

Table 1
Primary Child Care Arrangements for Children under Five with Employed Mothers, by Selected Characteristics and State

	US	AL	CA	FL	MA	MI	MN	MS	NJ	NY	TX	WA	WI	CO
	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
All Children														
Center-Based Care	28	43	22	36	24	22	28	40	26	24	29	27	24	25
Family Child Care	14	9	13	14	14	13	28	13	13	12	10	17	22	18
Relative Care	27	26	27	25	25	36	19	26	28	29	31	18	23	22
Parent Care ^a	27	20	31	22	29	26	21	19	27	30	26	33	28	32
Nanny/Baby-sitter	4	1	7	3	8	4	5	1	6	5	3	5	3	3
Sample Size ^b	(6418)	(303)	(315)	(348)	(450)	(417)	(485)	(276)	(527)	(388)	(368)	(382)	(892)	(459)
Child's Age														
Younger Than Three Years														
Center-Based Care	18+	29+	9+	27+	12+	14+	20+	27+	16+	8+	21+	15+	18+	15+
Family Child Care	15	11	16	19+	15	12	31	18+	12	15	11	18	24	19
Relative Care	30+	32+	32+	26	31+	41	20	30	31	36+	34	20	26+	21
Parent Care ^a	33+	25+	34	25	34+	28	23	24	33+	37+	31+	41+	30	41+
Nanny/Baby-sitter	5	2	9	3	9	4	6	2	8	5	3	6	4	3
Sample Size ^b	(3511)	(168)	(177)	(204)	(246)	(241)	(272)	(135)	(278)	(198)	(203)	(196)	(514)	(259)
Three to Four Years														
Center-Based Care	42+	62+	42+	50+	41+	32+	42+	57+	40+	44+	40+	42+	34+	40+
Family Child Care	12	7	8	7+	14	14	23	8+	14	10	10	16	19	15
Relative Care	23+	18+	19+	22	16+	28	15	22	24	21+	26	16	18+	23
Parent Care ^a	19+	13+	27	18	23+	23	18	13	19+	21+	20+	22+	26	19+
Nanny/Baby-sitter	3	---	3	3	7	3	3	1	4	5	5	4	3	4
Sample Size ^b	(2907)	(135)	(138)	(144)	(204)	(176)	(213)	(141)	(249)	(190)	(165)	(186)	(378)	(192)
Income as a Percentage of the Federal Poverty Level														
200 Percent and Below														
Center-Based Care	23+	37	17	29+	26	10+	22+	32	24	14+	16+	26	20	17+
Family Child Care	12	8	10	15	12	9	17+	9	15	14	8	13	16+	16
Relative Care	29+	23	25	25	25	47+	34+	37+	37	37	39+	21	26	24
Parent Care ^a	33+	32+	45+	26	34	28	23	21	22	32	33	36	32	39
Nanny/Baby-sitter	3	---	3	4	2+	6	4	---	2+	4	3	5	6	3
Sample Size ^b	(2187)	(133)	(107)	(147)	(113)	(125)	(134)	(138)	(116)	(156)	(158)	(131)	(269)	(158)
Above 200 Percent														
Center-Based Care	30+	47	24	40+	24	28+	30+	47	26	30+	39+	27	25	29+
Family Child Care	15	10	15	14	15	15	31+	17	12	12	12	19	24+	19
Relative Care	26+	28	28	24	24	30+	14+	17+	26	25	25+	17	22	21
Parent Care ^a	24+	12+	25+	20	27	25	20	16	29	28	22	32	26	29
Nanny/Baby-sitter	5	2	8	2	10+	3	5	3	7+	5	3	5	3	3
Sample Size ^b	(4231)	(170)	(208)	(201)	(337)	(292)	(351)	(138)	(411)	(232)	(210)	(251)	(623)	(293)

Source: Urban Institute calculations from the 1999 National Survey of America's Families (NSAF). Updates 1997 data in Capizzano, Jeffrey, Gina Adams, and Freya Sonenstein. 2000. "Child Care Arrangements for Children under Five: Variation across States." Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. Assessing the New Federalism No. B-12. Actual percentages may be on average +/- 3 percentage points from national estimates, +/- 5 percentage points of overall state estimates, and +/- 7 percentage points for state estimates of children of different ages and income levels.

Notes: See also Sonenstein et al. 2002. *Primary Child Care Arrangements of Employed Parents: Findings from the 1999 National Survey of America's Families*. Washington, D.C.: The Urban Institute. *Assessing the New Federalism* Occasional Paper No. 59.

a. The NSAF's questions focused on non-parental arrangements and did not include questions about care provided by another parent, care for the child while the parent was at work, or care for the child at home by a self-employed parent. Those respondents not reporting a child care arrangement are assumed to be in one of these forms of care and are coded into the parent care category.

b. Sample sizes in parentheses. **Bold** indicates that the estimate is significantly different from the national average at the .05 level. Plus (+) indicates a significant difference between the categories within age and income in a state at the .05 level (i.e. younger children are different than older children). *Italics* indicates significant difference between 1997 estimate and 1999 estimate at the .05 level. Significance tests presented in Sonenstein, et al. 2002. are at the .10 level. Notes: Percentages do not sum to 100 as a result of rounding.

