of September 2020. A pretest of the survey and instructions was conducted and, based on respondent input during the pretest, minor changes were made to the final survey form and instructions.

### **C. DATA COLLECTION AND DATA QUALITY CONTROL PROCEDURES**

Three methods were used to complete the market rate survey: mail, online, or by telephone. A Market Rate Survey packet was mailed to 2,121 child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes in South Carolina in September 2020. The survey packet included a letter from the Director of Division of Early Care and Education (DECE) asking child care providers to complete an online survey at a secure site hosted by CUACS (see *Appendix A*). The secure website allowed respondents to download a PDF of the survey if they preferred to complete the survey on paper and return by mail (*Appendix B*). The survey packet also included instructions for completing the survey, and a postcard that could be returned if respondents believed they were ineligible to participate in the survey or to schedule an appointment.

Three weeks after the initial survey packet was mailed, trained interviewers made telephone calls to nonresponding child care providers in an attempt to complete the survey. These telephone calls were conducted over a period of ten weeks. Using an established protocol, telephone interviewers reminded survey non-respondents of the importance of the survey and assured confidentiality of their information. Providers who chose not to complete the survey via internet or telephone were given the option of using mail or fax to return the survey form. Based on outcomes of the telephone calls, survey packets were mailed or faxed to respondents who had not completed the survey online, who had lost or discarded the survey packet, or who reported not receiving a survey packet.

**D. FINAL SAMPLE**

**1. Sample Disposition and Response Rate**

Contacts were attempted with a total of 2,121 facilities including 1,377 Child Care Centers, 75 Group Child Care Homes, and 669 Family Child Care Homes (Table 1).

**Table 1. Sample Disposition by Facility Type: 2020**

Respondent Status	Child Care Center		Family Child Care Homes		Group Child Care Homes		Total Sample	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Completed via Phone/Paper	769	55.8	388	58.0	48	64.0	1205	56.8
Completed Online	386	28.0	66	9.9	9	12.0	461	21.7
No Response/No Contact*	106	7.7	83	12.4	6	8.0	195	9.2
Could Not Locate Respondent*	4	0.3	1	0.1	1	1.3	6	0.3
Closed/Duplicate*	48	3.5	86	12.9	5	6.7	139	6.6
No Children in September/New Startup/Will Resume*	55	4.0	26	3.9	3	4.0	84	4.0
Ineligible Provider (No Full-Time/Part-Time Children enrolled)*	7	0.5	18	2.7	3	4.0	28	1.3
Refused to Participate	2	0.1	1	0.1	0	0.0	3	0.1
<b>TOTAL SAMPLE</b>	<b>1,377</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>669</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>2,121</b>	<b>100.0</b>

*\*Indicates sample excluded from Adjusted Sample used to determine the response rate.*

Table 2 contains information on the final response rate for the “adjusted sample.” The adjusted sample *excludes* the categories denoted by an asterisk in Table 1, including: respondents who could not be located, those who represented duplicate records, and those with no children enrolled at the time of the survey. The remaining pool represents respondents included in calculating the response rate (1,864 facilities). Of the 1,864 eligible respondents, 1,666 completed the survey by phone, paper, or online, representing a response rate of 89.4 percent. The response rate for child care centers (91.4%) was higher than for family (84.4%) and group child care homes (90.5%).

**Table 2. Response Rate by Facility Type: 2020**

Respondent Status	Type Facility*							
	Child Care Centers		Family Child Care Homes		Group Child Care Homes		Total Sample	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Contacted	1,263	100.0	538	100.0	63	100.0	1,864	100.0
Completed by Phone, Paper, or Online	1,155	91.4	454	84.4	57	90.5	1,666	89.4

*\*Response rate is based on the adjusted total not including categories indicated in Table 1.*

## 2. Sample Characteristics

Tables 3 and 4 show descriptive information on the characteristics of the final survey sample. Table 3 presents information on the number of child care facilities based on their type, quality level rating, and their geographic location (urban or rural). As shown, the majority of facilities are in urban areas and are classified as child care centers.

**Table 3. Number of Child Care Facilities in Final Survey by Type, Quality Rating, and Geographic Location: 2020**

Facility Type	Geographic Location		
	Rural	Urban	State
• ABC Quality Level A+ Child Care Centers	1	20	21
• ABC Quality Level A Child Care Centers	0	8	8
• ABC Quality Level B+ Child Care Centers	9	45	54
• ABC Quality Level B Child Care Centers	39	157	196
• ABC Quality Level C Child Care Centers	50	177	227
• ABC Quality Level B+ NR Child Care Centers	0	10	10
• ABC Quality Level B NR Child Care Centers	2	26	28
• ABC Quality Level C NR Child Care Centers	23	37	60
• Non-ABC Child Care Centers	83	468	551
<b>All Child Care Centers</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,155</b>
• ABC Quality Level B+ Group Child Care Homes	3	4	7
• ABC Quality Level B Group Child Care Homes	10	14	24
• ABC Quality Level C Group Child Care Homes	3	7	10
• Non-ABC Group Child Care Homes	8	8	16
<b>All Group Child Care Homes</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>57</b>
• ABC Quality Level B+ Family Child Care Homes	3	7	10
• ABC Quality Level B Family Child Care Homes	12	13	25
• ABC Quality Level C Family Child Care Homes	23	66	89
• Non-ABC Family Child Care Homes	84	246	330
<b>All Family Child Care Homes</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>454</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>353</b>	<b>1,313</b>	<b>1,666</b>

Table 4 presents information on the number of children enrolled in facilities by payment type and geographic location (urban or rural). A total of 77,750 children are represented among the facilities participating in the survey. Among these children, 64,620 are full-time and 13,130 are part-time. Of the facilities, 12.3% of them have children enrolled in the South Carolina Voucher Program.

**Table 4. Children in Final Survey Sample of Facilities by Payment Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Facility Type	Payment Type	Percent of Children	Geographic Location		Number of Children
			Rural	Urban	
Child Care Centers	Private Pay	87.6	87.0%	86.1%	65,532
	SC Voucher	12.4	13.0%	13.9%	9,276
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>10,439</b>	<b>64,369</b>	<b>74,808</b>
Group Child Care Homes	Private Pay	73.5	72.0%	52.6%	363
	SC Voucher	26.5	28.0%	47.4%	131
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>239</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>494</b>
Family Child Care Homes	Private Pay	93.8	89.9%	94.8%	2295
	SC Voucher	6.2	10.1%	5.2%	153
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>645</b>	<b>1,803</b>	<b>2,448</b>
All Facilities	Private Pay	87.7	86.9%	87.8%	68,190
	SC Voucher	12.3	13.1%	12.2%	9,560
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>11,323</b>	<b>66,427</b>	<b>77,750</b>

The 2020 survey included questions regarding factors that impact day-to-day facility operation and rates. Providers were asked to identify the method(s) they used to set private pay rates, if their facility received monetary or nonmonetary contributions, and if the current economy affects their ability to provide services.



### III. CHILD CARE PROGRAM OPERATION

#### A. BASIS FOR SETTING PRIVATE PAY RATES

Facilities generally use more than one source of information to set their child care rates. Table 5 presents information on the various factors used in setting rates. Among 1,666 facilities responding to this question, the most commonly cited factor for child care centers was neighboring program rates (71.2% statewide), while the most important factor for group child care homes and family child care homes was what they felt/heard parents could afford (75.4% and 65.2%, respectively). Child care centers responded that they set their rates based on what they felt/heard parents could afford as the second most considered piece of information used to set their private pay rate (55.6%). Group child care homes had the actual cost of providing child care as the second most important factor (49.1%), while family child care homes cited neighboring program rates as the second most important factor (53.7%).

**Table 5. Information Used to Set Private Pay Rates by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Facility Type/Information Used To Set Rates	Geographic Location		
	Rural	Urban	State
<b>Child Care Centers</b>			
• South Carolina Voucher payment rates	26.1%	15.5%	17.4%
• Neighboring program rates	72.5%	70.9%	71.2%
• What I feel/hear that parents can afford	62.3%	54.1%	55.6%
• Actual cost of providing child care	44.0%	56.0%	53.9%
• Decision of corporate office/church board/board of directors	38.2%	44.9%	43.7%
• Remote/virtual/online school/COVID-19 Costs	15.0%	17.0%	16.6%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,155</b>
<b>Group Child Care Homes</b>			
• South Carolina Voucher Payment rates	29.2%	24.2%	26.3%
• Neighboring program rates	54.2%	42.4%	47.4%
• What I feel/hear that parents can afford	79.2%	72.7%	75.4%
• Actual cost of providing child care	45.8%	51.5%	49.1%
• Decision of corporate office/church board/board of directors	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
• Remote/virtual/online schoolwork/COVID-19 Costs	8.3%	0.0%	3.5%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>			
• South Carolina Voucher Payment rates	9.8%	10.5%	10.4%
• Neighboring program rates	56.6%	52.7%	53.7%
• What I feel/hear that parents can afford	64.8%	65.4%	65.2%
• Actual cost of providing child care	27.9%	34.9%	33.0%
• Decision: corporate office/church board/board of directors	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%
• Remote/virtual/online schoolwork/COVID-19 Costs	7.4%	4.2%	5.1%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>454</b>

**B. CONTRIBUTIONS TO ASSIST WITH PROGRAM OPERATION**

Table 6 shows contributions to assist with child care facility operations. Among the total sample (n=1,666), the most common contribution was grants, such as the CARES Act. Across all three facility types, 77.2% of child care centers, 91.2% of group child care homes, and 79.7% of family child care homes responded that they had received grants. Child care centers and family child care homes cited receiving materials and supplies as the second most common type of contribution (40.2% and 40.7%, respectively), while group child care homes cited receiving Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) support (87.7%).

**Table 6. Contributions Used to Assist Program Operation by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Facility Type/Contributions Used	Geographic Location		
	Rural	Urban	State
<b>Child Care Centers</b>			
• Donated space	12.6%	13.4%	13.2%
• Rent assistance	9.7%	7.4%	7.8%
• Utilities	13.0%	13.1%	13.1%
• Free or reduced cost for services (maintenance, landscaping, janitorial, etc.)	12.1%	11.7%	11.8%
• Free or donated materials and/or supplies	43.0%	39.6%	40.2%
• Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	27.1%	22.2%	23.0%
• Free or donated food (not CACFP)	18.4%	8.5%	10.3%
• Monetary contributions	15.5%	14.6%	14.7%
• Grants (ex. CARES Act Child Care Emergency Operations, Sanitation, etc.)	74.4%	77.8%	77.2%
• Loans (ex. Forgivable CARES Act loans)	34.8%	38.6%	37.9%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,155</b>
<b>Group Child Care Homes</b>			
• Donated space	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
• Rent assistance	0.0%	3.0%	1.8%
• Utilities	4.2%	6.1%	5.3%
• Free or reduced cost for services (maintenance, landscaping, janitorial, etc.)	4.2%	3.0%	3.5%
• Free or donated materials and/or supplies	16.7%	9.1%	12.3%
• Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	83.3%	90.9%	87.7%
• Free or donated food (not CACFP)	8.3%	9.1%	8.8%
• Monetary contributions	4.2%	3.0%	3.5%
• Grants (ex. CARES Act Child Care Emergency Operations, Sanitation, etc.)	91.7%	90.9%	91.2%
• Loans (ex. Forgivable CARES Act loans)	16.7%	9.1%	12.3%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>			
• Donated space	0.0%	0.6%	0.4%
• Rent assistance	0.8%	2.1%	1.8%
• Utilities	1.6%	1.8%	1.8%
• Free or reduced cost for services (maintenance, landscaping, janitorial, etc.)	0.8%	0.9%	0.9%
• Free or donated materials and/or supplies	21.3%	28.6%	26.7%
• Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP)	39.3%	41.3%	40.7%
• Free or donated food (not CACFP)	11.5%	6.3%	7.7%
• Monetary contributions	2.5%	2.7%	2.6%
• Grants (ex. CARES Act Child Care Emergency Operations, Sanitation, etc.)	74.6%	81.6%	79.7%
• Loans (ex. Forgivable CARES Act loans)	4.1%	8.4%	7.3%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>454</b>

**C. IMPACT OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS ON CHILD CARE SERVICES**

Child care facility respondents were asked if current economic conditions contributed to an increase, decrease, or no change in their ability to provide particular services within the last twelve months. Findings indicate how current economic conditions impact providers' child care services (Table 7). Almost half of group child care homes and family child care homes increased their food budget. Around 37% of child care centers experienced an increase in the cost of equipment, materials, and services, with food budget seeing the second most increased costs. Child care centers were more likely to indicate that there had been no changes in the ability to provide quality care because of economic conditions. Facilities were also asked if their number of classrooms increased, decreased, or had no change (Table 8). Child care centers were more likely to indicate that there was either a decrease or no change in their classroom sizes. Table 9 provides information on changes that were made in staff benefits or bonuses. A majority of the facilities indicated that staff benefits and staff bonuses were not offered. Where they were offered, most respondents indicated that there had been no change.

Table 7. How Economic Conditions Impact Providers' Child Care Services by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020

Facility Type/Economic Condition	Geographic Location											
	Rural				Urban				State			
	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Total	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Total	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Total
<b>Child Care Centers</b>												
• Food budget	31.9%	24.6%	43.5%	100%	30.1%	28.6%	41.4%	100%	30.4%	27.9%	41.7%	100%
• Daily hours of operation	5.8%	20.8%	73.4%	100%	13.1%	21.8%	65.1%	100%	11.8%	21.6%	66.6%	100%
• Number of teachers you employ	16.9%	28.5%	54.6%	100%	21.4%	31.2%	47.4%	100%	20.6%	30.7%	48.7%	100%
• Staff salaries	14.5%	13.0%	72.5%	100%	19.8%	13.0%	67.2%	100%	18.9%	13.0%	68.1%	100%
• Staff work hours	12.6%	23.7%	63.8%	100%	16.5%	21.8%	61.7%	100%	15.8%	22.2%	62.1%	100%
• Purchases of equipment/materials	37.2%	19.8%	43.0%	100%	33.8%	27.4%	38.8%	100%	34.4%	26.1%	39.6%	100%
• Number of classrooms	16.9%	23.2%	59.9%	100%	18.8%	23.7%	57.5%	100%	18.4%	23.6%	57.9%	100%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>207</b>				<b>948</b>				<b>1,155</b>			
<b>Group Child Care Homes</b>												
• Food budget	54.2%	12.5%	33.3%	100%	54.5%	24.2%	21.2%	100%	54.4%	19.3%	26.3%	100%
• Daily hours of operation	4.2%	12.5%	83.3%	100%	6.1%	9.1%	84.8%	100%	5.3%	10.5%	84.2%	100%
• Number of teachers you employ	0.0%	16.7%	83.3%	100%	3.0%	12.1%	84.8%	100%	1.8%	14.0%	84.2%	100%
• Staff salaries	8.3%	8.3%	83.3%	100%	3.0%	9.1%	87.9%	100%	5.3%	8.8%	86.0%	100%
• Staff work hours	0.0%	20.8%	79.2%	100%	6.1%	15.2%	78.8%	100%	3.5%	17.5%	78.9%	100%
• Purchases of equipment/materials	33.3%	12.5%	54.2%	100%	57.6%	3.0%	39.4%	100%	47.4%	7.0%	45.6%	100%
• Number of classrooms	4.2%	12.5%	83.3%	100%	0.0%	9.1%	90.9%	100%	1.8%	10.5%	87.7%	100%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>24</b>				<b>33</b>				<b>57</b>			
<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>												
• Food budget	41.8%	24.6%	33.6%	100%	34.3%	20.5%	45.2%	100%	36.3%	21.6%	42.1%	100%
• Daily hours of operation	9.0%	12.3%	78.7%	100%	12.0%	13.3%	74.7%	100%	11.2%	13.0%	75.8%	100%
• Number of teachers you employ	0.0%	3.3%	96.7%	100%	1.8%	2.4%	95.8%	100%	1.3%	2.6%	96.0%	100%
• Staff salaries	0.0%	4.1%	95.9%	100%	2.4%	2.7%	94.9%	100%	1.8%	3.1%	95.2%	100%
• Staff work hours	3.3%	4.9%	91.8%	100%	5.7%	3.0%	91.3%	100%	5.1%	3.5%	91.4%	100%
• Purchases of equipment/materials	29.5%	9.8%	60.7%	100%	31.6%	10.8%	57.5%	100%	31.1%	10.6%	58.4%	100%
• Number of classrooms	0.8%	1.6%	97.5%	100%	2.7%	3.3%	94.0%	100%	2.2%	2.9%	94.9%	100%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>122</b>				<b>332</b>				<b>454</b>			

**Table 8. Changes in Classroom Size Because of Economic Conditions by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Facility Type/Classroom Type	Geographic Location								
	Rural			Urban			State		
	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Increased	Decreased	No Change
<b>Child Care Centers</b>									
• Infant/toddler	24.1%	27.7%	48.1%	19.1%	33.0%	47.9%	20.0%	32.1%	47.9%
• 3-5 year old	20.5%	32.5%	47.0%	23.3%	34.7%	41.9%	22.8%	34.4%	42.8%
• School-age	24.1%	30.1%	45.8%	28.3%	27.5%	44.2%	27.6%	28.0%	44.4%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>83</b>			<b>403</b>			<b>486</b>		
<b>Group Child Care Homes</b>									
• Infant/toddler	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%	0.0%	14.3%	85.7%
• 3-5 year old	25.0%	0.0%	75.0%	0.0%	33.3%	66.7%	14.3%	14.3%	71.4%
• School-age	25.0%	25.0%	50.0%	0.0%	66.7%	33.3%	14.3%	42.9%	42.9%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>3</b>			<b>7</b>		
<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>									
• Infant/toddler	66.7%	33.3%	0.0%	20.0%	45.0%	35.0%	26.1%	43.5%	30.4%
• 3-5 year old	33.3%	33.3%	33.3%	25.0%	45.0%	30.0%	26.1%	43.5%	30.4%
• School-age	33.3%	0.0%	66.7%	15.0%	10.0%	75.0%	17.4%	8.7%	73.9%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>3</b>			<b>20</b>			<b>23</b>		

**Table 9. Changes in Staff Benefits and Bonuses by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Facility Type/Response Category	Geographic Location															
	Rural						Urban						State			
Child Care Centers	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered
• Staff benefits	1.4%	1.4%	34.8%	62.3%	2.8%	1.8%	53.5%	41.9%	2.6%	1.7%	50.1%	45.5%	2.6%	1.7%	50.1%	45.5%
• Staff bonuses	5.8%	4.8%	37.7%	51.7%	7.0%	4.7%	41.5%	46.8%	6.8%	4.8%	40.8%	47.7%	6.8%	4.8%	40.8%	47.7%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>207</b>						<b>948</b>						<b>1,155</b>			
Group Child Care Homes	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered
• Staff benefits	0.0%	0.0%	8.3%	91.7%	0%	0.0%	9.1%	90.9%	0.0%	0.0%	8.8%	91.2%	0.0%	0.0%	8.8%	91.2%
• Staff bonuses	0.0%	4.2%	8.3%	86.5%	0%	0.0%	9.1%	90.9%	0.0%	1.8%	8.8%	89.5%	0.0%	1.8%	8.8%	89.5%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>24</b>						<b>33</b>						<b>57</b>			
Family Child Care Homes	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered	Increased	Decreased	No Change	Not Offered
• Staff benefits	0.0%	0.0%	10.7%	89.3%	0.6%	0.3%	11.4%	87.7%	0.4%	0.2%	11.2%	88.1%	0.4%	0.2%	11.2%	88.1%
• Staff bonuses	0.0%	0.0%	9.8%	90.2%	0.6%	0.3%	13.9%	85.2%	0.4%	0.2%	12.8%	86.6%	0.4%	0.2%	12.8%	86.6%
<b>Total Number of Respondents</b>	<b>122</b>						<b>332</b>						<b>454</b>			

**D. FACILITIES PROVIDING CHILD CARE DURING NONTRADITIONAL HOURS AND FEES CHARGED FOR VARIOUS SERVICES**

Table 10 provides information on facilities that provide child care for children during nontraditional hours. Over a quarter of ABC Quality Level B+, B, and C nonregulated urban facilities provided care for children during nontraditional hours. A large majority of the facilities represented did not provide care for children during nontraditional hours. Child care centers in urban areas were more likely to provide care during nontraditional hours, while rural family child care homes were likely to provide care during nontraditional hours.

**Table 10. Facilities Providing Child Care During Nontraditional Hours by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Facility Type	Geographic Location		
	Rural	Urban	State
<b>Child Care Centers</b>			
• ABC Quality Level A+ Child Care Centers	0.0%	2.7%	2.5%
• ABC Quality Level A Child Care Centers	*	3.1%	3.1%
• ABC Quality Level B+ Child Care Centers	9.3%	7.9%	8.1%
• ABC Quality Level B Child Care Centers	7.0%	8.2%	8.0%
• ABC Quality Level C Child Care Centers	11.3%	8.9%	9.4%
• ABC Quality Level B+ NR Child Care Centers	*	25.0%	25.0%
• ABC Quality Level B NR Child Care Centers	0.0%	27.2%	25.3%
• ABC Quality Level C NR Child Care Centers	6.5%	27.2%	14.7%
• Non-ABC Child Care Centers	10.9%	5.6%	6.0%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>207</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>1,155</b>
<b>Group Child Care Homes</b>			
• ABC Quality Level B+ Group Child Care Homes	16.7%	5.0%	10.0%
• ABC Quality Level B Group Child Care Homes	4.2%	10.1%	7.7%
• ABC Quality Level C Group Child Care Homes	0.7%	17.1%	12.2%
• Non-ABC Group Child Care Homes	23.4%	9.4%	16.6%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>			
• ABC Quality Level B+ Family Child Care Homes	16.7%	7.1%	10.0%
• ABC Quality Level B Family Child Care Homes	10.4%	2.4%	6.2%
• ABC Quality Level C Family Child Care Homes	10.9%	9.3%	9.7%
• Non-ABC Family Child Care Homes	6.1	6.4%	6.3%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>454</b>

\*No facilities in this facility type.



Child care providers were asked a series of questions related to various fees that they may charge. Table 11 shows the percentage of facilities that charged a registration fee by facility type. The majority of facilities that responded to the survey charged a registration fee, with 1,062 of 1,155 child care centers, 39 of 57 group child care homes, and 212 of 454 family child care homes charging a registration fee.

**Table 11. Average Registration Fee Charged by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Registration Fee	Geographic Location								
	Rural			Urban			State		
Facility Type	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee
A+ Centers (21)	1	100%	\$50.00	17	85.0%	\$130.00	18	85.7%	\$125.56
A Centers (8)	*			7	87.5%	\$102.86	7	87.5%	\$102.86
B+ Centers (54)	9	100%	\$78.33	43	95.6%	\$90.58	52	96.3%	\$88.46
B Centers (196)	34	87.2%	\$66.62	149	94.9%	\$91.51	183	93.4%	\$86.89
C Centers (227)	44	88.0%	\$58.52	163	92.1%	\$80.58	207	91.2%	\$75.89
B+NR Centers (10)	*			10	100.0%	\$43.50	10	100.0%	\$43.50
B NR Centers (28)	1	50.0%	\$25.00	26	100.0%	\$31.92	27	96.4%	\$31.67
C NR Centers (60)	21	91.3%	\$30.24	35	94.6%	\$40.20	56	93.3%	\$36.46
Non-ABC Centers (551)	72	86.7%	\$86.53	430	91.9%	\$130.53	502	91.1%	\$124.22
B+ Group Child Care Homes (7)	2	66.7%	\$100.00	2	50.0%	\$100.00	4	57.1%	\$100.00
B Group Child Care Homes (24)	8	80.0%	\$69.38	14	100.0%	\$71.07	22	91.7%	\$70.45
C Group Child Care Homes (10)	2	66.7%	\$92.50	6	85.7%	\$66.67	8	80.0%	\$73.13
Non-ABC Group Child Care Homes (16)	2	25.0%	\$37.50	3	37.5%	\$60.00	5	31.3%	\$51.00
B+ Family Child Care Homes (10)	3	100.0%	\$75.00	5	71.4%	\$59.00	8	80.0%	\$65.00
B Family Child Care Homes (25)	9	75.0%	\$69.44	11	84.6%	\$75.91	20	80.0%	\$73.00
C Family Child Care Homes (89)	14	60.9%	\$70.71	49	74.2%	\$77.65	63	70.8%	\$76.11
Non-ABC Family Child Care Homes (330)	11	13.1%	\$49.55	110	44.7%	\$68.93	121	36.7%	\$67.17

\*No facilities in this facility type.

Facilities were also asked if they offered a family rate for their registration fees. The majority of the respondents indicated that they did not offer a family rate (Table 12). Urban child care centers were most likely to provide a family registration fee.

**Table 12. Average Family Registration Fee Charged by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Family Registration Fee	Geographic Location								
	Rural			Urban			State		
Facility Type	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee
A+ Centers (21)	1	100%	\$47.50	5	25.0%	\$114.00	6	28.6%	\$102.92
A Centers (8)	*			3	37.5%	\$113.33	3	37.5%	\$113.33
B+ Centers (54)	2	22.2%	\$12.50	24	53.3%	\$80.58	26	48.1%	\$83.88
B Centers (196)	14	35.9%	\$80.71	79	50.3%	\$104.00	93	47.4%	\$100.49
C Centers (227)	14	28.0%	\$112.71	78	44.1%	\$77.95	92	40.5%	\$83.24
B+NR Centers (10)	*			8	80.0%	\$65.63	8	80.0%	\$65.63
B NR Centers (28)	0	0	0	13	50.0%	\$53.46	13	46.4%	\$53.46
C NR Centers (60)	1	4.3%	\$50.00	8	21.6%	\$48.13	9	15.0%	\$48.33
Non-ABC Centers (551)	34	41.0%	\$64.04	213	45.5%	\$114.15	247	44.8%	\$107.25
B+ Group Child Care Homes (7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B Group Child Care Homes (24)	1	10.0%	\$10.00	4	28.6%	\$56.25	5	20.8%	\$47.00
C Group Child Care Homes (10)	1	33.3%	\$10.00	3	42.9%	\$31.00	4	40.0%	\$25.75
Non-ABC Group Child Care Homes (16)	0	0	0	3	37.5%	\$68.33	3	18.8%	\$68.33
B+ Family Child Care Homes (10)	0	0	0	2	28.6%	\$61.75	2	20.0%	\$61.75
B Family Child Care Homes (25)	4	33.3%	\$67.50	2	15.4%	\$177.50	6	24.0%	\$104.17
C Family Child Care Homes (89)	6	26.1%	\$75.83	23	34.8%	\$78.00	29	32.6%	\$77.55
Non-ABC Family Child Care Homes (330)	6	7.1%	\$108.33	66	26.8%	\$53.30	72	21.8%	\$57.89

\*No facilities in this facility type

Facilities were asked if they charged a re-enrollment fee, and whether they charged annually or after a child had a temporary break. Child care centers were more likely to charge a re-enrollment fee than group child care homes or family child care homes. Child care centers that were regulated were also more likely to charge a re-enrollment fee. The majority of facilities that responded did not charge a fee after a break (Table 13).

Table 13. Average Re-Enrollment Fee Charged by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020

Re-Enrollment Fee	Geographic Location															
	Rural							Urban							State	
	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	% Charge Annually	% Charge After Break	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	% Charge Annually	% Charge After Break	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	% Charge Annually	% Charge After Break	
A+ Centers (21)	1	100.0%	\$50.00	100%	0	12	60.0%	\$108.33	60.0%	15.0%	13	61.9%	\$103.85	61.9%	14.3%	
A Centers (8)	*					4	50.0%	\$117.50	37.5%	25.0%	4	50.0%	\$117.50	37.5%	25.0%	
B+ Centers (54)	4	44.4%	\$90.00	44.4%	0	30	66.7%	\$93.17	64.4%	28.9%	34	63.0%	\$92.79	61.1%	24.1%	
B Centers (196)	17	43.6%	\$69.71	38.5%	10.3%	107	68.2%	\$87.76	66.2%	33.1%	124	63.3%	\$85.28	60.7%	28.6%	
C Centers (227)	24	48.0%	\$59.38	46.0%	24.0%	102	57.6%	\$79.82	48.0%	25.4%	126	55.5%	\$75.93	47.6%	25.1%	
B+NR Centers (10)	*					1	10.0%	\$25.00	10.0%	0	1	10.0%	\$25.00	10.0%	0	
B NR Centers (28)	0	0	0	0	0	10	38.5%	\$31.50	38.5%	0	10	35.7%	\$31.50	38.5%	0	
C NR Centers (60)	3	13.0%	\$61.67	4.3%	13.0%	15	40.5%	\$47.77	29.7%	10.8%	18	30.0%	\$50.00	20.0%	11.7%	
Non-ABC Centers (551)	42	50.6%	\$95.18	49.4%	18.1%	262	56.0%	\$131.66	50.9%	17.9%	304	55.2%	\$126.62	50.6%	18.0%	
B+ Group Child Care Homes (7)	2	66.7%	\$100.00	66.7%	0	2	50.0%	\$75.00	50.0%	25.0%	4	57.1%	\$87.50	57.1%	14.3%	
B Group Child Care Homes (24)	1	10.0%	\$100.00	10.0%	0	2	14.3%	\$85.00	14.3%	7.1%	3	12.5%	\$90.00	16.7%	4.2%	
C Group Child Care Homes (10)	2	66.7%	\$92.50	0	66.7%	1	14.3%	\$100.00	0	0	3	30.0%	\$95.00	0	20.0%	
Non-ABC Group Child Care Homes (16)	0	0	0	0	0	1	12.5%	\$50.00	12.5%	0	1	6.3%	\$50.00	6.3%	0	
B+ Family Child Care Homes (10)	1	33.3%	\$50.00	0	33.3%	2	28.6%	\$75.00	28.6%	14.3%	3	30.0%	\$66.67	20.0%	20.0%	
B Family Child Care Homes (25)	4	33.3%	\$87.50	16.7%	8.3%	4	30.8%	\$78.75	23.1%	15.4%	8	32.0%	\$83.13	20.0%	12.0%	
C Family Child Care Homes (89)	4	17.4%	\$72.50	13.0%	17.4%	17	25.8%	\$77.06	18.2%	10.6%	21	23.6%	\$76.19	16.9%	7.9%	
Non-ABC Family Child Care Homes (330)	5	6.0%	\$46.00	3.6%	2.4%	29	11.8%	\$68.10	8.1%	4.1%	34	10.3%	\$64.85	7.0%	3.6%	

\*No facilities in this facility type.

Facilities were also asked if they charged an activity fee, a supply and materials fee, and a fee for remote/virtual/online school. Most facilities do not charge any extra fees. Tables 14, 15, and 16 display the fees charged by facilities.

**Table 14: Average Activity Fee Charged by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Activity Fee	Geographic Location								
	Rural			Urban			State		
Facility Type	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee
A+ Centers (21)	0	0	0	3	15.0%	\$121.00	3	14.3%	\$121.00
A Centers (8)	*			0	0	0	0	0	0
B+ Centers (54)	1	11.1%	\$85.00	9	20.0%	\$55.56	10	18.5%	\$58.50
B Centers (196)	1	2.6%	\$125.00	29	18.5%	\$56.03	30	15.3%	\$58.33
C Centers (227)	5	10.0%	\$96.40	17	9.6%	\$59.41	22	9.7%	\$67.82
B+NR Centers (10)	*			0	0	0	0	0	0
B NR Centers (28)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C NR Centers (60)	0	0	0	4	10.8%	\$93.75	4	6.7%	\$93.75
Non-ABC Centers (551)	10	12.0%	\$59.00	52	11.1%	\$97.33	62	11.3%	\$91.15
B+ Group Child Care Homes (7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B Group Child Care Homes (24)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C Group Child Care Homes (10)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-ABC Group Child Care Homes (16)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B+ Family Child Care Homes (10)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B Family Child Care Homes (25)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C Family Child Care Homes (89)	0	0	0	2	3.0%	\$17.50	2	2.2%	\$17.50
Non-ABC Family Child Care Homes (330)	0	0	0	4	1.6%	\$27.50	4	1.2%	\$27.50

*\*No facilities in this facility type.*

**Table 15. Average Supply/Material/Book Fee Charged by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Supply/Material/Book Fee	Geographic Location								
	Rural			Urban			State		
Facility Type	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee
A + Centers (21)	0	0	0	1	5.0%	\$40.00	1	4.8%	\$40.00
A Centers (8)	*			1	12.5%	\$155.00	1	12.5%	\$155.00
B + Centers (54)	0	0	0	6	13.3%	\$110.00	6	11.1%	\$110.00
B Centers (196)	2	5.1%	\$37.50	21	13.4%	\$100.50	23	11.7%	\$95.02
C Centers (227)	5	10.0%	\$51.00	16	9.0%	\$83.88	21	9.3%	\$76.05
B+NR Centers (10)	*			2	20.0%	\$62.50	2	20.0%	\$62.50
B NR Centers (28)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C NR Centers (60)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-ABC Centers (551)	23	27.7%	\$122.96	124	26.5%	\$112.25	147	26.7%	\$113.93
B+ Group Child Care Homes (7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B Group Child Care Homes (24)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C Group Child Care Homes (10)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-ABC Group Child Care Homes (16)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B+ Family Child Care Homes (10)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B Family Child Care Homes (25)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C Family Child Care Homes (89)	0	0	0	1	1.5%	\$12.00	1	1.1%	\$12.00
Non-ABC Family Child Care Homes (330)	1	1.2%	\$20.00	6	2.4%	\$52.50	7	2.1%	\$47.86

\*No facilities in this facility type.

**Table 16. Average Remote/Virtual/Online School Fee Charged by Facility Type and Geographic Location: 2020**

Remote/Virtual/ Online School Fee	Geographic Location								
	Rural			Urban			State		
Facility Type	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee	Yes Charge	% Charge	Average Fee
A + Centers (21)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A Centers (8)	*			0	0	0	0	0	0
B + Centers (54)	1	11.1%	\$40.00	8	17.8%	\$107.63	9	16.7%	\$100.11
B Centers (196)	0	0	0	22	14.0%	\$89.55	22	11.2%	\$89.55
C Centers (227)	7	14.0%	\$61.43	17	9.6%	\$67.12	24	10.6%	\$65.46
B+NR Centers (10)	*			0	0	0	0	0	0
B NR Centers (28)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C NR Centers (60)	0	0	0	4	10.8%	\$58.75	4	6.7%	\$58.75
Non-ABC Centers (551)	4	4.8%	\$93.75	25	5.3%	\$165.90	29	5.3%	\$155.95
B+ Group Child Care Homes (7)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B Group Child Care Homes (24)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C Group Child Care Homes (10)	0	0	0	1	14.3%	\$30.00	1	10.0%	\$30.00
Non-ABC Group Child Care Homes (16)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B+ Family Child Care Homes (10)	1	33.3%	\$25.00	0	0	0	1	10.0%	\$25.00
B Family Child Care Homes (25)	1	8.3%	\$85.00	1	7.7%	\$45.00	2	8.0%	\$65.00
C Family Child Care Homes (89)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-ABC Family Child Care Homes (330)	0	0	0	3	1.2%	\$71.67	3	0.9%	\$71.67

\*No facilities in this facility type.

**E. FACILITIES CHARGING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PAYMENTS AND PRIVATE RATES**

Facilities were asked if they charged South Carolina Voucher recipients the difference between their voucher payment and their private pay rates. If respondents answered “yes” to charging the difference, they were asked to state what the difference is that is charged for both full-time and part-time child care. The results are provided for facility type and quality level in Appendix C.

**F. REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PROGRAM**

Facilities were asked the specific reasons they did not participate in the SC Voucher program. In Table 17, child care centers and family child care homes were more likely to indicate that not many families qualify for SC Vouchers. Group child care homes were more likely to indicate that they could not handle the administrative requirements. Close to a quarter of family child care homes also indicated that they could not handle the administrative requirements.

**Table 17. Reasons Not Enrolling in SC Voucher Program by Facility Type and Geographic location: 2020**

Facility Type/Reason Not Enrolling	Geographic location		
	Rural	Urban	State
<b>Child Care Centers</b>			
• Payment rate too low	12.0%	9.0%	9.4%
• Delay in Payment	18.1%	9.6%	10.9%
• Not many families qualify for SC Vouchers	24.1%	29.9%	29.0%
• I cannot handle the administrative requirements	14.5%	14.7%	14.7%
• 90-day requirement for pre-service health and safety training	6.0%	1.5%	2.2%
• CPR and First Aid certification requirements for all staff	2.4%	1.5%	1.6%
• Other staff/training educational requirements	4.8%	2.8%	3.1%
• Overtime pay for staff to meet training/educational requirements	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>551</b>
<b>Group Child Care Homes</b>			
• Payment rate too low	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
• Delay in Payment	0.0%	25.0%	12.5%
• Not many families qualify for SC Vouchers	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
• I cannot handle the administrative requirements	37.5%	25.0%	31.3%
• 90-day requirement for pre-service health and safety training	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
• CPR and First Aid certification requirements for all staff	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
• Other staff/training educational requirements	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
• Overtime pay for staff to meet training/educational requirements	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Family Child Care Homes</b>			
• Payment rate too low	2.4%	7.3%	6.1%
• Delay in Payment	9.5%	17.5%	15.5%
• Not many families qualify for SC Vouchers	33.3%	21.5%	24.5%
• I cannot handle the administrative requirements	20.2%	25.2%	23.9%
• 90-day requirement for pre-service health and safety training	4.8%	4.9%	4.8%
• CPR and First Aid certification requirements for all staff	0.0%	2.4%	1.8%
• Other staff/training educational requirements	6.0%	2.0%	3.0%
• Overtime pay for staff to meet training/educational requirements	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>330</b>

## **IV. DETERMINING CHILD CARE MARKET RATES**

### **A. CHILD CARE MARKET RATES IN THE FEDERALLY -MANDATED SURVEY**

This section documents procedures, findings and analyses of child care market rates in the 2020 survey. The 2020 rates are based on data gathered using the 2020 Market Rate Survey. The resulting market rate tables are provided in Appendix D.

### **B. DETERMINING CHILD CARE MARKET RATES**

For the 2020 analysis, the number of children in each age group receiving services from three (3) types of child care providers (child care centers, group child care homes, and family child care homes) in two geographic locations (urban and rural) is calculated as the sum of the number of private paying families and the number of children receiving a SC Voucher subsidy. Children receiving SC Vouchers in a facility are counted at the facility's private pay rate, because that is the rate charged by the facility for child care. Each geographic location's market rate is determined by rank-ordering the private pay rates for all the children reported, from lowest to highest, for each combination of provider type, geographic location, age of child, and part-time or full-time enrollment type.

In such a rank ordering, 25 percent of children will be higher up the scale and 75 percent will be lower on the scale; this point is known statistically as the "75th percentile." This figure represents the raw market rate for each combination of provider type, geographic location, age of child, and part-time vs. full-time enrollment.

Market rates are provided as weekly rates. While the survey asked for weekly rates to be provided, some of the facilities provided rates based on monthly amounts. In the cases where a monthly rate was provided, the weekly rate was calculated by dividing the monthly rate by 4.333. The data was analyzed by weighting the facilities. The weights were applied according to the number of children in each age group in the facility. This weighting was used in order to provide greater weight to facilities that provide care for larger numbers of children in a particular age group.



# **APPENDICES**

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**A. Letter to Prospective Respondents**



September 28, 2020

Dear Child Care Provider:

In order to determine the rates that child care providers are paid for SC Voucher services, all regulated child care providers in South Carolina are surveyed every three (3) years. South Carolina Department of Social Services has contracted with North Carolina State University's Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services (CUACS) to survey South Carolina child care providers for information about what you charge for child care services. This information will help determine where existing SC Voucher payment rates may need to be adjusted to be in line with the prices charged to families without a SC Voucher. The last survey conducted in 2017 resulted in increased payments to many providers serving children with SC Vouchers. Results of this survey will be used in a **confidential** manner. This information will be reported only in summary form, in which no individual program will be identified.

**If either one of the following applies to your child care program, you do not have to complete the survey:**

1. Your child care program was **closed before September 1, 2020;**  
-OR-
2. Your program **did not offer child care services for children ages birth through age 12 on September 1, 2020.**

If **either of the above applies** to your facility, simply check the box indicating that on the **enclosed postage-paid postcard** and return the postcard via US Postal Service mail.

**If your program was open on September 1, 2020 and offered child care services for children ages birth through age 12, please complete this survey as soon as possible by visiting <https://survey.ncsu.edu/childcaresc> to submit your response online.**

If you are not able to complete the online survey you are also given the option of completing the survey on paper or by telephone by returning the enclosed postcard. If your program's survey response is not submitted in *any* of these ways you may be contacted via telephone as a follow-up to assure the most complete response possible from child care providers. However, to assist with a faster and less expensive effort, we ask that you please do all you can to respond and submit the survey **online** as soon as possible.

**How to complete the survey online:**

To begin the process of completing the survey go to: <https://survey.ncsu.edu/childcaresc> to login.

**Here is your login and password that you will need to gain access to the survey:**

**Login:**

**Password: re15**

***If you cannot complete the survey online or you would like to request a printed copy of the survey be mailed to you, or if you would like us to call you to complete the survey by telephone, check the box that applies to you on the enclosed postage-paid postcard and return the postcard via US Postal Service mail.***

If you prefer to **print your own paper copy** of the survey, go to:  
<https://survey.ncsu.edu/childcaresc/final.pdf>.

If you would like to complete your survey on paper and return that completed survey, you can return your completed survey by fax to 919-515-3642 or email scanned copy to [rodney\\_oneal@ncsu.edu](mailto:rodney_oneal@ncsu.edu) or by mailing your completed paper survey via US Postal Service mail to: Center for Urban Affairs and Community Services, Campus BOX 7401, Raleigh, NC 27695-7401.

We welcome provider feedback about the online response system and the market rate survey. If you have questions about completing the survey or do not have access to the internet, please contact Rodney O'Neal at 919-515-3846 or [rodney\\_oneal@ncsu.edu](mailto:rodney_oneal@ncsu.edu) (for technical questions).

**The results of this survey will be kept *completely confidential*.** Information that is specific to your child care center or child care home will *never* be shared. To keep your information private, the tracking numbers that are different from your child care program identification numbers will be used to label your response. SC Department of Social Services will **not** have access to or use survey information that is specific to any single child care center or home.

***Thank you in advance for your help.*** Your assistance with this survey will help us understand the prices charged for child care in South Carolina and to make the case for SC Voucher payment rates to be in line with prices paid by families without SC Vouchers. If any additional information is needed after you complete the survey, NC State University staff will follow up with you.

Sincerely,



Michele J. Bowers, Director  
Division of Early Care and Education

Enclosures

**B. 2020 Child Care Market Rate Survey**

## 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE MARKET RATE SURVEY

### SECTION I. CHILD CARE ENROLLMENT AND RATES FOR CHILDREN 0 THROUGH 12 YEARS OLD.

Please Enter Your Facility Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Facility ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Enter Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Job Title: \_\_\_\_\_

You should complete this survey only if you had children ages 0 through 12 **ENROLLED** in full-time (30 or more hours a week) or part-time (15-29 hours per week) child care services in September 2020.

- Children 0 through 5 not attending school and receiving full-time child care are recorded in Question 1.
- School-age children are children ages 5 through 12 who are attending school and participating Full-Time in a remote/virtual/online schoolwork program are recorded in Question 1.
- Children 0 through 5 not attending school and receiving part-time child care are recorded in Question 2.
- School-age children are children ages 5 through 12 who are attending school and participating part-time in a remote/virtual/online schoolwork program are recorded in Question 2.
- School-age children are children ages 5 through 12 who are attending school and participating in a before- and after-school program are recorded in Question 2.
- If your Pre-Kindergarten program offers child care wraparound services to private paying families, record the price you charge for child care wraparound services only in Question 2.
- Head Start programs with child care wraparound services should **NOT** complete this survey. Their child care wraparound services are paid by SC Voucher.

If you did not have children enrolled in the child care programs listed above in September 2020, you do not need to complete the survey. Instead, please put that information on the **PREPAID BLUE POSTCARD** and drop it in the mail.

#### **GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE SURVEY:**

- Please answer every question and fill in every box unless asked to skip questions.
- **Private paying family** means the family is responsible for paying the full price of child care services because they **do not** receive a federal, state, or tribal government subsidy such as the SC Voucher.
- **For all questions**, provide information for the month of September 2020.
- **If rates varied** for the same child care service, write the rate that **most** parents are charged.
- Rates should be for **on-time payment** and **on-time pick-up** of children.
  - If families receive a discount for paying early, enter the rate **they would have paid without a discount**.
  - If families paid more than you regularly charge due to late payment or because they picked up children late, **do not include these extra charges**.
- **If you have any questions about completing this survey**, call Rodney O'Neal at 919-515-3846.

**2020 SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE MARKET RATE SURVEY**

**SECTION I. CHILD CARE ENROLLMENT AND RATES FOR CHILDREN 0 THROUGH 12 YEARS OLD.**

If you **had any full-time children 0 through 12 years old enrolled** in September 2020, please answer Question 1.

If you **did not have any full-time children 0 through 12 years old enrolled** in September 2020, CHECK HERE \_\_\_\_\_ and skip to Question 2.

In the chart below, record your **FULL-TIME CHILDREN** FOR CHILDREN 0 through 12 years old.

- > Only include children who were enrolled **full-time (30 hours a week or more)**.
- > Rows B plus C should equal row A ( $B + C = A$ ), the total number of enrolled, full-time children.

*Even if you have mixed-age classrooms, BREAK OUT information into the age groups listed.*

	age 1	1-year-olds	2-year-olds	3-year-olds	4-year-olds	5-year-olds not in school	through 12-year-olds in school
<b>A.</b> How many children in each age group were <b>enrolled full-time</b> in September?							
<b>B.</b> Of the enrolled children listed in row A, how many children were <b>completely private paid (families that do not have an SC voucher)</b> ?							
<b>C.</b> Of the enrolled children listed in row A, how many had an <b>SC Voucher</b> ?							
<b>D.</b> What is the maximum number of <b>full-time</b> children that you will accept for each age group?							
<b>E.</b> What is your published <b>full-time</b> rate that you charged the public in September? (Enter the <b>private-paying</b> rate even if you did not have private paying children in September.)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>F.</b> Was the rate you charged per week or month? (Check one)	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>
	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>

**2020 SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE MARKET RATE SURVEY**

**SECTION I. CHILD CARE ENROLLMENT AND RATES FOR CHILDREN 0 THROUGH 12 YEARS OLD.**

If you **had any part-time** children 0 through 12 years old **enrolled** in September 2020 please answer Question 2.

If you **did not have any part-time** children 0 through 12 years old **enrolled** in September 2020, **CHECK HERE \_\_\_\_\_** and skip to Question 3.

~~In the chart below, record your PART-TIME CHILD CARE ENROLLMENT INFORMATION FOR~~  
**CHILDREN 0-12 years old.**

- > Only include children who were enrolled **part-time** (15-29 hours a week or more).
- > Rows B plus C should equal row A (B + C = A), the total number of enrolled, **part-time** children.

*Even if you have mixed-age classrooms, **BREAK OUT** information into the age groups listed.*

	age 1	1-year-olds	2-year-olds	3-year-olds	4-year-olds	5-year-olds not in school	12-year-olds in school
<b>A.</b> How many children in each age group were <b>enrolled part-time</b> in September?							
<b>B.</b> Of the enrolled children listed in row A, how many children were <b>completely private paid</b> (families do not have an SC voucher)?							
<b>C.</b> Of the enrolled children listed in row A, how many had an <b>SC Voucher</b> ?							
<b>D.</b> What is the maximum number of <b>part-time</b> children that you will accept for each age group?							
<b>E.</b> What is your published <b>part-time</b> rate that you charged the public in September? (Enter <b>private paying rate</b> even if you did not have private paying children in September.)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<b>F.</b> Was the rate you charged per week or month? ( <b>Check one</b> )	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>	Week <input type="checkbox"/>
	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>	Month <input type="checkbox"/>



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**3. What information did you use to set your private pay rate? [CIRCLE YES OR NO FOR EACH CATEGORY.]**

- |  | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|
| a. South Carolina Voucher Payment rates.....                       | 1          | 2         |
| b. Neighboring program rates.....                                  | 1          | 2         |
| c. What I feel/hear that parents can afford .....                  | 1          | 2         |
| d. Actual cost of providing child care.....                        | 1          | 2         |
| e. Corporate Office/Church Board/Board of Directors decision ..... | 1          | 2         |
| f. Remote/virtual/online schoolwork/COVID-19 Costs.....            | 1          | 2         |
| g. Other [SPECIFY] _____   |            |           |

**4. What contributions, if any, did you receive within the past 12 months to help you operate your program?  
Did you receive: [CIRCLE YES OR NO FOR EACH CATEGORY.]**

- |  | <u>YES</u> | <u>NO</u> |
|--|------------|-----------|
| a. Donated space .....   | 1          | 2         |
| b. Rent assistance.....  | 1          | 2         |
| c. Utilities.....  | 1          | 2         |
| d. Free or reduced cost for services (maintenance, landscaping, janitorial, etc.)..... | 1          | 2         |
| e. Free or donated materials and/or supplies.....                                      | 1          | 2         |
| f. Child & Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) .....                                       | 1          | 2         |
| g. Free or Donated Food (not CACFP) .....  | 1          | 2         |
| h. Monetary contributions.....   | 1          | 2         |
| i. Grants (ex. CARES Act Child Care Emergency Operations, Sanitation, etc.).....       | 1          | 2         |
| j. Loans (ex. forgivable CARES Act loans) .....  | 1          | 2         |
| k. Other [SPECIFY] _____   |            |           |

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5. Indicate if you have adjusted any of the following within the past **12 months**:

[CIRCLE ONE RESPONSE FOR EACH CATEGORY.]

- |  | <u>Increased</u> | <u>Decreased</u> | <u>Not Changed</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| a. Has your food budget.....                                 | 1.....           | 2.....           | 3.....             |
| b. Have your daily hours of operation .....                  | 1.....           | 2.....           | 3.....             |
| c. Has the number of teachers you employ.....                | 1.....           | 2.....           | 3.....             |
| d. Have your staff salaries .....                            | 1.....           | 2.....           | 3.....             |
| e. Have your staff work hours .....                          | 1.....           | 2.....           | 3.....             |
| f. Have your purchases of equipment/materials/services ..... | 1.....           | 2.....           | 3.....             |
| g. Has your number of classrooms.....                        | 1.....           | 2.....           | 3.....             |
- (IF NO CHANGE TO letter g, SKIP TO Question 6 below). If CHANGE, answer a through c below:
- |   |        |        |        |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| a. Has the number of infant/toddler classrooms..... | 1..... | 2..... | 3..... |
| b. Has the number of 3-5-year-old classrooms.....   | 1..... | 2..... | 3..... |
| c. Has the number of school-age classrooms.....     | 1..... | 2..... | 3..... |
- h. Other [SPECIFY] \_\_\_\_\_

6. Staff Benefit and Bonuses

- |  | <u>Increased</u> | <u>Decreased</u> | <u>Not Changed</u> | <u>Not Offered</u> |
|--|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| a. Have your staff benefits<br>(retirement, 401k, paid leave, etc.)..... | 1.....           | 2.....           | 3.....             | 4.....             |
| b. Have your staff bonuses.....  | 1.....           | 2.....           | 3.....             | 4.....             |

7. What percentage of your enrolled children need child care during nontraditional hours? \_\_\_\_\_%

8. Additional Fees: Do you charge for any of these fees below? If yes, please enter the amount you charge and how often you charge the fee. If you do not charge for some age groups, enter a zero (0). For example, you may charge a supply fee for 4 year-olds and not for infants.

A. Do you charge an initial one-time Registration Fee? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee	
1. How much do you charge?	\$
2. Do you offer a family rate?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
If yes, how much is the family rate?	\$

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**B. Do you charge a Re-Enrollment Fee? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

<b>Re-enrollment Fees</b>	
1. How much do you charge?	\$
2. Is the fee charged annually?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Is the fee charged after a temporary break?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

**C. Do you charge an Activity Fee? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

<b>Activity Fee</b>	
1. How much do you charge?	\$
2. Is the fee charged weekly, monthly, or paid yearly?	Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly <input type="checkbox"/>

**D. Do you charge a Supply/Material/Book Fee? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

<b>Supply Fees</b>	
1. How much do you charge?	\$
2. Is the fee charged weekly, monthly, or paid yearly?	Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly <input type="checkbox"/>

**E. Do you charge a Remote/virtual/online schoolwork Fee? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_**

<b>schoolwork Fees</b>	
1. How much do you charge?	\$
2. Is the fee charged weekly, monthly, or paid yearly?	Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly <input type="checkbox"/> Yearly <input type="checkbox"/>

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Only child care providers enrolled with the SC Voucher Program (formerly ABC Voucher) should answer Question 9.

**If no children received SC Voucher, CHECK HERE \_\_\_\_\_ and go to Question 10.**

**9. If your facility is enrolled with the SC Voucher Program, please answer the following questions.**

A. If your weekly private pay price is higher than the total of the SC Voucher payment plus the client fee, **do you charge families the difference?** Yes/No (If no, Go to Question 10.)

B. If yes, please indicate by age group how much and how often you **charge families the difference.**

Age of Children	Difference between your weekly private pay price and total of SC Voucher payment plus client fee		How often do you charge families the difference?	
	Difference charged for <u>full-time</u> child care	Difference charged for <u>part-time</u> child care	<u>Weekly</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
Under age 1	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1-year-olds	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2-year-olds	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3-year-olds	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4-year-olds	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ages 5 through 12 during school year	\$	\$	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If the fees for all of the children enrolled in your program are completely private paid, with no children receiving the SC Voucher, please answer Question 10.**

**2020 SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE MARKET RATE SURVEY**

**10. If you chose not to enroll in ABC Quality to be eligible to accept SC Vouchers, what keeps you from enrolling? [CIRCLE ALL THAT APPLY.]**

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>a.</b> Payment rate too low   | 1 |
| <b>b.</b> Delay in payment   | 1 |
| <b>c.</b> Not many families qualify for SC Vouchers                        | 1 |
| <b>d.</b> I cannot handle the administrative requirements                  | 1 |
| <b>e.</b> 90-day requirement for pre-service health and safety training    | 1 |
| <b>f.</b> CPR and First Aid certification requirements for all staff       | 1 |
| <b>g.</b> Other staff/training educational requirements                    | 1 |
| <b>h.</b> Overtime pay for staff to meet training/educational requirements | 1 |
| <b>i.</b> Other (please explain) _____                                     |   |

**Thank you for completing the survey! The information you provide will be kept CONFIDENTIAL.**

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## 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE MARKET RATE SURVEY

### 2020-21: Instructions for Questions 1 and 2

#### Question 1: FULL-TIME CHILD CARE ENROLLMENT AND RATES FOR CHILDREN 0 through 12 -YEARS OLD

Complete the table for children enrolled in **full-time child care only** (children attend **30** or more hours per week).

- A. **First, record your full-time enrollment in September 2020 for each of the age groups.**
- Only include children who were enrolled a minimum of **30** hours a week or more.
  - Include all children (except your own children) regardless of how child care is paid. If you provide care for other children who are related to you (niece, grandchild, etc.) include them in your count as well.
  - Enter “0” for **enrollment** if during September you did not care for any children in an age group.
- B. **Second, record how many of these full-time enrolled children were completely private paid in September 2020.**  
**Private paying families** are families whose children **do not receive** SC Vouchers.
- **Do Not** count any children who received SC Vouchers.
  - **Do** count children who received a multiple-child discount (2 or more children in the same family enrolled).
  - Enter “0” for enrollment if **during September** you **did not** care for any children in any age group who were completely private paid.
- C. **Third, record how many of the children enrolled in full-time care (Row A) were funded for care ONLY through the SC Voucher Program in September 2020.**
- Enter “0” for enrollment if **during September** you **did not** care for any children **full-time** in any age group who received an SC Voucher.
- NOTE: The number of Children listed in Rows B and C should add up to the number you recorded in Row A.**
- D. **Fourth, record the maximum number of full-time children you will accept for each age group, even if they were not filled in September.**
- E. **Fifth, record your published full-time rate that you charge private paying families for children in each age group.**
- Enter your **on-time** payment rates. These are the rates you regularly charge before applying discounts for paying early or charging parents extra for paying late.
  - If rates for children of the same age varied, write the rate that **most** families are charged.
- F. **Sixth, check the box to show if the rate you charged was per week or per month.**

## 2020 SOUTH CAROLINA CHILD CARE MARKET RATE SURVEY

### Question 2: PART-TIME CHILD CARE ENROLLMENT AND RATES FOR CHILDREN 0 through 12-YEARS OLD, NOT IN SCHOOL

Complete the table for children enrolled in **part-time care only** (children attend **15-29** hours per week).

- A. First, record your part-time enrollment in September 2020 for each of the age groups.**
- Only include children who were enrolled a minimum of **15-29** hours a week.
  - Include all children (except your own children) regardless of how child care is paid. If you provide care for other children who are related to you (niece, grandchild, etc.) include them in your count as well.
  - Enter “0” for **enrollment** if during September you did not care for any children in an age group.
- B. Second, record how many of these part-time enrolled children were completely private paid in September 2020. Private paying families are families whose children do not receive SC Vouchers.**
- **Do Not** count any children who received SC Vouchers.
  - **Do** count children who received a multiple-child discount (2 or more children in the same family enrolled).
  - Enter “0” for enrollment if during September you **did not** care for any children in any age group who were completely private paid.
- C. Third, record how many of the children enrolled in part-time care (Row A) were funded for care ONLY through the SC Voucher Program in September 2020.**
- Enter “0” for enrollment if during September you **did not** care for any children **part-time** in any age group who participated in the SC voucher Program.
- NOTE: The number of Children listed in Rows B and C should add up to the number you recorded in Row A.**
- E. Fourth, record the maximum number of part-time children you will accept for each age group, even if they were not filled in September.**
- F. Fifth, record the current part-time rate that private paying families pay for children in each age group.**
- Enter your **on-time** payment rates. These are the rates you regularly charge before applying discounts for paying early or charging parents extra for paying late.
  - If rates for children of the same age varied, write the rate that **most** families are charged.
- G. Sixth, check the box to show if the rate you charged was per week or per month.**

**C. Average Difference between Private Pay Rate and South Carolina  
Voucher Payment for Facilities that Charge the Difference**



**APPENDIX C: AVERAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIVATE PAY RATE AND SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PAYMENT**

**Table C1: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level A+ Centers, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location						
	Full-Time		Rural		Urban		State
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		7	\$37.58	7	\$37.58	
1-year-olds	0		7	\$39.00	7	\$39.00	
2-year-olds	0		7	\$58.36	7	\$58.36	
3-year-olds	0		7	\$50.46	7	\$50.46	
4-year-olds	0		5	\$56.20	5	\$56.20	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		1	\$47.54	1	\$47.54	
Ages 5-12	0		5	\$41.31	5	\$41.31	
Part-Time		Rural		Urban		State	
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		1	\$98.32	1	\$98.32	
1-year-olds	0		1	\$98.32	1	\$98.32	
2-year-olds	0		1	\$98.32	1	\$98.32	
3-year-olds	0		1	\$98.32	1	\$98.32	
4-year-olds	0		1	\$98.32	1	\$98.32	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		1	\$47.54	1	\$47.54	
Ages 5-12	0		1	\$47.54	1	\$47.54	

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**Table C2: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level A Centers, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location						
	Full-Time		Rural*		Urban		State
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants			3	\$34.51	3	\$34.51	
1-year-olds			3	\$31.13	3	\$31.13	
2-year-olds			3	\$27.80	3	\$27.80	
3-year-olds			3	\$19.62	3	\$19.62	
4-year-olds			3	\$16.28	3	\$16.28	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten			2	\$15.00	2	\$15.00	
Ages 5-12			1	\$ 6.00	1	\$ 6.00	
Part-Time		Rural*		Urban		State	
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants			0		0		
1-year-olds			0		0		
2-year-olds			0		0		
3-year-olds			0		0		
4-year-olds			0		0		
5-year-olds not in kindergarten			0		0		
Ages 5-12			0		0		

*\*No facilities in this facility type.*

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**APPENDIX C: AVERAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIVATE PAY RATE AND  
SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PAYMENT**

**Table C3: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level B+ Centers, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location					
	Full-Time		Urban		State	
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants	2	\$53.00	13	\$20.62	15	\$24.93
1-year-olds	2	\$53.00	12	\$19.92	14	\$24.64
2-year-olds	3	\$39.00	15	\$17.00	18	\$20.67
3-year-olds	3	\$39.33	15	\$17.60	18	\$21.22
4-year-olds	2	\$53.00	13	\$19.23	15	\$23.73
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	2	\$53.00	6	\$29.83	8	\$35.63
Ages 5-12	2	\$40.50	12	\$21.17	14	\$23.93
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State	
	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants	1	\$65.00	3	\$21.00	4	\$32.00
1-year-olds	1	\$65.00	3	\$21.00	4	\$32.00
2-year-olds	1	\$65.00	2	\$22.50	3	\$36.67
3-year-olds	1	\$65.00	2	\$26.00	3	\$39.00
4-year-olds	1	\$65.00	2	\$31.00	3	\$42.33
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	1	\$65.00	2	\$31.00	3	\$42.33
Ages 5-12	1	\$65.00	3	\$24.33	4	\$34.50

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**Table C4: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level B Centers, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location					
	Full-Time		Urban		State	
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants	10	\$32.90	59	\$23.73	69	\$25.06
1-year-olds	11	\$23.68	63	\$22.46	74	\$22.64
2-year-olds	15	\$27.23	71	\$24.87	86	\$25.28
3-year-olds	16	\$30.50	74	\$23.67	90	\$24.89
4-year-olds	12	\$24.00	64	\$21.88	76	\$22.22
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	8	\$19.00	41	\$23.15	49	\$22.47
Ages 5-12	9	\$17.56	58	\$29.12	67	\$27.57
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State	
	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants	1	\$90.00	6	\$19.17	7	\$29.29
1-year-olds	1	\$90.00	8	\$26.50	9	\$33.56
2-year-olds	2	\$50.00	10	\$43.70	12	\$44.75
3-year-olds	2	\$50.00	9	\$45.22	11	\$46.09
4-year-olds	2	\$50.00	12	\$33.58	14	\$35.93
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	1	\$10.00	7	\$45.57	8	\$41.13
Ages 5-12	2	\$52.00	12	\$34.42	14	\$36.93

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**APPENDIX C: AVERAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIVATE PAY RATE AND  
SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PAYMENT**

**Table C5: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level C Centers, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location					
	Full-Time		Urban		State	
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants	11	\$27.18	62	\$25.47	73	\$25.73
1-year-olds	10	\$27.90	61	\$25.28	71	\$25.65
2-year-olds	13	\$20.46	72	\$22.53	85	\$22.21
3-year-olds	16	\$20.13	71	\$21.29	87	\$21.07
4-year old	12	\$22.75	62	\$22.55	74	\$22.58
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	8	\$23.19	38	\$24.53	46	\$24.29
Ages 5-12	11	\$20.82	58	\$22.78	69	\$22.46
Enrollment Type/Age Group	Part-Time		Urban		State	
	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants	3	\$17.00	4	\$32.75	7	\$26.00
1-year-olds	3	\$17.00	4	\$34.75	7	\$27.14
2-year-olds	5	\$10.60	8	\$22.00	13	\$17.62
3-year-olds	5	\$10.60	9	\$17.00	14	\$14.71
4-year-olds	4	\$11.75	4	\$19.25	8	\$15.50
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	4	\$ 9.00	2	\$21.00	6	\$13.00
Ages 5-12	4	\$ 9.25	5	\$48.20	9	\$30.89

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**Table C6: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level B+ NR Centers, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location					
	Rural*		Urban		State	
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants			0		0	
1-year-olds			0		0	
2-year-olds			0		0	
3-year-olds			0		0	
4-year-olds			0		0	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten			0		0	
Ages 5-12			1	\$31.16	1	\$31.16
Enrollment Type/Age Group	Part-Time		Urban		State	
	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants			0		0	
1-year-olds			0		0	
2-year-olds			0		0	
3-year-olds			0		0	
4-year-olds			0		0	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten			0		0	
Ages 5-12			2	\$10.23	2	\$10.23

*\*No facilities in this facility type.*

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**APPENDIX C: AVERAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIVATE PAY RATE AND SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PAYMENT**

**Table C7: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level B NR Centers, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location					
	Rural		Urban		State	
Full-Time	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Age						
Infants	0		0		0	
1-year-olds	0		0		0	
2-year-olds	0		0		0	
3-year-olds	0		0		0	
4-year-olds	0		1	\$11.00	1	\$11.00
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		0		0	
Ages 5-12	0		3	\$31.60	3	\$31.60
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State	
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants	0		0		0	
1-year-olds	0		0		0	
2-year-olds	0		0		0	
3-year-olds	0		0		0	
4-year-olds	0		0		0	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		4	\$42.00	4	\$42.00
Ages 5-12	0		0		0	

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**Table C8: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level C NR Centers, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location					
	Rural		Urban		State	
Full-Time	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Age						
Infants	0		1	\$ 2.00	1	\$ 2.00
1-year-olds	0		1	\$ 3.00	1	\$ 3.00
2-year-olds	0		1	\$ 3.00	1	\$ 3.00
3-year-olds	0		2	\$21.00	2	\$21.00
4-year-olds	0		2	\$21.00	2	\$21.00
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		2	\$21.00	2	\$21.00
Ages 5-12	1	\$30.00	9	\$14.78	10	\$16.30
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State	
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average
Infants	0		0		0	
1-year-olds	0		0		0	
2-year-olds	0		0		0	
3-year-olds	0		1	\$15.00	1	\$15.00
4-year-olds	0		1	\$15.00	1	\$15.00
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		2	\$16.00	2	\$16.00
Ages 5-12	1	\$12.00	4	\$15.25	5	\$14.60

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**APPENDIX C: AVERAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIVATE PAY RATE AND  
SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PAYMENT**

**Table C9: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level B+ Group Child Care Homes, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location						
	Full-Time		Rural		Urban		State
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	2	\$15.00	0		2	\$15.00	
1-year-olds	1	\$ 5.00	0		1	\$ 5.00	
2-year-olds	2	\$20.50	0		2	\$20.50	
3-year-olds	2	\$15.00	0		2	\$15.00	
4-year-olds	1	\$ 5.00	0		1	\$ 5.00	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	1	\$ 5.00	0		1	\$ 5.00	
Ages 5-12	1	\$ 5.00	0		1	\$ 5.00	
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State		
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	1	\$5.00	0		1	\$5.00	
1-year-olds	1	\$5.00	0		1	\$5.00	
2-year-olds	1	\$5.00	0		1	\$5.00	
3-year-olds	1	\$5.00	0		1	\$5.00	
4-year-olds	1	\$5.00	0		1	\$5.00	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	1	\$5.00	0		1	\$5.00	
Ages 5-12	1	\$5.00	0		1	\$5.00	

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**Table C10: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level B Group Child Care Homes, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location						
	Full-Time		Rural		Urban		State
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		1	\$35.00	1	\$35.00	
1-year-olds	0		3	\$22.00	3	\$22.00	
2-year-olds	0		3	\$18.67	3	\$18.67	
3-year-olds	0		2	\$20.00	2	\$20.00	
4-year-olds	1	\$25.00	2	\$20.00	3	\$20.00	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		1	\$ 6.00	1	\$ 6.00	
Ages 5-12	0		2	\$ 8.50	2	\$ 8.50	
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State		
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		0		0		
1-year-olds	0		0		0		
2-year-olds	0		0		0		
3-year-olds	0		0		0		
4-year old	0		0		0		
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		0		0		
Ages 5-12	0		0		0		

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**APPENDIX C: AVERAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIVATE PAY RATE AND  
SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PAYMENT**

**Table C11: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level C Group Child Care Homes, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location						
	Full-Time		Rural		Urban		State
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		0		0		
1-year-olds	0		0		0		
2-year-olds	0		0		0		
3-year-olds	0		0		0		
4-year-olds	0		0		0		
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		0		0		
Ages 5-12	0		0		0		
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State		
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		0		0		
1-year-olds	0		0		0		
2-year-olds	0		0		0		
3-year-olds	0		0		0		
4-year-olds	0		0		0		
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		0		0		
Ages 5-12	0		0		0		

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**Table C12: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level B+ Family Child Care Homes, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location						
	Full-Time		Rural		Urban		State
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		0		0		
1-year-olds	2	\$27.50	2	\$26.50	4	\$27.50	
2-year-olds	1	\$35.00	0		1	\$35.00	
3-year-olds	3	\$23.00	0		3	\$23.00	
4-year-olds	1	\$20.00	0		1	\$20.00	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		0		0		
Ages 5-12	1	\$20.00	0		1	\$20.00	
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State		
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		0		0		
1-year-olds	0		0		0		
2-year-olds	0		0		0		
3-year-olds	0		0		0		
4-year-olds	0		0		0		
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		0		0		
Ages 5-12	0		0		0		

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**APPENDIX C: AVERAGE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PRIVATE PAY RATE AND  
SOUTH CAROLINA VOUCHER PAYMENT**

**Table C13: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level B Family Child Care Homes, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location						
	Full-Time		Rural		Urban		State
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	1	\$10.00	1	\$ 6.00	2	\$ 8.00	
1-year-olds	2	\$14.50	1	\$ 6.00	3	\$11.67	
2-year-olds	0		1	\$ 6.00	1	\$ 6.00	
3-year-olds	0		2	\$20.50	2	\$20.50	
4-year-olds	0		2	\$ 8.00	2	\$ 8.00	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	1	\$23.09	0		1	\$23.09	
Ages 5-12	1	\$ 5.00	1	\$10.00	2	\$ 7.50	
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State		
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		1	\$38.00	1	\$38.00	
1-year-olds	0		0		0		
2-year-olds	0		0		0		
3-year-olds	0		0		0		
4-year-olds	0		0		0		
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		0		0		
Ages 5-12	0		0		0		

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

**Table C14: Average Difference between Private Pay Weekly Rate and SC Voucher Payment by ABC Quality Level C Family Child Care Homes, Geographic Location, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

Enrollment Type/Age Group	Geographic Location						
	Full-Time		Rural		Urban		State
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	1	\$50.00	2	\$20.00	3	\$31.67	
1-year-olds	2	\$20.50	7	\$22.71	9	\$22.22	
2-year-olds	2	\$20.50	4	\$15.25	6	\$17.00	
3-year-olds	2	\$47.50	4	\$18.75	6	\$28.33	
4-year-olds	2	\$30.50	5	\$25.20	7	\$26.71	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		2	\$22.50	2	\$22.50	
Ages 5-12	1	\$55.00	3	\$25.00	4	\$32.50	
Part-Time	Rural		Urban		State		
Age	N	Average	N	Average	N	Average	
Infants	0		2	\$5.00	2	\$ 5.00	
1-year-olds	1	\$20.00	2	\$5.00	3	\$10.00	
2-year-olds	0		2	\$5.00	2	\$ 5.00	
3-year-olds	0		2	\$5.00	2	\$ 5.00	
4-year-olds	0		2	\$5.00	2	\$ 5.00	
5-year-olds not in kindergarten	0		2	\$7.50	2	\$ 7.50	
Ages 5-12	0		2	\$7.50	2	\$ 7.50	

*Data is for facilities that charge the difference between their private rate and the voucher payment rate.*

#### **D. Market Rate Percentiles**



## APPENDIX D: MARKET RATE PERCENTILES

**Table D1: Facility Rates for Urban Child Care Centers by Percentiles, Facility Types, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

URBAN		Full-Time Child Care Centers by Age Group					
Percentiles	Under age 1	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5 not in kindergarten	Ages 5 through 12 in school
75%	\$213.00	\$215.00	\$205.00	\$195.00	\$191.00	\$203.00	\$165.00
80%	\$223.00	\$223.00	\$216.00	\$203.00	\$200.00	\$211.17	\$175.00
85%	\$240.00	\$237.00	\$231.00	\$218.00	\$217.52	\$255.00	\$196.17
90%	\$253.87	\$260.00	\$250.00	\$242.00	\$242.33	\$260.10	\$255.02
95%	\$296.00	\$283.87	\$285.02	\$275.00	\$273.94	\$349.64	\$334.64
100%	\$415.00	\$415.00	\$415.42	\$415.42	\$415.42	\$381.95	\$450.01
<b>Number of Children</b>	4,596	6,297	8,981	10,217	9,801	1,628	11,855
URBAN		Part-Time Child Care Centers by Age Group					
Percentiles	Under age 1	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5 not in kindergarten	Ages 5 through 12 in school
75%	\$140.00	\$127.75	\$123.47	\$122.32	\$121.16	\$125.00	\$ 88.00
80%	\$160.00	\$143.80	\$145.00	\$138.47	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$100.00
85%	\$175.00	\$165.00	\$155.00	\$150.00	\$153.47	\$138.47	\$110.00
90%	\$180.00	\$184.63	\$176.55	\$170.78	\$168.94	\$196.58	\$125.00
95%	\$196.40	\$195.49	\$190.38	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$205.00	\$150.00
100%	\$258.48	\$345.00	\$300.02	\$300.02	\$300.00	\$205.40	\$252.00
<b>Number of Children</b>	279	613	1,163	1,820	1,992	328	4,799

**APPENDIX D: MARKET RATE PERCENTILES**

**Table D2: Facility Rates for Rural Child Care Centers by Percentiles, Facility Types, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

<b>RURAL</b>		<b>Full-Time Child Care Centers by Age Group</b>					
<b>Percentiles</b>	<b>Under age 1</b>	<b>Age 1</b>	<b>Age 2</b>	<b>Age 3</b>	<b>Age 4</b>	<b>Age 5 not in kindergarten</b>	<b>Ages 5 through 12 in school</b>
75%	\$135.00	\$135.00	\$130.00	\$127.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$110.00
80%	\$145.00	\$140.00	\$135.00	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$130.00	\$115.00
85%	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$135.00	\$135.52	\$135.00	\$115.39
90%	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$138.47	\$121.16
95%	\$158.00	\$158.00	\$155.00	\$150.00	\$155.78	\$155.78	\$126.93
100%	\$260.00	\$250.00	\$240.00	\$295.00	\$295.00	\$230.00	\$171.94
<b>Number of Children</b>	728	947	1,459	1,629	1,473	246	2,316
<b>RURAL</b>		<b>Part-Time Child Care Centers by Age Group</b>					
<b>Percentiles</b>	<b>Under age 1</b>	<b>Age 1</b>	<b>Age 2</b>	<b>Age 3</b>	<b>Age 4</b>	<b>Age 5 not in kindergarten</b>	<b>Ages 5 through 12 in school</b>
75%	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$ 93.35	\$ 95.00	\$ 85.00	\$100.00	\$ 75.00
80%	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$ 85.00	\$100.00	\$ 80.00
85%	\$117.00	\$120.50	\$111.75	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$108.50	\$ 80.00
90%	\$120.00	\$145.00	\$125.00	\$109.62	\$109.62	\$146.00	\$ 85.50
95%	\$124.75	\$175.00	\$230.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$230.00	\$125.00
100%	\$125.00	\$175.00	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$230.00	\$230.00
<b>Number of Children</b>	23	28	117	165	210	62	1,036

## APPENDIX D: MARKET RATE PERCENTILES

**Table D3: Facility Rates for Urban Group Child Care Homes by Percentiles, Facility Types, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

URBAN		Full-Time Child Care Homes by Age Group					
Percentiles	Under age 1	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5 not in kindergarten	Ages 5 through 12 in school
75%	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$125.00
80%	\$150.00	\$141.00	\$125.00	\$141.00	\$141.00	\$145.00	\$130.00
85%	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$147.50	\$150.00
90%	\$155.00	\$146.50	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$150.00
95%	\$160.00	\$159.75	\$162.50	\$145.00	\$147.32	\$150.00	\$150.00
100%	\$160.00	\$165.00	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$150.15	\$150.00	\$150.00
<b>Number of Children</b>	14	26	49	50	30	9	18
URBAN		Part-Time Child Care Homes by Age Group					
Percentiles	Under age 1	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5 not in kindergarten	Ages 5 through 12 in school
75%	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$123.75	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$100.00
80%	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$129.00	\$124.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$100.00
85%	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$138.00	\$125.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
90%	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$135.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$120.00
95%	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$150.00
100%	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$150.00
<b>Number of Children</b>	3	3	8	15	7	4	19

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**Table D4: Facility Rates for Rural Group Child Care Homes by Percentiles, Facility Types, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

<b>RURAL</b>		<b>Full-Time Child Care Homes by Age Group</b>					
<b>Percentiles</b>	<b>Under age 1</b>	<b>Age 1</b>	<b>Age 2</b>	<b>Age 3</b>	<b>Age 4</b>	<b>Age 5 not in kindergarten</b>	<b>Ages 5 through 12 in school</b>
75%	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$100.00
80%	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$105.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$100.00
85%	\$125.00	\$103.50	\$110.00	\$102.75	\$101.50	\$110.00	\$103.50
90%	\$125.00	\$121.00	\$125.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$110.00
95%	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$123.50	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$115.00
100%	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$110.00	\$110.00	\$115.00
<b>Number of Children</b>	21	21	40	43	40	6	35
<b>RURAL</b>		<b>Part-Time Child Care Homes by Age Group</b>					
<b>Percentiles</b>	<b>Under age 1</b>	<b>Age 1</b>	<b>Age 2</b>	<b>Age 3</b>	<b>Age 4</b>	<b>Age 5 not in kindergarten</b>	<b>Ages 5 through 12 in school</b>
75%	\$	\$	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$ 87.50	\$	\$ 50.00
80%	\$	\$	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$ 90.00	\$	\$ 56.00
85%	\$	\$	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$ 90.00	\$	\$ 69.50
90%	\$	\$	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$ 90.00	\$	\$ 80.00
95%	\$	\$	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$ 90.00	\$	\$ 80.00
100%	\$	\$	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$ 90.00	\$	\$ 80.00
<b>Number of Children</b>	0	0	3	1	4	0	25

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**Table D5: Facility Rates for Urban Family Child Care Homes by Percentiles, Facility Types, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

URBAN		Full-Time Child Care Homes by Age Group					
Percentiles	Under age 1	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5 not in kindergarten	Ages 5 through 12 in school
75%	\$145.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$100.00
80%	\$150.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$140.00	\$106.02
85%	\$160.00	\$170.00	\$165.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$149.00	\$130.00
90%	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$175.00	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$175.00	\$150.00
95%	\$188.00	\$190.00	\$185.00	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$178.00	\$160.00
100%	\$250.00	\$265.00	\$265.00	\$220.00	\$265.00	\$185.00	\$250.00
Number of Children	149	282	318	320	185	34	221
URBAN		Part-Time Child Care Homes by Age Group					
Percentiles	Under age 1	Age 1	Age 2	Age 3	Age 4	Age 5 not in kindergarten	Ages 5 through 12 in school
75%	\$110.00	\$120.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$ 85.00	\$110.00	\$100.00
80%	\$135.00	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$100.00	\$114.00	\$122.00	\$105.00
85%	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$140.00	\$137.00	\$110.00
90%	\$155.00	\$190.00	\$159.00	\$119.00	\$159.00	\$147.00	\$110.00
95%	\$250.00	\$197.00	\$193.70	\$182.20	\$181.00	\$150.00	\$142.25
100%	\$250.00	\$197.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$185.00	\$150.00	\$185.00
Number of Children	19	20	43	43	38	15	118

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**Table D6: Facility Rates for Rural Family Child Care Homes by Percentiles, Facility Types, Enrollment Type, and Age Group: 2020**

<b>RURAL</b>		<b>Full-Time Child Care Homes by Age Group</b>					
<b>Percentiles</b>	<b>Under age 1</b>	<b>Age 1</b>	<b>Age 2</b>	<b>Age 3</b>	<b>Age 4</b>	<b>Age 5 not in kindergarten</b>	<b>Ages 5 through 12 in school</b>
75%	\$120.00	\$120.00	\$110.00	\$104.71	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$ 95.00
80%	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$115.00	\$119.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
85%	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
90%	\$126.60	\$127.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
95%	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$130.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
100%	\$140.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$155.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$130.00
<b>Number of Children</b>	41	110	130	122	57	11	66
<b>RURAL</b>		<b>Part-Time Child Care Homes by Age Group</b>					
<b>Percentiles</b>	<b>Under age 1</b>	<b>Age 1</b>	<b>Age 2</b>	<b>Age 3</b>	<b>Age 4</b>	<b>Age 5 not in kindergarten</b>	<b>Ages 5 through 12 in school</b>
75%	\$120.00	\$ 75.00	\$112.50	\$100.00	\$123.75	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
80%	\$120.00	\$105.00	\$135.00	\$100.00	\$130.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
85%	\$120.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$115.00	\$141.25	\$ 75.00	\$ 80.00
90%	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$150.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 85.00
95%	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$ 75.00	\$100.00
100%	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$ 75.00	\$110.00
<b>Number of Children</b>	6	9	9	18	8	5	53

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<b>Cost Estimates for Urban Child Care Centers *</b>	<b>Center Level C</b>	<b>Center Level B</b>	<b>Center Level B+</b>	<b>Center Level A</b>	<b>Center Level A+</b>
<b>Estimated Annual Revenue</b>					
Tuition for children of private-paying families	\$ 937,078	\$ 937,078	\$ 937,078	\$ 937,078	\$ 937,078
Subsidy payments for children with SC Vouchers	\$ 125,015	\$ 130,075	\$ 134,050	\$ 139,110	\$ 143,085
Child and Adult Care Food Program reimbursements	\$ 41,278	\$ 41,278	\$ 41,278	\$ 41,278	\$ 41,278
Estimated grants from CARES Act, CRRSA	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Less, estimated uncollectible tuition (3%)	\$ (31,863)	\$ (32,015)	\$ (32,134)	\$ (32,286)	\$ (32,405)
<b>Total Estimated Annual Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 1,091,508</b>	<b>\$ 1,096,416</b>	<b>\$ 1,100,272</b>	<b>\$ 1,105,180</b>	<b>\$ 1,109,036</b>
<b>Estimated Annual Expenses</b>					
Salaries	\$ 526,870	\$ 526,870	\$ 526,870	\$ 563,982	\$ 563,982
Substitutes	\$ 12,960	\$ 12,960	\$ 12,960	\$ 12,960	\$ 12,960
Mandatory Benefits (workers comp, unemployment)	\$ 53,227	\$ 53,227	\$ 53,227	\$ 56,885	\$ 56,885
Additional Benefits (health insurance)	\$ 91,889	\$ 91,889	\$ 91,889	\$ 91,889	\$ 91,889
<b>Total Estimated Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 684,946</b>	<b>\$ 684,946</b>	<b>\$ 684,946</b>	<b>\$ 725,716</b>	<b>\$ 725,716</b>
Child-level expenses (food, education/other supplies)	\$ 200,197	\$ 200,197	\$ 200,197	\$ 200,197	\$ 200,197
Classroom expenses (rent, utilities, insurance, cleaning)	\$ 151,680	\$ 151,680	\$ 151,680	\$ 151,680	\$ 151,680
Other provider expenses (staff training, phone, fees, permits, etc.)	\$ 10,464	\$ 10,464	\$ 10,464	\$ 10,464	\$ 10,464
<b>Total Estimated Non-Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>
<b>Total PCQC Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,287</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,287</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,287</b>	<b>\$ 1,088,057</b>	<b>\$ 1,088,057</b>
Estimated quality expenses based on ABCQ threshold scoring	\$ -	\$ 4,192	\$ 5,123	\$ 6,055	\$ 6,986
<b>Total Estimated Annual Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,287</b>	<b>\$ 1,051,479</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,410</b>	<b>\$ 1,094,112</b>	<b>\$ 1,095,043</b>
<b>Estimated Annual Net Revenue/(Loss)-Urban Centers</b>	<b>\$ 44,221</b>	<b>\$ 44,937</b>	<b>\$ 52,985</b>	<b>\$ 11,068</b>	<b>\$ 13,993</b>

Cost Estimates for Rural Child Care Centers *	Center Level C	Center Level B	Center Level B+	Center Level A	Center Level A+
<b>Estimated Annual Revenue</b>					
Tuition for children of private-paying families	\$ 614,993	\$ 614,993	\$ 614,993	\$ 614,993	\$ 614,993
Subsidy payments for children with SC Vouchers	\$ 87,339	\$ 93,085	\$ 96,803	\$ 100,521	\$ 104,239
Child and Adult Care Food Program reimbursements	\$ 40,069	\$ 40,069	\$ 40,069	\$ 40,069	\$ 40,069
Estimated grants from CARES Act, CRRSA	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
Less, estimated uncollectible tuition (3%)	\$ (21,070)	\$ (21,242)	\$ (21,354)	\$ (21,465)	\$ (21,577)
<b>Total Estimated Annual Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 741,331</b>	<b>\$ 746,905</b>	<b>\$ 750,511</b>	<b>\$ 754,118</b>	<b>\$ 757,724</b>
<b>Estimated Annual Expenses</b>					
Salaries	\$ 526,870	\$ 526,870	\$ 526,870	\$ 563,982	\$ 563,982
Substitutes	\$ 12,960	\$ 12,960	\$ 12,960	\$ 12,960	\$ 12,960
Mandatory Benefits (workers comp, unemployment)	\$ 53,227	\$ 53,227	\$ 53,227	\$ 56,885	\$ 56,885
Additional Benefits (health insurance)	\$ 91,889	\$ 91,889	\$ 91,889	\$ 91,889	\$ 91,889
<b>Total Estimated Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 684,946</b>	<b>\$ 684,946</b>	<b>\$ 684,946</b>	<b>\$ 725,716</b>	<b>\$ 725,716</b>
Child-level expenses (food, education/other supplies)	\$ 200,197	\$ 200,197	\$ 200,197	\$ 200,197	\$ 200,197
Classroom expenses (rent, utilities, insurance, cleaning)	\$ 151,680	\$ 151,680	\$ 151,680	\$ 151,680	\$ 151,680
Other expenses (staff training, phone, fees, permits, etc.)	\$ 10,464	\$ 10,464	\$ 10,464	\$ 10,464	\$ 10,464
<b>Total Estimated Non-Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>	<b>\$ 362,341</b>
<b>Total PCQC Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,287</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,287</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,287</b>	<b>\$ 1,088,057</b>	<b>\$ 1,088,057</b>
Estimated quality expenses based on ABCQ threshold scoring	\$ -	\$ 4,192	\$ 5,123	\$ 6,055	\$ 6,986
<b>Total Estimated Annual Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,047,287</b>	<b>\$ 1,051,479</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,410</b>	<b>\$ 1,094,112</b>	<b>\$ 1,095,043</b>
<b>Estimated Annual Net Revenue/(Loss)-Rural Centers</b>	<b>\$ (305,956)</b>	<b>\$ (304,574)</b>	<b>\$ (301,899)</b>	<b>\$ (339,994)</b>	<b>\$ (337,319)</b>



\* Estimates were calculated using the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care's Provider Cost of Quality Calculator which includes values for average expenditures across many sizes and types of child care programs in SC. Calculations are based on the average number of children served by type of child care, age, urban or rural area, and tuition charged to private-paying families as reported by child care providers in SC's 2020 market rate survey, as well as SC Voucher maximum payments during FFY2020. Wages for personnel were calculated at a minimum of \$15 per hour.

Average of 69 children served in an urban child care center per 2020 market rate survey: 5 under age 1, 7 age 1, 11 age 2, 13 age 3, 15 ages 4 & 5 not in kindergarten, 18 ages 5 through 12 in school.

Average of 52 children served in a rural child care center per 2020 market rate survey: 4 under age 1, 5 age 1, 8 age 2, 9 age 3, 10 ages 4 & 5 not in kindergarten, 16 ages 5 through 12 in school.

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Cost Estimates for Urban Child Care Homes *	Group Level C	Group Level B	Group Level B+	Family Level C Registered	Family Level B Registered	Family Level B+ Registered	Family Level B Licensed	Family Level B+ Licensed
<b>Estimated Annual Revenue</b>								
Tuition for children of private-paying families	\$ 31,728	\$ 31,728	\$ 31,728	\$ 38,697	\$ 38,697	\$ 38,697	\$ 38,697	\$ 38,697
Subsidy payments for children with SC Vouchers	\$ 28,099	\$ 29,430	\$ 29,873	\$ 1,906	\$ 2,074	\$ 2,106	\$ 2,139	\$ 2,171
Child and Adult Care Food Program reimbursements	\$ 8,808	\$ 8,808	\$ 8,808	\$ 3,950	\$ 3,950	\$ 3,950	\$ 3,950	\$ 3,950
Estimated grants from CARES Act, CRRSA	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Less, estimated uncollectible tuition (3%)	\$ (1,795)	\$ (1,835)	\$ (1,848)	\$ (1,218)	\$ (1,223)	\$ (1,224)	\$ (1,225)	\$ (1,226)
<b>Total Estimated Annual Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 73,840</b>	<b>\$ 75,131</b>	<b>\$ 75,561</b>	<b>\$ 50,335</b>	<b>\$ 50,498</b>	<b>\$ 50,529</b>	<b>\$ 50,561</b>	<b>\$ 50,592</b>
<b>Estimated Annual Expenses</b>								
Salary for GCCH assistant	\$ 31,200	\$ 31,200	\$ 31,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Mandatory Benefits (workers comp, unemployment)	\$ 2,870	\$ 2,870	\$ 2,870	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Additional Benefits (health insurance)	\$ 5,281	\$ 5,281	\$ 5,281	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Estimated Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 39,351</b>	<b>\$ 39,351</b>	<b>\$ 39,351</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Estimated Non-Personnel Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>
<b>Total PCQC Estimated Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 52,416</b>	<b>\$ 52,416</b>	<b>\$ 52,416</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>
Estimated quality expenses based on ABCQ threshold scores		\$ 135	\$ 165		\$ 135	\$ 165	\$ 135	\$ 165
<b>Total Estimated Annual Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 52,416</b>	<b>\$ 52,551</b>	<b>\$ 52,581</b>	<b>\$ 13,065</b>	<b>\$ 13,200</b>	<b>\$ 13,230</b>	<b>\$ 13,200</b>	<b>\$ 13,230</b>
<b>Estimated Annual Net Revenue before draws by owners of Urban Child Care Homes for payment of hours they worked, Social Security for self-employed sole proprietor, and health insurance</b>	<b>\$ 21,424</b>	<b>\$ 22,580</b>	<b>\$ 22,980</b>	<b>\$ 37,270</b>	<b>\$ 37,298</b>	<b>\$ 37,299</b>	<b>\$ 37,361</b>	<b>\$ 37,362</b>
<b>Estimated draws by owners of Urban Child Care Homes for payment of the estimated hours they worked, estimated Social Security taxes and health insurance (60 hours/week at \$15/hour for 52 weeks/year=\$46,800, Social Security for self-employed sole proprietor at 15.3%=\$7,160, health insurance at \$5,281/year)</b>	<b>\$ 59,241</b>	<b>\$ 59,241</b>	<b>\$ 59,241</b>	<b>\$ 59,241</b>	<b>\$ 59,241</b>	<b>\$ 59,241</b>	<b>\$ 59,241</b>	<b>\$ 59,241</b>
<b>Total Estimated Annual Net Revenue/(Loss) after draws by Owners of Urban Child Care Homes</b>	<b>\$ (37,817)</b>	<b>\$ (36,661)</b>	<b>\$ (36,261)</b>	<b>\$ (21,971)</b>	<b>\$ (21,943)</b>	<b>\$ (21,942)</b>	<b>\$ (21,880)</b>	<b>\$ (21,879)</b>

Cost Estimates for Rural Child Care Homes *	Group Level C	Group Level B	Group Level B+	Family Level C Registered	Level C Licensed	Level B Registered	Level B+ Registered	Level B Licensed	Level B+ Licensed
<b>Estimated Annual Revenue</b>									
Tuition for children of private-paying families	\$ 42,120	\$ 42,120	\$ 42,120	\$ 24,529	\$ 24,529	\$ 24,529	\$ 24,529	\$ 24,529	\$ 24,529
Subsidy payments for children with SC Vouchers	\$ 15,288	\$ 16,365	\$ 16,886	\$ 2,337	\$ 2,521	\$ 2,573	\$ 2,626	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,752
Child and Adult Care Food Program reimbursements	\$ 9,145	\$ 9,145	\$ 9,145	\$ 3,477	\$ 3,477	\$ 3,477	\$ 3,477	\$ 3,477	\$ 3,477
Estimated grants from CARES Act, CRRSA	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
Less, estimated uncollectible tuition (3%)	\$ (1,722)	\$ (1,755)	\$ (1,764)	\$ (806)	\$ (812)	\$ (813)	\$ (815)	\$ (817)	\$ (818)
<b>Total Estimated Annual Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 71,831</b>	<b>\$ 72,875</b>	<b>\$ 73,187</b>	<b>\$ 36,537</b>	<b>\$ 36,715</b>	<b>\$ 36,766</b>	<b>\$ 36,817</b>	<b>\$ 36,889</b>	<b>\$ 36,940</b>
<b>Estimated Annual Expenses</b>									
Salaries									
Mandatory Benefits (workers comp, unemployment)	\$ 31,200	\$ 31,200	\$ 31,200	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Additional Benefits (health insurance)	\$ 2,870	\$ 2,870	\$ 2,870	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Estimated Personnel Expenses	\$ 5,281	\$ 5,281	\$ 5,281	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Estimated Non-Personnel Expenses	\$ 39,351	\$ 39,351	\$ 39,351	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total PCQC Estimated Expenses	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065
Estimated quality expenses based on ABCQ threshold scores	\$ 52,416	\$ 52,416	\$ 52,416	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065
Total Estimated Annual Expenses	\$ 52,416	\$ 52,551	\$ 52,581	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,065	\$ 13,200	\$ 13,230	\$ 13,200	\$ 13,230
Estimated Annual Net Revenue before draws by owners of Rural Child Care Homes for payment of hours they worked, Social Security for self-employed sole proprietor, and health insurance	\$ 19,415	\$ 20,324	\$ 20,606	\$ 23,472	\$ 23,650	\$ 23,566	\$ 23,587	\$ 23,689	\$ 23,710
Estimated draws by owners of Rural Child Care Homes for payment of the estimated hours they worked, estimated Social Security taxes and health insurance (60 hours/week at \$15/hour for 52 weeks/year=\$46,800, Social Security for self-employed sole proprietor at 15.3%=\$7,160, health insurance at \$5,281/year)	\$ 59,241	\$ 59,241	\$ 59,241	\$ 59,241	\$ 59,241	\$ 59,241	\$ 59,241	\$ 59,241	\$ 59,241
<b>Total Estimated Annual Net Revenue/(Loss) after draws by owners of Rural Child Care Homes</b>	<b>\$ (39,826)</b>	<b>\$ (38,917)</b>	<b>\$ (38,635)</b>	<b>\$ (35,769)</b>	<b>\$ (35,591)</b>	<b>\$ (35,675)</b>	<b>\$ (35,654)</b>	<b>\$ (35,552)</b>	<b>\$ (35,551)</b>

\* Estimates were calculated using the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Child Care's Provider Cost of Quality Calculator which includes values for average expenditures across many sizes and types of child care programs in SC. Calculations are based on the average number of children served by type of child care, age, urban or rural area, and tuition charged to private-paying families as reported by child care providers in SC's 2020 market rate survey, as well as SC Voucher maximum payments during FFY2020. Wages for assistants in group child care were calculated at \$15 per hour.

Average of 9 children served in an urban group child care homes per 2020 market rate survey: 1 under age 1, 1 age 1, 2 age 2, 2 age 3, 2 age 4 & 5 not in kindergarten, 1 ages 5 through 12 in school.

Average of 11 children served in a rural group child care homes per 2020 market rate survey: 1 under age 1, 1 age 1, 2 age 2, 2 age 3, 2 ages 4 & 5 not in kindergarten, 3 ages 5 through 12 in school.

Average of 6 children served in an urban family child care homes per 2020 market rate survey: 1 under age 1, 1 age 1, 1 age 2, 1 age 3, 1 age 4 & 5 not in kindergarten, 1 ages 5 through 12 in school.

Average of 5 children served in a rural family child care homes per 2020 market rate survey: 0 under age 1, 1 age 1, 1 age 2, 1 age 3, 1 ages 4 & 5 not in kindergarten, 1 ages 5 through 12 in school.