

# American Samoa

## Territory Description

"American (Amerika) Samoa is a group of six Polynesian islands in the South Pacific. It is known as the heart of Polynesia. If you drew a triangle from Hawaii, New Zealand and Tahiti you would find Samoa in the middle. The Samoans arguably represent the largest population of Polynesian people and they take pride in a strong culture that has survived outside incursions amazingly well".

Population of territory: **57,291**

No Market Rate Survey Data Available.  
Personal conversation, August 2005.



# Guam

## Territory Description

Guam is an island in the Western Pacific Ocean. It is the largest and southern most of the Mariana Islands.

Population of territory: **154,805**

Number of children under 13 years of age: **None reported**

Regulation of any child care facilities who are located on an Indian Reservation or in a tribal service area: **No**

Date of market rate survey on which profile is based: **Not reported**

## Organization with Primary Responsibility for Following Tasks

Determined which facilities to survey:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Created survey questions:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Assisted facilities to complete survey:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Collected price data from facilities:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Cleaned the collected data:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Analyzed price data:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Interpreted findings:	<b>Lead Agency</b>
Wrote reports on findings:	<b>Task not done</b>
Published results:	<b>Lead Agency</b>

## Facilities Surveyed

<i>Facilities included in the dataset</i>	Included	Number	Type of sample
Licensed facilities	Most	62	Total
Family child care facilities who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	1	Total
Family, friends, or neighbors who are legally exempt from licensing	Yes	24	Total
Centers that are legally exempt from licensing	No		
After-school education (non-licensed)	No		
Providers located on military facilities	No		
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the STATE.	No		
Facilities located on tribal reservations or in tribal service areas and licensed by the TRIBE.	No		
<b>TOTAL</b> facilities in final dataset		<b>87</b>	

## Database used to identify facilities:

Facilities regulated by child care licensing agency: **Yes**

Facilities receiving child care subsidies: **Yes**

Facilities enrolled with R&R agency: **No**

## Data Collection

Method(s): **Mail**

Strategies to encourage facilities to participate: **Follow-up letters or calls; Training/technical assistance on how to complete the survey**

Number of facilities tried to reach: **112**

# of facilities who refused to participate: **6**

# of facilities dropped from the sample: **2**

# of facilities who completed the survey: **None reported**

Date data collection was completed: **7/24/2005**

Time needed for a single facility to give information: **6-10 minutes**

How facilities reported price information: **Into pre-determined modes provided on the survey**

Asked about the # of children in care that receive subsidy: **No**

## Data Analysis

Facilities excluded from analysis: **Head Start programs, State-funded pre-kindergarten programs, Migrant Head Start, Facilities serving only subsidized children, Part-day, Part-week programs**

Unit of analysis: **Facility**

Were prices converted to some standard mode such as to monthly or hourly price? **Yes**

Did territory measure amount of accessibility maximum rate provides? **No**

## Rate Setting

Date current payment rates were set: **10/01/2005**

Rates adjusted based on recent survey: **Yes; Increased for some types of care and age categories**

Are payment rates set at or above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of prices? **Yes, for some categories**

*Important factors in setting current rates:*

1 – **Provider concerns**

2 – **Demand for subsidies**

3 – **Desire to maximize the number of families with access to subsidies**

	Ways Price Data was Analyzed	Current Rates Set By
<b>Geography</b>		
County	No	No
Zip-Code	No	No
Region	Yes	No
State	No	No
Other geographic area	-	No
<b>Age Group</b>		
Infant care	Yes	Yes
Toddler care	No	No
Preschool-age care	No	No
School-age care	No	No
<b>Type of Care</b>		
Center	Yes	Yes
Family	Yes	Yes
Group home	Yes	Yes
In-home	Yes	Yes
Family, friends, neighbors	Yes	Yes
School-age centers	No	No
School-age enrichment activities	No	No
Special needs care	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.	No
<b>Pricing Mode</b>		
Hourly	Yes	This project did not ask this question on the questionnaire.
Daily	Yes	
Weekly	Yes	
Monthly	Yes	

Total Cost of Market Rate Survey: \$1,381

Lead Agency: **\$1,381**

Other agency:

State R&R Network:

University/College:

Research or survey firm:

Other contractor:

Report is Available for Download at: Not available

# Northern Mariana Islands

## Territory Description

The Northern Mariana Islands consists of 15 islands about three-quarters of the way from Hawaii to the Philippines.

Population of territory: **69,221**

No Market Rate Survey Data Available



# Puerto Rico

## Territory Description

Puerto Rico is a Caribbean island between the Caribbean Sea and the North Atlantic Ocean, east of the Dominican Republic.

Population of territory: **3,808,610**

Number of children under 13 years of age: **846,152**

No Market Rate Survey Data Available





# Virgin Islands

## Territory Description

"The United States Virgin Islands are a group of islands in the Caribbean that are an insular area of the United States. The U.S. Virgin Islands consist of the four main islands of St. Thomas, St. John, St. Croix, and Water Island, and many smaller islands."

Population of territory: **108,612**

No Market Rate Survey Data Available.  
Personal conversation, August 2005.

