**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 New Hampshire:
- The median income for a married couple is $132,807, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 12% of family income.
- The median income for a single parent family is $39,964, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 38% of family income.

**Annual Price of Child Care**

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

In New Hampshire the average price of child care is:
- **$10,140 per year**
  For an infant in family child care
- **$10,400 per year**
  For a toddler in family child care
- **$15,340 per year**
  For an infant in center-based child care
- **$14,235 per year**
  For a toddler in center-based child care

**Child Care vs. Household Expenses**

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

- **$28,340**
  Child Care
- **$24,744**
  Housing
- **$17,025**
  College Tuition

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

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