**Affordability of Child Care for Families**

In all states, the price of child care in most settings, for most age groups, remains higher than what is considered affordable.

In Missouri:
- The median income for a married couple is $95,490, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 11% of family income.
- The median income for a single parent family is $29,088, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 36% of family income.

**Annual Price of Child Care**

The price of child care remains too high for many families.

In Missouri the average price of child care is:

- **$5,949 per year**
  - For an infant in family child care
- **$5,686 per year**
  - For a toddler in family child care
- **$10,555 per year**
  - For an infant in center-based child care
- **$8,236 per year**
  - For a toddler in center-based child care

Source: Child Care Aware® of America's Catalyzing Growth: Using Data to Change Child Care Report Series

**Child Care vs. Household Expenses**

When compared to other household expenses, child care often has the highest price.