

## Annual Price of Child Care

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

In Tennessee the average price of child care is:

**\$8,024 per year**

For an infant in family child care

**\$8,604 per year**

For a toddler in family child care

**\$11,985 per year**

For an infant in center-based child care

**\$11,027 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.

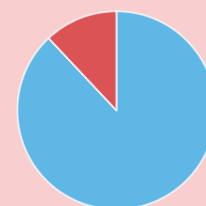
In Tennessee:

- The median income for a married couple is **\$104,477**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **11.5%** of family income.
- The median income for a single parent family is **\$32,580**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **36.8%** of family income.



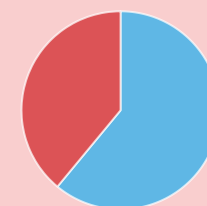
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**11.5%**

OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR A MARRIED COUPLE FAMILY



**36.8%**

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