

Family Child Care  
 Vacancy Rate and  
 Tuition Survey

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Question	Response Percent	Response Count	
<b>1. Are you licensed for:</b>			
6/8 children	60.10%	223	
12/14 children	39.08%	145	
No Response	0.82%	3	
<b>2. Do you typically care for 2 additional school age children?</b>			
Yes	59.30%	220	
No	31.00%	115	
No Response	9.70%	36	
<b>3. Are you licensed for Infants ONLY?</b>			
Yes	5.66%	21	
No	89.76%	333	
No Response	4.58%	17	
<b>4. At this time, do you have vacancies?</b>			
Infants	FT	70.35%	261
Infants	PT	52.56%	195
Preschool	FT	77.90%	289
Preschool	PT	56.06%	208
School Age	FT	67.12%	249
School Age	PT	55.26%	205
Actual numbers of vacancies vary.			
<b>5. Are these vacancies typical for your program?</b>			
Yes	63.08%	234	
No	27.49%	102	
No Response	9.43%	35	
<b>6. What positive factors contribute to your current enrollment?</b>			
Rates	70.08%	260	
Hours	66.31%	246	
Location	67.39%	250	
Curriculum	52.29%	194	
Proximity of closest preschool	27.22%	101	
Proximity of closest elementary school	47.98%	178	
Transportation (provided)	44.20%	164	
<b>7. What factors do you think contribute to your current vacancy rate?</b>			
Rates	9.70%	36	
Hours	8.89%	33	
Location	10.24%	38	
Curriculum	2.96%	11	
Unemployment rate	56.33%	209	
Proximity of closest preschool	4.04%	15	
Lack of child care subsidy	15.09%	56	
Transportation (not provided)	13.21%	49	
Overall economy	57.14%	212	

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<b>8. Do you have plans to increase your capacity?</b>		
Yes	35.31%	131
No	60.38%	224
No Response	4.31%	16
<b>9. Do you have a wait list for care between Monday and Friday?</b>		
Yes	16.44%	61
No	75.74%	281
No Response	7.82%	29
<b>10. Of those on the wait list, are they ( 61 'yes' responses):</b>		
Infants	100.00%	61
Preschool	91.80%	56
School Age	70.49%	43
<b>11. Do you charge by the:</b>		
Hour	1.62%	6
Day	8.35%	31
Week	78.44%	291
Month	5.12%	19
No Response	6.47%	24
<b>12. Do you have different rates for different age groups?</b>		
Yes	58.49%	217
No	27.49%	102
No Response	14.02%	52
<b>13. Do you receive government subsidies for children in your care?</b>		
Yes	47.44%	176
No	44.20%	164
No Response	8.36%	31
<b>14. Please list the subsidy programs:</b>		
RCOE	22.37%	83
TANF	0.54%	2
GAIN	20.22%	75
CAL-WORKS	7.01%	26
OTHER	11.05%	41
No Response	38.81%	144
<b>15. Do you provide care on the weekend?</b>		
Yes	27.22%	101
No	63.88%	237
No Response	8.90%	33
<b>16. Do you provide care in the evenings?</b>		
Yes	27.49%	102
No	63.88%	237
No Response	8.63%	32
<b>17. What percentage of your income is made during this period (102 'yes' responses)?</b>		
25%	49.02%	50
50%	20.59%	21

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75%	6.86%	7
Other	9.80%	10
No Response	13.73%	14
<b>18. Do you plan to change your rates in 2009?</b>		
Keep same	70.08%	260
Raise	15.63%	58
Lower	9.97%	37
No Response	4.32%	16
<b>19. Have you participated in the CARES/ AB 212 Stipend Program?</b>		
Yes	34.77%	129
No	60.38%	224
No Response	4.85%	18





