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Table 1. Urbanicity of FDCH providers by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the Food Program as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Urbanicity	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Urban	500	21,563	851	19.4	0.76
	Rural	285	11,117	637	10.0	0.57
	<i>Total</i>	785	32,680	988	29.4	0.87
Yes	Urban	878	52,279	1,127	47.1	1.01
	Rural	507	26,050	901	23.5	0.80
	<i>Total</i>	1,385	78,329	1,000	70.6	0.87
ALL	Urban	1,378	73,843	1,028	66.5	0.89
	Rural	792	37,167	1,013	33.5	0.89
	<i>Grand total</i>	2,170	111,009	511	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Urbanicity is defined using National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) locale categories for the census block of the provider. Providers labeled as urban include those in large, midsize, and small cities and large, midsize, and small suburban areas. Providers labeled as rural include those in fringe, distant, and remote towns and fringe, distant, and remote areas.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 2. Provider size of FDCH providers by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the Food Program as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Provider Size	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Small (less than 7 children)	373	16,483	816	14.9	0.73
	Large (7 children or more)	408	16,010	734	14.5	0.66
	<i>Total</i>	781	32,493	976	29.4	0.86
Yes	Small (less than 7 children)	435	26,610	1,109	24.1	1.00
	Large (7 children or more)	946	51,537	1,071	46.6	0.95
	<i>Total</i>	1,381	78,147	1,000	70.6	0.86
ALL	Small (less than 7 children)	808	43,093	1,154	38.9	1.02
	Large (7 children or more)	1,354	67,547	1,155	61.1	1.02
	<i>Grand total</i>	2,162	110,640	515	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q6, and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

8 providers excluded due to missing data on provider size. Small providers are defined as those caring for fewer than 7 children. Large providers are defined as those caring for 7 or more children.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 3. Years in operation among FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Years operating FDCH	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Less than 5 years	149	6,874	575	6.4	0.54
	5 to 15 years	242	9,966	624	9.2	0.57
	15 to 25 years	167	6,773	500	6.3	0.46
	25 or more years	156	6,179	519	5.7	0.48
Total		714	29,792	936	27.6	0.85
Yes	Less than 5 years	242	15,319	918	14.2	0.85
	5 to 15 years	446	25,574	1,105	23.7	1.01
	15 to 25 years	401	22,315	985	20.7	0.91
	25 or more years	290	14,754	783	13.7	0.72
Total		1,379	77,963	1,019	72.4	0.85
ALL	Less than 5 years	391	22,193	930	20.6	0.86
	5 to 15 years	688	35,540	1,178	33.0	1.06
	15 to 25 years	568	29,089	1,059	27.0	0.97
	25 or more years	446	20,933	862	19.4	0.79
Grand total		2,093	107,755	643	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q4, and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

71 providers excluded due to missing data.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 3a. Statistics about years in operation among FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Sample size	Years operating FDCH			
		Mean	S.D.	Minimum	Maximum
No	720	15.1	0.5	0	53
Yes	1,379	15.6	0.3	0	62
Total	2,099	15.5	0.2	0	62

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q4, and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

71 providers excluded due to missing data.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 4. Years in CACFP among FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Years in CACFP	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Less than 5 years	209	9,186	668	8.9	0.64
	5 to 15 years	195	8,141	546	7.9	0.53
	15 to 25 years	133	5,395	443	5.2	0.43
	25 or more years	93	3,830	416	3.7	0.40
Total		630	26,552	896	25.8	0.85
Yes	Less than 5 years	290	18,019	1,075	17.5	1.04
	5 to 15 years	448	25,825	1,152	25.0	1.08
	15 to 25 years	374	20,664	1,000	20.0	0.97
	25 or more years	241	12,039	669	11.7	0.65
Total		1,353	76,547	1,032	74.2	0.85
ALL	Less than 5 years	499	27,205	1,142	26.4	1.10
	5 to 15 years	643	33,966	1,232	32.9	1.16
	15 to 25 years	507	26,059	1,062	25.3	1.02
	25 or more years	334	15,869	724	15.4	0.70
Grand total		1,983	103,099	703	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q18, Q19, Q20, Q21, and Q22

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

186 providers excluded due to missing data.

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Table 4a. Statistics about years in CACFP among FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Sample size	Years in CACFP			
		Mean	S.D.	Minimum	Maximum
No	631	12.3	0.4	0	43
Yes	1,353	14.1	0.3	0	51
Total	1,984	13.6	0.2	0	51

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q18, Q19, Q20, Q21, and Q22

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

186 providers excluded due to missing data.

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Table 5. Average number of children cared for by FDCH providers, during a usual week, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Sample size	Number of children FDCH providers care for during a usual week			
		Mean	S.D.	Minimum	Maximum
No	778	7.5	23.0	0	23
Yes	1,367	8.9	29.5	0	24
<i>Total</i>	2,145	8.5	27.7	0	24

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q6, and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

25 providers excluded due to missing data.

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Table 6. Ages of children served by FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Age of children	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	<i>Total</i>	779	32,457	988	29.3	0.87
	Under 1 year (birth to 11 months)	543	21,856	874	19.8	0.78
	1 to 2 years (12 to 24 months)	635	25,914	841	23.4	0.75
	3 to 5 years	682	27,812	906	25.1	0.80
	School-age children on school days	467	19,239	868	17.4	0.77
	Other (specify)	446	17,846	827	16.1	0.74
Yes	<i>Total</i>	1,383	78,185	994	70.7	0.87
	Under 1 year (birth to 11 months)	915	50,091	1,209	45.3	1.09
	1 to 2 years (12 to 24 months)	1,192	66,366	1,140	60.0	1.01
	3 to 5 years	1,263	70,567	1,133	63.8	0.97
	School-age children on school days	846	47,465	989	42.9	0.84
	Other (specify)	858	47,191	1,161	42.7	1.02
All	<i>Total</i>	2,162	110,642	512	100.0	
	Under 1 year (birth to 11 months)	1,458	71,946	1,173	65.0	1.03
	1 to 2 years (12 to 24 months)	1,827	92,280	1,060	83.4	0.91
	3 to 5 years	1,945	98,378	910	88.9	0.65
	School-age children on school days	1,313	66,704	1,151	60.3	0.94
	Other (specify)	1,304	65,038	1,306	58.8	1.13

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q7, and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

8 providers excluded due to missing data.

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Table 7. Languages spoken with members of the household among FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Languages used to speak with the members of household	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	778	32,377	993	29.5	0.88
	English	743	30,698	956	28.0	0.86
	Spanish	93	4,296	460	3.9	0.42
	Other	22	1,084	268	1.0	0.25
Yes	Total	1,369	77,230	1,038	70.5	0.88
	English	1,243	68,971	1,113	62.9	0.98
	Spanish	266	16,892	822	15.4	0.73
	Other	63	3,869	441	3.5	0.40
All	Total	2,147	109,607	607	100.0	
	English	1,986	99,669	841	90.9	0.67
	Spanish	359	21,188	916	19.3	0.80
	Other	85	4,953	518	4.5	0.47

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q19, and Q32

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

23 providers excluded due to missing data.

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Table 8. Languages spoken with children in their care among FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Languages used when taking care of children	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	775	32,298	999	29.7	0.88
	English	754	31,345	969	28.8	0.86
	Spanish	102	4,514	442	4.2	0.40
	Other	23	1,070	237	1.0	0.22
Yes	Total	1,354	76,361	1,009	70.3	0.88
	English	1,285	71,866	1,021	66.1	0.90
	Spanish	286	18,032	840	16.6	0.77
	Other	51	3,121	448	2.9	0.41
All	Total	2,129	108,659	645	100.0	
	English	2,039	103,212	834	95.0	0.55
	Spanish	388	22,546	956	20.7	0.86
	Other	74	4,191	521	3.9	0.48

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q19, and Q33

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

41 providers excluded due to missing data.

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Table 9. Number of days per week the FDCH is open, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Days per week FDCH is open	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	2 days	1	34	34	0.0	0.03
	3 days	3	124	75	0.1	0.07
	4 days	12	439	132	0.4	0.12
	5 days	629	26,290	863	23.8	0.77
	6-7 days	106	4,367	423	3.9	0.38
	Schedule varies	28	1,184	229	1.1	0.21
	<i>Total</i>	779	32,438	979	29.3	0.87
Yes	2 days	2	95	71	0.1	0.06
	3 days	2	98	72	0.1	0.07
	4 days	22	1,191	242	1.1	0.22
	5 days	1,172	66,185	1,195	59.8	1.04
	6-7 days	162	9,429	659	8.5	0.60
	Schedule varies	22	1,175	264	1.1	0.24
	<i>Total</i>	1,382	78,174	1,009	70.7	0.87
All	2 days	3	129	79	0.1	0.07
	3 days	5	222	104	0.2	0.09
	4 days	34	1,630	277	1.5	0.25
	5 days	1,801	92,475	937	83.6	0.75
	6-7 days	268	13,796	784	12.5	0.71
	Schedule varies	50	2,360	350	2.1	0.32
	<i>Grand total</i>	2,161	110,611	508	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q5 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

9 providers excluded due to missing data.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 10. Meals provided by FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Meals provided	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	781	32,551	985	29.4	0.87
	Breakfast	706	29,023	954	26.2	0.85
	Morning snack	520	21,630	888	19.5	0.80
	Lunch	754	31,287	980	28.3	0.86
	Afternoon snack	742	30,802	985	27.8	0.87
	Dinner	305	13,558	750	12.2	0.67
	Evening snack	156	6,823	555	6.2	0.50
Yes	Total	1,383	78,177	1,011	70.6	0.87
	Breakfast	1,270	70,789	1,056	63.9	0.92
	Morning snack	806	45,050	1,248	40.7	1.08
	Lunch	1,342	75,526	1,110	68.2	0.97
	Afternoon snack	1,294	72,915	1,053	65.9	0.91
	Dinner	549	33,396	1,193	30.2	1.04
	Evening snack	185	10,739	826	9.7	0.74
All	Total	2,164	110,728	536	100.0	
	Breakfast	1,976	99,812	916	90.1	0.71
	Morning snack	1,326	66,680	1,199	60.2	1.00
	Lunch	2,096	106,814	764	96.5	0.49
	Afternoon snack	2,036	103,716	817	93.7	0.57
	Dinner	854	46,954	1,346	42.4	1.16
	Evening snack	341	17,562	922	15.9	0.82

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q8 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

6 providers excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 11. Number of staff employed by FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Staff Type	Sample Size	Number of paid or volunteer staff in family child care home business			
			Mean	S.D.	Minimum	Maximum
No	Full-time	247	1.2	6.8	0	12
	Part-time	218	0.9	4.9	0	5
Yes	Full-time	608	1.5	9.7	0	20
	Part-time	511	1.1	10.0	0	20
Total	Full-time	855	1.4	9.0	0	20
	Part-time	729	1.1	8.8	0	20

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q9 and Q19

Notes. 1,211 providers marked they had no staff or volunteers. They were excluded from the table. 147 providers had missing data for Full-time staff. 273 providers had missing data for Part-time staff.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 12. Ethnicity of the Providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Are you ...	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx	109	4,997	513	4.6	0.46
	Not Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx	563	22,769	910	20.8	0.83
	Prefer not to answer	96	4,157	412	3.8	0.38
	<i>Total</i>	768	31,923	1,004	29.2	0.89
Yes	Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx	290	18,541	878	17.0	0.80
	Not Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx	980	53,142	1,186	48.6	1.06
	Prefer not to answer	100	5,719	540	5.2	0.49
	<i>Total</i>	1,370	77,402	1,022	70.8	0.89
ALL	Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx	399	23,538	960	21.5	0.86
	Not Hispanic or Latino/Latina/Latinx	1,543	75,911	1,162	69.4	1.02
	Prefer not to answer	196	9,876	689	9.0	0.63
	<i>Grand total</i>	2,138	109,325	587	100.0	0.00

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q30

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

32 providers were excluded due to missing data.

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Table 13. Race of Providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Are you ... Select all that apply	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	American Indian or Alaska Native	15	561	147	0.5	0.13
	Asian	17	856	205	0.8	0.19
	Black or African American	170	7,928	628	7.3	0.57
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	2	69	49	0.1	0.04
	White	484	18,979	690	17.5	0.63
	Other	32	1,494	266	1.4	0.24
	Prefer not to answer	75	3,174	365	2.9	0.34
	<i>Total</i>	767	31,945	1,000	29.4	0.90
Yes	American Indian or Alaska Native	24	1,623	311	1.5	0.29
	Asian	44	2,763	389	2.5	0.36
	Black or African American	265	16,639	966	15.3	0.89
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	8	570	207	0.5	0.19
	White	861	45,486	1,028	41.8	0.95
	Other	61	3,865	510	3.5	0.47
	Prefer not to answer	116	6,863	706	6.3	0.64
	<i>Total</i>	1,361	76,774	1,068	70.6	0.90
ALL	American Indian or Alaska Native	39	2,184	352	2.0	0.32
	Asian	61	3,619	460	3.3	0.42
	Black or African American	435	24,566	1,033	22.6	0.94
	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	639	213	0.6	0.20
	White	1,345	64,465	1,027	59.3	0.94
	Other	93	5,359	546	4.9	0.50
	Prefer not to answer	191	10,037	792	9.2	0.72
	<i>Grand total</i>	2,128	108,719	628	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q31

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

42 providers were excluded due to missing data.

Providers could check all that apply; responses do not sum to 100.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 14a. Number of providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently Enrolled in the CACFP as a FDCH provider? (self-reported)	Sample size	Total		Percent	
		Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	785	32,680	988	29.4	0.87
Yes	1,385	78,329	1,000	70.6	0.87
<i>Total</i>	2,170	111,009	511	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 14b. Number of former providers, by whether they currently operate a FDCH

Currently Enrolled in the CACFP as a FDCH provider? (self-reported)	Currently Operates a FDCH? (self-reported)	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	No	563	22,895	845	70.6	1.62
	Yes	217	9,527	615	29.4	1.62
	<i>Total</i>	780	32,422	984	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 15. Number of providers who are no longer enrolled in CACFP, by the year they left the CACFP

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	When provider left CACFP (self-reported)	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	January to March 2019	13	488	140	1.8	0.51
	March 2019 to February 2020	144	5,740	507	21.1	1.77
	March 2020 to February 2021	183	7,209	508	26.5	1.84
	March 2021 to February 2022	170	6,706	499	24.6	1.72
	March 2022 and after	139	7,102	634	26.1	1.93
	<i>Total</i>	649	27,245	881	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q19, Q20, and Q21

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

136 providers excluded due to missing data.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 16. Number of former FDCH providers, by the year they stopped operating as a FDCH

Currently runs a family child care home (self-reported)	When provider stopped operating family child care home (self-reported)	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	January to March 2019	4	138	68	0.7	0.32
	March 2019 to February 2020	96	3,706	392	17.6	1.87
	March 2020 to February 2021	142	5,460	453	26.0	2.01
	March 2021 to February 2022	140	5,316	411	25.3	1.88
	March 2022 and after	133	6,419	588	30.5	2.16
	<i>Total</i>	515	21,039	780	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q2, Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

53 providers excluded due to missing data.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 17. Number of current CACFP FDCH providers, by whether they ever left the CACFP

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Ever left the CACFP (self-reported)	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
Yes	No	1,230	69,985	1,138	89.3	0.87
	Yes	112	5,854	569	7.5	0.72
	No, but I might leave	43	2,490	396	3.2	0.51
	<i>Total</i>	1,385	78,329	1,000	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q19, and Q20

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 18. Time not participating in CACFP, among current CACFP FDCH providers who left and then re-enrolled in CACFP

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Time not participating in CACFP	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
Yes	0 to 6 months	15	716	197	15.0	3.81
	7 to 12 months	22	1,091	220	22.8	4.04
	1 to 2 years	14	759	205	15.9	3.74
	2 to 3 years	17	838	201	17.5	3.95
	3 or more years	25	1,371	296	28.7	5.04
	<i>Total</i>	93	4,775	536	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q19, Q20, Q21, and Q22

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

19 providers excluded due to missing data.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 19. Reasons for leaving the FDCH business, among providers no longer operating a FDCH

Which of the following are reasons you stopped operating your family child care home?	Sample size	Total		Percent	
		Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
Not enough children enrolled	78	3,370	382	14.7	1.57
Could not make enough money	76	3,015	353	13.1	1.41
Disqualified from CACFP (also known as the Child and Adult Care Food Program or CACFP)	8	338	123	1.5	0.53
I now operate a child care center	19	790	189	3.4	0.82
Changed to a different job or business	150	5,883	509	25.6	2.04
Issues with sponsoring organization (e.g., went out of business or other)	6	329	144	1.4	0.62
Could no longer provide child care due to illness or disability	58	2,526	366	11.0	1.53
No longer wanted to do child care	76	2,981	376	13.0	1.55
My personal circumstances changed (e.g. children are older now, I moved, I have other responsibilities)	155	6,225	542	27.0	2.09
My home is no longer a suitable space for child care	10	418	124	1.8	0.54
I had difficulty complying with child care regulations and requirements	21	856	204	3.7	0.88
I had to close my business due to the COVID-19 pandemic	124	4,800	389	20.8	1.73
Other reasons	78	3,014	362	13.1	1.48
<i>Total</i>	564	23,021	847	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q3

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

1,602 providers were skipped out/ineligible for this question. An additional 4 providers were excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 20a. Among former providers, reasons why they left CACFP

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Reasons for leaving the CACFP	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Closed business because of challenges due to COVID	190	7,536	511	23.5	1.52
	Closed business due to a change in personal circumstances (moving, illness, career change)	367	14,837	742	45.9	1.78
	Lost license or registration to provide child care	12	507	158	1.6	0.48
	Disqualified from CACFP	18	725	163	2.3	0.52
	Sponsor no longer participated in CACFP	27	1,277	274	4.0	0.80
	Family child care home did not have enough children to make participation worthwhile	112	4,911	420	15.3	1.22
	No longer serve meals and snacks	22	989	207	3.1	0.65
	CACFP nutrition requirements were too hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalents).	46	1,906	313	5.9	0.97
	Meal and snack reimbursements did not cover enough food costs	83	3,350	359	10.4	1.10
	Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to sponsor was difficult	75	2,990	304	9.3	0.92
	Collecting annual re-enrollment forms was difficult	34	1,359	264	4.2	0.82
	Collecting income eligibility forms from parents was difficult	27	1,077	216	3.4	0.66
	Had difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	52	2,105	311	6.6	0.96
	Getting meal reimbursements was often delayed	24	968	204	3.0	0.63
	Unannounced monitoring visits were disruptive to child care	82	3,278	350	10.2	1.03
	Sponsor did not provide enough guidance and support	12	482	146	1.5	0.46
	Sponsor did not have staff who spoke my primary language	3	138	83	0.4	0.26
	Parents have negative views about CACFP	4	166	87	0.5	0.27
	Had difficulty attending in-person trainings	27	936	187	2.9	0.57
	Program materials were not available in primary language	4	188	98	0.6	0.30
	The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency was too harsh	13	570	165	1.8	0.52
	Did not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	34	1,261	221	3.9	0.68
	Other reason	53	2,315	350	7.2	1.08
	<i>Total</i>	771	32,069	1,007	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q19, Q20 and Q25

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

10 providers excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 20b. Differences in reported reasons for leaving CACFP, by urbanicity

Reasons for leaving the CACFP	Urbanicity						P-value
	Urban			Rural			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Closed business because of challenges due to COVID	561	24.7	1.8	322	20.6	2.3	0.160
Closed business due to a change in personal circumstances (moving, illness, career change)	563	39.9	2.1	326	49.4	2.8	*0.006
Lost license or registration to provide child care	560	1.9	0.6	322	1.9	0.8	0.992
Disqualified from CACFP	560	3.3	0.8	322	1.7	0.7	0.118
Sponsor no longer participated in CACFP	560	4.9	0.9	322	3.2	1.0	0.197
Family child care home did not have enough children to make participation worthwhile	560	16.5	1.6	322	13.3	1.9	0.188
No longer serve meals and snacks	560	3.1	0.7	322	2.3	0.8	0.442
Meal and snack reimbursements did not cover enough food costs	560	6.7	1.1	322	6.5	1.4	0.902
Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to sponsor was difficult	560	11.8	1.4	322	12.7	1.9	0.700
Collecting annual re-enrollment forms was difficult	560	10.5	1.3	322	7.1	1.4	0.072
Collecting income eligibility forms from parents was difficult	560	5.7	1.0	322	2.7	0.9	*0.027
CACFP nutrition requirements were too hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalent)	560	4.0	0.8	322	2.8	0.9	0.299
Had difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	560	8.0	1.2	322	5.8	1.3	0.218
Getting meal reimbursements was often delayed	560	4.1	0.8	322	2.2	0.8	0.104
Program materials were not available in primary language	560	12.2	1.4	322	9.7	1.7	0.246
Parents have negative views about CACFP	560	2.3	0.6	322	2.1	0.8	0.877
Sponsor did not provide enough guidance and support	560	0.7	0.4	322	0.6	0.4	0.758
Unannounced monitoring visits were disruptive to child care	560	1.3	0.5	322	0.3	0.3	0.057
Had difficulty attending in-person trainings	560	2.9	0.7	322	3.3	1.0	0.790
Sponsor did not have staff who spoke my primary language	560	1.1	0.4	322	0.0	0.0	*0.013
Did not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	560	3.1	0.7	322	1.5	0.7	0.114
The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency was too harsh	560	4.5	0.9	322	5.2	1.2	0.676
Other reason	563	8.2	1.2	323	8.3	1.5	0.944

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q25

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

The question was asked of 893 providers.

*Difference between urban and rural providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Urbanicity is defined using National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) locale categories for the census block of the provider. Providers labeled as urban include those in large, midsize, and small cities and large, midsize, and small suburban areas. Providers labeled as rural include those in fringe, distant, and remote towns and fringe, distant, and remote areas. Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 20c. Differences in reasons for leaving the CACFP, by provider size

Reasons for leaving the CACFP	Provider size						P-value
	Small (less than 7 children)			Large (7 children or more)			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Closed business because of challenges due to COVID	401	25.8	2.2	479	21.2	1.9	0.104
Closed business due to a change in personal circumstances (moving, illness, career change)	402	41.7	2.5	484	44.9	2.3	0.331
Lost license or registration to provide child care	400	2.0	0.7	479	1.8	0.6	0.855
Disqualified from CACFP	400	2.9	0.8	479	2.5	0.7	0.722
Sponsor no longer participated in CACFP	400	4.4	1.0	479	4.3	0.9	0.969
Family child care home did not have enough children to make participation worthwhile	400	20.4	2.0	479	10.7	1.4	*<0.001
No longer serve meals and snacks	400	5.0	1.1	479	0.9	0.4	*<0.001
Meal and snack reimbursements did not cover enough food costs	400	5.5	1.1	479	7.6	1.2	0.197
Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to sponsor was difficult	400	10.2	1.5	479	13.9	1.6	0.086
Collecting annual re-enrollment forms was difficult	400	7.6	1.3	479	10.8	1.4	0.103
Collecting income eligibility forms from parents was difficult	400	3.5	0.9	479	5.8	1.1	0.097
CACFP nutrition requirements were too hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalent)	400	3.9	1.0	479	3.3	0.8	0.660
Had difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	400	6.3	1.2	479	8.0	1.2	0.308
Getting meal reimbursements was often delayed	400	3.0	0.9	479	3.8	0.9	0.510
Program materials were not available in primary language	400	8.5	1.4	479	13.9	1.6	*0.011
Parents have negative views about CACFP	400	1.7	0.6	479	2.6	0.7	0.374
Sponsor did not provide enough guidance and support	400	1.1	0.5	479	0.3	0.3	0.186
Unannounced monitoring visits were disruptive to child care	400	1.1	0.5	479	0.8	0.4	0.660
Had difficulty attending in-person trainings	400	2.2	0.7	479	3.6	0.9	0.218
Sponsor did not have staff who spoke my primary language	400	0.8	0.4	479	0.7	0.4	0.789
Did not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	400	2.2	0.7	479	2.9	0.8	0.476
The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency was too harsh	400	3.2	0.9	479	6.2	1.1	*0.031
Other reason	402	6.6	1.2	480	9.6	1.3	0.099

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q6, Q19, and Q25

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100. The question was asked of 893 providers; 4 providers were excluded due to missing data on provider size.

Small providers are defined as those caring for fewer than 7 children. Large providers are defined as those caring for 7 or more children.

*Difference between small and large providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 20d. Correlation coefficients among reasons for leaving the CACFP, urbanity, provider size, years in operation, and years in CACFP, among providers who ever left the CACFP

Reasons for leaving the CACFP	Pearson correlation coefficient			
	Urbanicity	Provider size	Years in operation	Years in CACFP
Closed business because of challenges due to COVID	-0.05	-0.06	-0.07	-0.01
Closed business due to a change in personal circumstances (moving, illness, career change)	0.09	0.03	0.10	0.15
Lost license or registration to provide child care	0.00	-0.01	-0.01	0.01
Disqualified from CACFP	-0.05	-0.01	-0.01	0.01
Sponsor no longer participated in CACFP	-0.04	0.00	-0.01	-0.02
Family child care home did not have enough children to make participation worthwhile	-0.04	-0.14	-0.09	-0.10
No longer serve meals and snacks	-0.02	-0.12	-0.08	-0.07
Meal and snack reimbursements did not cover enough food costs	0.00	0.04	-0.01	-0.12
Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to sponsor was difficult	0.01	0.06	0.02	-0.08
Collecting annual re-enrollment forms was difficult	-0.06	0.05	-0.03	-0.12
Collecting income eligibility forms from parents was difficult	-0.07	0.06	0.04	-0.03
CACFP nutrition requirements were too hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalent)	-0.03	-0.01	0.00	-0.06
Had difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	-0.04	0.03	0.04	-0.05
Getting meal reimbursements was often delayed	-0.05	0.02	-0.03	-0.11
Program materials were not available in primary language	-0.04	0.08	0.06	-0.04
Parents have negative views about CACFP	-0.01	0.03	0.03	0.02
Sponsor did not provide enough guidance and support	-0.01	-0.05	-0.04	0.00
Unannounced monitoring visits were disruptive to child care	-0.05	-0.02	-0.02	-0.01
Had difficulty attending in-person trainings	0.01	0.04	0.05	-0.02
Sponsor did not have staff who spoke my primary language	-0.06	-0.01	-0.03	0.02
Did not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	-0.05	0.02	0.02	-0.02
The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency was too harsh	0.01	0.07	0.06	0.00
Other reason	0.00	0.06	0.03	0.01

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q1, Q6, Q19, Q25

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Small providers are defined as those caring for fewer than 7 children. Large providers are defined as those caring for 7 or more children.

This model used 893 providers.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 21. Ease of enrollment process in CACFP, according to FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	How would you describe your enrollment process for CACFP?	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Not Sure	18	746	177	2.3	0.53
	Very Easy	305	13,096	710	40.2	1.78
	Easy	405	16,375	710	50.2	1.75
	Difficult	49	2,142	325	6.6	0.95
	Very Difficult	6	255	108	0.8	0.33
	<i>Total</i>	783	32,614	987	29.4	0.87
Yes	Not Sure	18	995	237	1.3	0.30
	Very Easy	674	38,405	1,295	49.1	1.55
	Easy	662	37,147	1,342	47.5	1.60
	Difficult	22	1,282	287	1.6	0.37
	Very Difficult	6	339	141	0.4	0.18
	<i>Total</i>	1,382	78,167	989	70.6	0.87
ALL	Not Sure	36	1,741	286	1.6	0.26
	Very Easy	979	51,500	1,322	46.5	1.19
	Easy	1,067	53,522	1,344	48.3	1.18
	Difficult	71	3,424	395	3.1	0.36
	Very Difficult	12	594	177	0.5	0.16
	<i>Grand total</i>	2,165	110,781	514	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q12 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

5 providers excluded because of missing data.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 22a. Reported benefits to CACFP participation by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Main benefits to participating in CACFP	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	785	32,680	988	29.5	0.9
	Reimburses me for meals and snacks provided to children in my care	714	29,589	906	90.5	1.10
	Provides me training and technical assistance on how to plan and prepare nutritious meals and snacks	516	21,759	928	66.6	1.59
	Allows me to feed children who may not have enough to eat at home	406	16,700	807	51.1	1.87
	Helps me provide types of food that children may not eat at home	437	18,152	830	55.5	1.82
	Parents have a positive view of the Food Program	325	13,285	716	40.7	1.74
	Allows me to offer child care at a lower cost than I could otherwise	240	10,294	651	31.5	1.72
	Provides me with nutrition education materials that I share with children and parents	472	19,683	840	60.2	1.92
	Other benefits (specify)	3	143	85	0.4	0.26
	There are no benefits	12	444	133	1.4	0.40
Yes	Total	1,384	78,265	1,007	70.5	0.9
	Reimburses me for meals and snacks provided to children in my care	1,321	74,309	1,118	94.9	0.64
	Provides me training and technical assistance on how to plan and prepare nutritious meals and snacks	998	57,062	1,216	72.9	1.22
	Allows me to feed children who may not have enough to eat at home	806	46,392	1,166	59.3	1.34
	Helps me provide types of food that children may not eat at home	929	52,790	1,236	67.5	1.30
	Parents have a positive view of the Food Program	711	40,744	1,252	52.1	1.43
	Allows me to offer child care at a lower cost than I could otherwise	516	29,422	1,042	37.6	1.29
	Provides me with nutrition education materials that I share with children and parents	885	50,258	1,236	64.2	1.36
	Other benefits (specify)	5	258	121	0.3	0.15
	There are no benefits	6	378	164	0.5	0.21

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Main benefits to participating in CACFP	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
All	<i>Total</i>	2,169	110,945	515	100.0	
	Reimburses me for meals and snacks provided to children in my care	2,035	103,898	764	93.6	0.53
	Provides me training and technical assistance on how to plan and prepare nutritious meals and snacks	1,514	78,821	1,053	71.0	0.89
	Allows me to feed children who may not have enough to eat at home	1,212	63,091	1,273	56.9	1.11
	Helps me provide types of food that children may not eat at home	1,366	70,942	1,172	63.9	1.05
	Parents have a positive view of the Food Program	1,036	54,029	1,286	48.7	1.14
	Allows me to offer child care at a lower cost than I could otherwise	756	39,716	1,148	35.8	1.05
	Provides me with nutrition education materials that I share with children and parents	1,357	69,941	1,268	63.0	1.11
	Other benefits (specify)	8	400	149	0.4	0.13
	There are no benefits	18	821	212	0.7	0.19

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q13 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative. Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS. One provider excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Table 22b. Difference in reported benefits of CACFP participation by CACFP enrollment status

Main benefits to provider of participating in CACFP	Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)						P-value
	No			Yes			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Reimburses me for meals and snacks provided to children in my care	785	90.5	1.05	1,384	94.9	0.59	*<0.001
Provides me training and technical assistance on how to plan and prepare nutritious meals and snacks	785	66.6	1.68	1,384	72.9	1.20	*0.002
Allows me to feed children who may not eat at home	785	51.1	1.79	1,384	59.3	1.32	*<0.001
Helps me provide types of food that not have enough to eat at home	785	55.5	1.77	1,384	67.5	1.26	*<0.001
Parents have a positive view of CACFP	785	40.7	1.75	1,384	52.1	1.34	*<0.001
Allows me to offer child care at a lower cost than I could otherwise	785	31.5	1.66	1,384	37.6	1.30	*0.004
Provides me with nutrition education materials that I share with children and parents	785	60.2	1.75	1,384	64.2	1.29	0.067
Other benefits	785	0.4	0.24	1,384	0.3	0.15	0.703
There are no benefits	785	1.4	0.41	1,384	0.5	0.19	0.054

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q13 and Q19

Notes. Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

*Difference between current and former CACFP FDCH providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 22c. Difference in reported benefits of CACFP participation by urbanicity

Main benefits to provider of participating in CACFP	Urbanicity						P-value
	Urban			Rural			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Reimburses me for meals and snacks provided to children in my care	1,377	93.7	0.66	792	93.5	0.88	0.868
Provides me training and technical assistance on how to plan and prepare nutritious meals and snacks	1,377	73.7	1.19	792	65.7	1.69	*<0.001
Allows me to feed children who may not eat at home	1,377	58.8	1.33	792	53.1	1.77	*0.011
Helps me provide types of food that not have enough to eat at home	1,377	64.6	1.29	792	62.7	1.72	0.368
Parents have a positive view of CACFP	1,377	50.6	1.35	792	44.9	1.77	*0.010
Allows me to offer child care at a lower cost than I could otherwise	1,377	35.9	1.29	792	35.6	1.70	0.875
Provides me with nutrition education materials that I share with children and parents	1,377	65.6	1.28	792	58.0	1.75	*0.001
Other benefits	1,377	0.4	0.16	792	0.3	0.21	0.935
There are no benefits	1,377	0.8	0.24	792	0.6	0.28	0.696

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q13

Notes. Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Urbanicity is defined using National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) locale categories for the census block of the provider. Providers labeled as urban include those in large, midsize, and small cities and large, midsize, and small suburban areas. Providers labeled as rural include those in fringe, distant, and remote towns and fringe, distant, and remote areas.

*Difference between urban and rural providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 22d. Difference in reported benefits of CACFP participation by provider size

Main benefits to provider of participating in CACFP	Provider size						P-value
	Small (less than 7 children)			Large (7 children or more)			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Reimburses me for meals and snacks provided to children in my care	807	90.5	1.03	1,354	95.7	0.55	*<0.001
Provides me training and technical assistance on how to plan and prepare nutritious meals and snacks	807	70.7	1.60	1,354	71.2	1.23	0.777
Allows me to feed children who may not eat at home	807	55.7	1.75	1,354	57.6	1.34	0.378
Helps me provide types of food that not have enough to eat at home	807	61.1	1.72	1,354	65.6	1.29	*0.037
Parents have a positive view of CACFP	807	46.3	1.76	1,354	50.2	1.36	0.079
Allows me to offer child care at a lower cost than I could otherwise	807	29.7	1.61	1,354	39.6	1.33	*<0.001
Provides me with nutrition education materials that I share with children and parents	807	62.6	1.70	1,354	63.2	1.31	0.761
Other benefits	807	0.0	0.00	1,354	0.6	0.21	*0.005
There are no benefits	807	1.0	0.36	1,354	0.5	0.18	0.154

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q6 and Q13

Notes. Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Eight providers excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Small providers are defined as those caring for fewer than 7 children. Large providers are defined as those caring for 7 or more children.

*Difference between small and large providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 23. Number and percent of FDCH providers that have used participation in CACFP as a selling point to parents, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Have you ever used your participation in CACFP as a selling point to parents?	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Did not use participation in CACFP as selling point to parents	450	19,135	847	59.5	1.83
	Used participation in CACFP as selling point to parents	324	13,017	697	40.5	1.83
	<i>Total</i>	774	32,151	985	29.3	0.9
Yes	Did not use participation in CACFP as selling point to parents	708	41,430	1,214	53.3	1.45
	Used participation in CACFP as selling point to parents	667	36,337	1,243	46.7	1.45
	<i>Total</i>	1,375	77,767	995	70.7	0.9
All	Did not use participation in CACFP as selling point to parents	1,158	60,565	1,307	55.1	1.18
	Used participation in CACFP as selling point to parents	991	49,353	1,352	44.9	1.18
	<i>Grand total</i>	2,149	109,918	564	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q14 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

21 providers excluded due to missing data.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 24. Number and percent of FDCH providers that report parents know about the CACFP before they enroll their child in the family child care home, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Do parents in your community know about CACFP before they enroll in your family child care?	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	780	32,439	968	29.4	0.9
	Unsure if parents know about the CACFP before enrolling	325	13,293	667	41.0	1.71
	Parents do not know about the CACFP before enrolling	173	7,391	551	22.8	1.50
	Parents know about the CACFP before enrolling	282	11,756	641	36.2	1.69
Yes	Total	1,375	77,743	1,008	70.6	0.9
	Unsure if parents know about the CACFP before enrolling	519	28,287	1,035	36.4	1.33
	Parents do not know about the CACFP before enrolling	279	16,452	947	21.2	1.22
	Parents know about the CACFP before enrolling	577	33,005	1,297	42.5	1.44
All	Total	2,155	110,183	568	100.0	
	Unsure if parents know about the CACFP before enrolling	844	41,579	1,228	37.7	1.10
	Parents do not know about the CACFP before enrolling	452	23,843	1,103	21.6	1.01
	Parents know about the CACFP before enrolling	859	44,760	1,388	40.6	1.22

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q15 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

15 providers excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 25. Parental views of CACFP, as reported by FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	What do parents enrolled in your family child care home think about CACFP?	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	784	32,649	985	29.4	0.9
	Providers in the CACFP offer healthier food	414	17,349	868	53.2	1.95
	The CACFP helps providers offer high-quality childcare	237	10,240	629	31.4	1.52
	The CACFP meals and snacks are not well liked by children	63	2,900	421	8.9	1.23
	The CACFP reduces parents' stress because they know their children are being well fed	419	17,579	832	53.9	1.74
	Parents like not having to pack meals and snacks for their child (children)	462	19,528	798	59.9	1.76
	Parents don't know very much about the CACFP	124	4,951	410	15.2	1.21
	I am not sure what parents think about the CACFP	200	8,035	542	24.6	1.53
	Other	18	743	182	2.3	0.57
Yes	Total	1,384	78,265	1,007	70.6	0.9
	Providers in the CACFP offer healthier food	888	50,965	1,209	65.1	1.28
	The CACFP helps providers offer high-quality childcare	625	36,703	1,257	46.9	1.60
	The CACFP meals and snacks are not well liked by children	128	7,642	674	9.8	0.83
	The CACFP reduces parents' stress because they know their children are being well fed	900	52,398	1,178	66.9	1.27
	Parents like not having to pack meals and snacks for their child (children)	883	50,820	1,321	64.9	1.42
	Parents don't know very much about the CACFP	176	9,419	784	12.0	0.99
	I am not sure what parents think about the CACFP	314	15,972	836	20.4	1.00
	Other	12	512	154	0.7	0.20

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	What do parents enrolled in your family child care home think about CACFP?	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
All	<i>Total</i>	2,168	110,914	516	100.0	
	Providers in the CACFP offer healthier food	1,302	68,313	1,283	61.6	1.11
	The CACFP helps providers offer high-quality childcare	862	46,943	1,487	42.3	1.32
	The CACFP meals and snacks are not well liked by children	191	10,542	757	9.5	0.68
	The CACFP reduces parents' stress because they know their children are being well fed	1,319	69,977	1,240	63.1	1.05
	Parents like not having to pack meals and snacks for their child (children)	1,345	70,348	1,257	63.4	1.13
	Parents don't know very much about the CACFP	300	14,369	879	13.0	0.79
	I am not sure what parents think about the CACFP	514	24,008	919	21.7	0.83
	Other	30	1,254	222	1.1	0.20

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q16 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

2 providers excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 26a. Any issues experienced by FDCH providers while participating in CACFP

Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)	Any issues experienced while participating in CACFP	Sample size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	No issues	231	9,714	648	8.8	0.58
	Yes, at least 1 issue	554	22,966	881	20.7	0.79
	<i>Total</i>	785	32,680	988	29.4	0.9
Yes	No issues	496	29,472	1,160	26.5	1.04
	Yes, at least 1 issue	889	48,857	1,248	44.0	1.11
	<i>Total</i>	1,385	78,329	1,000	70.6	0.9
ALL	No issues	727	39,187	1,350	35.3	1.20
	Yes, at least 1 issue	1,443	71,823	1,362	64.7	1.20
	<i>Grand total</i>	2,170	111,009	511	100.0	

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q17 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 26b. Among FDCH providers who experienced at least 1 issue, issues experienced by FDCH providers while participating in CACFP, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Issues experienced while participating in CACFP	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	554	22,966	881	32.0	1.1
	My family child care home does not always have enough children to make participation in the CACFP worthwhile	85	3,586	424	15.6	1.65
	Renewing my child care license or registration is challenging	68	2,630	313	11.5	1.35
	Meal and snack reimbursements do not cover my food costs	276	11,196	698	48.8	2.47
	Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to my sponsor is difficult	170	7,205	551	31.4	2.05
	Collecting annual child re-enrollment forms is difficult	104	4,232	400	18.4	1.64
	Collecting income eligibility forms from parents is difficult	121	5,013	433	21.8	1.70
	Meal reimbursements are often delayed	87	3,792	429	16.5	1.81
	The CACFP nutrition requirements are hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalents)	130	5,206	454	22.7	1.85
	Unannounced monitoring visits are disruptive to my child care	248	10,055	603	43.8	2.05
	Difficulty attending in-person trainings	147	6,024	508	26.2	1.98
	Difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	114	4,669	442	20.3	1.79
	My sponsor does not provide enough guidance and support	16	737	186	3.2	0.80
	Parents have negative views about the Food Program	5	227	105	1.0	0.46
	Children do not like the CACFP meals and snacks	64	2,536	326	11.0	1.33
	Program materials are not available in my primary language	5	236	110	1.0	0.48
	My sponsor does not have staff who speak my primary language	6	372	160	1.6	0.69
	The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency is too harsh	47	2,049	345	8.9	1.43
	I do not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	101	4,071	416	17.7	1.75
	Other (specify)	19	754	176	3.3	0.74

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Issues experienced while participating in CACFP	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
Yes	Total	889	48,857	1,248	68.0	1.1
	My family child care home does not always have enough children to make participation in the CACFP worthwhile	65	3,972	505	8.1	0.97
	Renewing my child care license or registration is challenging	59	3,097	424	6.3	0.81
	Meal and snack reimbursements do not cover my food costs	576	31,645	1,093	64.8	1.51
	Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to my sponsor is difficult	155	8,441	651	17.3	1.19
	Collecting annual child re-enrollment forms is difficult	142	7,372	609	15.1	1.16
	Collecting income eligibility forms from parents is difficult	87	4,768	514	9.8	1.02
	Meal reimbursements are often delayed	181	10,613	781	21.7	1.46
	The CACFP nutrition requirements are hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalents)	210	11,434	706	23.4	1.39
	Unannounced monitoring visits are disruptive to my child care	320	16,709	878	34.2	1.71
	Difficulty attending in-person trainings	239	13,296	845	27.2	1.51
	Difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	84	4,508	473	9.2	0.94
	My sponsor does not provide enough guidance and support	20	1,100	263	2.3	0.52
	Parents have negative views about the Food Program	11	627	214	1.3	0.44
	Children do not like the CACFP meals and snacks	101	5,539	508	11.3	1.03
	Program materials are not available in my primary language	16	1,066	262	2.2	0.54
	My sponsor does not have staff who speak my primary language	11	724	224	1.5	0.46
	The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency is too harsh	57	3,131	422	6.4	0.87
	I do not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	143	7,014	651	14.4	1.29
	Other (specify)	29	1,493	260	3.1	0.52

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Issues experienced while participating in CACFP	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
All	Total	1,443	71,823	1,362	100.0	
	My family child care home does not always have enough children to make participation in the CACFP worthwhile	150	7,558	642	10.5	0.83
	Renewing my child care license or registration is challenging	127	5,727	493	8.0	0.65
	Meal and snack reimbursements do not cover my food costs	852	42,841	1,331	59.6	1.46
	Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to my sponsor is difficult	325	15,646	820	21.8	1.04
	Collecting annual child re-enrollment forms is difficult	246	11,604	712	16.2	0.91
	Collecting income eligibility forms from parents is difficult	208	9,781	732	13.6	0.96
	Meal reimbursements are often delayed	268	14,405	852	20.1	1.15
	The CACFP nutrition requirements are hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalents)	340	16,640	851	23.2	1.09
	Unannounced monitoring visits are disruptive to my child care	568	26,764	1,079	37.3	1.38
	Difficulty attending in-person trainings	386	19,319	941	26.9	1.14
	Difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	198	9,177	627	12.8	0.85
	My sponsor does not provide enough guidance and support	36	1,837	298	2.6	0.40
	Parents have negative views about the Food Program	16	855	231	1.2	0.32
	Children do not like the CACFP meals and snacks	165	8,075	566	11.2	0.76
	Program materials are not available in my primary language	21	1,303	294	1.8	0.41
	My sponsor does not have staff who speak my primary language	17	1,097	273	1.5	0.38
	The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency is too harsh	104	5,181	551	7.2	0.75
	I do not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	244	11,084	732	15.4	0.97
	Other (specify)	48	2,248	302	3.1	0.41

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q17 and Q19

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

727 providers reported not experiencing any issues while participating in the CACFP. These providers were excluded from the table.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 26c. Differences in issues experienced by FDCH providers while participating in CACFP, among FDCH providers who experienced issues, by CACFP enrollment status

Issues experienced while participating in CACFP	Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)						P-value
	No			Yes			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
My family child care home does not always have enough children to make participation in CACFP worthwhile	554	15.6	1.54	889	8.1	0.92	*<0.001
Renewing my child care license or registration is challenging	554	11.5	1.35	889	6.3	0.82	*0.001
Meal and snack reimbursements do not cover my food costs	554	48.8	2.13	889	64.8	1.60	*<0.001
Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to my sponsor is difficult	554	31.4	1.97	889	17.3	1.27	*<0.001
Collecting annual child re-enrollment forms is difficult	554	18.4	1.65	889	15.1	1.20	0.102
Collecting income eligibility forms from parents is difficult	554	21.8	1.76	889	9.8	1.00	*<0.001
Meal reimbursements are often delayed	554	16.5	1.58	889	21.7	1.38	*0.013
CACFP nutrition requirements are hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalents)	554	22.7	1.78	889	23.4	1.42	0.747
Unannounced monitoring visits are disruptive to my child care	554	43.8	2.11	889	34.2	1.59	*<0.001
Difficulty attending in-person trainings	554	26.2	1.87	889	27.2	1.49	0.681
Difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	554	20.3	1.71	889	9.2	0.97	*<0.001
My sponsor does not provide enough guidance and support	554	3.2	0.75	889	2.3	0.50	0.288
Parents have negative views about CACFP	554	1.0	0.42	889	1.3	0.38	0.603
Children do not like CACFP meals and snacks	554	11.0	1.33	889	11.3	1.06	0.863
Program materials are not available in my primary language	554	1.0	0.43	889	2.2	0.49	0.077
My sponsor does not have staff who speak my primary language	554	1.6	0.54	889	1.5	0.41	0.837
The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency is too harsh	554	8.9	1.21	889	6.4	0.82	0.086
I do not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	554	17.7	1.62	889	14.4	1.18	0.093
Other	554	3.3	0.76	889	3.1	0.58	0.811

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q17 and Q19

Notes. Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

727 providers reported not experiencing any issues while participating in the CACFP. These providers were excluded from the table.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

*Difference between current and former CACFP FDCH providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 26d. Differences in issues experienced by FDCH providers while participating in CACFP, among FDCH providers who experienced issues, by urbanicity

Issues experienced while participating in CACFP	Urbanicity						P-value
	Urban			Rural			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
My family child care home does not always have enough children to make participation in CACFP worthwhile	908	11.1	1.04	535	9.5	1.27	0.326
Renewing my child care license or registration is challenging	908	7.9	0.90	535	8.0	1.18	0.950
Meal and snack reimbursements do not cover my food costs	908	59.2	1.63	535	60.5	2.12	0.638
Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to my sponsor is difficult	908	23.1	1.40	535	19.3	1.71	0.090
Collecting annual child re-enrollment forms is difficult	908	14.9	1.18	535	18.6	1.68	0.076
Collecting income eligibility forms from parents is difficult	908	14.0	1.15	535	12.9	1.45	0.536
Meal reimbursements are often delayed	908	21.4	1.36	535	17.4	1.64	0.059
CACFP nutrition requirements are hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalents)	908	21.3	1.36	535	26.8	1.92	*0.021
Unannounced monitoring visits are disruptive to my child care	908	37.2	1.61	535	37.3	2.09	0.974
Difficulty attending in-person trainings	908	25.0	1.44	535	30.5	1.99	*0.026
Difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	908	12.7	1.11	535	12.9	1.45	0.914
My sponsor does not provide enough guidance and support	908	2.8	0.55	535	2.0	0.61	0.333
Parents have negative views about CACFP	908	1.4	0.38	535	0.9	0.41	0.406
Children do not like CACFP meals and snacks	908	10.5	1.02	535	12.8	1.44	0.190
Program materials are not available in my primary language	908	2.5	0.52	535	0.4	0.28	*<0.001
My sponsor does not have staff who speak my primary language	908	2.2	0.49	535	0.3	0.22	*<0.001
The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency is too harsh	908	8.2	0.91	535	5.3	0.97	*0.025
I do not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	908	14.4	1.17	535	17.4	1.64	0.142
Other	908	3.0	0.57	535	3.4	0.78	0.705

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q17

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

727 providers reported not experiencing any issues while participating in the CACFP. These providers were excluded from the table.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Urbanicity is defined using National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) locale categories for the census block of the provider. Providers labeled as urban include those in large, midsize, and small cities and large, midsize, and small suburban areas. Providers labeled as rural include those in fringe, distant, and remote towns and fringe, distant, and remote areas.

*Difference between urban and rural providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 26e. Differences in issues experienced by FDCH providers while participating in CACFP, among FDCH providers who experienced issues, by provider size

Issues experienced while participating in CACFP	Provider size						P-value
	Small (less than 7 children)			Large (7 children or more)			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
My family child care home does not always have enough children to make participation in CACFP worthwhile	503	15.5	1.61	935	7.6	0.87	*<0.001
Renewing my child care license or registration is challenging	503	10.4	1.36	935	6.6	0.81	*0.018
Meal and snack reimbursements do not cover my food costs	503	53.5	2.23	935	63.4	1.58	*<0.001
Sending daily meal counts and child attendance to my sponsor is difficult	503	19.7	1.78	935	23.1	1.38	0.136
Collecting annual child re-enrollment forms is difficult	503	12.6	1.48	935	18.3	1.26	*0.004
Collecting income eligibility forms from parents is difficult	503	13.1	1.50	935	14.0	1.14	0.626
Meal reimbursements are often delayed	503	24.2	1.91	935	17.7	1.25	*0.004
CACFP nutrition requirements are hard to follow (e.g. portion sizes, grain ounce equivalents)	503	21.3	1.83	935	24.3	1.40	0.196
Unannounced monitoring visits are disruptive to my child care	503	34.9	2.13	935	38.6	1.59	0.171
Difficulty attending in-person trainings	503	25.5	1.95	935	27.8	1.47	0.337
Difficulty submitting meal counts and child attendance electronically	503	13.1	1.50	935	12.6	1.09	0.821
My sponsor does not provide enough guidance and support	503	2.1	0.64	935	2.8	0.54	0.412
Parents have negative views about CACFP	503	1.2	0.49	935	1.2	0.36	0.994
Children do not like CACFP meals and snacks	503	9.5	1.31	935	12.2	1.07	0.114
Program materials are not available in my primary language	503	2.2	0.65	935	1.6	0.41	0.462
My sponsor does not have staff who speak my primary language	503	1.8	0.59	935	1.4	0.38	0.600
The criteria for what counts as a Serious Deficiency is too harsh	503	6.5	1.10	935	7.7	0.87	0.390
I do not qualify for the higher reimbursement rate	503	13.6	1.53	935	16.6	1.22	0.130
Other	503	2.8	0.73	935	3.4	0.59	0.545

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q6 and Q17

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

727 providers reported not experiencing any issues while participating in the CACFP. These providers were excluded from the table. An additional 5 providers were excluded from the table due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Small providers are defined as those caring for fewer than 7 children. Large providers are defined as those caring for 7 or more children.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS

Table 27a. Policy changes recommended by FDCH providers by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Policy changes to CACFP that would help family child care providers	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	764	31,917	976	29.5	0.9
	Provide flexibility in the deadline for submission of daily meal counts and attendance records	294	12,246	653	38.4	1.78
	Increase the meal and snack reimbursement rates	572	23,732	896	74.4	1.75
	Increase the number of meals and snacks that providers can claim for reimbursement (e.g., up to three full meals)	389	15,906	816	49.9	1.87
	Provide funding for you or your staff to prepare and serve meals	233	9,639	605	30.2	1.69
	Provide funding to purchase kitchen equipment	259	10,638	603	33.4	1.70
	Eliminate the requirement for annual child re-enrollment forms	107	4,722	490	14.8	1.44
	Reduce the lag time for reimbursements for newly enrolled providers	219	8,901	539	27.9	1.56
	Replace some in-person monitoring with remote monitoring visits	255	10,536	530	33.0	1.45
	Address minor errors with training rather than a Serious Deficiency	201	7,987	565	25.1	1.58
	Other (specify)	24	1,072	227	3.4	0.72
Yes	Total	1,351	76,125	1,098	70.4	0.9
	Provide flexibility in the deadline for submission of daily meal counts and attendance records	483	27,058	1,067	35.5	1.26
	Increase the meal and snack reimbursement rates	1,114	62,848	1,243	82.6	1.13
	Increase the number of meals and snacks that providers can claim for reimbursement (e.g., up to three full meals)	749	41,673	1,293	54.7	1.42
	Provide funding for you or your staff to prepare and serve meals	529	30,052	1,134	39.5	1.33
	Provide funding to purchase kitchen equipment	624	35,091	1,051	46.1	1.34
	Eliminate the requirement for annual child re-enrollment forms	126	7,372	669	9.7	0.85
	Reduce the lag time for reimbursements for newly enrolled providers	420	22,569	992	29.6	1.27
	Replace some in-person monitoring with remote monitoring visits	521	28,591	968	37.5	1.14
	Address minor errors with training rather than a Serious Deficiency	307	16,594	909	21.8	1.20
	Other (specify)	33	1,603	279	2.1	0.36

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Policy changes to CACFP that would help family child care providers	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
All	<i>Total</i>	2,115	108,042	666	100.0	
	Provide flexibility in the deadline for submission of daily meal counts and attendance records	777	39,304	1,251	36.4	1.12
	Increase the meal and snack reimbursement rates	1,686	86,581	1,142	80.2	0.94
	Increase the number of meals and snacks that providers can claim for reimbursement (e.g., up to three full meals)	1,138	57,580	1,377	53.3	1.17
	Provide funding for you or your staff to prepare and serve meals	762	39,691	1,298	36.7	1.15
	Provide funding to purchase kitchen equipment	883	45,729	1,128	42.3	1.04
	Eliminate the requirement for annual child re-enrollment forms	233	12,093	828	11.2	0.76
	Reduce the lag time for reimbursements for newly enrolled providers	639	31,470	1,046	29.1	0.94
	Replace some in-person monitoring with remote monitoring visits	776	39,127	1,021	36.2	0.89
	Address minor errors with training rather than a Serious Deficiency	508	24,582	1,062	22.8	0.97
	Other (specify)	57	2,675	388	2.5	0.36

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q19 and Q27

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

55 providers were excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 27b. Differences in recommended policy changes to the CACFP by CACFP enrollment status

Policy changes to CACFP that would help family child care providers	Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)						P-value
	No			Yes			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Provide flexibility in the deadline for submission of daily meal counts and attendance records	763	38.4	1.76	1,351	35.5	1.30	0.191
Increase the meal and snack reimbursement rates	763	74.4	1.58	1,351	82.6	1.03	*<0.001
Increase the number of meals and snacks that providers can claim for reimbursement (e.g., up to three full meals)	763	49.9	1.81	1,351	54.7	1.35	*0.032
Provide funding for you or your staff to prepare and serve meals	763	30.2	1.66	1,351	39.5	1.33	*<0.001
Provide funding to purchase kitchen equipment	763	33.4	1.71	1,351	46.1	1.36	*<0.001
Reduce the lag time for reimbursements for newly enrolled providers	763	14.8	1.29	1,351	9.7	0.81	*0.001
Eliminate the requirement for annual child re-enrollment forms	763	27.9	1.63	1,351	29.7	1.24	0.398
Replace some in-person monitoring with remote monitoring visits	763	33.0	1.70	1,352	37.5	1.32	*0.037
Address minor errors with training rather than a Serious Deficiency	763	25.1	1.57	1,351	21.8	1.12	0.092
Other	764	3.4	0.65	1,351	2.1	0.39	0.100

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q19 and Q27

55 providers were excluded due to missing data.

Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

*Difference between current and former CACFP FDCH providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 27c. Differences in recommended policy changes to the CACFP by urbanicity

Policy changes to CACFP that would help family child care providers	Urbanicity						P-value
	Urban			Rural			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Provide flexibility in the deadline for submission of daily meal counts and attendance records	1,344	39.2	1.33	770	30.9	1.67	*<0.001
Increase the meal and snack reimbursement rates	1,344	79.8	1.10	770	80.9	1.42	0.552
Increase the number of meals and snacks that providers can claim for reimbursement (e.g., up to three full meals)	1,344	54.0	1.36	770	52.0	1.80	0.395
Provide funding for you or your staff to prepare and serve meals	1,344	38.9	1.33	770	32.5	1.69	*0.003
Provide funding to purchase kitchen equipment	1,344	43.2	1.35	770	40.7	1.77	0.278
Reduce the lag time for reimbursements for newly enrolled providers	1,344	12.8	0.91	770	8.0	0.98	*<0.001
Eliminate the requirement for annual child re-enrollment forms	1,344	28.3	1.23	770	30.8	1.67	0.224
Replace some in-person monitoring with remote monitoring visits	1,344	38.3	1.33	771	32.0	1.68	*0.003
Address minor errors with training rather than a Serious Deficiency	1,344	23.7	1.16	770	20.8	1.46	0.120
Other	1,345	1.8	0.36	770	3.8	0.69	*0.010

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q27

55 providers were excluded due to missing data.

Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

*Difference between urban and rural providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 27d. Differences in recommended policy changes to the CACFP by provider size

Policy changes to CACFP that would help family child care providers	Provider size						P-value
	Small (less than 7 children)			Large (7 children or more)			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Provide flexibility in the deadline for submission of daily meal counts and attendance records	785	32.0	1.67	1,323	39.2	1.34	*0.001
Increase the meal and snack reimbursement rates	785	79.4	1.45	1,323	80.7	1.09	0.464
Increase the number of meals and snacks that providers can claim for reimbursement (e.g., up to three full meals)	785	48.8	1.79	1,323	56.2	1.36	*0.001
Provide funding for you or your staff to prepare and serve meals	785	29.5	1.63	1,323	41.4	1.35	*<0.001
Provide funding to purchase kitchen equipment	785	35.4	1.71	1,323	46.8	1.37	*<0.001
Reduce the lag time for reimbursements for newly enrolled providers	785	10.9	1.11	1,323	11.5	0.88	0.675
Eliminate the requirement for annual child re-enrollment forms	785	24.7	1.54	1,323	32.1	1.28	*<0.001
Replace some in-person monitoring with remote monitoring visits	785	30.5	1.64	1,324	40.0	1.35	*<0.001
Address minor errors with training rather than a Serious Deficiency	785	19.8	1.42	1,323	24.6	1.18	*0.009
Other	786	1.3	0.40	1,323	3.3	0.49	*0.001

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q19 and Q27

Notes. Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

61 providers were excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Small providers are defined as those caring for fewer than 7 children. Large providers are defined as those caring for 7 or more children.

*Difference between small and large providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 28a. Reported supports that would make it easier for family child care providers to participate in the CACFP, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Supports that would make it easier for family child care providers to participate in CACFP	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	772	32,151	976	29.2	0.9
	Help with the state licensing or registration process	171	7,322	567	22.8	1.51
	More support and guidance from my CACFP sponsor	99	4,508	486	14.1	1.42
	Simple checklists to make it easier to meet nutrition requirements	365	15,314	779	47.8	1.85
	Recipes and menus with foods from different cultures	163	7,107	538	22.2	1.55
	Getting reimbursements in a timely manner	173	7,603	599	23.7	1.65
	Training on submitting meal count and attendance records electronically	166	7,172	546	22.4	1.48
	Apps or other tools to help shop for foods that meet the CACFP nutrition requirements (e.g. amount of food to serve to meet the whole grain requirement)	229	9,305	659	29.0	1.82
	Help with accessing healthy foods at lower cost	297	12,105	644	37.8	1.70
	Offer remote trainings	253	10,352	529	32.3	1.48
	Opportunities to share information with and learn from other providers	118	4,860	429	15.2	1.32
	Help with marketing the CACFP to parents	65	2,647	289	8.3	0.86
	Having educational resources to share with parents	98	4,230	448	13.2	1.36
	Use monitoring visits to provide guidance and training to providers	71	3,048	378	9.5	1.16
	Program materials in languages other than English and Spanish (specify language)	3	132	80	0.4	0.25
	Sponsor staff who speak languages other than English (specify language)	13	593	177	1.8	0.55
	Other (specify)	115	4,736	493	14.7	1.46

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Supports that would make it easier for family child care providers to participate in CACFP	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
Yes	<i>Total</i>	1,374	77,883	997	70.8	0.9
	Help with the state licensing or registration process	173	10,165	780	13.1	0.98
	More support and guidance from my CACFP sponsor	115	6,935	566	8.9	0.71
	Simple checklists to make it easier to meet nutrition requirements	456	25,342	1,103	32.6	1.38
	Recipes and menus with foods from different cultures	342	20,109	1,010	25.9	1.21
	Getting reimbursements in a timely manner	348	20,830	1,087	26.8	1.36
	Training on submitting meal count and attendance records electronically	134	7,943	698	10.2	0.88
	Apps or other tools to help shop for foods that meet the CACFP nutrition requirements (e.g. amount of food to serve to meet the whole grain requirement)	397	22,135	1,029	28.5	1.28
	Help with accessing healthy foods at lower cost	633	35,451	1,198	45.6	1.33
	Offer remote trainings	402	22,845	1,189	29.4	1.47
	Opportunities to share information with and learn from other providers	175	9,889	833	12.7	1.06
	Help with marketing the CACFP to parents	103	6,215	586	8.0	0.74
	Having educational resources to share with parents	225	13,003	837	16.7	1.02
	Use monitoring visits to provide guidance and training to providers	99	5,843	644	7.5	0.83
	Program materials in languages other than English and Spanish (specify language)	14	912	242	1.2	0.31
	Sponsor staff who speak languages other than English (specify language)	45	2,905	465	3.7	0.60
	Other (specify)	139	7,166	629	9.2	0.79

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Supports that would make it easier for family child care providers to participate in CACFP	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
All	Total	2,146	110,034	519	100.0	
	Help with the state licensing or registration process	344	17,487	889	15.9	0.79
	More support and guidance from my CACFP sponsor	214	11,443	748	10.4	0.67
	Simple checklists to make it easier to meet nutrition requirements	821	40,656	1,370	37.0	1.20
	Recipes and menus with foods from different cultures	505	27,216	1,174	24.8	1.03
	Getting reimbursements in a timely manner	521	28,433	1,242	25.9	1.12
	Training on submitting meal count and attendance records electronically	300	15,115	878	13.8	0.78
	Apps or other tools to help shop for foods that meet the CACFP nutrition requirements (e.g. amount of food to serve to meet the whole grain requirement)	626	31,441	1,143	28.6	1.03
	Help with accessing healthy foods at lower cost	930	47,555	1,198	43.3	1.07
	Offer remote trainings	655	33,197	1,191	30.2	1.06
	Opportunities to share information with and learn from other providers	293	14,749	875	13.4	0.79
	Help with marketing the CACFP to parents	168	8,862	649	8.1	0.58
	Having educational resources to share with parents	323	17,233	938	15.7	0.84
	Use monitoring visits to provide guidance and training to providers	170	8,892	773	8.1	0.70
	Program materials in languages other than English and Spanish (specify language)	17	1,044	250	1.0	0.23
	Sponsor staff who speak languages other than English (specify language)	58	3,498	501	3.2	0.46
	Other (specify)	254	11,902	846	10.8	0.77

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q19 and Q26

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

24 providers excluded because of missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 28b. Differences in reported supports that would make CACFP participation easier for FDCH providers by CACFP enrollment status

Supports that would make it easier for providers to participate in CACFP	Currently enrolled in the CACFP as a family child care provider (self-reported)						P-value
	No			Yes			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Help with the state licensing or registration process	769	22.8	1.51	1,371	13.1	0.91	*<0.001
More support and guidance from my Food Program sponsor	769	14.1	1.25	1,371	8.9	0.77	*0.001
Simple checklists to make it easier to meet nutrition requirements	769	47.8	1.80	1,371	32.6	1.27	*<0.001
Recipes and menus with foods from different cultures	769	22.2	1.50	1,371	25.9	1.18	0.053
Getting reimbursements in a timely manner	769	23.7	1.53	1,371	26.8	1.20	0.114
Training on submitting meal count and attendance records electronically	769	22.4	1.50	1,371	10.2	0.82	*<0.001
Apps or other tools to help shop for foods that meet CACFP nutrition requirements (e.g. amount of food to serve to meet the whole grain requirement)	769	29.0	1.64	1,371	28.5	1.22	0.787
Help with accessing healthy foods at lower cost	769	37.8	1.75	1,371	45.6	1.35	*<0.001
Offer remote trainings	769	32.3	1.69	1,371	29.4	1.23	0.165
Opportunities to share information with and learn from other providers	769	15.2	1.29	1,371	12.7	0.90	0.122
Help with marketing CACFP to parents	769	8.3	0.99	1,371	8.0	0.73	0.833
Having educational resources to share with parents	769	13.2	1.22	1,371	16.7	1.01	*0.026
Use monitoring visits to provide guidance and training to providers	769	9.5	1.06	1,371	7.5	0.71	0.119
Program materials in languages other than English and Spanish (specify language)	769	0.4	0.23	1,371	1.2	0.29	*0.041
Sponsor staff who speak languages other than English (specify language)	769	1.9	0.49	1,372	3.7	0.51	*0.008
Other	772	14.7	1.28	1,374	9.2	0.78	*<0.001

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q19 and Q26

Notes. Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

24 providers were excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

*Difference between current and former CACFP FDCH providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 28c. Differences in reported supports that would make CACFP participation easier for FDCH providers by urbanicity

Supports that would make it easier for providers to participate in CACFP	Urbanicity						P-value
	Urban			Rural			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Help with the state licensing or registration process	1,360	16.6	1.01	780	14.6	1.26	0.203
More support and guidance from my Food Program sponsor	1,360	12.1	0.89	780	7.0	0.92	*<0.001
Simple checklists to make it easier to meet nutrition requirements	1,360	36.8	1.31	780	37.5	1.73	0.724
Recipes and menus with foods from different cultures	1,360	27.9	1.22	780	18.7	1.40	*<0.001
Getting reimbursements in a timely manner	1,360	27.5	1.21	780	22.7	1.50	*0.013
Training on submitting meal count and attendance records electronically	1,360	14.9	0.97	780	11.5	1.14	*0.021
Apps or other tools to help shop for foods that meet CACFP nutrition requirements (e.g. amount of food to serve to meet the whole grain requirement)	1,360	28.0	1.22	780	30.0	1.64	0.314
Help with accessing healthy foods at lower cost	1,360	42.7	1.34	780	44.6	1.78	0.377
Offer remote trainings	1,360	29.7	1.24	780	31.2	1.66	0.474
Opportunities to share information with and learn from other providers	1,360	14.4	0.95	780	11.5	1.14	0.052
Help with marketing CACFP to parents	1,360	9.5	0.80	780	5.1	0.79	*<0.001
Having educational resources to share with parents	1,360	18.0	1.04	780	11.1	1.12	*<0.001
Use monitoring visits to provide guidance and training to providers	1,360	9.3	0.79	780	5.7	0.83	*0.001
Program materials in languages other than English and Spanish (specify language)	1,360	1.4	0.32	780	0.0	0.00	*<0.001
Sponsor staff who speak languages other than English (specify language)	1,361	4.2	0.55	780	1.1	0.38	*<0.001
Other	1,365	10.6	0.84	781	11.2	1.13	0.710

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q26

Notes. Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

24 providers were excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Urbanicity is defined using National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) locale categories for the census block of the provider. Providers labeled as urban include those in large, midsize, and small cities and large, midsize, and small suburban areas. Providers labeled as rural include those in fringe, distant, and remote towns and fringe, distant, and remote areas.

*Difference between urban and rural providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

Alaska, Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Nevada are excluded from the study because they did not submit data to FNS.

Table 28d. Differences in reported supports that would make CACFP participation easier for FDCH providers by provider size

Supports that would make it easier for providers to participate in CACFP	Provider size						P-value
	Small (less than 7 children)			Large (7 children or more)			
	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	Sample size	% Yes	S.E.	
Help with the state licensing or registration process	797	17.5	1.35	1,336	15.0	0.98	0.124
More support and guidance from my Food Program sponsor	797	10.7	1.10	1,336	10.1	0.83	0.676
Simple checklists to make it easier to meet nutrition requirements	797	35.2	1.69	1,336	38.2	1.33	0.161
Recipes and menus with foods from different cultures	797	24.1	1.51	1,336	25.1	1.19	0.572
Getting reimbursements in a timely manner	797	27.0	1.57	1,336	25.1	1.19	0.348
Training on submitting meal count and attendance records electronically	797	14.1	1.23	1,336	13.5	0.94	0.721
Apps or other tools to help shop for foods that meet CACFP nutrition requirements (e.g. amount of food to serve to meet the whole grain requirement)	797	28.6	1.60	1,336	28.7	1.24	0.947
Help with accessing healthy foods at lower cost	797	42.0	1.75	1,336	44.2	1.36	0.313
Offer remote trainings	797	28.9	1.61	1,336	31.0	1.27	0.308
Opportunities to share information with and learn from other providers	797	13.3	1.20	1,336	13.4	0.93	0.936
Help with marketing CACFP to parents	797	8.4	0.98	1,336	7.7	0.73	0.553
Having educational resources to share with parents	797	14.2	1.24	1,336	16.6	1.02	0.135
Use monitoring visits to provide guidance and training to providers	797	6.2	0.86	1,336	9.1	0.79	*0.013
Program materials in languages other than English and Spanish (specify language)	797	1.6	0.44	1,336	0.6	0.20	*0.033
Sponsor staff who speak languages other than English (specify language)	798	4.0	0.69	1,336	2.7	0.44	0.117
Other	800	9.0	1.01	1,339	12.1	0.89	*0.022

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q6 and Q26

Notes. Percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

31 providers were excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

Small providers are defined as those caring for fewer than 7 children. Large providers are defined as those caring for 7 or more children.

*Difference between small and large providers is significantly different at the .05 level.

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Table 29. Best ways for providers to learn about CACFP, as reported by FDCH providers, by CACFP enrollment status

Currently enrolled in CACFP as a family child care provider	Ways for family child care providers to learn about CACFP and how to participate	Sample Size	Total		Percent	
			Estimate	S.E.	Estimate	S.E.
No	Total	775	32,230	999	29.5	0.9
	Child care licensing agency	507	20,469	805	63.5	1.68
	CACFP sponsor organization	412	17,263	796	53.7	1.98
	Child care resource and referral agency	426	17,705	758	55.0	1.85
	Family child care providers who participate in the food program	515	21,447	882	66.7	1.85
	Other	7	336	145	1.0	0.45
Yes	Total	1,367	77,051	1,033	70.5	0.9
	Child care licensing agency	768	41,920	1,192	54.4	1.30
	CACFP sponsor organization	729	41,310	1,367	53.6	1.57
	Child care resource and referral agency	694	38,969	1,051	50.6	1.30
	Family child care providers who participate in the food program	913	51,313	1,339	66.6	1.54
	Other	5	284	134	0.4	0.17
All	Total	2,142	109,281	620	100.0	
	Child care licensing agency	1,275	62,389	1,142	57.1	1.00
	CACFP sponsor organization	1,141	58,573	1,371	53.6	1.23
	Child care resource and referral agency	1,120	56,674	1,196	51.9	1.08
	Family child care providers who participate in the food program	1,428	72,760	1,270	66.6	1.13
	Other	12	620	177	0.6	0.16

Source. FDCH Provider Experience Survey (2023) Q19 and Q29

Notes. Estimates and percentages have been weighted to be nationally representative.

28 providers excluded due to missing data.

Providers could choose all that apply; percentages sum to more than 100.

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