

Child Development Division  
**DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN  
AND FAMILIES**

**Vermont's**

**2008 CHILD CARE**

**MARKET RATE SURVEY**

**Reported in December 2008**



# Vermont's 2008 Child Care Market Rates

The Vermont Department for Children and Families, Child Development Division is responsible for management of the Vermont Child Care Financial Assistance Program. This program is for income-eligible families, with a need for child care to assist them in paying for their child care costs in order for the parents to work or attend school.

The Vermont Child Care Financial Assistance Program is funded in part by the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). In 1996 the Child Care and Development Fund final rule, under the Department of Health and Human Services directed that child care assistance programs ensure that parents who receive a child care subsidy have equal access to the child care market as non-subsidized families. This access must be demonstrated by reference to a local market rate survey that is no more than two years old.

A market rate survey is a tool to collect up-to-date information on what facilities, within given geographic areas, charge parents for various types of child care.

The 2008 market rate information for Vermont was collected from the rates child care programs report to the Child Development Division through the division's integrated information system: Bright Futures Information System (BFIS).

**Child Care Market Rates and State Child Care Subsidy Payment Rates  
Vermont 2008**

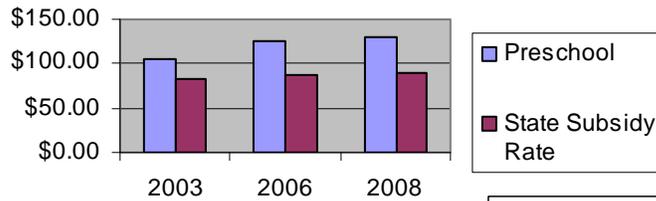
Rates Age of Children	Licensed Centers				Registered Homes			
	Average Weekly Market Rates	Median (50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile) Weekly Market Rates	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Weekly Market Rates	State Payment Rates <sup>1</sup>	Average Weekly Market Rates	Median (50 <sup>th</sup> Percentile) Weekly Market Rates	75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile Weekly Market Rates	State Payment Rates <sup>2</sup>
Infants (under 24 months)	\$155.90	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$129.22	\$131.00	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$104.00
Toddlers (24-35 months)	\$152	\$142.50	\$175.00	\$128.15	\$124.91	\$125.00	\$135.00	\$102.96
Preschool (36-59 months)	\$143.94	\$140.00	\$170.15	\$114.14	\$121.57	\$125.00	\$130.00	\$89.30
School Age (5-13 yrs; 5-19 yrs for child with special needs)	\$138.93	\$130.00	\$165.00	\$111.36	\$115.15	\$115.00	\$125.00	\$89.30
School Age (part-time) (5-13 yrs; 5-19 yrs for child with special needs)	\$81.76	\$75.00	\$93.75	\$63.03	\$67.09	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$52.53

Source: October 2008, Child Development Division (CDD), Department for Children and Families, Agency of Human Services

<sup>1</sup> Effective 7/9/2007  
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# Five Year Comparison

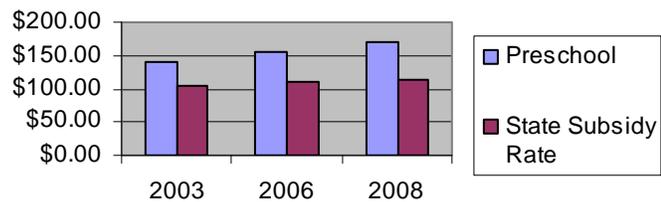
## Registered Child Care Home Comparison of State Rates to 75th Percentile of Market Rates



From 2003 to 2008 the market rates for a preschool age child in registered home care increased from \$106 to \$130 (22.6%); while the state subsidy rate increased from \$83.80 to \$89.30 (6.6%)

From 2003 the market rates for a preschool age child in a licensed center increased from \$140 to \$170.15 (21.5%); while the state subsidy rate increased from \$104.05 to \$114.14 (9.7%).

## Licensed Child Care Comparison of State Rates to 75th Percentile of Market Rates



### Notes

**Data Collection Date and Source:** The Vermont 2008 Child Care Market Rates and State Child Care Subsidy Payment Rates Table is based upon market rate data on 10/6/2008 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. On 10/6/2008 there were 655 licensed child care programs; 510 (78%) of those programs had provider rate agreements. In addition there were 1104 registered child care programs; 1009 (91%) of those programs had provider rate agreements. In total there were 1759 child care programs; 1519 (86%) of those programs had provider rate agreements.

**Full Time Weekly:** Full time weekly child care (in licensed centers or registered homes) is care ranging from 26 to 50 hours per week.

**Part Time Weekly:** Part time weekly child care (in licensed centers or registered homes) is care ranging from 1 to 25 hours per week.

**Age Groups:** There are 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 appropriated funds. The 75th percentile of current market rates is the standard established by the federal government to ensure that families receiving subsidy assistance have financial access to the child care market in their community (at least 75% of the fee for child care).