

# 2024 Connecticut Child Care Market Rate Report



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## Executive Summary

Per the [Child Care and Development Block Grant \(CCDBG\) Act of 2014](#), a market rate assessment is required as part of the state's 2025-2027 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan. As such, the Office of Early Childhood (Lead Agency), in partnership with United Way of Connecticut, conducted a Market Rate Survey between September and December 2023 to determine weekly market rates in each region and across the state for licensed centers and licensed family child care home providers.

In total, 842 providers working in licensed child care centers or group child care homes (n=401; 48%) and family child care homes (n=441; 52%) in Connecticut participated in this Market Rate Survey. These respondents represent 27% of all licensed child care center/group home (n=1,473) and 24% family child care providers (n=1,843) in the state of Connecticut. Response rates for child care center and group home providers (25%-37%) and family child care home providers (20%-30%) varied by geographic region.

The following are select findings from the analysis of Market Rate Survey data collected between October and December 2023:

- For full-time care, the weekly cost for 75% of Connecticut's enrollments by age in licensed **child care centers/group homes** was \$470 or less for infants/toddlers; \$338 or less for preschoolers; and \$275 or less for school-aged children.
- For full-time care, the weekly cost for 75% of Connecticut's enrollments by age in licensed **family child care homes** was \$350 or less for infants/toddlers; and \$300 or less for preschoolers and school-aged children.
- Market rates in the Southwest region of Connecticut are generally higher than in other regions.
- As exemplified in the 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles described above, the following patterns emerged across percentiles: (1) infant/toddler care is generally more expensive than care for preschool or school age children and (2) center/group home care is generally more expensive than family child care home-based care (with some exceptions; e.g., see Figures 7-8 on School Age 50<sup>th</sup> percentile rates).
- Care 4 Kids rates generally fall below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile (exceptions include infant/toddler rates in licensed family homes in Eastern region; licensed center/group home preschool rates in Southwestern region; see Figures 4-5).

Care 4 Kids rates were approved to increase by 11% for licensed center, exempt center, licensed group home, and licensed family child care home providers, in state fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026, with each 11% increase above the prior year rates. Unlicensed relative provider rates were approved to increase by 6% in state fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026.

## Overview

Per the [Child Care and Development Block Grant \(CCDBG\) Act of 2014](#), a market rate assessment is required as part of the state's 2025-2027 Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Plan. Specifically, this Act requires Lead Agencies to establish provider payment rates based on valid methodologies, such as a market rate survey, to ensure base payment rates are set at levels sufficient to cover health, safety, staffing, and quality costs incurred by providers. Connecticut's Care 4 Kids Child Care subsidy program, funded by CCDF, allows low-income families to afford child care and, as such, allows caregivers to maintain employment and/or participate in training, workforce development, and education programs. Rate setting based on such methodologies can ensure high-quality care for those children receiving CCDF-funded care.

United Way of Connecticut, 2-1-1 Child Care, conducted a Market Rate Survey of licensed early care and education providers on behalf of the Office of Early Childhood. Data were collected between September and December 2023 to determine statewide and regional market rates for licensed centers/group homes and licensed family child care home providers. The analysis herein, conducted by the University of Connecticut (UConn) School of Social Work (SSW), provides context for current subsidy payment rates, showcasing their purchasing power and adequacy when it comes to providing equitable access in the child care market. Market rates are reported by region and statewide, as are differential rates for special populations.

## Market Rate Survey Design and Methodology

To satisfy CCDF regulatory and 2025-2027 State Plan requirements, the Market Rate telephone survey of early care and education providers was undertaken by United Way of Connecticut, 2-1-1 Child Care, from September 2023 to December 2023, on behalf of the Office of Early Childhood. [2-1-1 Child Care](#) is Connecticut's statewide child care resource and referral agency operated by United Way of Connecticut. 2-1-1 Child Care maintains a database of child care providers licensed by the Office of Early Childhood. The database is used for resource and referral purposes and is separate from the database of child care providers participating in the subsidy program.

2-1-1 Child Care conducted an initial email campaign to all child care programs in their database which consisted of over 3,100 programs. Emails were resent to non-openers one week after the initial send date. Additional outreach consisted of scheduled postings to a listserv and a campaign to Staffed Family Child Care Networks. Subsequently, non-responders were identified and emailed weekly, and 2-1-1 Child Care staff conducted outbound calls to complete 2 cycles of calls to all non-responders.

All numbers reported, and data analyzed herein, were provided by United Way of Connecticut or were publicly available on the OEC website.

## Questionnaire

United Way of Connecticut's 2-1-1 Child Care team obtained information on child care providers' charges via a voluntary, standardized survey that was administered by phone. Respondents were asked to supply information on weekly child care fees by

type of setting (defined as “**family child care home**” and “**child care center/group home**” in the present report), hours of care, and age group of children served (see Table 1). Group homes are reimbursed at child care center rates and, thus, are included in the child care center analyses. More information on regulated child care in Connecticut can be accessed via <https://ctoec.org/licensing>.

**Table 1. Age groups by child care provider type, as categorized in the Market Rate Survey**

Age Groups	Licensed Centers & Group Homes	Licensed Family Child Care Homes
Infant	0-17 months	0-17 months
Toddler	18-35 months	18-35 months
Preschool	3-5 years	3-5 years
School Age	5-12 years	5-12 years

*Note. The Office of Early Childhood uses the following age groups for rate setting: infant/toddler, preschool, and school age (see [CCDF Draft Plan, section 4.3.4](#)). Thus, infant and toddler data are collapsed throughout this report.*

Prior to administering the Market Rate Survey, the 2-1-1 team provided the following introduction. “The Office of Early Childhood is developing the state’s federal Child Care Development Fund plan for FFY 2025-2027. This is the primary federal funding for low-income families who are working, or are participating in approved education or training, to help them pay for child care. In Connecticut, we call this program Care 4 Kids. The plan requires that states conduct a market rate survey to understand the average rate charged by early care and school age providers. Could you please take a few moments to complete this survey. We appreciate your participation and support!”

See Appendices 1 and 2 for complete survey items, which were developed by the Office of Early Childhood and United Way of Connecticut, 2-1-1 Child Care and were administered in Fall 2023.

### **Participants**

Participants were 842 providers (out of 3,316 licensed providers in the state) working in licensed and license-exempt family child care homes, child care centers, and group child care homes in Connecticut, including child care centers that receive federal and state grants or contracts to purchase child care spaces. Due to the low response rate of license-exempt providers (n=4) and for consistency with the 2022 Market Rate Report, these providers were dropped from the present analysis.

Just over half (52.4%) of respondents were licensed family home providers (n=441) and 47.6% were center- or group home-based providers (see Table 2).

**Table 2. Number of providers who participated in Market Rate Survey relative to statewide number of providers**

Provider Type	Total Licensed Statewide	Total Participating	Percent Participating
Licensed Family Child Care Home	1,843	441	24%
Licensed Center/Group Home	1,473	401*	27%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,316</b>	<b>842</b>	<b>25%</b>

Note. Total licensed statewide numbers were provided by United Way of Connecticut. "Percent participating" is the percentage of total licensed statewide providers who participated in the Market Rate Survey.

\*The number available for analysis was 397 providers. The rate of N=397 excludes the n=4 license exempt center-based child cares. All subsequent analyses are based on this revised Total Participating rate (i.e., 397). As described above, the 10 group home respondents are included in the center/group home category.

Regional response rates (see Table 3) varied for child care center and group home providers (25%-37%) and family child care home providers (20%-30%). These regions also reflect the current child care subsidy payment regions. CCDF requires that rates for the most populous region be reported along with statewide rates if there is regional variation. Per the 2022 American Community Survey data, the North Central region is the most populous in Connecticut. The North Central region also has the highest number of children and families served by Care 4 Kids. As such, the North Central region is used for reporting rates in the CCDF Plan in response to questions regarding the most populous region.

**Table 3. Number of providers who participated in Market Rate Survey by region, and the response rate relative to total number of providers in region**

Region	Licensed Center/Group Home		Family Child Care Home	
	Number of providers surveyed	Response Rate	Number of providers surveyed	Response Rate
East	51	13%	37	8%
North Central	95	24%	105	24%
Northwest	70	17%	113	26%
South Central	94	23%	97	22%
Southwest	91	23%	89	20%

Note. The response rate reflects the percentage of all providers in a given region who responded to the Market Rate Survey (i.e., # of respondents in region / total number of providers in region).

Table 4 shows the number of child care providers that responded to the survey, the number with enrollments at the time of the survey, and the number of enrollments by age group for providers that participated.

**Table 4. Number of providers in survey with children enrolled by age group**

Age Groups	Licensed Center/Group Home			Family Child Care Home		
	# of Providers Who Responded to the Survey	# of Providers in Survey with Enrollments	# of Enrollments Among Providers Surveyed	# of Providers Who Responded to the Survey	# of Providers in Survey with Enrollments	# of Enrollments Among Providers Surveyed
Infant/Toddler	302	208	5,415	430	284	464
Preschool	367	269	8,446	440	338	1,050
School-Age (any)	188	88	1,591	421	182	365
Total # Providers Surveyed	<b>397</b>			<b>441</b>		
Total Licensed in Connecticut	<b>1,473</b>			<b>1,843</b>		

*Note. Providers often serve youth in multiple age ranges and, thus, responses by age group are not mutually exclusive. Likewise, not all providers who accept children in a certain age group have children in that age group enrolled. A sample interpretation of these data is as follows: 302 licensed center/group home providers accept infants/toddlers; however, only 208 licensed center/group home providers had infants/toddlers enrolled at the time of the survey. Together, those 208 providers had 5,415 infants/toddlers enrolled. For analytic purposes, providers who exclusively provided before/after school care were excluded from analyses due to small sample size (n=23). All data were provided by United Way of Connecticut.*

For an overview of child care cost and availability at the time of data collection, see Appendix 3.



Of note, in addition to the 22,000 children in Care 4 Kids child care spaces (see Table 5 for the number of Care 4 Kids providers in Connecticut), Connecticut provides about 17,000 child care spaces for low income and at-risk families through state-funded Child Day Care contracts, School Readiness, and Smart Start grants, in at least 67 communities in the state.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, low-cost preschool education is also available through local education authorities (LEA) public schools, magnet schools and charter schools.

**Table 5. Number of Care 4 Kids providers by type, October-December 2023**

Provider Type	Exempt Center Based	Licensed Child Care Center	Licensed Family Child Care Home	Licensed Child Care Group Home	Unlicensed Child Care Home
Total	80	853	971	20	2,918

*Note. Data were provided by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood.*

In the present analysis, 96 center-based respondents self-reported that they receive School Readiness and four center-based respondents reported receiving Smart Start grants. There were 346 Licensed Center and 291 Licensed Family provider respondents that accepted Care 4 Kids.

<sup>1</sup> Connecticut Office of Early Childhood. (2023). *Administrative Digest Fiscal Year 2022-2023*. <https://www.ctoec.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/OEC-Digest-of-Administrative-Reports-FY22-23.pdf>

### ***Analytic approach and considerations***

Analyses were conducted by the Office of Early Childhood – UConn School of Social Work Partnership Team in consultation with the Office of Early Childhood and United Way of Connecticut.

In this report, a market rate percentile indicates the percentage of child enrollments at or below a weekly price of care rate. To derive these percentiles, the weekly price for each enrolled child was ranked from lowest to highest. For example, the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile market rate would refer to the price at or below which 75% of enrolled children are charged for child care services. Our analysis further specifies percentiles by provider type, region, and child age group. For instance, the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile market rate for infant/toddlers in the Northwest region would refer to the price at or below which 75% of enrolled infant/toddlers in the Northwest region are charged for child care services. For further information on percentile calculation and interpretation created by the National Center for Child Care Subsidy Innovation and Accountability, please visit [https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/new-occ/resource/files/508ed-75th\\_percentile\\_exercise\\_1.pdf](https://childcareta.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/new-occ/resource/files/508ed-75th_percentile_exercise_1.pdf).

The Market Rate Survey analysis facilitates comparison of the percentile ranking of the current weekly rates to Care 4 Kids rates in SFY 2024 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024). Child care providers participating in the Care 4 Kids program are reimbursed in SFY 2024 at rates that were effective as of July 1, 2023. See Appendix 4 for current Care 4 Kids rates and Tables 12 and 15 for the Care 4 Kids maximum base rates.

The rate comparisons herein do not account for sibling reductions generally given to families with multiple children enrolled in the same facility. Connecticut reimburses providers at the full rate and does not consider the sibling reduction. However, the present report does highlight rates that account for several of the Office of Early Childhood's tiered reimbursement/incentive payments. Specifically, 1) providers caring for a child with special needs receive an additional 25%; 2) licensed family child care home providers with National Association for Family Child Care (NAFCC) accreditation are eligible for an additional 12.5% accreditation incentive payment; and 3) center-based providers who have achieved national accreditation in the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC), or the Council on Accreditation of Services for Families and Children (COA) receive a 25% incentive payment (see Tables 6-7).

For child care subsidy purposes, Connecticut classifies levels of care as: 1) full-time plus (51-65 hours weekly), 2) full-time (35-50 hours weekly), 3) half-time (16-34 hours weekly), and 4) quarter-time (1-15 hours weekly). In the present report, rate estimates are based on the full-time rate charges reported by each facility. For consistency, estimates for school-age children were measured at the full-time, no school rates, as opposed to before/after school rates, due to limited before/after school data for centers/group homes. Where before/after school rates are reported in Tables 6 and 7, they were computed by multiplying the school age full-time rate by 60%. This methodology was used for both centers/group homes and family child care homes for consistency due

to the limited center/group home before/after school data and was established in collaboration with the Office of Early Childhood.

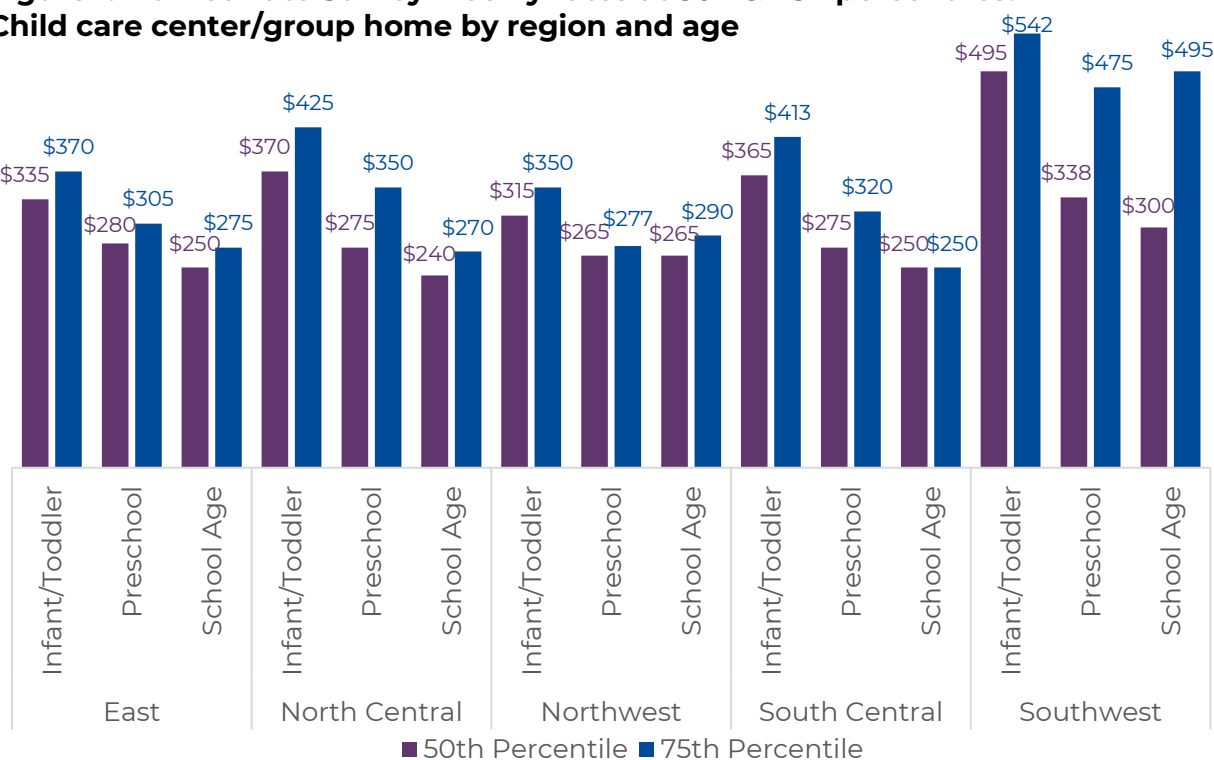
The number of children enrolled at each facility was used to establish the frequency of the rates within the data set and percentile values. The number of enrollments by provider setting, age group and region, at the time of the survey, as well as the total number of survey respondents as compared to the total population of licensed child care providers in the state are included in this analysis. Our analysis of the Market Rate Survey yielded rates at the 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles.

**Results**

**Percentile Rankings**

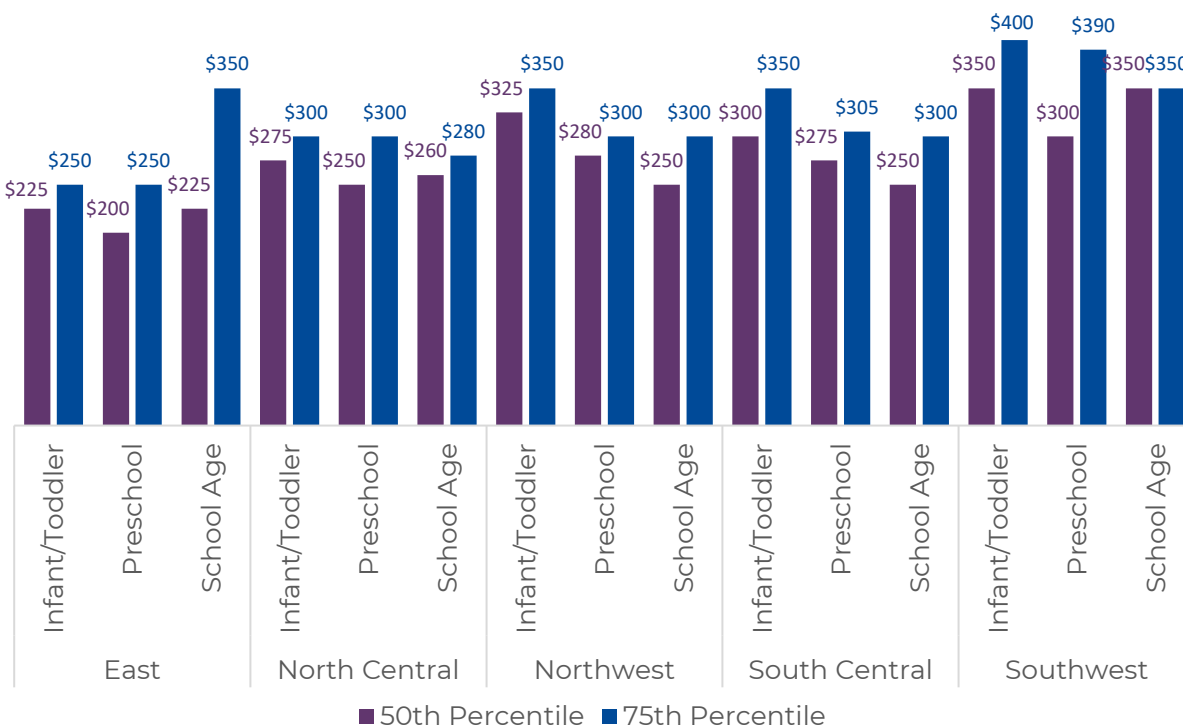
First, Figures 1 (center-based/group home care) and 2 (family child care providers) highlight general trends in the 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rates by region and age, based on Market Rate Survey data collected in 2023. Overall, rates are higher for center/group home-based care compared to family child care homes and for infant/toddler care, relative to preschool and school age care. Likewise, rates are generally highest in the Southwest region, though regional differences are often larger in magnitude for child care center/group homes. For instance, compared to other regions, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rates in the Southwest region for child care centers/group homes are 21.6%-35.4% higher for infant/toddler care, 26.3%-41.7% higher for preschool care, and 41.4%-49.5% higher for school age care. Similarly, 75<sup>th</sup> percentile rates in the Southwest region for family child care home providers are 12.5%-37.5% higher for infant/toddler care, 21.8%-35.9% higher for preschool care, and 0%-20.0% higher than other regions for school age care.

**Figure 1. Market Rate Survey weekly rates at 50<sup>th</sup> & 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles: Child care center/group home by region and age**



*Note. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut. In addition, the School Age rate for one center in the Southwest region was updated to reflect the weekly cost less the registration fee (i.e., Child Care Center with reported highest rate was previously reported as \$595 and is now updated to \$495).*

**Figure 2. Market Rate Survey weekly rates at 50<sup>th</sup> & 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles: Licensed family child care home by region and age**



Note. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut.

Next, Tables 6-9 provide a comparison of market rates to Care 4 Kids rates, which have increased since the last Market Rate report in 2022. Specifically, there was an 11% increase in the Care 4 Kids maximum base rate across all licensed child care provider types, regardless of age group (range: 10.23%-11.14%).<sup>2</sup> A comprehensive overview of historic Care 4 Kids rates can be found at <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/provider-information/payment-rates/>.

More specifically, Tables 6 and 7 provide a nuanced examination of how center/group home and family home child care rates vary by child age, and how they compare to the applicable average Care 4 Kids rate. Findings are showcased at the statewide level (Table 6) and for the North Central Region (the most populous region in Connecticut; Table 7). Care 4 Kids rates fall between the 25<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> percentile rates, or below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile rates.

<sup>2</sup> There was a 6% increase in the Care 4 Kids maximum base rate for unlicensed relative care. Unlicensed relative care was not included in the Market Rate Survey.

**Table 6. SFY 2024 Statewide weekly market rates at the 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles**

Age Group	Licensed Center/Group Home					Licensed Family Child Care Homes				
	C4K SFY24 Avg Rate	25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	60 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>	C4K SFY24 Avg Rate	25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	60 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Infant/Toddler</b> (Full-Time)	\$343	\$315	\$375	\$395	\$470	\$264	\$250	\$300	\$325	\$350
<b>Preschool</b> (Full-Time)	\$235	\$233	\$280	\$300	\$338	\$205	\$235	\$275	\$295	\$300
<b>School-Age</b> (Full-Time)	\$166	\$200	\$250	\$250	\$275	\$191	\$225	\$275	\$300	\$300
<b>School-Age</b> (Before/After School)	\$102	\$120	\$150	\$150	\$165	\$116	\$135	\$165	\$180	\$180

Note. The C4K Avg Rate is weighted by the number of C4K Enrollments by region by rate. There were fewer respondents for before/after school care than for school age full-time care. As such, the school age before/after school rate was computed by multiplying the school age full-time rate by 60%. C4K = Care 4 Kids. SFY24 = State Fiscal Year 2024. Avg = Average. C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut.

**Table 7. SFY 2024 North Central weekly market rates at the 25<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles**

Age Group	Licensed Center & Group Home					Licensed Family Child Care Home				
	C4K SFY24 NC Rate	25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	60 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>	C4K SFY24 NC Rate	25 <sup>th</sup>	50 <sup>th</sup>	60 <sup>th</sup>	75 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Infant/Toddler</b> (Full-Time)	\$339	\$305	\$370	\$390	\$425	\$252	\$240	\$275	\$300	\$300
<b>Preschool</b> (Full-Time)	\$225	\$234	\$275	\$305	\$350	\$194	\$225	\$250	\$275	\$300
<b>School-Age</b> (Full-Time)	\$159	\$195	\$240	\$248	\$270	\$181	\$245	\$260	\$275	\$280
<b>School-Age</b> (Before/After School)	\$ 95	\$117	\$144	\$149	\$162	\$110	\$147	\$156	\$165	\$168

Note. The C4K Avg Rate is weighted by the number of C4K Enrollments by region by rate. There were fewer respondents for before/after school care than for school age full-time care. As such, the school age before/after school rate was computed by multiplying the school age full-time rate by 60%. C4K = Care 4 Kids. SFY24 = State Fiscal Year 2024. Avg = Average. C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut.

As in Tables 6 and 7, Tables 8 and 9 showcase weekly statewide and North Central market rate percentile estimates to Care 4 Kids rates for center/group home and family home providers, stratified by child age, but these tables (8-9) then provide added context around payment incentives for accredited providers and providers who care for children with special needs.

**Table 8. Comparison of C4K SFY 2024 weekly rates to SFY 2024 market rate analysis estimates for licensed centers and group homes, including accredited and special needs rates**

		Infants/Toddlers Full-Time		Preschool Full-Time		School Age Full-Time	
		Weekly Rate	Percentile in 2024	Weekly Rate	Percentile in 2024	Weekly Rate	Percentile in 2024
Licensed Centers and Group Homes	75th Percentile Statewide, SFY 2024	\$470	75th	\$338	75th	\$275	75th
	60th Percentile Statewide, SFY 2024	\$395	60th	\$300	60th	\$250	60th
	50th Percentile Statewide, SFY 2024	\$375	50th	\$280	50th	\$250	50th
	75th Percentile North Central Region, SFY 2024	\$425	75th	\$350	75th	\$270	75th
	60th Percentile North Central Region, SFY 2024	\$390	60th	\$305	60th	\$248	60th
	50th Percentile North Central Region, SFY 2024	\$370	50th	\$275	50th	\$240	50th
	North Central C4K Region Rate, SFY 2024	\$339	32nd	\$225	20th	\$159	<1st
	Average Regional Rate, SFY 2024	\$328	30th	\$231	24th	\$169	8th
	Weighted Average Regional Rate, SFY 2024	\$340	34th	\$235	27th	\$172	8th
	Accredited Rate NC Region Rate +25%, SFY 2024	\$424	68th	\$281	53rd	\$199	27th
	Special Needs Rate NC Region Rate +25%, SFY 2024	\$424	68th	\$281	53rd	\$199	27th

Note. North Central rates are shown, as it is the most populous region. C4K = Care 4 Kids. SFY24 = State Fiscal Year 2024. Avg = Average. Full-Time = 35-50 hours per week. Weighted average regional rates were calculated by multiplying regional C4K enrollment (from October 2023) and C4K regional rates by the number of regions. C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut. A significant number (68%) of NC School Age rates are equal to Preschool rates.



**Table 9. Comparison of C4K SFY 2024 weekly rates to SFY 2024 market rate analysis estimates for licensed family child care homes, including accredited and special needs rates**

		Infants/Toddlers Full-Time		Preschool Full-Time		School Age Full-Time	
		Weekly Rate	Percentile in 2024	Weekly Rate	Percentile in 2024	Weekly Rate	Percentile in 2024
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	75th Percentile Statewide, SFY 2024	\$350	75th	\$300	75th	\$300	75th
	60th Percentile Statewide, SFY 2024	\$325	60th	\$295	60th	\$300	60th
	50th Percentile Statewide, SFY 2024	\$300	50th	\$275	50th	\$275	50th
	75th Percentile North Central Region, SFY 2024	\$300	75th	\$300	75th	\$280	75th
	60th Percentile North Central Region, SFY 2024	\$300	60th	\$275	60th	\$275	60th
	50th Percentile North Central Region, SFY 2024	\$275	50th	\$250	50th	\$260	50th
	North Central C4K Region Rate SFY 2024	\$252	45th	\$194	8th	\$181	16th
	Average Regional C4K Rate, SFY 2024	\$264	29th	\$205	18th	\$191	15th
	Weighted Average Regional C4K Rate, SFY 2024	\$271	36th	\$210	18th	\$193	15th
	Accredited Rate NC C4K Region Rate +12.5%, SFY 2024	\$284	60th	\$218	20th	\$204	24th
	Special Needs Rate NC C4K Region Rate +25%, SFY 2024	\$315	79th	\$243	52nd	\$226	24th

Note. North Central rates are shown, as it is the most populous region. C4K = Care 4 Kids. SFY24 = State Fiscal Year 2024. Avg = Average. Full-Time = 35-50 hours per week. Weighted average regional rates were calculated by multiplying regional C4K enrollment (from October 2023) and C4K regional rates by the number of regions. C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut.

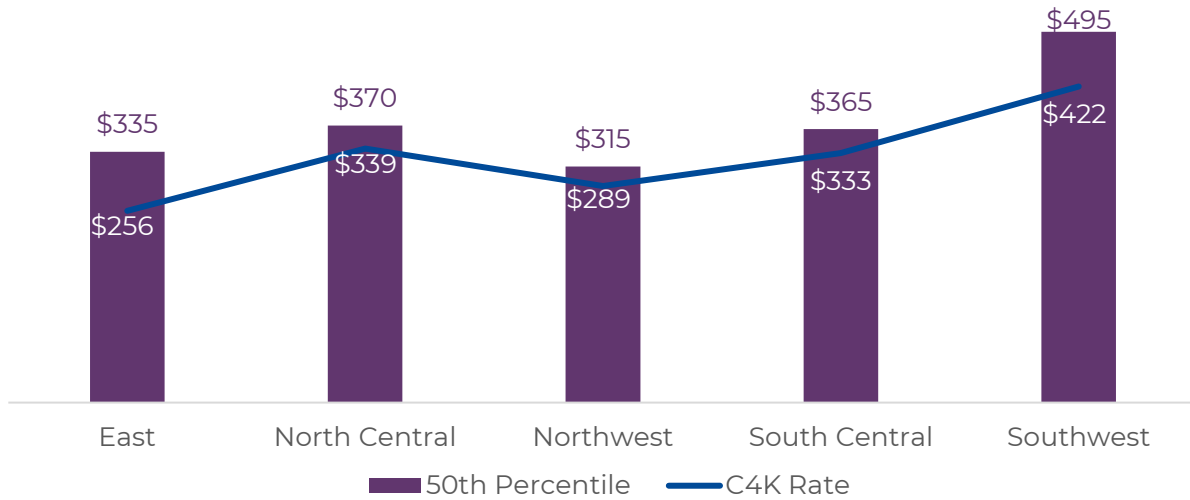
## Supplemental 2024 Market Rate Survey Analysis Comparison Tables and Charts

To more visually depict market rate patterns, Figures 3-8 compare the 2024 Care 4 Kids weekly payment rates to the market rates at the 50th percentile, stratified by provider type and child age.

As described above, trends by region, child age, and provider type can be identified. Specifically, these figures showcase that:

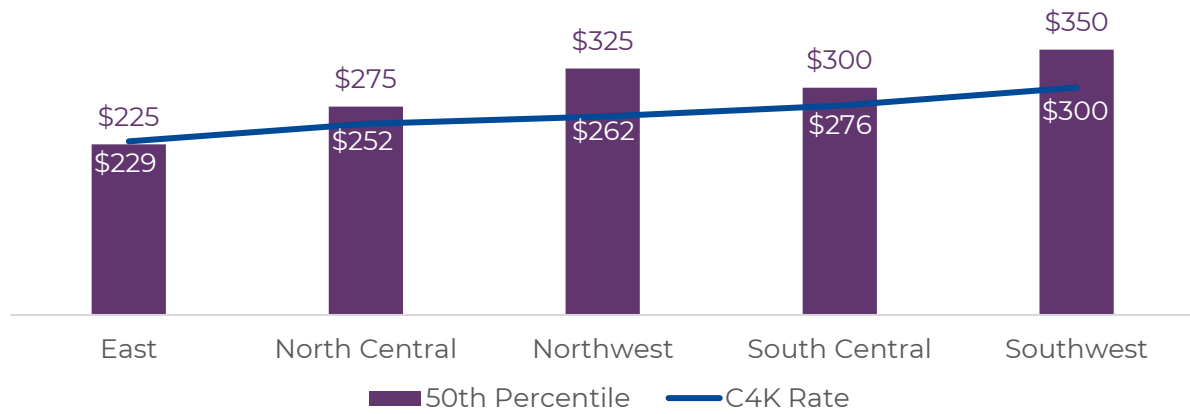
- 1) Market rates in the **Southwest region** of Connecticut are **generally higher** than in other regions.
  - a. Specifically, the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile weekly rates for child care center/group home providers in the Southwest region are 25.3%-36.4% higher than other regions for infant/toddler care, 17.0%-21.5% higher than other regions for preschool care, and 11.6%-20.0% higher than other regions for school age care.
  - b. Similarly, the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile weekly rates for family child care home providers in the Southwest region are 7.1%-35.7% higher than other regions for infant/toddler care, 6.7%-33.3% higher than other regions for preschool care, and 25.7%-35.7% higher than other regions for school age care.
- 2) **Infant/toddler care is generally more expensive** than care for preschool or school age children.
  - a. Specifically, on average (i.e., statewide) the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile infant/toddler rates for child care center/group home providers are \$95-\$125 more expensive than rates for preschool or school age.
  - b. Similarly, on average (i.e., statewide) the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile infant/toddler weekly rates for family child care home providers are \$25 more expensive than rates for preschool or school age.
- 3) **Center/group home care is generally more expensive** than family child care home-based care (with some exceptions, e.g., see Figures 7-8 on School Age rates).
  - a. For example, on average (i.e., statewide) the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile weekly rates for child care center/group home providers are 25% higher for infants/toddlers, 2% higher for preschool, but 9% lower for school age children compared to the weekly rates for family child care home providers.
- 4) **In state fiscal year 2024, Care 4 Kids rates only meet or exceed the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile in two instances** (i.e., infant/toddler rates in licensed family homes in Eastern region; licensed center/group home preschool rates in Southwestern region).

**Figure 3. Licensed center/group home, infant/toddler age**



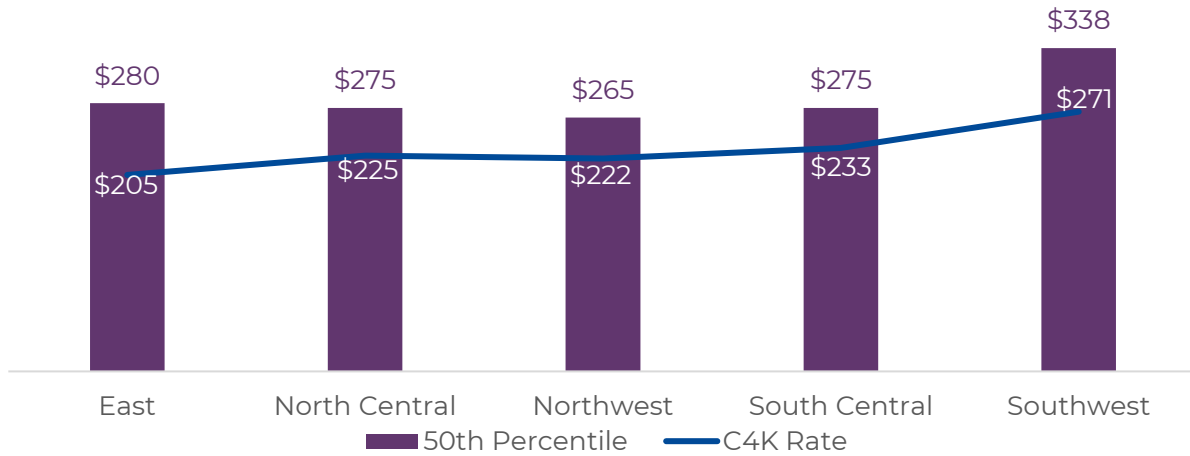
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**Figure 4. Licensed family child care home, infant/toddler age**



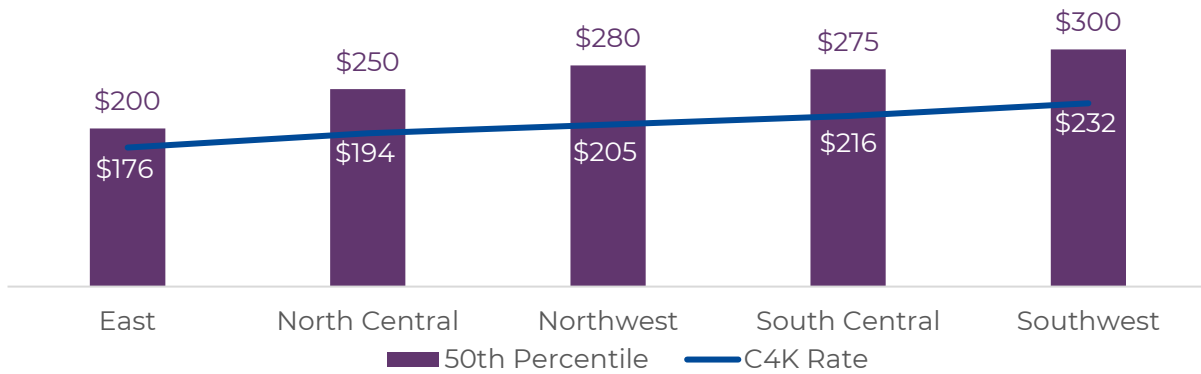
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**Figure 5. Licensed center/group home, preschool age**



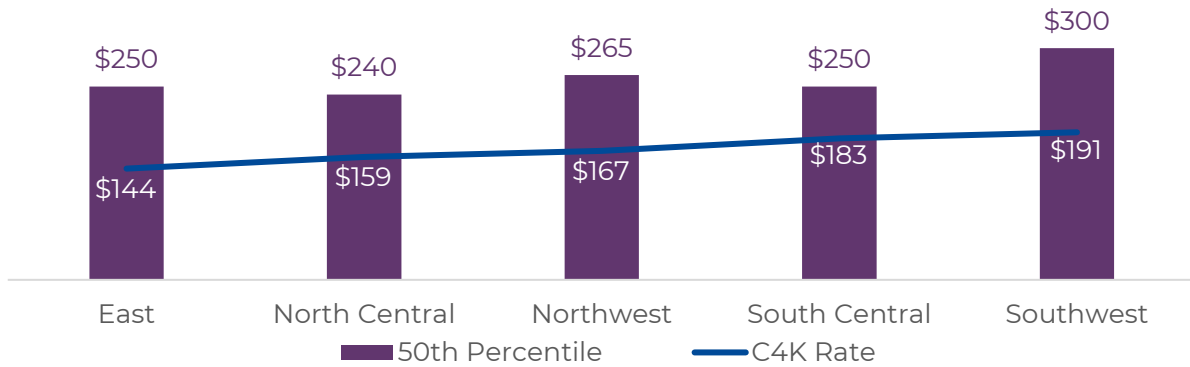
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**Figure 6. Licensed family child care home, preschool age**



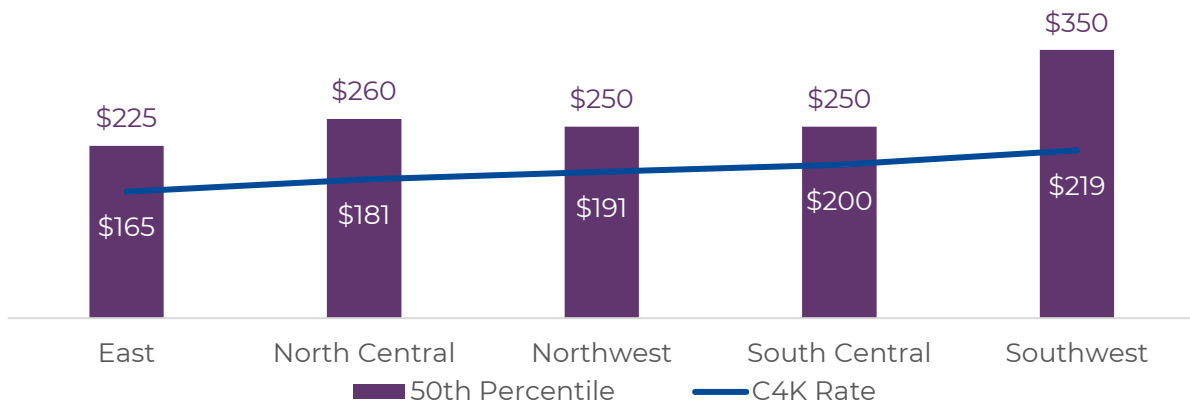
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**Figure 7. Licensed center/group home, school age**



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**Figure 8. Licensed family child care home, school age**



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Tables 10-14 again showcase the 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 75<sup>th</sup> market rate percentiles statewide and regionally, broken out by provider type and child age, but provide the additional context of how many total enrollments there were by age group at the time of Market Rate Survey data collection.

**Table 10. SFY 2024 licensed center & group child care full-time weekly rates, statewide market rates**

Licensed Center & Group Child Care Homes		SFY 2024 Market Rate Survey - Number of Respondents & Spaces & C4K 2024 Rates Percentile in Survey							
	Age Group	C4K SFY2024 Weekly Rate (North Central)	C4K Rate Percentile of Market	# of Respondents	Total # of Enrolled Spaces	Average Survey Rate	Survey Rate at 50th Percentile	Survey Rate at 60th Percentile	Survey Rate at 75th Percentile
Statewide	Infant/Toddler	\$339	35th	302	5,415	\$328	\$375	\$395	\$470
	Preschool	\$225	20th	367	8,446	\$231	\$280	\$300	\$338
	School Age FT	\$159	6th	165	1,502	\$169	\$250	\$250	\$275

Note. Total # Spaces shown = Enrollments at time of survey per data from United Way of Connecticut. North Central rates shown for C4K Weekly Rates at Percentiles based on Statewide survey (all 5 regions) average, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>.

C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut.

**Table 11. SFY 2024 licensed center & group child care full-time weekly rates, regional market rates**

Licensed Center & Group Child Care Homes		SFY 2024 Market Rate Survey - Number of Respondents & Spaces & C4K 2024 Rates Percentile in Survey							
Region	Age Group	C4K SFY24 Weekly Rate	C4K Rate Percentile of Market	# of Respondents	Total # of Enrolled Spaces	Average Survey Rate	Survey Rate at 50th Percentile	Survey Rate at 60 <sup>th</sup> Percentile	Survey Rate at 75 <sup>th</sup> Percentile
East	Infant/Toddler	\$256	17th	40	650	\$322	\$335	\$350	\$370
	Preschool	\$205	26th	50	776	\$263	\$280	\$300	\$305
	School Age FT	\$144	<1st	27	228	\$249	\$250	\$250	\$275
North Central	Infant/Toddler	\$339	32nd	75	1,344	\$365	\$370	\$390	\$425
	Preschool	\$225	20th	88	1,826	\$290	\$275	\$305	\$350
	School Age FT	\$159	<1st	45	527	\$279	\$240	\$248	\$270
Northwest	Infant/Toddler	\$289	26th	53	831	\$336	\$315	\$320	\$350
	Preschool	\$222	17th	65	1,647	\$274	\$265	\$272	\$277
	School Age FT	\$167	19th	37	261	\$268	\$265	\$270	\$290
South Central	Infant/Toddler	\$333	35th	40	1,179	\$369	\$365	\$390	\$413
	Preschool	\$233	37th	86	2,419	\$300	\$275	\$288	\$320
	School Age FT	\$183	26th	33	358	\$262	\$250	\$250	\$250
Southwest	Infant/Toddler	\$422	24th	37	1,411	\$475	\$495	\$520	\$542
	Preschool	\$271	24th	78	2,012	\$380	\$338	\$394	\$475
	School Age FT	\$191	<1st	23	128	\$331	\$300	\$300	\$495

Note. Total # Spaces shown = Enrollments at time of survey. North Central rates shown for C4K Weekly Rates at Percentiles based on Statewide survey (all 5 regions) Average, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>.

C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut. In addition, the School Age rate for one center in the Southwest region was updated to reflect the weekly cost less the registration fee (e.g. Wilton Family YMCA Preschool Child Care Center was previously reported as \$595 and is now updated to \$495).

**Table 12. SFY 2024 licensed center & group child care homes full-time weekly rates, regional market rates, compared to SFY 2025 and 2026 C4K subsidy rates**

Licensed Center & Group Child Care Homes		SFY 2024 Market Rate Survey Percentiles vs. Care4Kids 2024, 2025, 2026					
Region	Age Group	C4K <b>SFY24</b> Weekly Rate	2024 C4K Rate Percentile of Market	C4K <b>SFY2025</b> Weekly Rate	2024 C4K Rate Percentile of Market	C4K <b>SFY2026</b> Weekly Rate	2024 C4K Rate Percentile of Market
East	Infant/Toddler	\$256	17th	\$284	24th	\$315	38th
	Preschool	\$205	26th	\$228	37th	\$253	39th
	School Age FT	\$144	<1st	\$160	15th	\$178	15th
North Central	Infant/Toddler	\$339	32nd	\$376	57th	\$417	69th
	Preschool	\$225	20th	\$250	41st	\$278	53rd
	School Age FT	\$159	<1st	\$176	21st	\$195	36th
Northwest	Infant/Toddler	\$289	26th	\$321	64th	\$356	90th
	Preschool	\$222	17th	\$246	41st	\$273	70th
	School Age FT	\$167	19th	\$185	19th	\$205	38th
South Central	Infant/Toddler	\$333	35th	\$370	56th	\$411	74th
	Preschool	\$233	37th	\$259	45th	\$287	58th
	School Age FT	\$183	26th	\$203	43rd	\$225	43rd
Southwest	Infant/Toddler	\$422	24th	\$468	43rd	\$519	58th
	Preschool	\$271	24th	\$301	35th	\$334	50th
	School Age FT	\$191	<1st	\$212	<1st	\$235	18th

*Note. Caution should be used when interpreting the 2024 C4K rate percentiles of the market for SFY 2025 and SFY 2026 rates in this table. Market rates established based on data collected in October-December 2023 may not be reflective of market rates in State Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) and State Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026). As such, the C4K rate percentiles of market rates reported above using Fall 2023 data may be inflated.*



**Table 13. SFY 2024 licensed family child care home full-time weekly rates, statewide market rates**

Licensed Family Child Care Home		SFY 2024 Market Rate Survey - Number of Respondents & Spaces & C4K 2024 Rates Percentile in Survey							
Statewide	Age Group	C4K SFY24 Weekly Rate	C4K Rate Percentile of Market	# of Respondents	Total # of Enrolled Spaces	Average Survey Rate	Survey Rate at 50th Percentile	Survey Rate at 60th Percentile	Survey Rate at 75th Percentile
	Infant/Toddler	\$252	26th	339	464	\$264	\$300	\$325	\$350
	Preschool	\$194	9th	339	1,050	\$205	\$275	\$295	\$300
	School Age FT	\$181	14th	421	365	\$191	\$275	\$300	\$300

Note. Total # Spaces shown = Enrollments at time of survey. North Central rates shown for C4K Weekly Rates at Percentiles based on Statewide survey (all 5 regions) Average, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>.

C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut.

**Table 14. SFY 2024 licensed family child care home full-time weekly rates, regional market rates**

Licensed Family Child Care Home		SFY 2024 Market Rate Survey - Number of Respondents & Spaces & C4K 2024 Rates Percentile in Survey							
Region	Age Group	C4K SFY24 Weekly Rate	C4K Rate Percentile of Market	# of Respondents	Total # of Enrolled Spaces	Average Survey Rate	Survey Rate at 50th Percentile	Survey Rate at 60th Percentile	Survey Rate at 75th Percentile
East	Infant/Toddler	\$229	55th	36	31	\$235	\$225	\$250	\$250
	Preschool	\$176	16th	36	96	\$222	\$200	\$225	\$250
	School Age FT	\$165	6th	35	45	\$209	\$225	\$240	\$350
North Central	Infant/Toddler	\$252	45th	105	114	\$281	\$275	\$300	\$300
	Preschool	\$194	8th	105	275	\$257	\$250	\$275	\$300
	School Age FT	\$181	16th	96	87	\$255	\$260	\$275	\$280
Northwest	Infant/Toddler	\$262	17th	113	116	\$317	\$325	\$350	\$350
	Preschool	\$205	13th	113	242	\$268	\$280	\$300	\$300
	School Age FT	\$191	19th	109	111	\$258	\$250	\$285	\$300
South Central	Infant/Toddler	\$276	34th	96	101	\$321	\$300	\$320	\$350
	Preschool	\$216	16th	96	219	\$278	\$275	\$280	\$305
	School Age FT	\$200	30th	95	76	\$277	\$250	\$280	\$300
Southwest	Infant/Toddler	\$300	29th	89	102	\$355	\$350	\$380	\$400
	Preschool	\$232	12th	89	218	\$316	\$300	\$350	\$390
	School Age FT	\$219	12th	86	46	\$314	\$350	\$350	\$350

Note. Total # Spaces shown = Enrollments at time of survey. North Central rates shown for C4K Weekly Rates at Percentiles based on Statewide survey (all 5 regions) Average, 50<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, 75<sup>th</sup>.

C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>. Percentile rates were generated based on Market Rate Survey data collected in Fall 2023 by United Way of Connecticut.

**Table 15. SFY 2024 licensed family child care home full-time weekly rates, regional market rates, compared to SFY 2025 and 2026 C4K subsidy rates**

Licensed Family Child Care Home		SFY 2024 Market Rate Survey Percentiles vs. Care4Kids 2024, 2025, 2026					
Region	Age Group	C4K <b>SFY2024</b> Weekly Rate	2024 C4K Rate Percentile of Market	C4K <b>SFY2025</b> Weekly Rate	2024 C4K Rate Percentile of Market	C4K <b>SFY2026</b> Weekly Rate	2024 C4K Rate Percentile of Market
East	Infant/Toddler	\$229	55th	\$254	87th	\$282	90th
	Preschool	\$176	16th	\$195	20th	\$216	61st
	School Age FT	\$165	6th	\$183	31st	\$203	50th
North Central	Infant/Toddler	\$252	45th	\$280	60th	\$311	79th
	Preschool	\$194	8th	\$215	20th	\$239	40th
	School Age FT	\$181	16th	\$201	24th	\$223	24th
Northwest	Infant/Toddler	\$262	17th	\$291	43rd	\$323	55th
	Preschool	\$205	13th	\$228	16th	\$253	38th
	School Age FT	\$191	19th	\$212	20th	\$235	31st
South Central	Infant/Toddler	\$276	34th	\$306	60th	\$340	69th
	Preschool	\$216	16th	\$240	22nd	\$266	56th
	School Age FT	\$200	30th	\$222	30th	\$246	59th
Southwest	Infant/Toddler	\$300	29th	\$333	37th	\$370	59th
	Preschool	\$232	12th	\$258	30th	\$286	36th
	School Age FT	\$219	12th	\$243	21st	\$270	21st

*Note. Caution should be used when interpreting the 2024 C4K rate percentiles of the market for SFY 2025 and SFY 2026 rates in this table. Market rates established based on data collected in October-December 2023 may not be reflective of market rates in State Fiscal Year 2025 (July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025) and State Fiscal Year 2026 (July 1, 2025-June 30, 2026). As such, the C4K rate percentiles of market rates reported above using Fall 2023 data may be inflated.*

**20+ Year View of Market and Subsidy Rate Percentiles**

The following table compares the SFY 2024 60<sup>th</sup> percentile rates to 60<sup>th</sup> percentile rates from previous years for licensed and license-exempt centers and licensed family-based settings. Of note, license-exempt centers are not included in 2022 or 2024.

**Table 16. 60<sup>th</sup> Percentile Market Rates Since 2001**

Year	2001	2012	2015	2018	2022	2024
	Infant/Toddler					
Center-Based: Licensed & License-Exempt*	\$196	\$265	\$290	\$310	\$345	\$395
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	\$150	\$190	\$200	\$215	\$250	\$325
	Preschool					
Center-Based: Licensed & License-Exempt*	\$155	\$217	\$250	\$258	\$270	\$300
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	\$150	\$180	\$190	\$200	\$245	\$295
	School Age					
Center-Based: Licensed & License-Exempt*	\$100	\$102	\$100	\$117	\$143	\$250
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	\$100	\$80	\$95	\$100	\$135	\$300

Note. License-exempt centers were not included in 2022 or 2024.

**Table 17. Percent Increase of 60<sup>th</sup> Percentile from Prior Year Reported**

Year	2012	2015	2018	2022	2024
	Infant/Toddler				
Center-Based: Licensed & License-Exempt*	35%	9%	7%	11%	14%
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	27%	5%	8%	16%	30%
	Preschool				
Center-Based: Licensed & License-Exempt*	40%	15%	3%	5%	11%
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	20%	6%	5%	23%	20%
	School Age				
Center-Based: Licensed & License-Exempt*	2%	-2%	17%	22%	75%
Licensed Family Child Care Homes	-20%	19%	5%	35%	122%

Note. License-exempt centers were not included in 2022 or 2024.

## Appendix 1. Survey conducted by United Way of Connecticut, 2-1-1 Child Care during Fall 2023.

### Family Child Care Survey

The Office of Early Childhood is developing the state's federal Child Care and Development Fund plan for FFY 2025-2027. This is the primary federal funding for low-income families who are working, or are participating in approved education or training, to help them pay for child care. In Connecticut, we call this program Care 4 Kids. The plan requires that states conduct a market rate survey to understand the average rate charged by early care and school age providers. Could you please take a few moments to complete this survey. We appreciate your participation and support!

What is your license number DCFH.XXXXX? (Enter the number only) *(Required)*

What is your name?

What is your email? *(Required)*

How many HOURS per week do you consider FULL TIME? *(Required)*

### Infants (Children Birth to 17 Months)

Do you accept Infants? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for FULL TIME care for an Infant (35 to 50 hours)? *(Required)*

Do you accept Infants PART TIME? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

If you accept Infants PART TIME, what do you charge PER HOUR? *(Required)*

### TODDLER (Children 18 Months to 2.9 YEAR)

Do you accept TODDLERS ages 18 Months to 2.9 Years? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for FULL TIME care for a TODDLER (35 to 50 hours)? *(Required)*

Do you accept TODDLERS PART TIME? *(Required)*

1. YES
2. NO

If you accept TODDLERS PART TIME, what do you charge PER HOUR? *(Required)*

### **PRESCHOOL (Children 3 YEARS to 5 YEARS)**

Do you accept PRESCHOOL ages 3 YEARS to 5 YEARS *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for FULL TIME care for a PRESCHOOL (35 to 50 hours)? *(Required)*

Do you accept PRESCHOOL PART TIME? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

If you accept PRESCHOOL PART TIME, what do you charge PER HOUR? *(Required)*

### **SCHOOL AGE (Children 5 YEARS to 12 YEARS DURING SCHOOL)**

Do you accept SCHOOL AGE during the SCHOOL YEAR? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL care for a SCHOOL AGE Child? *(Required)*

Do you charge PER HOUR for SCHOOL AGE During SCHOOL YEAR? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge PER HOUR for BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL care for SCHOOL AGE child? *(Required)*

### **SCHOOL AGE (Children 5 YEARS to 12 YEARS VACATION/NO SCHOOL)**

Do you accept SCHOOL AGE during VACATION/NO SCHOOL *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for a SCHOOL AGE Child FULL TIME NO SCHOOL? *(Required)*

Do you charge PER HOUR for SCHOOL AGE child NO SCHOOL? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge PER HOUR for SCHOOL AGE child NO SCHOOL? *(Required)*

## Appendix 2. Survey conducted by United Way of Connecticut, 2-1-1 Child Care during Fall 2023

### Child Care Center Survey

The Office of Early Childhood is developing the state's federal Child Care and Development Fund plan for FFY 2025-2027. This is the primary federal funding for low-income families who are working, or are participating in approved education or training, to help them pay for child care. In Connecticut, we call this program Care 4 Kids. The plan requires that states conduct a market rate survey to understand the average rate charged by early care and school age providers. Could you please take a few moments to complete this survey. We appreciate your participation and support!

Select your license prefix. *(Required)*

Enter your license number. *(Required)*

What is the name of your program?

What is your name?

What is your email? *(Required)*

How many HOURS per week do you consider FULL TIME? *(Required)*

### Infants (Children Birth to 17 Months)

Do you accept Infants? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for FULL TIME care for an Infant (35 to 50 hours)? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

Do you accept Infants PART TIME? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

If you accept Infants PART TIME, what do you charge PER HOUR? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

### TODDLER (Children 18 Months to 35 Months)

Do you accept TODDLERS ages 18 Months to 35 months? *(Required)*



- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for FULL TIME care for a TODDLER (35 to 50 hours)? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

Do you accept TODDLERS PART TIME? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

If you accept TODDLERS PART TIME, what do you charge PER HOUR? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

### **PRESCHOOL (Children 3 YEARS to 5 YEARS)**

Do you accept PRESCHOOL ages 3 YEARS to 5 YEARS *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for FULL TIME care for a PRESCHOOL (35 to 50 hours)? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

Do you accept PRESCHOOL PART TIME? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

If you accept PRESCHOOL PART TIME, what do you charge PER HOUR? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

### **SCHOOL AGE (Children 5 YEARS to 12 YEARS DURING SCHOOL)**

Do you accept SCHOOL AGE during the SCHOOL YEAR? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL care for a SCHOOL AGE Child? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

Do you charge PER HOUR for SCHOOL AGE During SCHOOL YEAR? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge PER HOUR for BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL care for SCHOOL AGE child? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

**SCHOOL AGE (Children 5 YEARS to 12 YEARS VACATION/NO SCHOOL)**

Do you accept SCHOOL AGE during VACATION/NO SCHOOL *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge WEEKLY for a SCHOOL AGE Child FULL TIME NO SCHOOL? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

Do you charge PER HOUR for SCHOOL AGE child NO SCHOOL? *(Required)*

- YES
- NO

What do you charge PER HOUR for SCHOOL AGE child NO SCHOOL? If you are OEC funded, provide your private pay, non-funded rate? *(Required)*

### Appendix 3

United Way of Connecticut routinely compiles information on the average fees charged by providers by age served and provider type (Table 1), as information on enrollments and openings as part of the Office of Early Childhood's monitoring of child care access by region and age. These data were *not* compiled as part of the Market Rate Survey and reflect the September to December 2023 time period. The methodology for the data referenced below differs from the methods used for the Market Rate Survey. Details on the methodology for the data referenced below can be obtained from United Way of Connecticut.

**Table 1. Average Cost of Care Data (September-December 2023)**

Type of Care	Age Group	Average Cost	Lowest Cost	Highest Cost
Licensed Center/Group Home Weekly Cost				
	Infant/Toddler Full Time	\$327	\$50	\$630
	Preschool Full Time	\$270	\$50	\$525
	School Age Before/After School	\$123	\$15	\$353
Licensed Family Child Care Home Weekly Cost				
	Infant/Toddler Full Time	\$253	\$100	\$500
	Preschool Full Time	\$237	\$75	\$500
	School Age Before/After School	\$133	\$20	\$300

Note. Data were provided by United Way of Connecticut, 2-1-1 Child Care, but are separate from the Market Rate Survey data.

**Table 2. Enrollments, Capacity, and Openings by Provider Type and Child Age**

	Age groups	Enrollment	Openings	Actual capacity	Opening as a percentage of actual capacity
Statewide	Infant	8,974	2,475	11,449	22%
	Toddler	13,273	1,764	15,037	12%
	Preschool	41,926	8,645	50,571	17%
	School Age	20,944	5,323	26,267	20%
	Total	85,117	18,207	103,324	18%
Licensed Center/Group Home	Infant	7,127	1,335	8,462	16%
	Toddler	13,273	1,764	15,037	12%
	Preschool	37,580	6,454	44,034	15%

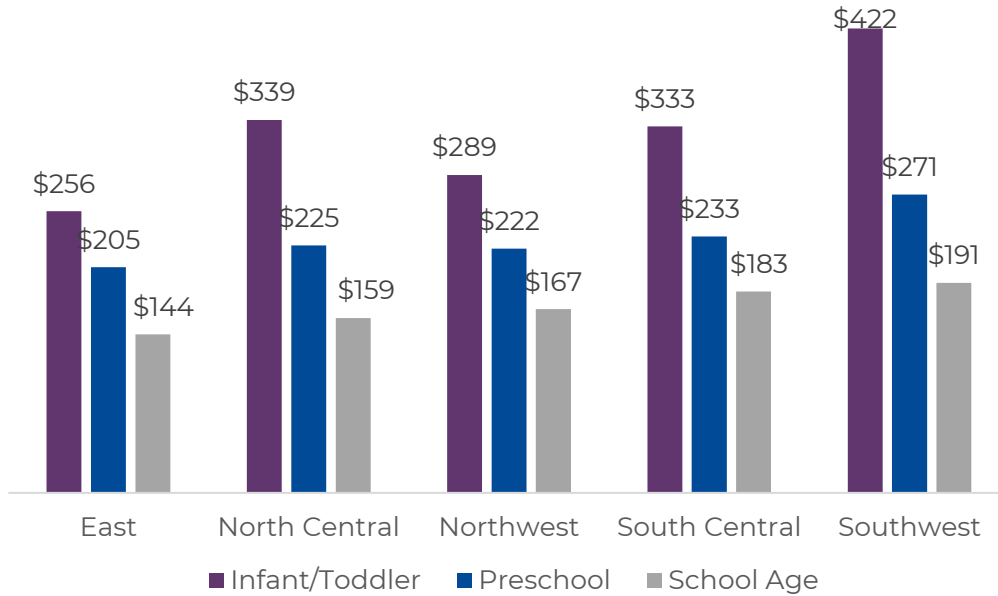
	School Age	19,512	3,897	23,409	17%
	Total	77,492	13,450	90,942	15%
Licensed Family Child Care Home	Infant	1,847	1,140	2,987	38%
	Preschool	4,346	2,192	6,538	34%
	School Age	1,433	1,425	2,858	50%
	Total	7,626	4,757	12,383	38%

Note. Data were provided by United Way of Connecticut, 2-1-1 Child Care, but are separate from the Market Rate Survey data.

**Appendix 4**

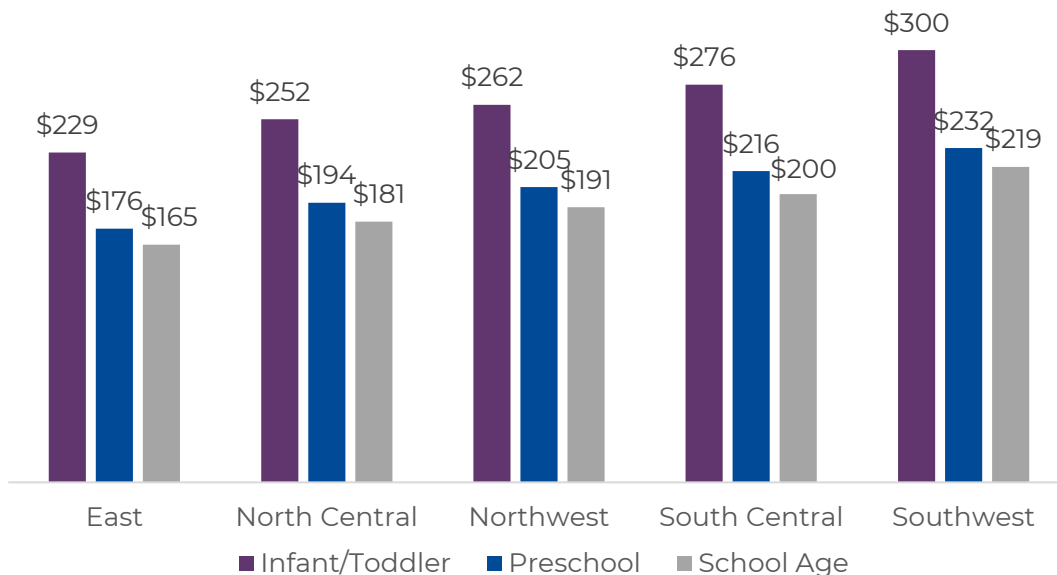
Figures 1 and 2 depict Care 4 Kids subsidy weekly rates that were in effect July through December 2023 by region and child age.

**Figure 1. SFY 2024 Care 4 Kids Subsidy Weekly Rates - Child Care Center/Group Home**



Note. School Age = Full-time rates. C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>.

**Figure 2. SFY 2024 Care 4 Kids Subsidy Weekly Rates - Licensed Family Child Care Home**



Note. School Age = Full-time rates. C4K rates are sourced from: <https://www.ctcare4kids.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Care-4-Kids-Weekly-Rates-Effective-July-2023-1.pdf>.

**Glossary of Terms**

**2-1-1 Child Care** – *2-1-1 Child Care helps families find child care to best meet their needs and maintains current listings of licensed and license exempt child care programs in Connecticut. 2-1-1 Child Care provides early care professionals with training, technical assistance and resources.*

**Care 4 Kids** – *The Care 4 Kids subsidy program helps low to moderate income families in Connecticut pay for child care costs. The subsidy can cover full-time, part-time, quarter-time and summer care, based on the family's work, training or education schedule. This program is sponsored by the Connecticut Office of Early Childhood.*

**Child Care Center** – *Child care centers provide regular care to more than twelve related or unrelated children outside of their homes.*

**Child Day Care contracts** – *Child Day Care programs are supported with state funds and provide early care and education to infants and toddlers, preschoolers and/or school age children who meet certain eligibility requirements. At least 60% of households served must have incomes under 75% of the State Medium Income. The purpose of this funding is for the development and operation of child day care centers for children disadvantaged by reasons of economic, social, or environmental conditions.*

**Family Child Care Home** – *Family child care homes are private homes that meet the following criteria: (1) providing care for up to six children, including the provider's children, who are not in school full-time; (2) during the school year, providers may take up to three additional children who are in school full-time; (3) if the provider has more than three children in school full-time, all of them are permitted; (4) care is provided for no less than three and no more than twelve hours within a 24-hour period on a regular basis; (5) more than twelve hours of care is allowed on an intermittent basis, but may not exceed 72 consecutive hours.*

**Group Home** – *Group child care homes fall provide regular care for not less than seven or more than twelve related or unrelated children, OR meet the definition of a family child care home, but operate in a facility other than a private home.*

**Market Rate** – *A market rate is the usual price charged (or "going rate") for goods or services. In the context of this report, the weekly market rates for child care providers (i.e., how much they charge for their services per week) are described based on data collected from providers in the fall of 2023.*

**School Age** – *Some providers in this report serve "school age" children between the ages of five and 12. During the school year, this care is available before and/or after school and, in the summer, this care is available full-time.*

**School Readiness** – *School Readiness is a state-funded initiative, administered by the Office of Early Childhood, that provides affordable, high-quality early care and education services in high-need communities that help preschool aged children prepare for kindergarten. These programs promote the health and safety of children, prevent or minimize developmental delays, and provide opportunities for*

*parents to choose among affordable and accredited programs, among other features.*

**Smart Start grants** – *Smart Start is a grant program that provides funding to establish or expand a preschool program in the public schools. Smart Start funds are used to increase the number of preschool spots available in public schools. The funds support the operational costs of preschool classrooms.*