

KANSAS DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES 10-24
MAXIMUM HOURLY CHILD CARE BENEFIT RATES**
BY TYPE OF PROVIDER AND AGE OF CHILD

County (Region)	HOMES						CENTERS			
	OUT OF HOME RELATIVE		LICENSED				Infant	Toddler	Preschool	School-Age
	18 months & less	over 18 months	0 thru 17 months	18 thru 35 months	36 thru 59 months	60 months and older	0 thru 11 months	12 months thru 35 months	36 months thru 59 months	60 months and older
Group #1	2.94	2.81	4.52	4.33	4.23	3.85	7.33	6.25	5.51	4.81
Group #2	2.44	2.19	3.75	3.37	3.37	3.17	6.28	5.28	4.13	3.65
Group #3	1.87	1.77	2.88	2.73*	2.73*	2.50	6.28	5.26	4.27	3.16

Group #1 = Johnson

Group #2 = Butler, Douglas, Ellis, Geary, Greeley, Harvey, Jefferson, Leavenworth, Miami, Pottawatomie, Riley, Rush, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Shawnee, Wyandotte

Group #3 = All counties not listed above

* With the 10-1-24 adjustment, these rates were “held harmless” and were kept at the rates from the previous Market Rate Survey, as these past rates were higher.

**DCF pays a statewide rate for in-home care provided in the child’s home by a relative. This rate is \$2.42 per hour effective 11-1-18.

Child care provider rates are based on data received by conducting a market analysis and a narrow cost analysis. A child care market analysis measures the child care prices charged by the providers and paid by parents in a specified geographic area. A narrow cost analysis measures what it actually costs child care providers to provide the care, including the cost of meeting the required health and safety standards. The above rates were effective 10-1-2024. Based on information received in the 2024 market analysis, benefits for families using licensed home providers or child care centers are paid at approximately the 75^h percentile or better. This means that 75% of providers charge the private sector the state rate or below. Out-of-home relative providers are paid a rate that is 65% of the rate for licensed child care homes.

Providers serving children who have been professionally evaluated as having a special need severe enough to require additional staff or specialized support services not routinely available, may be eligible for reimbursement up to, but not exceeding, the Enhanced Rate for Special Care of \$7.34 per hour for all ages of children, for all approvable hours of care, effective 10-1-24. An ES 1627A Request for Enhanced Rate for Special Care form is completed requesting the enhanced payment rate for a child. All requests for the Enhanced Rate for Special Care must be approved by regional child care provider enrollment staff.