Annual Price of Child Care

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

In Oklahoma the average price of child care is:

- **$7,816 per year**
  For an infant in family child care

- **$7,594 per year**
  For a toddler in family child care

- **$9,176 per year**
  For an infant in center-based child care

- **$8,506 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 Oklahoma:

- The median income for a married couple is $89,165, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 10% of family income.
- The median income for a single parent family is $28,134, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 33% of family income.

**Decision-Making:**

- **<7%**
  Recommended by Dept of Health and Human Services

- **10%**
  Of median income for a married couple family

- **33%**
  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.

- **$16,885**
  Child Care

- **$15,756**
  Housing

- **$9,388**
  College Tuition

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

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