



2012 Vermont Child Care Market Rate Survey

The Vermont Market Rate Survey

A market rate survey measures the prices charged by providers and paid by parents in a child care market. In this survey, the “market” is Vermont. The price of care is the fee per child that child care programs usually charge for a week of child care services.

Definitions:

Licensed Programs – child care services that are typically provided outside of a home. This includes part-day and full-day programs, preschools, school-age care programs, public preschool, ski resort child care, Head Start and Early Head Start. The program must meet the appropriate Vermont child care regulations, which include health and safety criteria.

Market Rate - the price of child care charged by child care programs to parents as reported by providers to the VT Child Development Division and collected in the Bright Futures Information System (BFIS).

Registered Programs - child care provided in the child care provider’s own home. The person that is registered is responsible for providing the majority of the care to the children enrolled in the program. The program must meet Vermont’s Registered Day Care Home regulations, which include health and safety criteria.

STARS – stands for the STEP Ahead Recognition System. It is Vermont’s system for recognizing and improving quality in regulated child care programs.

State Rate - the amount that is paid by the Child Care Financial Assistance Program on behalf of an eligible parent to a provider for child care. In this survey, the rate published is at 100% of the income fee scale.

State Base Rate – this is the amount of the state rate that is paid to a child care provider who is not participating in the STARS program.

State 4 STAR Rate – this is the amount of the state rate that is paid to a child care provider who has achieved 4 STARS in the VT STARS program.

The Vermont Child Care Financial Assistance Program

The Vermont Department for Children and Families, Child Development Division is responsible for administration of the Vermont Child Care Financial Assistance Program. This program helps eligible families pay for child care. Financial assistance for child care allows families to look for work, retain work or go to school or training. It improves the stability of their family while supporting their children’s growth and development through participation in good quality early childhood and after school programs.

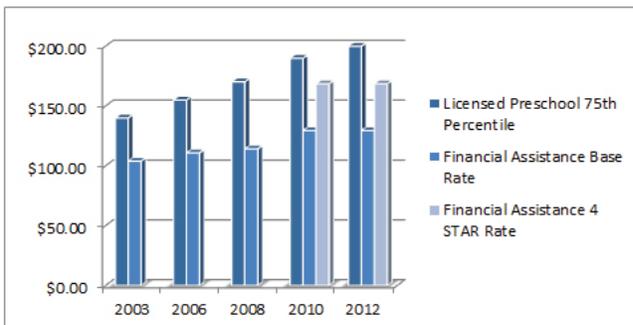
The Vermont Child Care Financial Assistance Program is funded in part by the federal Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF). Federal guidance from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends that states establish rates that allow assisted families access to at least 75% of the child care market. States are required to conduct a market rate survey every two years and reference state rates to the 75th percentile of market rates – that is an amount equal to or greater than the rate charged by 75% of all child care providers.

2012 Market Rate Survey

The 2012 market rate survey was completed using information from October 2012. The survey indicates an overall increase of rates charged to families across provider types. Licensed program rates increased an average of 5% from 2010, while registered home programs increased an average of 7%.

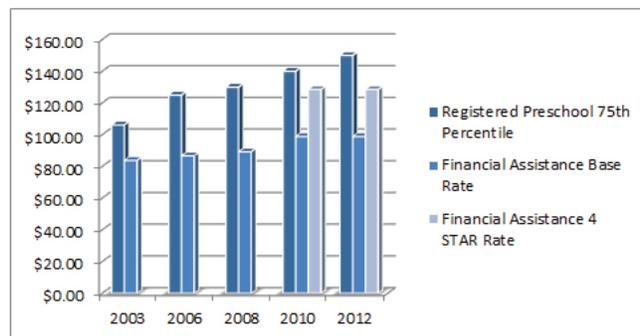
Child Care Market Rates and State Child Care Financial Assistance Program Rates Vermont 2012

Ages	Licensed Centers					Registered Homes				
	Average Weekly Market Rates	Median (50 th Percentile) Weekly Market Rates	75 th Percentile Weekly Market Rates	State Base Payment Rate	State Payment Rate for 4 STAR Programs	Average Weekly Market Rates	Median (50 th Percentile) Weekly Market Rates	75 th Percentile Weekly Market Rates	State Base Payment Rate	State Payment Rate for 4 STAR Programs
Infants (under 24 months)	\$191.50	\$190.00	\$225.00	\$137.14	\$178.28	\$146.51	\$140.00	\$160.00	\$114.29	\$148.58
Toddler (24 - 35 months)	\$185.96	\$185.00	\$215.00	\$133.43	\$173.46	\$138.85	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$110.00	\$143.00
Preschool (36 – 59 months)	\$177.37	\$175.00	\$200.00	\$129.60	\$168.48	\$136.31	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$98.86	\$128.52
School Age (5 – 13 years; 5 – 19 years for child with special needs)	\$167.97	\$160.00	\$193.75	\$125.71	\$163.42	\$128.17	\$125.00	\$150.00	\$95.14	\$123.68
School Age Part Time (5 – 13 years; 5 – 19 years for child with special needs)	\$102.52	\$85.20	\$125.00	\$69.14	\$89.88	\$81.37	\$75.00	\$100.00	\$53.53	\$69.59



From 2003 to 2012 the market rates for a preschool age child in licensed child care center increased from \$140 per week to \$200 per week (43.9%). The current state preschool base rate is at the 12th percentile of the 2012 market rate, while the 2012 state 4 STAR rate is at the 45th percentile.

From 2003 to 2012 the market rates for a preschool age child in registered home care increased from \$106.25 to \$150 (41.2%); The current state preschool base rate is at the 1st percentile of the 2012 market rate, while the state 4 STAR rate is at the 47th percentile.



Licensed Program Regional Rate Comparison - 75th Percentile

AHS Region	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age (Part Time)	School Age (Full Time)
Barre	\$225.00	\$220.00	\$211.90	\$125.00	\$200.00
Bennington	\$227.00	\$230.00	\$227.00	\$142.50	\$212.50
Brattleboro	\$225.00	\$207.20	\$200.00	\$165.00	\$200.00
Burlington	\$235.00	\$220.00	\$210.00	\$125.00	\$195.83
Hartford	\$225.00	\$225.00	\$195.00	\$115.00	\$195.00
Middlebury	\$235.00	\$220.00	\$189.75	\$112.50	\$182.00
Morrisville	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$160.00	\$200.00
Newport	\$195.00	\$195.00	\$185.00	\$100.00	\$180.00
Rutland	\$180.00	\$170.00	\$155.00	\$99.79	\$150.00
St. Albans	\$190.00	\$187.00	\$182.00	\$92.66	\$168.48
St. Johnsbury	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Springfield	\$200.00	\$190.00	\$178.13	\$125.00	\$199.00

Registered Home Program Regional Rate Comparison - 75th Percentile

AHS Region	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School Age (Part Time)	School Age (Full Time)
Barre	\$150.00	\$140.00	\$135.00	\$85.00	\$130.00
Bennington	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Brattleboro	\$180.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$112.50	\$175.00
Burlington	\$185.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$125.00	\$165.00
Hartford	\$160.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$112.50	\$150.00
Middlebury	\$160.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$95.00	\$150.00
Morrisville	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$150.00
Newport	\$150.00	\$132.00	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
Rutland	\$150.00	\$145.00	\$145.00	\$87.50	\$140.00
St. Albans	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$130.00	\$90.00	\$130.00
St. Johnsbury	\$130.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$75.00	\$125.00
Springfield	\$160.00	\$140.00	\$140.00	\$95.00	\$140.00

Notes on 2012 VT Child Care Market Rates and State Child Care Financial Assistance Payment Rates

Full Time and Part Time Weekly: Full time weekly child care (in licensed centers or registered homes) ranges from 26 to 50 hours; part time weekly child care ranges from 1 to 25 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 (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.

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