



Family Survey Instrument and Data Tables

Findings from the Massachusetts Early Childhood Needs Assessment

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For families with young children, finding high-quality, affordable child care that allows caregivers to work can be a daunting task—across the United States and at home in Massachusetts. The Massachusetts Early Childhood Needs Assessment was launched in 2023 as part of the state’s [Preschool Development Grant](#) to unearth new information that could help address this challenge and support the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) in improving families’ access to high-quality early care and education.

To accomplish this goal, EEC contracted with [MEF Associates](#) and its partners at [Tufts Interdisciplinary Evaluation Research \(TIER\)](#) to conduct a statewide survey and focus groups with caregivers of children up to age 12. These activities were informed by the project’s *Needs Assessment and Evaluation Working Group*, which included family representatives and individuals from the B-5 workforce. This group met monthly and provided valuable input on study goals, recruitment strategies, and interpretation of findings.

This technical appendix provides the family survey instrument and descriptive information for all survey questions, grouped by child age group and level of financial security. To learn more about the findings, including findings from the focus groups, please see the other briefs in this series:



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**Technical Appendix:
Family Survey
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[Section A](#) below presents the survey instrument. We fielded this instrument with parents and caregivers of children aged 12 or younger who live across Massachusetts from April to June 2024. The survey was available in five languages: English, Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole, and Simplified Chinese. The final survey sample included 1,446 respondents. Additional details about the family survey methodology are provided in the Executive Summary brief.

Next, we present data tables from the survey—first by age group ([Section B](#)) and then by level of financial security ([Section C](#)). The left-most columns of each table provide results for the full sample. The data tables are provided in the order of the survey, by section.



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A. Family Survey Instrument

This section provides the full family survey instrument output from Qualtrics. It includes skip and display logic to facilitate understanding of the survey flow.

Welcome Screen

Thank you for your interest in this survey. Your input is important to us!

Click the menu in the top right corner of the survey to change the language.

Haga clic en el menú de la esquina superior derecha de la encuesta para cambiar el idioma.

Clique no menu no canto superior direito da pesquisa para alterar o idioma.

Klike sou meni ki nan kwen anwo sou bòt dwat sondaj la pou chanje lang.

单击调查表右上角的菜单可更改语言。

Informed Consent

Please review the information below and scroll down to start the survey.

What is the survey about?

The survey will ask you about the kinds of early childhood programs and supports you currently use. It will also ask about what might make these programs and supports better for your family.

Who is conducting the survey?

The Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care (EEC) is conducting this survey as part of their 2024 Early Childhood Needs Assessment. This needs assessment is part of a federal grant that supports early childhood services and improved collaboration among programs. For this needs assessment, EEC is partnering with researchers at [MEF Associates](#) to conduct a survey with families in Massachusetts.

Who can participate in the survey?

Parents or caregivers of children 12 years or younger are eligible to take the survey. Parents or caregivers must also be 18 years or older and live in Massachusetts.

How long is the survey?

The survey will take about 10–15 minutes to complete.

What languages can I take the survey in?

The survey is available in English, Spanish, Portuguese, Simplified Chinese, and Haitian Creole.

Do I have to participate in the survey?

No. This survey is voluntary. You may choose not to participate or stop participating at any time. However, we hope you will participate so we can learn from as many families as possible! If you do choose to participate in this survey, you can also decide if you want to be contacted for future surveys or interviews for EEC.

How many times can I fill out the survey?

Each participant may fill out the survey only one time.

What will you do with my information?

The information you provide will be kept confidential. We will summarize information from families when reporting findings. Other people will not know if you participated in this survey or what you have said. We will ask for your name and email address at the end of the survey. However, we will only use this information to send gift cards.

Do I get paid to participate?

Yes! Everyone who completes a survey can receive a \$20 electronic gift card via email. To receive the gift card, you must provide your name and email address. You will receive your gift card within two weeks of completing the survey. If you have trouble finding your gift card, please check your spam folder. If you still have trouble finding the gift card, please contact the study team.

Are there benefits or risks to participating?

Your participation in this survey will not benefit you directly. However, EEC hopes to use findings from the survey to make early childhood programs and services more accessible to families. We do not anticipate any risks to participating.

Who can I contact with extra questions?

If you have any questions, please contact the study team at MAearlychildhoodstudy@mefassociates.com.

Is there more information about the needs assessment?

To learn more about the survey, visit our website: www.MAearlychildhoodstudy.com.

By clicking "Yes, I agree," you confirm you understand the above and agree to participate in the survey.

- Yes, I agree (1)
- No, I do not agree (2) —> Thank you for your interest in the survey. Unfortunately, you are not eligible to complete this survey.

Eligibility

B1 Which statement describes you best?

- I am a parent or guardian of a child 0 to 12 years old (1)
- I am not the parent or guardian of a child 0 to 12 years old (2)

Skip To: End of Block If Which statement describes you best? = I am not the parent or guardian of a child 0 to 12 years old

B2 How many children do you have in each of the following age ranges? Enter 0 if you don't have any children in an age range.

- a. Aged 0 - 1 year (1) _____
- b. Aged 2 - 3 years (2) _____
- c. Aged 4 - 5 years (3) _____
- d. Aged 6 - 12 years (4) _____

Child Care Use

This section asks about “child care” for your youngest child. We are interested in all types of child care, including afterschool and summer camp.

C1 In the past 12 months, has anyone other than you or your co-parent (if applicable) regularly provided care for your youngest child? “Regularly” means 5 or more hours per week during most weeks. If your youngest child is in elementary or middle school, consider regular care during afterschool and summer camp.

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

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Display This Question: If In the past 12 months, has anyone other than you or your co-parent (if applicable) regularly prov... = Yes

C2 In the past 12 months, who regularly cared for your youngest child? “Regularly” means 5 or more hours per week during most weeks. Select all that apply.

- Child care center (including early learning centers, nursery schools, preschools) (1)
- Elementary or middle school (2)
- Home-based care with a provider I didn’t have prior personal relationship with (3)
- Home-based care with a family member or friend (4)
- Summer Camp (5)
- After school program (6)
- Other (8)

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C3 In the past 12 months, how did you pay for child care for your youngest child? Select all that apply. If your youngest child is in elementary or middle school, please tell us how you paid for care after school and during the summer.

- Me and/or my child’s co-parent paid for child care (1)
- A relative or friend paid for child care (2)
- An employer paid for child care (3)
- A government agency (for example: child care voucher, Head Start) (4)
- Some other person or organization paid for child care (5)

Child Care Search

This section asks about your experience searching for child care for your youngest child. We are interested in all types of child care, including afterschool and summer camp.

D1 When was the last time you wanted to start new child care arrangement for your youngest child? If your youngest child is in elementary or middle school, please tell us when you wanted to start a new afterschool and summer camp.

- In the last few weeks (1)
- In the last few months (2)
- In the last year (3)
- More than a year ago (4)
- Not applicable – I have never wanted a care arrangement other than parental care (5)

Skip To: End of Block If When was the last time you wanted to start new child care arrangement for your youngest child? I... = Not applicable – I have never wanted a care arrangement other than parental care

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Or When was the last time you wanted to start new child care arrangement for your youngest child? I... = More than a year ago*

D2 What were the main reasons you were looking for care at that time? *Select all that apply.*

- To work (myself or my co-parent) (1)
- To provide my child educational or social enrichment (2)
- To give me some relief (3)
- To fill in gaps left by my main provider or before/after school (4)
- I wasn't satisfied with my child's care (5)
- I wanted to reduce child care expenses (6)
- My provider stopped providing care (7)
- My child aged out (8)
- Summer break (9)
- Other (10)

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Or When was the last time you wanted to start new child care arrangement for your youngest child? I... = More than a year ago*

D3 How did you look for a provider? *Select 3 sources of information that were most important to you.*

- Friends or family (1)
- Providers I already knew (2)
- Healthcare provider, clergy member, or other professional (3)
- Social media (4)
- Resource and referral agency or local organization that helps parents find child care (5)
- Online directories of child care providers (6)
- A welfare or social services caseworker (7)
- Online searches (for example: Google) (8)
- Other (9)

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D4 When looking for a provider, was there any information you wanted but was hard to find? *Select all that apply.*

- Costs (1)
- Schedule (2)
- Quality of care (3)
- Availability (4)
- Other (5)
- I was able to find all the information I was looking for. (6)

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Or When was the last time you wanted to start new child care arrangement for your youngest child? I... = More than a year ago

D5 What was the result of this search for child care?

- Found care (1)
- Stayed with existing provider (2)
- Gave up searching (3)
- Still searching/looking (4)
- Other (5)

Care Preferences

This section asks about what matters most to you when picking a child care setting. We are interested in all types of child care, including afterschool and summer camp.

E1 How would you describe your child care arrangement(s) for your youngest child?

If your youngest child is in elementary or middle school, consider the quality of care during afterschool hours and the summer.

- Best I could ever hope for (1)
- Better than I could have hoped for (2)
- As good as I could have hoped for (3)
- Not as good as I had hoped for (4)
- Much worse than I had hoped for (5)

E2 Which of the following matter most to you when picking a care setting for your youngest child? Pick your top 3.

- Safety and cleanliness (1)
- Cost (2)
- Hours of operation (3)
- Location (4)
- Transportation (5)
- Accreditation or licensing (6)
- Availability (7)
- Reputation or reviews (8)
- Physical space (9)

E3, E4, E5 How satisfied are you with the [\\${Im://Field/1}](#) of your current child care arrangement for your youngest child?

- Very satisfied (1)
- Satisfied (2)
- Dissatisfied (3)
- Very dissatisfied (4)

E6 Which of the following matter most to you when picking a care provider for your youngest child? Pick your top 2. I look for providers who...

- Have qualifications or experience (1)
- Are supportive and engaging with children (2)
- Discipline children in a healthy and effective way (3)
- Share the same values as my family (4)
- Look and/or sound like my family (5)
- Speak my home language (6)

E7, E8 How satisfied are you with your current child care arrangement for your youngest child in terms of providers who \$(Im://Field/1)?

- Very satisfied (1)
- Satisfied (2)
- Dissatisfied (3)
- Very dissatisfied (4)

E9 Which of the following opportunities matter most to you when picking a care provider for your youngest child? Pick your top 2. Opportunities for your youngest child to...

- Develop academic or school readiness skills (1)
- Learn social or emotional skills (2)
- Play and explore (3)
- Receive bilingual instruction (4)
- Receive individualized attention (5)
- Receive supports for my child who has special needs (6)

E10, E11 How satisfied are you with your current child care arrangement for your youngest child in terms of opportunities to \$(Im://Field/1)?

- Very satisfied (1)
- Satisfied (2)
- Dissatisfied (3)
- Very dissatisfied (4)

E12 If child care was free for your youngest child, what would best allow you and your co-parent (if applicable) to work? Select all that apply. If your youngest child is in elementary or middle school, consider care during afterschool hours and the summer. Child care that...

- Opens early in the morning (1)
- Stays open late in the day (2)
- Allows our child to sleep overnight (3)
- Is open on weekends (4)
- Allows us to drop-in if we unexpectedly need child care (5)
- Is flexible about when our child attends (6)
- Provides transportation for our child (7)
- None of the above would help us work (8)
- Not applicable – we are not working or looking for work (9)

E13 If child care was free for your youngest child, where would you enroll them? *Select up to 3. If your youngest child is in elementary or middle school, consider where you would enroll them for afterschool and summer camp.*

- Child care center (including early learning centers, nursery schools, preschools) (1)
- Home-based care with a provider I didn't have prior personal relationship with (2)
- Home-based care with a family member or friend (3)
- Summer Camp (4)
- After school program (5)
- None of the above (6)

E14 In the past 12 months, how have challenges with child care affected you and your co-parent's (if applicable) ability to work? *Select all that apply. If your youngest child is in elementary or middle school, consider challenges with care after school and during the summer.*

- Missed some work (1)
- Missed a lot of work (2)
- Quit or was fired (3)
- Unable to change jobs (4)
- Unable to advance career (5)
- Not applicable – Challenges with child care did not affect our ability to work (6)
- Not applicable – We were not working or looking for work (7)

Family Background

This section asks about you and your family.

F1 What is your relationship to your youngest child?

- Biological parent (1)
- Adoptive parent (2)
- Stepparent (3)
- Foster parent (4)
- Grandparent (5)
- Other (specify) (6) _____

F2 Which of the following best describes your gender identity?

- Female or woman (1)
- Male or man (2)
- Nonbinary, genderqueer, or not exclusively male or female (3)
- Other (4)

F3 Which of the following describes your race/ethnicity? *Select all that apply.*

- Hispanic or Latinx (1)
- American Indian or Alaska Native (2)
- Asian (3)
- Black (4)
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander (5)
- White (6)
- Other (7)

F4 During the past 12 months, did you work at a job or business for pay?

- Yes (1)
- No (2)

Display This Question: If During the past 12 months, did you work at a job or business for pay? = Yes

F5 Which of the following best describes the hours you usually worked in the past 12 months? *Select all that apply.*

- A daytime shift – any time between 6 A.M. and 6 P.M. (1)
- An evening shift – any time between 2 P.M. and Midnight (2)
- A night shift – any time between 9 P.M. and 8 A.M. (3)
- A rotating shift – one that changes periodically from days to evenings or nights (4)
- A split shift – one consisting of two distinct periods each day (5)

F6 What is your highest education level?

- High school or less (1)
- Some college or associate's degree (2)
- Bachelor's degree or more (3)
- Advanced degree (such as a Master's, Ph.D. or professional degree) (4)

F7 Which best describes the household of your youngest child? *Select all that apply.*

- Single-parent home (1)
- Two-parent home (2)
- Extended family arrangement (living with grandparents or other adult relatives) (3)
- Foster family home (4)
- Other (5)

F8 What language is usually spoken in the home of your youngest child? *Select all that apply.*

- English (1)
- African language (for example: Somali, Swahili, Hausa, Yoruba, Laal, Shabo, Afrikaans, Awing, Bargu, Tumbuku, Teso, Dahalo) (2)
- American Sign Language (3)
- Arabic (4)
- Cambodian (Khmer) (5)
- Chinese (6)
- Filipino languages (7)
- French (8)
- Haitian creole (9)
- Hmong (10)
- Japanese (11)
- Korean (12)
- Native American or Alaskan language (13)
- Portuguese (14)
- Spanish (15)
- Vietnamese (16)
- Other (17)

F9 In the past 12 months, have you applied for or received any of the following? *Select all that apply.*

- Cash assistance or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) (1)
- Disability assistance (SSDI, SSI, HCBS Waivers) (2)
- Food assistance (EBT, SNAP, HIP) (3)
- Housing/Rental assistance or Housing Choice Voucher Program (4)
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) (5)
- None of the above (6)

F10 In the past 12 months, did you have trouble paying for any of the following? *Select all that apply.*

- Childcare or school (1)
- Food or groceries (2)
- Formula or baby food (3)
- Health care (appointments, medicine, insurance) (4)
- Housing (rent, mortgage, taxes, insurance) (5)
- Technology (computer, phone, internet) (6)
- Transportation (car payment, gas, public transit) (7)
- Utilities (electricity, water, gas) (8)
- None of the above (9)

F11 If you had an unexpected expense that cost you \$500, how confident are you that your household could come up with money to cover that expense within a month?

- Not at all confident (1)
- Somewhat confident (2)
- Very confident (3)

F12 What ZIP code do you live in right now? *If you stay in different locations, please enter a ZIP code where your children would go for childcare or school. Please enter five-digit numbers only.*

B. Data Tables by Age Group

This section presents descriptive information for all survey questions, by child's age group. To create the age groups, we used responses to the survey question, "How many children do you have in each of the following age ranges?" Respondents were instructed to focus on their "youngest child" throughout the survey. Age groups were defined as: 0–1 year, 2–3 years, 4–5 years, or 6–12 years.

The data tables are provided in the order of the survey, by section. Each table's title is the survey question, and notes indicate which respondents were asked each question. The left-most columns of each table provide results for the full survey sample.

Child Care Use

This section asked respondents about child care for their youngest child. Respondents were instructed to consider all types of child care, including afterschool and summer camp.

Exhibit B.1. In the past 12 months, has anyone other than you or your co-parent regularly provided care for your youngest child?

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	272	60.58%	316	69.30%	209	77.41%	212	79.40%	1,009	69.97%
No	177	39.42%	140	30.70%	61	22.59%	55	20.60%	433	30.03%
Total respondents answering this question	449		456		270		267		1,442	

Notes: This table presents findings from survey question C1. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.2. In the past 12 months, who regularly cared for your youngest child? (Select all that apply)

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
After school program	14	5.17%	17	5.38%	27	12.98%	108	51.18%	166	16.50%
Child care center	146	53.87%	210	66.46%	143	68.75%	25	11.85%	524	52.09%
Elementary or middle school	40	14.76%	31	9.81%	47	22.60%	124	58.77%	242	24.06%
Home-based care with a family member or friend	88	32.47%	83	26.27%	48	23.08%	37	17.54%	256	25.45%
Home-based care with a provider I didn't know	52	19.19%	66	20.89%	31	14.90%	13	6.16%	162	16.10%
Summer Camp	10	3.69%	15	4.75%	25	12.02%	83	39.34%	133	13.22%
Other	23	8.49%	19	6.01%	5	2.40%	11	5.21%	58	5.77%
Total respondents answering this question	271		316		208		211		1,006	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question C2. Respondents were instructed to select "all that apply," so percentages do not add up to 100%. Only those respondents who used regular nonparental care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered "yes" to question C1).

Exhibit B.3. In the past 12 months, how did you pay for child care for your youngest child? (Select all that apply)

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
A government agency	80	30.30%	113	36.93%	67	33.33%	41	19.81%	301	30.78%
A relative or friend paid for child care	24	9.09%	17	5.56%	15	7.46%	17	8.21%	73	7.46%
An employer paid for child care	16	6.06%	15	4.90%	13	6.47%	11	5.31%	55	5.62%
Me and/or my child's co-parent paid for child care	199	75.38%	217	70.92%	144	71.64%	177	85.51%	737	75.36%
Some other person or organization paid for child care	11	4.17%	10	3.27%	9	4.48%	15	7.25%	45	4.60%
Total respondents answering this question	264		306		201		207		978	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question C3. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. Only those respondents who use regular nonparental care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered “yes” to question C1).

Child Care Search

This section asked respondents about their experience searching for child care for their youngest child. Respondents were instructed to consider all types of child care, including afterschool and summer camp.

Exhibit B.4. When was the last time you wanted to start a new child care arrangement for your youngest child?

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
In the last few months	99	22.05%	68	15.11%	39	14.61%	58	21.89%	264	18.45%
In the last few weeks	77	17.15%	85	18.89%	49	18.35%	52	19.62%	263	18.38%
In the last year	81	18.04%	91	20.22%	53	19.85%	53	20.00%	278	19.43%
More than a year ago	52	11.58%	96	21.33%	69	25.84%	56	21.13%	273	19.08%
Not applicable – I have never wanted a care arrangement other than parental care	140	31.18%	110	24.44%	57	21.35%	46	17.36%	353	24.67%
Total respondents answering this question	449		450		267		265		1,431	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D1. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.5. What were the main reasons you were looking for care at that time? (Select all that apply)

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
I wanted to reduce child care expenses	23	7.44%	37	10.88%	30	14.29%	16	7.31%	106	9.83%
I wasn't satisfied with my child's care	16	5.18%	48	14.12%	25	11.90%	17	7.76%	106	9.83%

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
My child aged out	9	2.91%	11	3.24%	9	4.29%	11	5.02%	40	3.71%
My provider stopped providing care	9	2.91%	16	4.71%	8	3.81%	10	4.57%	43	3.99%
Summer break	16	5.18%	23	6.76%	36	17.14%	94	42.92%	169	15.68%
To fill in gaps left by my main provider or before/after school	25	8.09%	36	10.59%	33	15.71%	47	21.46%	141	13.08%
To give me some relief	85	27.51%	94	27.65%	51	24.29%	43	19.63%	273	25.32%
To provide my child educational or social enrichment	114	36.89%	178	52.35%	111	52.86%	93	42.47%	496	46.01%
To work (myself or my co-parent)	237	76.70%	237	69.71%	145	69.05%	156	71.23%	775	71.89%
Other	17	5.50%	22	6.47%	8	3.81%	9	4.11%	56	5.19%
Total respondents answering this question	309		340		210		219		1,078	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D2. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. Only those respondents who previously searched for child care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered anything except “Not applicable” to question D1).

Exhibit B.6. How did you look for a provider? (Select three responses.)

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
A welfare or social services caseworker	38	12.38%	60	17.70%	25	11.90%	27	12.44%	150	13.98%
Friends or family	230	74.92%	237	69.91%	140	66.67%	146	67.28%	753	70.18%
Healthcare provider, clergy member, or other professional	47	15.31%	50	14.75%	27	12.86%	28	12.90%	152	14.17%
Online directories of child care providers	101	32.90%	106	31.27%	61	29.05%	51	23.50%	319	29.73%
Online searches (for example: Google)	118	38.44%	165	48.67%	100	47.62%	98	45.16%	481	44.83%
Providers I already knew	142	46.25%	139	41.00%	115	54.76%	122	56.22%	518	48.28%
Resource and referral agency or local organization	87	28.34%	114	33.63%	75	35.71%	73	33.64%	349	32.53%
Social media	111	36.16%	93	27.43%	60	28.57%	70	32.26%	334	31.13%
Other	47	15.31%	53	15.63%	27	12.86%	36	16.59%	163	15.19%
Total respondents answering this question	307		339		210		217		1,073	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D3. Respondents were instructed to select three responses. Only those respondents who previously searched for child care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered anything except “Not applicable” to question D1).

Exhibit B.7. When looking for a provider, was there any information you wanted but was hard to find? (Select all that apply)

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
I was able to find all the information I was looking for	56	18.60%	70	20.77%	47	22.60%	45	20.64%	218	20.49%
Availability	145	48.17%	171	50.74%	94	45.19%	99	45.41%	509	47.84%
Costs	150	49.83%	152	45.10%	80	38.46%	97	44.50%	479	45.02%
Quality of care	134	44.52%	158	46.88%	110	52.88%	106	48.62%	508	47.74%
Schedule	112	37.21%	106	31.45%	66	31.73%	66	30.28%	350	32.89%
Other	14	4.65%	9	2.67%	12	5.77%	9	4.13%	44	4.14%
Total respondents answering this question	301		337		208		218		1,064	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D4. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “I was able to find all the information I was looking for,” they could not select any additional options. Only those respondents who previously searched for child care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered anything except “Not applicable” to question D1).

Exhibit B.8. What was the result of this search for child care?

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Found care	160	52.98%	216	63.53%	129	62.02%	116	52.97%	621	58.09%
Gave up searching	28	9.27%	19	5.59%	13	6.25%	26	11.87%	86	8.04%
Stayed with existing provider	35	11.59%	43	12.65%	34	16.35%	24	10.96%	136	12.72%
Still searching/looking	63	20.86%	52	15.29%	27	12.98%	44	20.09%	186	17.40%
Other	16	5.30%	10	2.94%	5	2.40%	9	4.11%	40	3.74%
Total respondents answering this question	302		340		208		219		1,069	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D5. Only those respondents who have previously searched for child care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered anything except “Not applicable” to question D1).

Child Care Preferences

This section asked respondents about what matters most to them when picking a child care setting. Respondents were instructed to consider all types of child care, including afterschool and summer camp.

Exhibit B.9. How would you describe your child care arrangement(s) for your youngest child?

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Best I could ever hope for	161	37.01%	143	32.28%	70	26.42%	71	27.00%	445	31.65%
Better than I could have hoped for	97	22.30%	113	25.51%	76	28.68%	53	20.15%	339	24.11%
As good as I could have hoped for	135	31.03%	132	29.80%	90	33.96%	104	39.54%	461	32.79%

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Not as good as I had hoped for	36	8.28%	47	10.61%	24	9.06%	32	12.17%	139	9.89%
Much worse than I had hoped for	6	1.38%	8	1.81%	5	1.89%	3	1.14%	22	1.56%
Total respondents answering this question	435		443		265		263		1,406	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E1. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.10. Which of the following matter most to you when picking a care setting for your youngest child? (Select top three)

Survey Response	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Safety and cleanliness	369	82.00%	361	79.34%	197	73.51%	193	72.28%	1,120	77.78%
Cost	239	53.11%	210	46.15%	120	44.78%	139	52.06%	708	49.17%
Hours of operation	154	34.22%	160	35.16%	100	37.31%	100	37.45%	514	35.69%
Location	162	36.00%	180	39.56%	122	45.52%	109	40.82%	573	39.79%
Transportation	45	10.00%	42	9.23%	41	15.30%	45	16.85%	173	12.01%
Accreditation or licensing	118	26.22%	139	30.55%	66	24.63%	77	28.84%	400	27.78%
Availability	78	17.33%	77	16.92%	44	16.42%	48	17.98%	247	17.15%
Reputation or reviews	145	32.22%	146	32.09%	83	30.97%	70	26.22%	444	30.83%
Physical space	40	8.89%	50	10.99%	31	11.57%	20	7.49%	141	9.79%
Total respondents answering this question	450		455		268		267		1,440	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E2. Respondents were instructed to select three responses. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.11. How satisfied are you with the [characteristic] of your current child care arrangement for your youngest child?

Safety and cleanliness	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	224	63.10%	227	64.12%	116	60.10%	91	48.15%	658	60.31%
Satisfied	123	34.65%	118	33.33%	74	38.34%	92	48.68%	407	37.31%
Dissatisfied	8	2.25%	8	2.26%	3	1.55%	6	3.17%	25	2.29%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	1	0.28%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.09%
Total respondents answering this question	355		354		193		189		1,091	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Cost	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	82	37.44%	68	33.17%	35	30.70%	31	22.63%	216	32.00%
Satisfied	75	34.25%	82	40.00%	44	38.60%	68	49.64%	269	39.85%

Cost	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Dissatisfied	47	21.46%	38	18.54%	26	22.81%	29	21.17%	140	20.74%
Very dissatisfied	15	6.85%	17	8.29%	9	7.89%	9	6.57%	50	7.41%
Total respondents answering this question	219		205		114		137		675	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Hours of operation	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	62	42.18%	61	39.35%	46	46.46%	38	39.18%	207	41.57%
Satisfied	61	41.50%	69	44.52%	40	40.40%	50	51.55%	220	44.18%
Dissatisfied	19	12.93%	20	12.90%	13	13.13%	7	7.22%	59	11.85%
Very dissatisfied	5	3.40%	5	3.23%	0	0.00%	2	2.06%	12	2.41%
Total respondents answering this question	147		155		99		97		498	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Location	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	83	53.21%	100	57.14%	67	57.76%	38	37.25%	288	52.46%
Satisfied	52	33.33%	54	30.86%	41	35.34%	50	49.02%	197	35.88%
Dissatisfied	18	11.54%	19	10.86%	7	6.03%	12	11.76%	56	10.20%
Very dissatisfied	3	1.92%	2	1.14%	1	0.86%	2	1.96%	8	1.46%
Total respondents answering this question	156		175		116		102		549	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Transportation	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	12	28.57%	11	28.95%	14	37.84%	14	33.33%	51	32.08%
Satisfied	14	33.33%	20	52.63%	18	48.65%	17	40.48%	69	43.40%
Dissatisfied	12	28.57%	6	15.79%	5	13.51%	5	11.90%	28	17.61%
Very dissatisfied	4	9.52%	1	2.63%	0	0.00%	6	14.29%	11	6.92%
Total respondents answering this question	42		38		37		42		159	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Accreditation or licensing	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	71	63.96%	77	59.23%	38	61.29%	38	50.67%	224	59.26%
Satisfied	38	34.23%	45	34.62%	19	30.65%	32	42.67%	134	35.45%

Accreditation or licensing	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Dissatisfied	2	1.80%	8	6.15%	4	6.45%	5	6.67%	19	5.03%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	1.61%	0	0.00%	1	0.26%
Total respondents answering this question	111		130		62		75		378	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Availability	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	28	38.89%	28	37.33%	17	40.48%	13	28.89%	86	36.75%
Satisfied	34	47.22%	35	46.67%	19	45.24%	26	57.78%	114	48.72%
Dissatisfied	9	12.50%	11	14.67%	6	14.29%	5	11.11%	31	13.25%
Very dissatisfied	1	1.39%	1	1.33%	0	0.00%	1	2.22%	3	1.28%
Total respondents answering this question	72		75		42		45		234	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Reputation or reviews	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	85	60.28%	74	52.86%	42	51.22%	30	43.48%	231	53.47%
Satisfied	51	36.17%	58	41.43%	35	42.68%	36	52.17%	180	41.67%
Dissatisfied	4	2.84%	7	5.00%	5	6.10%	2	2.90%	18	4.17%
Very dissatisfied	1	0.71%	1	0.71%	0	0.00%	1	1.45%	3	0.69%
Total respondents answering this question	141		140		82		69		432	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Physical space	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	17	44.74%	26	54.17%	14	46.67%	8	42.11%	65	48.15%
Satisfied	16	42.11%	18	37.50%	13	43.33%	9	47.37%	56	41.48%
Dissatisfied	5	13.16%	3	6.25%	3	10.00%	1	5.26%	12	8.89%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	1	2.08%	0	0.00%	1	5.26%	2	1.48%
Total respondents answering this question	38		48		30		19		135	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Exhibit B.12. Which of the following matter most to you when picking a care provider for your youngest child? (Select top two)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Have qualifications or experience	291	64.81%	315	69.23%	176	66.17%	188	70.94%	970	67.60%
Are supportive and engaging with children	328	73.05%	330	72.53%	207	77.82%	183	69.06%	1,048	73.03%
Discipline children in a healthy and effective way	121	26.95%	140	30.77%	83	31.20%	79	29.81%	423	29.48%
Share the same values as my family	106	23.61%	83	18.24%	47	17.67%	42	15.85%	278	19.37%
Look and/or sound like my family	27	6.01%	20	4.40%	7	2.63%	20	7.55%	74	5.16%
Speak my home language	25	5.57%	22	4.84%	12	4.51%	18	6.79%	77	5.37%
Total respondents answering this question	449		455		266		265		1,435	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E6. Respondents were instructed to select two responses. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.13. How satisfied are you with your current child care arrangement for your youngest child in terms of providers who [characteristic]?

Have qualifications or experience	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	155	54.20%	179	57.74%	98	57.31%	80	42.78%	512	53.67%
Satisfied	114	39.86%	112	36.13%	63	36.84%	96	51.34%	385	40.36%
Dissatisfied	17	5.94%	18	5.81%	9	5.26%	10	5.35%	54	5.66%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	1	0.32%	1	0.58%	1	0.53%	3	0.31%
Total respondents answering this question	286		310		171		187		954	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Are supportive and engaging with children	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	187	58.62%	192	59.08%	119	58.62%	68	37.57%	566	55.06%
Satisfied	122	38.24%	115	35.38%	76	37.44%	96	53.04%	409	39.79%
Dissatisfied	7	2.19%	16	4.92%	8	3.94%	15	8.29%	46	4.47%
Very dissatisfied	3	0.94%	2	0.62%	0	0.00%	2	1.10%	7	0.68%
Total respondents answering this question	319		325		203		181		1,028	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Discipline children in a healthy and effective way	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	51	43.59%	67	48.55%	27	32.93%	26	35.62%	171	41.71%
Satisfied	60	51.28%	54	39.13%	42	51.22%	37	50.68%	193	47.07%

Discipline children in a healthy and effective way	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Dissatisfied	4	3.42%	13	9.42%	13	15.85%	9	12.33%	39	9.51%
Very dissatisfied	2	1.71%	4	2.90%	0	0.00%	1	1.37%	7	1.71%
Total respondents answering this question	117		138		82		73		410	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Share the same values as my family	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	48	50.00%	43	55.13%	16	34.04%	14	35.90%	121	46.54%
Satisfied	41	42.71%	28	35.90%	23	48.94%	22	56.41%	114	43.85%
Dissatisfied	6	6.25%	7	8.97%	7	14.89%	3	7.69%	23	8.85%
Very dissatisfied	1	1.04%	0	0.00%	1	2.13%	0	0.00%	2	0.77%
Total respondents answering this question	96		78		47		39		260	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Look and/or sound like my family	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	11	55.00%	8	47.06%	1	16.67%	8	42.11%	28	45.16%
Satisfied	6	30.00%	5	29.41%	5	83.33%	8	42.11%	24	38.71%
Dissatisfied	3	15.00%	2	11.76%	0	0.00%	2	10.53%	7	11.29%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	2	11.76%	0	0.00%	1	5.26%	3	4.84%
Total respondents answering this question	20		17		6		19		62	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Speak my home language	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	7	41.18%	10	47.62%	5	41.67%	10	62.50%	32	48.48%
Satisfied	10	58.82%	5	23.81%	5	41.67%	4	25.00%	24	36.36%
Dissatisfied	0	0.00%	4	19.05%	2	16.67%	1	6.25%	7	10.61%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	2	9.52%	0	0.00%	1	6.25%	3	4.55%
Total respondents answering this question	17		21		12		16		66	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Exhibit B.14. Which of the following opportunities matter most to you when picking a care provider for your youngest child? (Select top two)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Develop academic or school readiness skills	181	40.58%	192	42.11%	142	53.18%	143	53.96%	658	45.89%
Learn social or emotional skills	307	68.83%	347	76.10%	199	74.53%	188	70.94%	1,041	72.59%
Play and explore	278	62.33%	258	56.58%	130	48.69%	110	41.51%	776	54.11%
Receive bilingual instruction	36	8.07%	36	7.89%	25	9.36%	27	10.19%	124	8.65%
Receive individualized attention	76	17.04%	61	13.38%	23	8.61%	37	13.96%	197	13.74%
Receive supports for my child who has special needs	14	3.14%	18	3.95%	15	5.62%	25	9.43%	72	5.02%
Total respondents answering this question	446		456		267		265		1,434	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E9. Respondents were instructed to select two responses. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.15. How satisfied are you with your current child care arrangement for your youngest child in terms of opportunities to [characteristic]?

Develop academic or school readiness skills	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	90	51.43%	89	47.59%	74	52.48%	56	39.44%	309	47.91%
Satisfied	73	41.71%	84	44.92%	60	42.55%	71	50.00%	288	44.65%
Dissatisfied	10	5.71%	12	6.42%	6	4.26%	11	7.75%	39	6.05%
Very dissatisfied	2	1.14%	2	1.07%	1	0.71%	4	2.82%	9	1.40%
Total respondents answering this question	175		187		141		142		645	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Learn social or emotional skills	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	150	51.37%	166	48.68%	99	50.25%	57	31.32%	472	46.64%
Satisfied	123	42.12%	151	44.28%	85	43.15%	106	58.24%	465	45.95%
Dissatisfied	16	5.48%	22	6.45%	13	6.60%	18	9.89%	69	6.82%
Very dissatisfied	3	1.03%	2	0.59%	0	0.00%	1	0.55%	6	0.59%
Total respondents answering this question	292		341		197		182		1,012	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Play and explore	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	150	56.60%	137	54.15%	55	42.31%	41	38.32%	383	50.73%
Satisfied	103	38.87%	102	40.32%	68	52.31%	59	55.14%	332	43.97%
Dissatisfied	10	3.77%	12	4.74%	7	5.38%	6	5.61%	35	4.64%
Very dissatisfied	2	0.75%	2	0.79%	0	0.00%	1	0.93%	5	0.66%
Total respondents answering this question	265		253		130		107		755	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Receive bilingual instruction	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	13	39.39%	17	51.52%	8	33.33%	14	53.85%	52	44.83%
Satisfied	13	39.39%	12	36.36%	8	33.33%	9	34.62%	42	36.21%
Dissatisfied	6	18.18%	3	9.09%	7	29.17%	3	11.54%	19	16.38%
Very dissatisfied	1	3.03%	1	3.03%	1	4.17%	0	0.00%	3	2.59%
Total respondents answering this question	33		33		24		26		116	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Receive individualized attention	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	31	44.93%	23	38.98%	12	52.17%	8	21.62%	74	39.36%
Satisfied	31	44.93%	20	33.90%	9	39.13%	24	64.86%	84	44.68%
Dissatisfied	5	7.25%	11	18.64%	2	8.70%	5	13.51%	23	12.23%
Very dissatisfied	2	2.90%	5	8.47%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	7	3.72%
Total respondents answering this question	69		59		23		37		188	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Receive supports for my child who has special needs	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	7	53.85%	9	52.94%	5	41.67%	9	40.91%	30	46.88%
Satisfied	5	38.46%	6	35.29%	5	41.67%	9	40.91%	25	39.06%
Dissatisfied	1	7.69%	1	5.88%	2	16.67%	4	18.18%	8	12.50%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	1	5.88%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	1.56%
Total respondents answering this question	13		17		12		22		64	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Exhibit B.16. If child care was free for your youngest child, what would best allow you and your co-parent (if applicable) to work? (Select all that apply)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Allows our child to sleep overnight	20	4.57%	27	6.00%	25	9.43%	19	7.14%	91	6.41%
Allows us to drop-in if we unexpectedly need child care	112	25.57%	135	30.00%	84	31.70%	64	24.06%	395	27.84%
Is flexible about when our child attends	161	36.76%	170	37.78%	100	37.74%	99	37.22%	530	37.35%
Is open on weekends	60	13.70%	84	18.67%	60	22.64%	76	28.57%	280	19.73%
Opens early in the morning	239	54.57%	241	53.56%	128	48.30%	116	43.61%	724	51.02%
Provides transportation for our child	71	16.21%	76	16.89%	71	26.79%	94	35.34%	312	21.99%
Stays open late in the day	207	47.26%	210	46.67%	129	48.68%	114	42.86%	660	46.51%
None of the above would help us work	21	4.79%	20	4.44%	12	4.53%	11	4.14%	64	4.51%
Not applicable	22	5.02%	23	5.11%	12	4.53%	10	3.76%	67	4.72%
Total respondents answering this question	438		450		265		266		1,419	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E12. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “None of the above would help us work” or “Not applicable – we

are not working or looking for work,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.17. If child care was free for your youngest child, where would you enroll them? (Select up to three)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
After school program	92	21.10%	125	27.72%	106	39.55%	184	69.70%	507	35.73%
Child care center	316	72.48%	360	79.82%	199	74.25%	95	35.98%	970	68.36%
Home-based care with a family member or friend	165	37.84%	148	32.82%	64	23.88%	54	20.45%	431	30.37%
Home-based care with a provider I didn't know	144	33.03%	149	33.04%	68	25.37%	52	19.70%	413	29.11%
Summer Camp	106	24.31%	138	30.60%	127	47.39%	193	73.11%	564	39.75%
None of the above	24	5.50%	22	4.88%	14	5.22%	9	3.41%	69	4.86%
Total respondents answering this question	436		451		268		264		1,419	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E13. Respondents could select up to three responses. If respondents selected “None of the above,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.18. In the past 12 months, how have challenges with child care affected you and your co-parent's (if applicable) ability to work? (Select all that apply)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Missed a lot of work	91	20.54%	66	14.70%	34	12.78%	40	15.27%	231	16.27%
Missed some work	175	39.50%	194	43.21%	102	38.35%	111	42.37%	582	40.99%
Quit or was fired	39	8.80%	32	7.13%	15	5.64%	13	4.96%	99	6.97%
Unable to advance career	95	21.44%	99	22.05%	54	20.30%	61	23.28%	309	21.76%
Unable to change jobs	57	12.87%	53	11.80%	34	12.78%	49	18.70%	193	13.59%
Not applicable - Challenges with child care did not affect our ability to work	106	23.93%	110	24.50%	83	31.20%	70	26.72%	369	25.99%
Not applicable - We were not working or looking for work	41	9.26%	36	8.02%	19	7.14%	16	6.11%	112	7.89%
Total respondents answering this question	443		449		266		262		1,420	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E14. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “Not applicable – Challenges with child care did not affect our ability to work” or “Not applicable – We were not working or looking for work,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Demographics

This section asked about the background of the respondent and their family.

Exhibit B.19. What is your relationship to your youngest child?

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Adoptive parent	7	1.57%	8	1.76%	7	2.59%	5	1.87%	27	1.88%
Biological parent	419	93.95%	428	94.07%	249	92.22%	244	91.39%	1,340	93.18%
Foster parent	5	1.12%	3	0.66%	1	0.37%	0	0.00%	9	0.63%
Grandparent	6	1.35%	5	1.10%	4	1.48%	9	3.37%	24	1.67%
Other (specify)	5	1.12%	6	1.32%	2	0.74%	5	1.87%	18	1.25%
Stepparent	4	0.90%	5	1.10%	7	2.59%	4	1.50%	20	1.39%
Total respondents answering this question	446		455		270		267		1,438	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F1. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.20. Which of the following best describes your gender identity?

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female or woman	370	82.96%	382	84.14%	207	76.67%	199	74.81%	1,158	80.64%
Male or man	72	16.14%	68	14.98%	61	22.59%	62	23.31%	263	18.31%
Nonbinary, genderqueer, or not exclusively male or female	4	0.90%	4	0.88%	2	0.74%	3	1.13%	13	0.91%
Other	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.75%	2	0.14%
Total respondents answering this question	446		454		270		266		1,436	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F2. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.21. Which of the following describes your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	1.12%	5	1.10%	6	2.21%	2	0.75%	18	1.25%
Asian	41	9.19%	39	8.57%	18	6.64%	16	6.02%	114	7.93%
Black	69	15.47%	82	18.02%	42	15.50%	41	15.41%	234	16.27%
Hispanic or Latinx	153	34.30%	109	23.96%	69	25.46%	80	30.08%	411	28.58%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	0.45%	1	0.22%	1	0.37%	0	0.00%	4	0.28%
White	212	47.53%	240	52.75%	149	54.98%	132	49.62%	733	50.97%
Other	15	3.36%	23	5.05%	11	4.06%	14	5.26%	63	4.38%
Total respondents answering this question	446		455		271		266		1,438	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F3. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.22. During the past 12 months, did you work at a job or business for pay?

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No	92	20.67%	97	21.41%	45	16.61%	23	8.71%	257	17.93%
Yes	353	79.33%	356	78.59%	226	83.39%	241	91.29%	1,176	82.07%
Total respondents answering this question	445		453		271		264		1,433	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F4. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.23. Which of the following best describes the hours you usually worked in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Daytime shift - 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.	290	82.15%	282	79.66%	189	84.00%	195	81.25%	956	81.57%
Evening shift - 2 P.M. to Midnight	49	13.88%	49	13.84%	31	13.78%	25	10.42%	154	13.14%
Night shift - 9 P.M. to 8 A.M.	17	4.82%	19	5.37%	13	5.78%	10	4.17%	59	5.03%
A split shift, one consisting of two distinct periods each day	12	3.40%	10	2.82%	9	4.00%	13	5.42%	44	3.75%
A rotating shift - one that changes periodically from days to evenings or nights	30	8.50%	39	11.02%	26	11.56%	16	6.67%	111	9.47%
Total respondents answering this question	353		354		225		240		1,172	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F5. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. Only those respondents who worked in the last 12 months for pay were asked this question (i.e., those who answered “yes” to question F4).

Exhibit B.24. What is your highest education level?

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Advanced degree (such as a Master's, Ph.D. or professional degree)	94	21.22%	104	22.91%	49	18.15%	52	19.62%	299	20.88%
Bachelor's degree or more	89	20.09%	120	26.43%	68	25.19%	60	22.64%	337	23.53%
High school or less	132	29.80%	119	26.21%	68	25.19%	56	21.13%	375	26.19%
Some college or associate's degree	128	28.89%	111	24.45%	85	31.48%	97	36.60%	421	29.40%
Total respondents answering this question	443		454		270		265		1,432	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F6. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.25. Which best describes the household of your youngest child? (Select all that apply)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Extended family arrangement	34	7.66%	36	7.95%	26	9.59%	26	9.81%	122	8.51%
Foster family home	2	0.45%	6	1.32%	2	0.74%	1	0.38%	11	0.77%
Single-parent home	137	30.86%	126	27.81%	87	32.10%	90	33.96%	440	30.70%
Two-parent home	289	65.09%	311	68.65%	166	61.25%	151	56.98%	917	63.99%
Other	9	2.03%	11	2.43%	8	2.95%	7	2.64%	35	2.44%
Total respondents answering this question	444		453		271		265		1,433	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F7. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.26. What language is usually spoken in the home of your youngest child? (Select all that apply)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
English	364	81.43%	388	85.46%	237	87.78%	227	85.66%	1,216	84.68%
African language	12	2.68%	6	1.32%	2	0.74%	1	0.38%	21	1.46%
American Sign Language	5	1.12%	1	0.22%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	6	0.42%
Arabic	4	0.89%	5	1.10%	3	1.11%	4	1.51%	16	1.11%
Cambodian (Khmer)	0	0.00%	3	0.66%	2	0.74%	0	0.00%	5	0.35%
Chinese	12	2.68%	10	2.20%	6	2.22%	3	1.13%	31	2.16%
Filipino languages	3	0.67%	2	0.44%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5	0.35%
French	11	2.46%	13	2.86%	3	1.11%	7	2.64%	34	2.37%
Haitian creole	7	1.57%	12	2.64%	6	2.22%	3	1.13%	28	1.95%
Hmong	1	0.22%	0	0.00%	1	0.37%	0	0.00%	2	0.14%
Japanese	3	0.67%	2	0.44%	1	0.37%	2	0.75%	8	0.56%
Korean	3	0.67%	1	0.22%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	4	0.28%
Native American or Alaskan language	1	0.22%	0	0.00%	1	0.37%	0	0.00%	2	0.14%
Portuguese	28	6.26%	34	7.49%	13	4.81%	28	10.57%	103	7.17%
Spanish	93	20.81%	75	16.52%	49	18.15%	44	16.60%	261	18.18%
Vietnamese	4	0.89%	1	0.22%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	5	0.35%
Other	31	6.94%	18	3.96%	8	2.96%	11	4.15%	68	4.74%
Total respondents answering this question	447		454		270		265		1,436	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F8. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.25. In the past 12 months, have you applied for or received any of the following? (Select all that apply)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Cash assistance	84	19.00%	47	10.40%	38	14.23%	22	8.30%	191	13.39%
Disability assistance	36	8.14%	18	3.98%	15	5.62%	12	4.53%	81	5.68%
Food assistance	168	38.01%	156	34.51%	96	35.96%	81	30.57%	501	35.13%
Housing/rental assistance	66	14.93%	62	13.72%	49	18.35%	37	13.96%	214	15.01%
WIC	141	31.90%	130	28.76%	59	22.10%	15	5.66%	345	24.19%
None of the above	185	41.86%	228	50.44%	130	48.69%	155	58.49%	698	48.95%
Total respondents answering this question	442		452		267		265		1,426	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F9. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “None of the above,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.26. In the past 12 months, did you have trouble paying for any of the following? (Select all that apply)

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Childcare or school	130	29.41%	95	21.16%	58	21.64%	56	21.21%	339	23.82%
Food or groceries	136	30.77%	105	23.39%	69	25.75%	70	26.52%	380	26.70%
Formula or baby food	65	14.71%	12	2.67%	9	3.36%	6	2.27%	92	6.47%
Health care	69	15.61%	63	14.03%	33	12.31%	41	15.53%	206	14.48%
Housing	135	30.54%	115	25.61%	68	25.37%	80	30.30%	398	27.97%
Technology	55	12.44%	40	8.91%	33	12.31%	32	12.12%	160	11.24%
Transportation	81	18.33%	61	13.59%	40	14.93%	33	12.50%	215	15.11%
Utilities	117	26.47%	94	20.94%	68	25.37%	70	26.52%	349	24.53%
None of the above	178	40.27%	229	51.00%	124	46.27%	115	43.56%	646	45.40%
Total respondents answering this question	442		449		268		264		1,423	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F10. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “None of the above,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.25. If you had an unexpected expense that cost you \$500, how confident are you that your household could come up with money to cover that expense within a month?

	Aged 0-1 Years		Aged 2-3 Years		Aged 4-5 Years		Aged 6-12 Years		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Not at all confident	142	31.98%	114	25.11%	86	31.85%	80	30.30%	422	29.47%
Somewhat confident	167	37.61%	179	39.43%	89	32.96%	108	40.91%	543	37.92%
Very confident	135	30.41%	161	35.46%	95	35.19%	76	28.79%	467	32.61%
Total respondents answering this question	444		454		270		264		1,432	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F11. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

C. Data Tables by Level of Financial Security

This section presents descriptive information for all survey questions, by level of financial security. To create the levels of financial security, we used responses to the survey question; “If you had an unexpected expense that cost you \$500, how confident are you that your household could come up with money to cover that expense within a month?” Financial security was estimated based on responses: survey respondents who selected “not at all confident” were considered “not financially secure,” survey respondents who selected “somewhat confident” were considered “somewhat financially secure,” and survey respondents who selected “very confident” were considered “financially secure.”

The data tables are provided in the order of the survey, by section. Each table’s title is the survey question and notes indicate which respondents were asked each question. The left-most columns of each table provide results for the full survey sample.

Child Care Use

This section asked respondents about child care for their youngest child. Respondents were instructed to consider all types of child care, including afterschool and summer camp.

Exhibit B.1. In the past 12 months, has anyone other than you or your co-parent regularly provided care for your youngest child?

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Yes	286	67.93%	380	70.11%	340	72.81%	1,009	69.97%
No	135	32.07%	162	29.89%	127	27.19%	433	30.03%
Total respondents answering this question	421		542		467		1,442	

Notes: This table presents findings from survey question C1. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.2. In the past 12 months, who regularly cared for your youngest child? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
After school program	54	18.95%	61	16.05%	51	15.09%	166	16.50%
Child care center	154	54.04%	199	52.37%	170	50.30%	524	52.09%
Elementary or middle school	87	30.53%	91	23.95%	63	18.64%	242	24.06%
Home-based care with a family member or friend	76	26.67%	84	22.11%	95	28.11%	256	25.45%
Home-based care with a provider I didn't know	33	11.58%	57	15.00%	72	21.30%	162	16.10%
Summer Camp	35	12.28%	47	12.37%	51	15.09%	133	13.22%

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Other	23	8.07%	16	4.21%	19	5.62%	58	5.77%
Total respondents answering this question	285		380		338		1,006	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question C2. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. Only those respondents who used regular nonparental care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered “yes” to question C1).

Exhibit B.3. In the past 12 months, how did you pay for child care for your youngest child? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
A government agency	144	51.25%	127	34.60%	29	8.84%	301	30.78%
A relative or friend paid for child care	22	7.83%	32	8.72%	19	5.79%	73	7.46%
An employer paid for child care	15	5.34%	17	4.63%	23	7.01%	55	5.62%
Me and/or my child's co-parent paid for child care	178	63.35%	261	71.12%	296	90.24%	737	75.36%
Some other person or organization paid for child care	20	7.12%	18	4.90%	7	2.13%	45	4.60%
Total respondents answering this question	281		367		328		978	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question C3. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. Only those respondents who used regular nonparental care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered “yes” to question C1).

Child Care Search

This section asked respondents about their experience searching for child care for their youngest child. Respondents were instructed to consider all types of child care, including afterschool and summer camp.

Exhibit B.4. When was the last time you wanted to start a new child care arrangement for your youngest child?

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
In the last few months	89	21.29%	109	20.30%	65	14.01%	264	18.45%
In the last few weeks	75	17.94%	90	16.76%	95	20.47%	263	18.38%
In the last year	84	20.10%	103	19.18%	89	19.18%	278	19.43%
More than a year ago	64	15.31%	106	19.74%	100	21.55%	273	19.08%
Not applicable – I have never wanted a care	106	25.36%	129	24.02%	115	24.78%	353	24.67%

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
arrangement other than parental care								
Total respondents answering this question	418		537		464		1,431	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D1. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.5. What were the main reasons you were looking for care at that time? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
I wanted to reduce child care expenses	42	13.46%	29	7.11%	32	9.17%	106	9.83%
I wasn't satisfied with my child's care	37	11.86%	34	8.33%	35	10.03%	106	9.83%
My child aged out	8	2.56%	17	4.17%	13	3.72%	40	3.71%
My provider stopped providing care	16	5.13%	17	4.17%	9	2.58%	43	3.99%
Summer break	46	14.74%	67	16.42%	56	16.05%	169	15.68%
To fill in gaps left by my main provider or before/after school	37	11.86%	51	12.50%	53	15.19%	141	13.08%
To give me some relief	60	19.23%	98	24.02%	113	32.38%	273	25.32%
To provide my child educational or social enrichment	138	44.23%	190	46.57%	164	46.99%	496	46.01%
To work (myself or my co-parent)	221	70.83%	302	74.02%	250	71.63%	775	71.89%
Other	18	5.77%	22	5.39%	15	4.30%	56	5.19%
Total respondents answering this question	312		408		349		1,078	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D2. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. Only those respondents who previously searched for child care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered anything except “Not applicable” to question D1).

Exhibit B.6. How did you look for a provider? (Select three responses.)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
A welfare or social services caseworker	71	22.98%	48	11.82%	27	7.74%	150	13.98%
Friends or family	196	63.43%	297	73.15%	255	73.07%	753	70.18%
Healthcare provider, clergy member, or other professional	58	18.77%	62	15.27%	29	8.31%	152	14.17%
Online directories of child care providers	82	26.54%	113	27.83%	122	34.96%	319	29.73%

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Online searches (for example: Google)	114	36.89%	184	45.32%	180	51.58%	481	44.83%
Providers I already knew	148	47.90%	190	46.80%	175	50.14%	518	48.28%
Resource and referral agency or local organization	128	41.42%	144	35.47%	74	21.20%	349	32.53%
Social media	81	26.21%	128	31.53%	124	35.53%	334	31.13%
Other	49	15.86%	52	12.81%	61	17.48%	163	15.19%
Total respondents answering this question	309		406		349		1,073	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D3. Respondents were instructed to select three responses. Only those respondents who previously searched for child care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered anything except “Not applicable” to question D1).

Exhibit B.7. When looking for a provider, was there any information you wanted but was hard to find? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
I was able to find all the information I was looking for	51	17.11%	92	22.55%	74	21.20%	218	20.49%
Availability	150	50.34%	190	46.57%	167	47.85%	509	47.84%
Costs	147	49.33%	189	46.32%	141	40.40%	479	45.02%
Quality of care	146	48.99%	186	45.59%	171	49.00%	508	47.74%
Schedule	117	39.26%	133	32.60%	99	28.37%	350	32.89%
Other	11	3.69%	14	3.43%	18	5.16%	44	4.14%
Total respondents answering this question	298		408		349		1,064	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D4. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “I was able to find all the information I was looking for,” they could not select any additional options. Only those respondents who previously searched for child care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered anything except “Not applicable” to question D1).

Exhibit B.8. What was the result of this search for child care?

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Found care	146	48.03%	225	55.28%	250	71.63%	621	58.09%
Gave up searching	35	11.51%	30	7.37%	19	5.44%	86	8.04%
Stayed with existing provider	51	16.78%	49	12.04%	35	10.03%	136	12.72%
Still searching/looking	58	19.08%	87	21.38%	37	10.60%	186	17.40%

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Other	14	4.61%	16	3.93%	8	2.29%	40	3.74%
Total respondents answering this question	304		407		349		1,069	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question D5. Only those respondents who have previously searched for child care were asked this question (i.e., those who answered anything except “Not applicable” to question D1).

Child Care Preferences

This section asked respondents about what matters most to them when picking a child care setting. Respondents were instructed to consider all types of child care, including afterschool and summer camp.

Exhibit B.9. How would you describe your child care arrangement(s) for your youngest child?

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Best I could ever hope for	138	34.33%	166	30.91%	138	30.26%	445	31.65%
Better than I could have hoped for	63	15.67%	131	24.39%	143	31.36%	339	24.11%
As good as I could have hoped for	127	31.59%	182	33.89%	151	33.11%	461	32.79%
Not as good as I had hoped for	63	15.67%	55	10.24%	19	4.17%	139	9.89%
Much worse than I had hoped for	11	2.74%	3	0.56%	5	1.10%	22	1.56%
Total respondents answering this question	402		537		456		1,406	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E1. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.10. Which of the following matter most to you when picking a care setting for your youngest child? (Select top three)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Safety and cleanliness	322	76.48%	430	79.19%	364	78.45%	1,120	77.78%
Cost	236	56.06%	265	48.80%	201	43.32%	708	49.17%
Hours of operation	160	38.00%	194	35.73%	156	33.62%	514	35.69%
Location	161	38.24%	215	39.59%	194	41.81%	573	39.79%
Transportation	74	17.58%	71	13.08%	23	4.96%	173	12.01%
Accreditation or licensing	111	26.37%	166	30.57%	121	26.08%	400	27.78%
Availability	76	18.05%	84	15.47%	82	17.67%	247	17.15%
Reputation or reviews	90	21.38%	147	27.07%	203	43.75%	444	30.83%
Physical space	33	7.84%	57	10.50%	48	10.34%	141	9.79%

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total respondents answering this question	421		543		464		1,440	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E2. Respondents were instructed to select three responses. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.11. How satisfied are you with the [characteristic] of your current child care arrangement for your youngest child?

Safety and cleanliness	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	169	55.59%	242	57.35%	244	67.40%	658	60.31%
Satisfied	125	41.12%	168	39.81%	114	31.49%	407	37.31%
Dissatisfied	10	3.29%	11	2.61%	4	1.10%	25	2.29%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	1	0.24%	0	0.00%	1	0.09%
Total respondents answering this question	304		422		362		1,091	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Cost	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	74	33.79%	75	29.18%	67	34.18%	216	32.00%
Satisfied	75	34.25%	112	43.58%	82	41.84%	269	39.85%
Dissatisfied	44	20.09%	57	22.18%	37	18.88%	140	20.74%
Very dissatisfied	26	11.87%	13	5.06%	10	5.10%	50	7.41%
Total respondents answering this question	219		257		196		675	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Hours of operation	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	63	41.45%	72	38.30%	71	45.51%	207	41.57%
Satisfied	65	42.76%	84	44.68%	70	44.87%	220	44.18%
Dissatisfied	21	13.82%	26	13.83%	12	7.69%	59	11.85%
Very dissatisfied	3	1.97%	6	3.19%	3	1.92%	12	2.41%
Total respondents answering this question	152		188		156		498	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Location	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	57	38.51%	109	52.15%	121	63.68%	288	52.46%
Satisfied	60	40.54%	77	36.84%	60	31.58%	197	35.88%
Dissatisfied	28	18.92%	20	9.57%	7	3.68%	56	10.20%
Very dissatisfied	3	2.03%	3	1.44%	2	1.05%	8	1.46%
Total respondents answering this question	148		209		190		549	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Transportation	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	18	27.69%	21	30.88%	10	45.45%	51	32.08%
Satisfied	27	41.54%	31	45.59%	11	50.00%	69	43.40%
Dissatisfied	12	18.46%	14	20.59%	1	4.55%	28	17.61%
Very dissatisfied	8	12.31%	2	2.94%	0	0.00%	11	6.92%
Total respondents answering this question	65		68		22		159	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Accreditation or licensing	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	53	52.48%	101	63.52%	70	59.83%	224	59.26%
Satisfied	40	39.60%	51	32.08%	43	36.75%	134	35.45%
Dissatisfied	8	7.92%	7	4.40%	4	3.42%	19	5.03%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	1	0.26%
Total respondents answering this question	101		159		117		378	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Availability	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	22	32.35%	33	40.24%	30	36.59%	86	36.75%
Satisfied	30	44.12%	41	50.00%	43	52.44%	114	48.72%
Dissatisfied	14	20.59%	8	9.76%	9	10.98%	31	13.25%
Very dissatisfied	2	2.94%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	3	1.28%
Total respondents answering this question	68		82		82		234	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Reputation or reviews	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	36	41.38%	76	53.90%	117	58.50%	231	53.47%
Satisfied	43	49.43%	59	41.84%	78	39.00%	180	41.67%
Dissatisfied	7	8.05%	6	4.26%	3	1.50%	18	4.17%
Very dissatisfied	1	1.15%	0	0.00%	2	1.00%	3	0.69%
Total respondents answering this question	87		141		200		432	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Physical space	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	11	37.93%	27	48.21%	26	54.17%	65	48.15%
Satisfied	16	55.17%	22	39.29%	18	37.50%	56	41.48%
Dissatisfied	2	6.90%	7	12.50%	2	4.17%	12	8.89%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	4.17%	2	1.48%
Total respondents answering this question	29		56		48		135	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E3–E5. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the three characteristics selected in question E2.

Exhibit B.12. Which of the following matter most to you when picking a care provider for your youngest child? (Select top two)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Have qualifications or experience	285	68.18%	368	67.90%	315	67.89%	970	67.60%
Are supportive and engaging with children	291	69.62%	390	71.96%	361	77.80%	1,048	73.03%
Discipline children in a healthy and effective way	122	29.19%	169	31.18%	128	27.59%	423	29.48%
Share the same values as my family	76	18.18%	104	19.19%	96	20.69%	278	19.37%
Look and/or sound like my family	29	6.94%	28	5.17%	14	3.02%	74	5.16%
Speak my home language	33	7.89%	25	4.61%	14	3.02%	77	5.37%
Total respondents answering this question	418		542		464		1,435	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E6. Respondents were instructed to select two responses. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.13. How satisfied are you with your current child care arrangement for your youngest child in terms of providers who [characteristic]?

Have qualifications or experience	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	133	48.19%	189	51.92%	189	60.58%	512	53.67%
Satisfied	118	42.75%	158	43.41%	108	34.62%	385	40.36%
Dissatisfied	24	8.70%	17	4.67%	13	4.17%	54	5.66%
Very dissatisfied	1	0.36%	0	0.00%	2	0.64%	3	0.31%
Total respondents answering this question	276		364		312		954	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Are supportive and engaging with children	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	133	46.83%	193	50.66%	238	66.67%	566	55.06%
Satisfied	130	45.77%	170	44.62%	108	30.25%	409	39.79%
Dissatisfied	18	6.34%	16	4.20%	10	2.80%	46	4.47%
Very dissatisfied	3	1.06%	2	0.52%	1	0.28%	7	0.68%
Total respondents answering this question	284		381		357		1,028	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Discipline children in a healthy and effective way	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	45	38.46%	64	39.51%	60	47.24%	171	41.71%
Satisfied	50	42.74%	84	51.85%	59	46.46%	193	47.07%
Dissatisfied	17	14.53%	13	8.02%	7	5.51%	39	9.51%
Very dissatisfied	5	4.27%	1	0.62%	1	0.79%	7	1.71%
Total respondents answering this question	117		162		127		410	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Share the same values as my family	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	36	50.70%	34	34.69%	51	56.67%	121	46.54%
Satisfied	26	36.62%	55	56.12%	33	36.67%	114	43.85%
Dissatisfied	9	12.68%	8	8.16%	5	5.56%	23	8.85%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	1	1.02%	1	1.11%	2	0.77%
Total respondents answering this question	71		98		90		260	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Look and/or sound like my family	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	10	41.67%	10	45.45%	7	50.00%	28	45.16%
Satisfied	9	37.50%	8	36.36%	6	42.86%	24	38.71%
Dissatisfied	4	16.67%	3	13.64%	0	0.00%	7	11.29%
Very dissatisfied	1	4.17%	1	4.55%	1	7.14%	3	4.84%
Total respondents answering this question	24		22		14		62	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Speak my home language	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	13	46.43%	10	45.45%	9	64.29%	32	48.48%
Satisfied	9	32.14%	10	45.45%	4	28.57%	24	36.36%
Dissatisfied	4	14.29%	1	4.55%	1	7.14%	7	10.61%
Very dissatisfied	2	7.14%	1	4.55%	0	0.00%	3	4.55%
Total respondents answering this question	28		22		14		66	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E7–E8. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E6.

Exhibit B.14. Which of the following opportunities matter most to you when picking a care provider for your youngest child? (Select top two)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Develop academic or school readiness skills	222	53.11%	270	49.91%	163	34.98%	658	45.89%
Learn social or emotional skills	294	70.33%	402	74.31%	338	72.53%	1,041	72.59%
Play and explore	206	49.28%	267	49.35%	302	64.81%	776	54.11%
Receive bilingual instruction	35	8.37%	56	10.35%	30	6.44%	124	8.65%
Receive individualized attention	51	12.20%	64	11.83%	80	17.17%	197	13.74%
Receive supports for my child who has special needs	28	6.70%	23	4.25%	19	4.08%	72	5.02%
Total respondents answering this question	418		541		466		1,434	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E9. Respondents were instructed to select two responses. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.15. How satisfied are you with your current child care arrangement for your youngest child in terms of opportunities to [characteristic]?

Develop academic or school readiness skills	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	95	43.78%	132	50.00%	81	50.00%	309	47.91%
Satisfied	101	46.54%	117	44.32%	69	42.59%	288	44.65%
Dissatisfied	17	7.83%	14	5.30%	8	4.94%	39	6.05%
Very dissatisfied	4	1.84%	1	0.38%	4	2.47%	9	1.40%
Total respondents answering this question	217		264		162		645	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Learn social or emotional skills	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	106	37.32%	177	45.38%	186	55.69%	472	46.64%
Satisfied	144	50.70%	186	47.69%	135	40.42%	465	45.95%
Dissatisfied	31	10.92%	27	6.92%	11	3.29%	69	6.82%
Very dissatisfied	3	1.06%	0	0.00%	2	0.60%	6	0.59%
Total respondents answering this question	284		390		334		1,012	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Play and explore	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	78	40.21%	118	45.38%	187	62.13%	383	50.73%
Satisfied	100	51.55%	125	48.08%	107	35.55%	332	43.97%
Dissatisfied	14	7.22%	16	6.15%	5	1.66%	35	4.64%
Very dissatisfied	2	1.03%	1	0.38%	2	0.66%	5	0.66%
Total respondents answering this question	194		260		301		755	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Receive bilingual instruction	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	14	43.75%	16	30.77%	20	68.97%	52	44.83%
Satisfied	8	25.00%	27	51.92%	6	20.69%	42	36.21%
Dissatisfied	9	28.13%	8	15.38%	2	6.90%	19	16.38%
Very dissatisfied	1	3.13%	1	1.92%	1	3.45%	3	2.59%
Total respondents answering this question	32		52		29		116	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Receive individualized attention	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	16	32.00%	29	47.54%	29	37.66%	74	39.36%
Satisfied	21	42.00%	22	36.07%	41	53.25%	84	44.68%
Dissatisfied	10	20.00%	8	13.11%	5	6.49%	23	12.23%
Very dissatisfied	3	6.00%	2	3.28%	2	2.60%	7	3.72%
Total respondents answering this question	50		61		77		188	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Receive supports for my child who has special needs	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Very satisfied	8	32.00%	11	52.38%	11	64.71%	30	46.88%
Satisfied	13	52.00%	6	28.57%	5	29.41%	25	39.06%
Dissatisfied	4	16.00%	3	14.29%	1	5.88%	8	12.50%
Very dissatisfied	0	0.00%	1	4.76%	0	0.00%	1	1.56%
Total respondents answering this question	25		21		17		64	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey questions E10–E11. Respondents were only asked to report on their satisfaction levels for the two characteristics selected in question E9.

Exhibit B.16. If child care was free for your youngest child, what would best allow you and your co-parent (if applicable) to work? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Allows our child to sleep overnight	35	8.47%	40	7.45%	15	3.24%	91	6.41%
Allows us to drop-in if we unexpectedly need child care	116	28.09%	131	24.39%	147	31.75%	395	27.84%
Is flexible about when our child attends	137	33.17%	192	35.75%	200	43.20%	530	37.35%
Is open on weekends	102	24.70%	108	20.11%	70	15.12%	280	19.73%
Opens early in the morning	225	54.48%	277	51.58%	219	47.30%	724	51.02%
Provides transportation for our child	107	25.91%	132	24.58%	72	15.55%	312	21.99%
Stays open late in the day	212	51.33%	242	45.07%	205	44.28%	660	46.51%
None of the above would help us work	19	4.60%	23	4.28%	22	4.75%	64	4.51%
Not applicable	17	4.12%	18	3.35%	32	6.91%	67	4.72%

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total respondents answering this question	413		537		463		1,419	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E12. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “None of the above would help us work” or “Not applicable – we are not working or looking for work,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.17. If child care was free for your youngest child, where would you enroll them? (Select up to three)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
After school program	160	38.74%	199	36.99%	145	31.25%	507	35.73%
Child care center	275	66.59%	373	69.33%	321	69.18%	970	68.36%
Home-based care with a family member or friend	115	27.85%	163	30.30%	152	32.76%	431	30.37%
Home-based care with a provider I didn't know	108	26.15%	157	29.18%	146	31.47%	413	29.11%
Summer Camp	162	39.23%	230	42.75%	169	36.42%	564	39.75%
None of the above	30	7.26%	19	3.53%	20	4.31%	69	4.86%
Total respondents answering this question	413		538		464		1,419	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E13. Respondents could select up to three responses. If respondents selected “None of the above,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.18. In the past 12 months, how have challenges with child care affected you and your co-parent's (if applicable) ability to work? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Missed a lot of work	93	22.41%	92	17.16%	46	9.94%	231	16.27%
Missed some work	157	37.83%	226	42.16%	197	42.55%	582	40.99%
Quit or was fired	50	12.05%	38	7.09%	11	2.38%	99	6.97%
Unable to advance career	98	23.61%	124	23.13%	86	18.57%	309	21.76%
Unable to change jobs	70	16.87%	93	17.35%	29	6.26%	193	13.59%
Not applicable - Challenges with child care did not affect our ability to work	81	19.52%	136	25.37%	148	31.97%	369	25.99%
Not applicable - We were not working or looking for work	39	9.40%	32	5.97%	41	8.86%	112	7.89%
Total respondents answering this question	415		536		463		1,420	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question E14. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “Not applicable – Challenges with child care did not affect our ability to work” or “Not applicable – We were not working or looking for work,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Demographics

This section asked about the background of the respondent and their family.

Exhibit B.19. What is your relationship to your youngest child?

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Adoptive parent	6	1.42%	11	2.03%	10	2.15%	27	1.88%
Biological parent	392	92.89%	496	91.34%	445	95.70%	1,340	93.18%
Foster parent	4	0.95%	2	0.37%	3	0.65%	9	0.63%
Grandparent	10	2.37%	9	1.66%	4	0.86%	24	1.67%
Other (specify)	4	0.95%	13	2.39%	1	0.22%	18	1.25%
Stepparent	6	1.42%	12	2.21%	2	0.43%	20	1.39%
Total respondents answering this question	422		543		465		1,438	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F1. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.20. Which of the following best describes your gender identity?

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Female or woman	366	86.94%	443	81.73%	343	73.76%	1,158	80.64%
Male or man	51	12.11%	93	17.16%	117	25.16%	263	18.31%
Nonbinary, genderqueer, or not exclusively male or female	3	0.71%	5	0.92%	5	1.08%	13	0.91%
Other	1	0.24%	1	0.18%	0	0.00%	2	0.14%
Total respondents answering this question	421		542		465		1,436	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F2. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.21. Which of the following describes your race/ethnicity? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
American Indian or Alaska Native	7	1.66%	7	1.29%	4	0.86%	18	1.25%
Asian	14	3.32%	47	8.66%	52	11.16%	114	7.93%
Black	90	21.33%	103	18.97%	40	8.58%	234	16.27%
Hispanic or Latinx	172	40.76%	171	31.49%	64	13.73%	411	28.58%

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.00%	2	0.37%	2	0.43%	4	0.28%
White	168	39.81%	241	44.38%	324	69.53%	733	50.97%
Other	20	4.74%	28	5.16%	14	3.00%	63	4.38%
Total respondents answering this question	422		543		466		1,438	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F3. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.22. During the past 12 months, did you work at a job or business for pay?

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
No	94	22.27%	96	17.74%	65	13.95%	257	17.93%
Yes	328	77.73%	445	82.26%	401	86.05%	1,176	82.07%
Total respondents answering this question	422		541		466		1,433	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F4. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.23. Which of the following best describes the hours you usually worked in the past 12 months? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Daytime shift - 6 A.M. to 6 P.M.	252	76.83%	362	81.90%	340	85.00%	956	81.57%
Evening shift - 2 P.M. to Midnight	67	20.43%	44	9.95%	43	10.75%	154	13.14%
Night shift - 9 P.M. to 8 A.M.	21	6.40%	22	4.98%	16	4.00%	59	5.03%
A split shift, one consisting of two distinct periods each day	15	4.57%	15	3.39%	14	3.50%	44	3.75%
A rotating shift - one that changes periodically from days to evenings or nights	41	12.50%	42	9.50%	28	7.00%	111	9.47%
Total respondents answering this question	328		442		400		1,172	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F5. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. Only those respondents who worked in the last 12 months for pay were asked this question (i.e., those who answered “yes” to question F4).

Exhibit B.24. What is your highest education level?

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Advanced degree (such as a Master's, Ph.D. or professional degree)	19	4.51%	83	15.31%	196	42.24%	299	20.88%
Bachelor's degree or more	54	12.83%	119	21.96%	164	35.34%	337	23.53%
High school or less	178	42.28%	150	27.68%	43	9.27%	375	26.19%
Some college or associate's degree	170	40.38%	190	35.06%	61	13.15%	421	29.40%
Total respondents answering this question	421		542		464		1,432	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F6. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.25. Which best describes the household of your youngest child? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Extended family arrangement	38	9.00%	51	9.41%	33	7.10%	122	8.51%
Foster family home	4	0.95%	3	0.55%	4	0.86%	11	0.77%
Single-parent home	223	52.84%	176	32.47%	40	8.60%	440	30.70%
Two-parent home	175	41.47%	332	61.25%	408	87.74%	917	63.99%
Other	18	4.27%	13	2.40%	3	0.65%	35	2.44%
Total respondents answering this question	422		542		465		1,433	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F7. Respondents were instructed to select "all that apply," so percentages do not add up to 100%. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.26. What language is usually spoken in the home of your youngest child? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
English	338	80.09%	456	83.98%	420	90.32%	1,216	84.68%
African language	8	1.90%	9	1.66%	4	0.86%	21	1.46%
American Sign Language	1	0.24%	3	0.55%	2	0.43%	6	0.42%
Arabic	3	0.71%	7	1.29%	6	1.29%	16	1.11%
Cambodian (Khmer)	3	0.71%	2	0.37%	0	0.00%	5	0.35%
Chinese	4	0.95%	10	1.84%	17	3.66%	31	2.16%
Filipino languages	1	0.24%	1	0.18%	1	0.22%	5	0.35%
French	6	1.42%	18	3.31%	10	2.15%	34	2.37%
Haitian creole	12	2.84%	12	2.21%	4	0.86%	28	1.95%
Hmong	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	2	0.43%	2	0.14%
Japanese	2	0.47%	2	0.37%	4	0.86%	8	0.56%

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Korean	0	0.00%	1	0.18%	3	0.65%	4	0.28%
Native American or Alaskan language	1	0.24%	1	0.18%	0	0.00%	2	0.14%
Portuguese	43	10.19%	38	7.00%	22	4.73%	103	7.17%
Spanish	112	26.54%	108	19.89%	38	8.17%	261	18.18%
Vietnamese	1	0.24%	3	0.55%	1	0.22%	5	0.35%
Other	10	2.37%	34	6.26%	24	5.16%	68	4.74%
Total respondents answering this question	422		543		465		1,436	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F8. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.25. In the past 12 months, have you applied for or received any of the following? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Cash assistance	119	28.33%	58	10.78%	13	2.80%	191	13.39%
Disability assistance	50	11.90%	26	4.83%	4	0.86%	81	5.68%
Food assistance	251	59.76%	205	38.10%	44	9.46%	501	35.13%
Housing/rental assistance	115	27.38%	81	15.06%	18	3.87%	214	15.01%
WIC	169	40.24%	129	23.98%	47	10.11%	345	24.19%
None of the above	78	18.57%	240	44.61%	379	81.51%	698	48.95%
Total respondents answering this question	420		538		465		1,426	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F9. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “None of the above,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.26. In the past 12 months, did you have trouble paying for any of the following? (Select all that apply)

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Childcare or school	167	39.76%	141	26.16%	30	6.49%	339	23.82%
Food or groceries	226	53.81%	134	24.86%	20	4.33%	380	26.70%
Formula or baby food	50	11.90%	37	6.86%	5	1.08%	92	6.47%
Health care	108	25.71%	80	14.84%	18	3.90%	206	14.48%
Housing	217	51.67%	154	28.57%	27	5.84%	398	27.97%
Technology	104	24.76%	49	9.09%	7	1.52%	160	11.24%
Transportation	136	32.38%	71	13.17%	8	1.73%	215	15.11%
Utilities	199	47.38%	134	24.86%	16	3.46%	349	24.53%
None of the above	58	13.81%	198	36.73%	389	84.20%	646	45.40%

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Total respondents answering this question	420		539		462		1,423	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F10. Respondents were instructed to select “all that apply,” so percentages do not add up to 100%. If respondents selected “None of the above,” they could not select any additional options. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

Exhibit B.25. If you had an unexpected expense that cost you \$500, how confident are you that your household could come up with money to cover that expense within a month?

	Not financially secure		Somewhat financially secure		Financially secure		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Not at all confident	422	100.00%	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	422	29.47%
Somewhat confident	0	0.00%	543	100.00%	0	0.00%	543	37.92%
Very confident	0	0.00%	0	0.00%	467	100.00%	467	32.61%
Total respondents answering this question	422		543		467		1,432	

Notes: This exhibit presents findings from survey question F11. All eligible respondents (n=1,446) were asked this question.

About this Project

The Massachusetts Early Childhood Needs Assessment was launched in 2023 as part of the state's [Preschool Development Grant](#). The needs assessment was conducted by MEF Associates and its partners at Tufts Interdisciplinary Evaluation Research (TIER). The overarching goal was to generate information that could support the Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care in improving families' access to high-quality early care and education. The needs assessment was informed by an advisory group that included family representatives and individuals from the B-5 workforce. This group met monthly and provided valuable input on study design, execution, and interpretation of findings.

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