

# Child Care Affordability in Colorado



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## Annual Price of Child Care

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

In Colorado the average price of child care is:

**\$12,750 per year**

For an infant in family child care

**\$12,750 per year**

For a toddler in family child care

**\$19,573 per year**

For an infant in center-based child care

**\$16,307 per year**

For a toddler in center-based child care

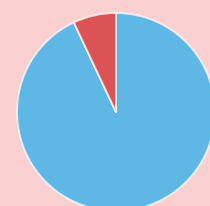


## Affordability of Child Care for Families

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

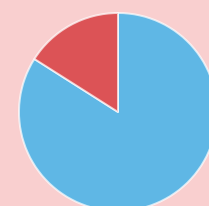
In Colorado:

- The median income for a married couple is **\$119,080**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **16%** of family income.
- The median income for a single parent family is **\$39,633**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **49%** of family income.



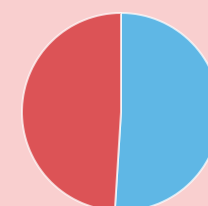
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**16%**

OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR A MARRIED COUPLE FAMILY

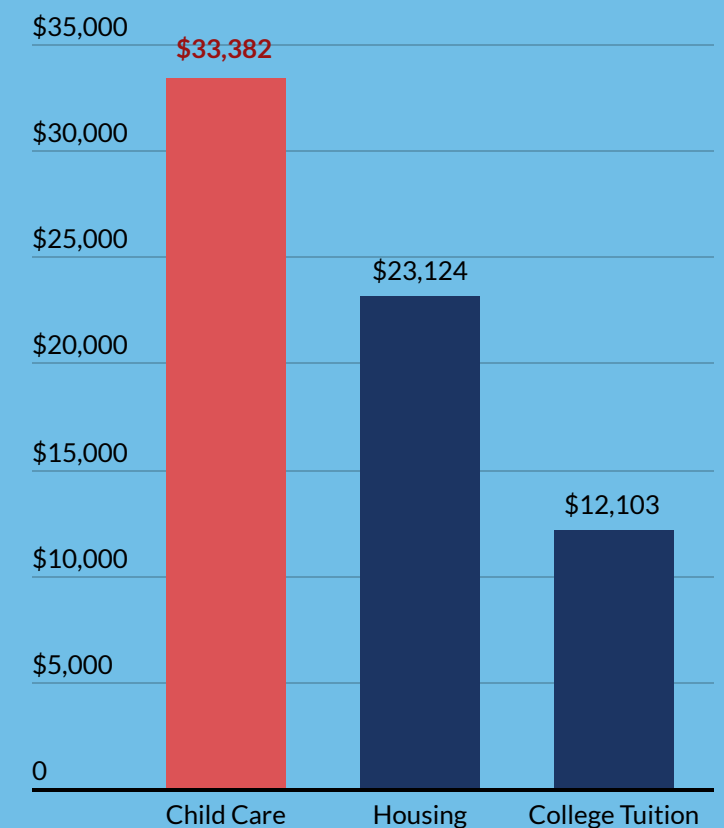


**49%**

OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR A SINGLE PARENT FAMILY

## Child Care vs. Household Expenses

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



Annual child care price for 2 children (an infant and 4 year old) in a center