

DEFINITIONS AND EXAMPLES

MAJORITY

By **majority**, we mean the greatest number of private fee families paying the same amount. Only consider those private fee children who attend daily Monday through Friday. For example, if you have a total of six private fee families with 0-12 month children attending full-time daily Monday through Friday, you should compare the amounts each family paid weekly:

Example 1

Family A \$125.00 per week
Family B \$125.00 per week
Family C \$125.00 per week
Family D \$125.00 per week
Family E \$100.00 per week
Family F \$100.00 per week

Four families paid \$125.00 per week and two families paid \$100.00 per week. Since the greatest number of families paid \$125.00, \$125.00 is the majority payment amount for the 0-12 month age level.

Example 2

Family A \$125.00 per week
Family B \$120.00 per week
Family C \$115.00 per week
Family D \$110.00 per week
Family E \$100.00 per week
Family F \$100.00 per week

Two families paid \$100.00 per week. The remaining families paid separate amounts. Since the greatest number of families paid \$100.00, \$100.00 is the majority payment amount for the 0-12 month age level.

If you have an equal number of families paying different amounts for a particular age level

If there was an equal number of private fee families with children attending Monday through Friday who paid different amounts, you should average those amounts. See the following example.

Family A \$90.00 per week
Family B \$90.00 per week
Family C \$90.00 per week
Family D \$100.00 per week
Family E \$100.00 per week
Family F \$100.00 per week

Three families paid \$90.00 per week and three families paid \$100.00 per week. Since there is no majority, the two amounts must be averaged:

1. Add the amounts: $\$90 + \$100 = \$190$
2. Since there were two equal groups, divide by 2 to determine the average payment: $\$190 / 2 = \95.00 .

If there is no majority of private fee families for a particular age level

If there was no majority of private fee families with children attending Monday through Friday during the month, average all payment amounts. See the following example.

Family A \$125.00 per week
Family B \$115.00 per week
Family C \$110.00 per week
Family D \$105.00 per week
Family E \$102.50 per week
Family F \$100.00 per week

Each private fee family paid a different amount. Since there is no majority, all payment amounts must be averaged:

1. Add the amounts: $\$125 + \$115 + \$110 + \$105 + \$102.50 + \$100 = \$657.50$
2. Since there were six payment amounts, divide by 6 to determine the average payment: $\$657.50 / 6 = \109.58

If there is one private fee family for a particular age level

If there is one private fee family with a child attending Monday through Friday during the month, the majority is that family's payment amount.

If there are no private fee families for a particular age level

If there were no private fee families for a particular age level during the month, enter your published rate.

If there are no private fee families attending five days per week for a particular age level

If there were no private fee families attending five days per week (Monday through Friday) for a particular age level during the month, enter your published rate.

VERIFICATION

A member of DPW or an agent acting on behalf of DPW will obtain rate records to verify payment information. This will confirm the accuracy of your response on the Market Rate Survey.

The Department of Public Welfare reserves the right to lower rates in accordance with the findings of the verification process. This may include a recovery of overpayments.