

## Annual Price of Child Care

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

In Minnesota the average price of child care is:

**\$8,982 per year**

For an infant in family child care

**\$8,589 per year**

For a toddler in family child care

**\$17,441 per year**

For an infant in center-based child care

**\$15,340 per year**

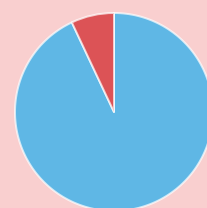
For a toddler in center-based child care

## 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.

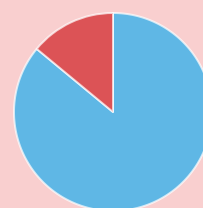
In Minnesota:

- The median income for a married couple is **\$127,103**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **14%** of family income.
- The median income for a single parent family is **\$38,874**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **45%** of family income.



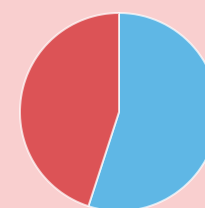
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**14%**

OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR  
A MARRIED COUPLE FAMILY

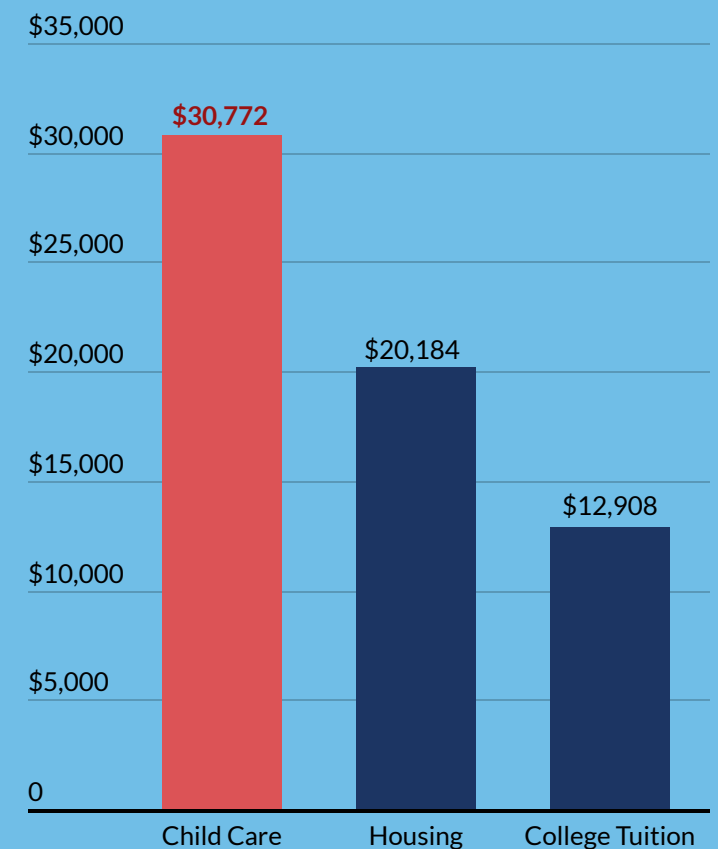


**45%**

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