

**Comparison of Vermont 2006
Child Care Market Rates to State Child Care Subsidy Payment Rates**

Rates Age of Children	Licensed Centers				Registered Homes			
	Average Weekly Market Rates	Median (50 th Percentile) Weekly Market Rates	75 th Percentile Weekly Market Rates	State Payment Rates ¹	Average Weekly Market Rates	Median (50 th Percentile) Weekly Market Rates	75 th Percentile Weekly Market Rates	State Payment Rates ²
Infants (under 24 months)	\$143.75	\$125.23	\$160	\$125.46	\$122.71	\$125	\$130	\$100.98
Toddlers (24-35 months)	\$142.38	\$130	\$158.13	\$124.42	\$117.03	\$115	\$125	\$99.96
Preschool (36-59 months)	\$135.70	\$130	\$155	\$110.82	\$113.02	\$110	\$125	\$86.70
School Age (5-13 yrs; 5-19 yrs for child with special needs)	\$130.11	\$120	\$150	\$108.12	\$107.18	\$100	\$125	\$86.70

Source: January 2007, Child Development Division (CDD), Department for Children and Families, Agency of Human Services, www.cddvt.org

¹ Effective 7/9/2006

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Notes

Data Collection Date and Source: The Comparison of Vermont 2006 Child Care Market Rates to State Child Care Subsidy Payment Rates Table is based upon market rate data on 11/02/2006 from licensed child care centers and registered child care homes that have provider rate agreements with the Child Development Division. This information is housed in the Division's Bright Futures Information Systems.

Full Time Weekly: Full time weekly child care (in licensed centers or registered homes) ranges from 26 to 50 hours.

Age Groups: The four age categories for children receiving child care are: infants (under 24 months); toddlers (24 months to 35 months); preschool age children (36 months to 59 months); and school age children (5 to 13 years for typical developing children and 5 to 19 years for children with special needs.)

Average (Mean): An average (or arithmetic mean) is calculated by adding a group of numbers and then dividing by the total count of those numbers.

Median: The median is the middle number of group of numbers. Half of the numbers have values greater than the median, and half of the numbers have values less than the median.

Percentiles: A percentile defines a relative standing in a group or array of data (e.g., child care market rates). For example, a market rate at the 75th percentile means that 75% of the market rates in a group fall below that rate.

State Payment Rate: The "SPR" on the chart consists of the full subsidy rate for families with children in the four age categories for full time weekly care (and part time weekly care for school age children). The state payment rate is established by the Child Development Division based on Vermont's child care market rate. The 75th percentile is the standard established by the federal government to ensure that families receiving a child care subsidy have access to the child care market.

Difference Between 75th Percentile and the State Payment Rate: Subtracting the state payment (or provider) rate from the child care market rate at the 75th percentile indicates the difference in dollars between what the state pays to support child care costs for families eligible for full assistance and the number of dollars that the state would need to pay to meet federal child care standards.

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