



2024 Price
of Care:

Child Care Affordability Analysis



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TABLE I

2024 Average Annual Price of Full-Time Center-Based Child Care by State

State	Infant	Toddler	4-Year-Old	Before/After School	Full-Time Summer
Alabama*	\$8,632	\$8,424	\$8,008	\$5,226	\$1,742
Alaska	\$12,107	\$11,304	\$9,883	\$6,324	\$2,239
Arizona	\$15,964	\$13,390	\$11,680	\$5,850	\$2,600
Arkansas	\$9,178	\$8,801	\$8,320	\$3,397	\$1,971
California*	\$22,628	NR	\$16,665	\$10,627	\$3,542
Colorado	\$20,978	\$17,479	\$14,800	\$8,292	NR
Connecticut	\$18,492	\$18,829	\$15,297	\$5,967	NR
Delaware	\$16,617	\$14,668	\$13,218	\$5,476	\$2,806
District of Columbia	\$26,193	\$24,087	\$20,981	NR	NR
Florida*	\$13,011	\$11,461	\$9,409	\$5,238	\$2,619
Georgia	\$11,066	\$10,537	\$9,573	\$6,568	\$2,021
Hawaii	\$24,115	\$18,852	\$13,992	\$7,402	NR
Idaho	\$10,608	\$9,996	\$9,201	\$6,444	NR
Illinois	\$19,807	\$18,736	\$17,238	\$4,538	\$3,603
Indiana	\$16,478	\$16,002	\$12,531	\$6,394	\$2,784
Iowa	\$12,694	\$11,729	\$10,100	\$3,572	\$2,128
Kansas	\$15,156	\$11,071	\$9,217	\$2,254	\$1,471
Kentucky	\$12,740	\$12,220	\$10,712	\$5,850	\$2,489
Louisiana*	\$10,847	\$9,997	\$9,378	\$5,841	\$1,943
Maine*	\$15,730	\$14,820	\$14,144	\$7,683	\$2,561
Maryland	\$25,321	\$22,594	\$15,601	\$10,226	NR
Massachusetts	\$26,343	\$24,314	\$20,669	\$17,944	\$3,918
Michigan	\$13,454	\$13,555	\$12,246	\$5,468	\$1,261
Minnesota	\$20,421	\$18,042	\$15,733	NA	NA
Mississippi*	\$7,696	\$7,254	\$6,864	\$4,290	\$1,430
Missouri	\$13,780	\$11,700	\$9,568	\$4,056	\$1,352
Montana	\$15,080	\$15,080	\$14,300	\$4,875	\$3,250
Nebraska	\$18,147	\$17,184	\$15,738	NR	\$12,848
Nevada	\$12,659	\$11,442	\$10,605	\$6,140	NR
New Hampshire	\$16,040	\$14,870	\$13,042	\$4,826	NR
New Jersey*	\$20,213	\$19,448	\$17,503	\$5,990	\$1,997

State	Infant	Toddler	4-Year-Old	Before/After School	Full-Time Summer
New York	\$20,439	\$18,661	\$17,343	\$12,447	NR
North Carolina	\$12,370	\$11,694	\$10,381	\$5,811	\$1,941
North Dakota	\$12,299	\$11,580	\$10,869	NR	NR
Ohio	\$13,780	\$12,376	\$11,752	\$6,435	\$2,145
Oklahoma	\$10,809	\$10,060	\$9,415	\$7,326	NR
Oregon	\$19,500	\$17,368	\$13,260	NR	NR
Pennsylvania*	\$14,910	\$14,180	\$12,453	\$7,937	\$2,645
Rhode Island*	\$18,486	NA	\$16,212	\$10,920	\$3,640
South Carolina	\$10,474	\$10,308	\$9,691	\$8,277	NR
South Dakota	\$8,632	\$8,632	\$8,070	\$5,460	NR
Tennessee	\$13,126	\$12,063	\$10,840	\$4,402	\$7,724
Texas*	\$11,349	\$10,921	\$10,225	\$6,782	\$2,260
Utah	\$14,160	\$11,328	\$9,876	\$5,940	\$1,980
Vermont	\$18,710	\$17,988	\$15,877	\$6,442	\$3,530
Virginia	\$16,796	\$15,964	\$13,884	\$5,772	\$3,601
Washington	\$21,348	\$19,236	\$16,908	\$5,196	NR
West Virginia*	\$10,439	\$9,903	\$9,368	NR	NR
Wisconsin	\$17,963	\$18,239	\$15,039	\$6,226	NR
Wyoming*	\$12,784	\$11,897	\$11,229	\$6,249	\$2,321

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TABLE II

2024 Average Annual Price of Full-Time Family Child Care (FCC) by State

State	Infant	Toddler	4-Year-Old	Before/After School	Full-Time Summer
Alabama*	\$7,670	\$7,527	\$7,332	\$5,090	\$1,697
Alaska	\$10,809	\$9,265	\$8,610	\$5,559	\$2,084
Arizona	\$10,920	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$5,850	\$2,600
Arkansas	\$7,963	\$7,727	\$7,745	\$4,274	\$1,804
California*	\$19,022	NR	\$16,763	\$10,293	\$3,431
Colorado	\$13,666	\$13,666	\$12,830	\$8,068	NR
Connecticut	\$14,305	NA	\$13,201	\$5,928	NA
Delaware	\$10,997	\$10,358	\$9,968	\$4,294	\$2,191
District of Columbia	\$21,382	\$21,022	\$19,685	NR	NR
Florida*	\$11,201	\$10,185	\$8,592	\$5,094	\$2,547
Georgia	\$8,407	\$8,043	\$7,802	\$5,661	\$1,887
Hawaii	\$11,632	\$11,148	\$11,028	\$10,694	\$10,668
Idaho	\$7,380	\$7,308	\$7,152	\$5,328	NR
Illinois	\$12,283	\$12,283	\$10,439	\$3,524	\$2,403
Indiana	\$9,508	\$9,102	\$8,470	\$5,143	\$1,934
Iowa	\$8,596	\$8,443	\$8,285	\$3,067	\$1,934
Kansas	\$7,639	\$6,890	\$7,750	\$2,742	\$914
Kentucky	\$9,880	\$9,360	\$9,360	\$5,148	\$2,340
Louisiana*	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Maine*	\$11,830	\$11,206	\$10,790	\$6,728	\$2,243
Maryland	\$15,919	\$15,676	\$13,416	\$8,505	
Massachusetts	\$17,510	\$17,511	\$15,056	\$7,583	\$3,764
Michigan	\$9,458	\$9,959	\$10,355	\$5,448	\$1,257
Minnesota	\$9,821	\$9,434	\$8,978	NA	NA
Mississippi*	\$6,188	\$5,980	\$5,720	\$3,588	\$1,196
Missouri	\$9,984	\$8,996	\$8,320	\$3,432	\$1,144
Montana	\$11,700	\$11,700	\$10,400	\$3,900	\$2,600
Nebraska	\$13,383	\$13,383	\$13,383	NR	\$10,038
Nevada	\$9,703	\$9,239	\$8,982	\$4,954	NR
New Hampshire	\$11,708	\$11,432	\$11,418	\$3,827	NR

State	Infant	Toddler	4-Year-Old	Before/After School	Full-Time Summer
New Jersey*	\$12,502	\$11,113	\$11,113	\$7,960	\$2,246
New York	\$16,415	\$15,616	\$15,616	\$13,299	
North Carolina	\$9,961	\$9,591	\$9,047	\$5,693	\$1,898
North Dakota	\$10,141	\$9,801	\$9,473	NA	NA
Ohio	\$10,556	\$10,192	\$9,048	\$5,967	\$1,989
Oklahoma	\$9,399	\$9,122	\$8,577	\$7,990	NA
Oregon	\$15,808	\$13,832	\$13,728	NR	NR
Pennsylvania*	\$10,994	\$10,428	\$9,685	\$6,297	\$2,099
Rhode Island*	\$14,300	NA	\$13,000	\$8,775	\$2,925
South Carolina	\$8,126	\$7,449	\$7,223	\$6,321	NR
South Dakota	\$6,822	\$6,822	\$6,635	\$4,836	NR
Tennessee	\$9,415	\$9,430	\$8,689	\$5,618	\$6,789
Texas*	\$10,010	\$9,957	\$9,582	\$6,300	\$2,100
Utah	\$10,800	\$8,700	\$8,160	\$5,760	\$1,920
Vermont	\$12,395	\$11,952	\$11,818	\$5,595	\$2,804
Virginia	\$13,052	\$12,480	\$12,116	\$4,095	\$3,081
Washington	\$18,000	\$16,200	\$14,556	\$5,460	NR
West Virginia*	\$8,565	\$7,762	\$7,762	NR	NR
Wisconsin	\$12,319	\$14,743	\$11,088	\$6,568	NR
Wyoming*	\$10,704	\$10,278	\$9,747	\$6,080	\$2,258

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TABLE III

2024 Ranking of Least Affordable Center-Based Child Care for Infants

Rank	State	Annual Price- Infant, Center [^]	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
1	Hawaii	\$24,115	\$49,190	49.0%	\$134,710	17.9%
2	California*	\$22,628	\$45,721	49.5%	\$138,719	16.3%
3	Maryland	\$25,321	\$52,696	48.1%	\$159,911	15.8%
4	Oregon	\$19,500	\$41,753	46.7%	\$125,549	15.5%
5	Nebraska	\$18,147	\$42,047	43.2%	\$119,896	15.1%
6	Massachusetts	\$26,343	\$42,380	62.2%	\$177,034	14.9%
7	Washington	\$21,348	\$42,108	50.7%	\$145,513	14.7%
8	New York	\$20,439	\$40,903	50.0%	\$141,123	14.5%
9	Illinois	\$19,807	\$41,288	48.0%	\$137,283	14.4%
10	Indiana	\$16,478	\$35,871	45.9%	\$114,341	14.4%
11	Minnesota	\$20,421	\$44,713	45.7%	\$142,517	14.3%
12	Colorado	\$20,978	\$48,348	43.4%	\$147,124	14.3%
13	Vermont	\$18,710	\$43,136	43.4%	\$133,818	14.0%
14	Wisconsin	\$17,963	\$40,428	44.4%	\$129,130	13.9%
15	Montana	\$15,080	\$41,602	36.2%	\$112,896	13.4%
16	Arizona	\$15,964	\$44,148	36.2%	\$119,616	13.3%
17	Kansas	\$15,156	\$37,850	40.0%	\$114,128	13.3%
18	Maine*	\$15,730	\$40,736	38.6%	\$119,024	13.2%
19	Rhode Island*	\$18,486	\$39,134	47.2%	\$141,221	13.1%
20	Delaware	\$16,617	\$45,405	36.6%	\$131,254	12.7%
21	New Jersey*	\$20,213	\$44,800	45.1%	\$167,018	12.1%
22	Kentucky	\$12,740	\$28,400	44.9%	\$106,973	11.9%
23	Missouri	\$13,780	\$39,986	34.5%	\$115,991	11.9%
24	Connecticut	\$18,492	\$43,073	42.9%	\$157,187	11.8%
25	Tennessee	\$13,126	\$32,391	40.5%	\$111,879	11.7%
26	Utah	\$14,160	\$44,502	31.8%	\$121,946	11.6%
27	Pennsylvania*	\$14,910	\$37,131	40.2%	\$129,691	11.5%
28	Florida*	\$13,011	\$41,114	31.6%	\$113,290	11.5%
29	Virginia	\$16,796	\$42,879	39.2%	\$146,806	11.4%

Rank	State	Annual Price- Infant, Center [^]	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
30	Wyoming*	\$12,784	\$33,303	38.4%	\$112,093	11.4%
31	Nevada	\$12,659	\$39,499	32.0%	\$112,561	11.2%
32	Michigan	\$13,454	\$35,603	37.8%	\$120,797	11.1%
33	Ohio	\$13,780	\$34,414	40.0%	\$124,688	11.1%
34	New Hampshire	\$16,040	\$45,086	35.6%	\$150,029	10.7%
35	Oklahoma	\$10,809	\$31,574	34.2%	\$101,609	10.6%
36	North Carolina	\$12,370	\$36,181	34.2%	\$117,287	10.5%
37	Iowa	\$12,694	\$39,543	32.1%	\$120,779	10.5%
38	District of Columbia	\$26,193	\$55,536	47.2%	\$250,000	10.5%
39	West Virginia*	\$10,439	\$29,974	34.8%	\$100,188	10.4%
40	Idaho	\$10,608	\$41,533	25.5%	\$107,726	9.8%
41	Texas*	\$11,349	\$38,384	29.6%	\$116,166	9.8%
42	Louisiana*	\$10,847	\$27,790	39.0%	\$111,196	9.8%
43	Alaska	\$12,107	\$46,867	25.8%	\$125,462	9.6%
44	South Carolina	\$10,474	\$35,510	29.5%	\$110,894	9.4%
45	North Dakota	\$12,299	\$35,660	34.5%	\$131,059	9.4%
46	Georgia	\$11,066	\$38,311	28.9%	\$119,792	9.2%
47	Arkansas	\$9,178	\$31,747	28.9%	\$100,841	9.1%
48	Alabama*	\$8,632	\$29,497	29.3%	\$107,403	8.0%
49	South Dakota	\$8,632	\$37,415	23.1%	\$115,205	7.5%
50	Mississippi*	\$7,696	\$26,911	28.6%	\$103,063	7.5%

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Note: 1 = least affordable and 50 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of child care as percentage of state median income for married-couple families. Income is based on single-parent and married-couple families with own children under the age of 18.

TABLE IV

2024 Ranking of Least Affordable Family Child Care (FCC) for Infants

Rank	State	Annual Price- Infant, FCC [^]	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
1	California*	\$19,022	\$45,721	41.6%	\$138,719	13.7%
2	Oregon	\$15,808	\$41,753	37.9%	\$125,549	12.6%
3	Washington	\$18,000	\$42,108	42.7%	\$145,513	12.4%
4	New York	\$16,415	\$40,903	40.1%	\$141,123	11.6%
5	Nebraska	\$13,383	\$42,047	31.8%	\$119,896	11.2%
6	Montana	\$11,700	\$41,602	28.1%	\$112,896	10.4%
7	Rhode Island*	\$14,300	\$39,134	36.5%	\$141,221	10.1%
8	Maryland	\$15,919	\$52,696	30.2%	\$159,911	10.0%
9	Maine*	\$11,830	\$40,736	29.0%	\$119,024	9.9%
10	Massachusetts	\$17,510	\$42,380	41.3%	\$177,034	9.9%
11	Florida*	\$11,201	\$41,114	27.2%	\$113,290	9.9%
12	Wyoming*	\$10,704	\$33,303	32.1%	\$112,093	9.5%
13	Wisconsin	\$12,319	\$40,428	30.5%	\$129,130	9.5%
14	Colorado	\$13,666	\$48,348	28.3%	\$147,124	9.3%
15	Vermont	\$12,395	\$43,136	28.7%	\$133,818	9.3%
16	Oklahoma	\$9,399	\$31,574	29.8%	\$101,609	9.3%
17	Kentucky	\$9,880	\$28,400	34.8%	\$106,973	9.2%
18	Arizona	\$10,920	\$44,148	24.7%	\$119,616	9.1%
19	Connecticut	\$14,305	\$43,073	33.2%	\$157,187	9.1%
20	Illinois	\$12,283	\$41,288	29.7%	\$137,283	8.9%
21	Virginia	\$13,052	\$42,879	30.4%	\$146,806	8.9%
22	Utah	\$10,800	\$44,502	24.3%	\$121,946	8.9%
23	Hawaii	\$11,632	\$49,190	23.6%	\$134,710	8.6%
24	Nevada	\$9,703	\$39,499	24.6%	\$112,561	8.6%
25	Texas*	\$10,010	\$38,384	26.1%	\$116,166	8.6%
26	Alaska	\$10,809	\$46,867	23.1%	\$125,462	8.6%
27	Missouri	\$9,984	\$39,986	25.0%	\$115,991	8.6%
28	District of Columbia	\$21,382	\$55,536	38.5%	\$250,000	8.6%
29	West Virginia*	\$8,565	\$29,974	28.6%	\$100,188	8.5%

Rank	State	Annual Price- Infant, FCC [^]	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
30	North Carolina	\$9,961	\$36,181	27.5%	\$117,287	8.5%
31	Pennsylvania*	\$10,994	\$37,131	29.6%	\$129,691	8.5%
32	Ohio	\$10,556	\$34,414	30.7%	\$124,688	8.5%
33	Tennessee	\$9,415	\$32,391	29.1%	\$111,879	8.4%
34	Delaware	\$10,997	\$45,405	24.2%	\$131,254	8.4%
35	Indiana	\$9,508	\$35,871	26.5%	\$114,341	8.3%
36	Arkansas	\$7,963	\$31,747	25.1%	\$100,841	7.9%
37	Michigan	\$9,458	\$35,603	26.6%	\$120,797	7.8%
38	New Hampshire	\$11,708	\$45,086	26.0%	\$150,029	7.8%
39	North Dakota	\$10,141	\$35,660	28.4%	\$131,059	7.7%
40	New Jersey*	\$12,502	\$44,800	27.9%	\$167,018	7.5%
41	South Carolina	\$8,126	\$35,510	22.9%	\$110,894	7.3%
42	Alabama*	\$7,670	\$29,497	26.0%	\$107,403	7.1%
43	Iowa	\$8,596	\$39,543	21.7%	\$120,779	7.1%
44	Georgia	\$8,407	\$38,311	21.9%	\$119,792	7.0%
45	Minnesota	\$9,821	\$44,713	22.0%	\$142,517	6.9%
46	Idaho	\$7,380	\$41,533	17.8%	\$107,726	6.9%
47	Kansas	\$7,639	\$37,850	20.2%	\$114,128	6.7%
48	Mississippi*	\$6,188	\$26,911	23.0%	\$103,063	6.0%
49	South Dakota	\$6,822	\$37,415	18.2%	\$115,205	5.9%
50	Louisiana*	NA	\$27,790	NA	\$111,196	NA

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Note: 1 = least affordable and 50 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of child care as percentage of state median income for married-couple families. Income is based on single-parent and married-couple families with own children under the age of 18.

TABLE V

2024 Ranking of Least Affordable Center-Based Child Care for Toddlers

Rank	State	Annual Price-Toddler, Center^	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income^^	% of Median Income	Median Income^^	% of Median Income
1	Nebraska	\$17,184	\$42,047	40.9%	\$119,896	14.3%
2	Maryland	\$22,594	\$52,696	42.9%	\$159,911	14.1%
3	Wisconsin	\$18,239	\$40,428	45.1%	\$129,130	14.1%
4	Indiana	\$16,002	\$35,871	44.6%	\$114,341	14.0%
5	Hawaii	\$18,852	\$49,190	38.3%	\$134,710	14.0%
6	Oregon	\$17,368	\$41,753	41.6%	\$125,549	13.8%
7	Massachusetts	\$24,314	\$42,380	57.4%	\$177,034	13.7%
8	Illinois	\$18,736	\$41,288	45.4%	\$137,283	13.6%
9	Vermont	\$17,988	\$43,136	41.7%	\$133,818	13.4%
10	Montana	\$15,080	\$41,602	36.2%	\$112,896	13.4%
11	New York	\$18,661	\$40,903	45.6%	\$141,123	13.2%
12	Washington	\$19,236	\$42,108	45.7%	\$145,513	13.2%
13	Minnesota	\$18,042	\$44,713	40.4%	\$142,517	12.7%
14	Maine*	\$14,820	\$40,736	36.4%	\$119,024	12.5%
15	Connecticut	\$18,829	\$43,073	43.7%	\$157,187	12.0%
16	Colorado	\$17,479	\$48,348	36.2%	\$147,124	11.9%
17	New Jersey*	\$19,448	\$44,800	43.4%	\$167,018	11.6%
18	Kentucky	\$12,220	\$28,400	43.0%	\$106,973	11.4%
19	Michigan	\$13,555	\$35,603	38.1%	\$120,797	11.2%
20	Arizona	\$13,390	\$44,148	30.3%	\$119,616	11.2%
21	Delaware	\$14,668	\$45,405	32.3%	\$131,254	11.2%
22	Pennsylvania*	\$14,180	\$37,131	38.2%	\$129,691	10.9%
23	Virginia	\$15,964	\$42,879	37.2%	\$146,806	10.9%
24	Tennessee	\$12,063	\$32,391	37.2%	\$111,879	10.8%
25	Wyoming*	\$11,897	\$33,303	35.7%	\$112,093	10.6%
26	Nevada	\$11,442	\$39,499	29.0%	\$112,561	10.2%
27	Florida*	\$11,461	\$41,114	27.9%	\$113,290	10.1%
28	Missouri	\$11,700	\$39,986	29.3%	\$115,991	10.1%
29	North Carolina	\$11,694	\$36,181	32.3%	\$117,287	10.0%

Rank	State	Annual Price-Toddler, Center [^]	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
30	Ohio	\$12,376	\$34,414	36.0%	\$124,688	9.9%
31	New Hampshire	\$14,870	\$45,086	33.0%	\$150,029	9.9%
32	Oklahoma	\$10,060	\$31,574	31.9%	\$101,609	9.9%
33	West Virginia*	\$9,903	\$29,974	33.0%	\$100,188	9.9%
34	Iowa	\$11,729	\$39,543	29.7%	\$120,779	9.7%
35	Kansas	\$11,071	\$37,850	29.2%	\$114,128	9.7%
36	District of Columbia	\$24,087	\$55,536	43.4%	\$250,000	9.6%
37	Texas*	\$10,921	\$38,384	28.5%	\$116,166	9.4%
38	South Carolina	\$10,308	\$35,510	29.0%	\$110,894	9.3%
39	Utah	\$11,328	\$44,502	25.5%	\$121,946	9.3%
40	Idaho	\$9,996	\$41,533	24.1%	\$107,726	9.3%
41	Alaska	\$11,304	\$46,867	24.1%	\$125,462	9.0%
42	Louisiana*	\$9,997	\$27,790	36.0%	\$111,196	9.0%
43	North Dakota	\$11,580	\$35,660	32.5%	\$131,059	8.8%
44	Georgia	\$10,537	\$38,311	27.5%	\$119,792	8.8%
45	Arkansas	\$8,801	\$31,747	27.7%	\$100,841	8.7%
46	Alabama*	\$8,424	\$29,497	28.6%	\$107,403	7.8%
47	South Dakota	\$8,632	\$37,415	23.1%	\$115,205	7.5%
48	Mississippi*	\$7,254	\$26,911	27.0%	\$103,063	7.0%
--	California*	NR	\$45,721		\$138,719	
--	Rhode Island*	NA	\$39,134		\$141,221	

[^]Source of Child Care Prices: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{^^}Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023, Table B19126, <https://data.census.gov/>

*State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

Note: 1 = least affordable and 48 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of child care as percentage of state median income for married-couple families. Income is based on single-parent and married-couple families with own children under the age of 18.

TABLE VI

2024 Ranking of Least Affordable Family Child Care (FCC) for Toddlers

Rank	State	Annual Price-Toddler, FCC^	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income^^	% of Median Income	Median Income^^	% of Median Income
1	Wisconsin	\$14,743	\$40,428	36.5%	\$129,130	11.4%
2	Nebraska	\$13,383	\$42,047	31.8%	\$119,896	11.2%
3	Washington	\$16,200	\$42,108	38.5%	\$145,513	11.1%
4	New York	\$15,616	\$40,903	38.2%	\$141,123	11.1%
5	Oregon	\$13,832	\$41,753	33.1%	\$125,549	11.0%
6	Montana	\$11,700	\$41,602	28.1%	\$112,896	10.4%
7	Massachusetts	\$17,511	\$42,380	41.3%	\$177,034	9.9%
8	Maryland	\$15,676	\$52,696	29.7%	\$159,911	9.8%
9	Maine*	\$11,206	\$40,736	27.5%	\$119,024	9.4%
10	Colorado	\$13,666	\$48,348	28.3%	\$147,124	9.3%
11	Wyoming*	\$10,278	\$33,303	30.9%	\$112,093	9.2%
12	Florida*	\$10,185	\$41,114	24.8%	\$113,290	9.0%
13	Oklahoma	\$9,122	\$31,574	28.9%	\$101,609	9.0%
14	Illinois	\$12,283	\$41,288	29.7%	\$137,283	8.9%
15	Vermont	\$11,952	\$43,136	27.7%	\$133,818	8.9%
16	Kentucky	\$9,360	\$28,400	33.0%	\$106,973	8.7%
17	Arizona	\$10,400	\$44,148	23.6%	\$119,616	8.7%
18	Texas*	\$9,957	\$38,384	25.9%	\$116,166	8.6%
19	Virginia	\$12,480	\$42,879	29.1%	\$146,806	8.5%
20	Tennessee	\$9,430	\$32,391	29.1%	\$111,879	8.4%
21	DC	\$21,022	\$55,536	37.9%	\$250,000	8.4%
22	Hawaii	\$11,148	\$49,190	22.7%	\$134,710	8.3%
23	Michigan	\$9,959	\$35,603	28.0%	\$120,797	8.2%
24	Nevada	\$9,239	\$39,499	23.4%	\$112,561	8.2%
25	North Carolina	\$9,591	\$36,181	26.5%	\$117,287	8.2%
26	Ohio	\$10,192	\$34,414	29.6%	\$124,688	8.2%
27	Pennsylvania*	\$10,428	\$37,131	28.1%	\$129,691	8.0%
28	Indiana	\$9,102	\$35,871	25.4%	\$114,341	8.0%
29	Delaware	\$10,358	\$45,405	22.8%	\$131,254	7.9%

Rank	State	Annual Price-Toddler, FCC [^]	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
30	Missouri	\$8,996	\$39,986	22.5%	\$115,991	7.8%
31	West Virginia*	\$7,762	\$29,974	25.9%	\$100,188	7.7%
32	Arkansas	\$7,727	\$31,747	24.3%	\$100,841	7.7%
33	New Hampshire	\$11,432	\$45,086	25.4%	\$150,029	7.6%
34	North Dakota	\$9,801	\$35,660	27.5%	\$131,059	7.5%
35	Alaska	\$9,265	\$46,867	19.8%	\$125,462	7.4%
36	Utah	\$8,700	\$44,502	19.5%	\$121,946	7.1%
37	Alabama*	\$7,527	\$29,497	25.5%	\$107,403	7.0%
38	Iowa	\$8,443	\$39,543	21.4%	\$120,779	7.0%
39	Idaho	\$7,308	\$41,533	17.6%	\$107,726	6.8%
40	South Carolina	\$7,449	\$35,510	21.0%	\$110,894	6.7%
41	Georgia	\$8,043	\$38,311	21.0%	\$119,792	6.7%
42	New Jersey*	\$11,113	\$44,800	24.8%	\$167,018	6.7%
43	Minnesota	\$9,434	\$44,713	21.1%	\$142,517	6.6%
44	Kansas	\$6,890	\$37,850	18.2%	\$114,128	6.0%
45	South Dakota	\$6,822	\$37,415	18.2%	\$115,205	5.9%
46	Mississippi*	\$5,980	\$26,911	22.2%	\$103,063	5.8%
--	California*	NR	\$45,721		\$138,719	
--	Connecticut	NA	\$43,073		\$157,187	
--	Louisiana*	NA	\$27,790		\$111,196	
--	Rhode Island*	NA	\$39,134		\$141,221	

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^{^^} Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023, Table B19126, <https://data.census.gov/>

* State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

Note: 1 = least affordable and 46 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of child care as percentage of state median income for married-couple families. Income is based on single-parent and married-couple families with own children under the age of 18.

TABLE VII

2024 Ranking of Least-Affordable Center-Based Child Care for 4-Year-Olds

Rank	State	Annual Price- 4-Year-Old, Center^	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income^^	% of Median Income	Median Income^^	% of Median Income
1	Nebraska	\$15,738	\$42,047	37.43%	\$119,896	13.1%
2	Montana	\$14,300	\$41,602	34.37%	\$112,896	12.7%
3	Illinois	\$17,238	\$41,288	41.75%	\$137,283	12.6%
4	New York	\$17,343	\$40,903	42.40%	\$141,123	12.3%
5	California*	\$16,665	\$45,721	36.45%	\$138,719	12.0%
6	Maine*	\$14,144	\$40,736	34.72%	\$119,024	11.9%
7	Vermont	\$15,877	\$43,136	36.81%	\$133,818	11.9%
8	Massachusetts	\$20,669	\$42,380	48.77%	\$177,034	11.7%
9	Wisconsin	\$15,039	\$40,428	37.20%	\$129,130	11.6%
10	Washington	\$16,908	\$42,108	40.15%	\$145,513	11.6%
11	Rhode Island*	\$16,212	\$39,134	41.43%	\$141,221	11.5%
12	Minnesota	\$15,733	\$44,713	35.19%	\$142,517	11.0%
13	Indiana	\$12,531	\$35,871	34.93%	\$114,341	11.0%
14	Oregon	\$13,260	\$41,753	31.76%	\$125,549	10.6%
15	New Jersey*	\$17,503	\$44,800	39.07%	\$167,018	10.5%
16	Hawaii	\$13,992	\$49,190	28.44%	\$134,710	10.4%
17	Michigan	\$12,246	\$35,603	34.40%	\$120,797	10.1%
18	Delaware	\$13,218	\$45,405	29.11%	\$131,254	10.1%
19	Colorado	\$14,800	\$48,348	30.61%	\$147,124	10.1%
20	Wyoming*	\$11,229	\$33,303	33.72%	\$112,093	10.0%
21	Kentucky	\$10,712	\$28,400	37.72%	\$106,973	10.0%
22	Arizona	\$11,680	\$44,148	26.46%	\$119,616	9.8%
23	Maryland	\$15,601	\$52,696	29.61%	\$159,911	9.8%
24	Connecticut	\$15,297	\$43,073	35.51%	\$157,187	9.7%
25	Tennessee	\$10,840	\$32,391	33.47%	\$111,879	9.7%
26	Pennsylvania*	\$12,453	\$37,131	33.54%	\$129,691	9.6%
27	Virginia	\$13,884	\$42,879	32.38%	\$146,806	9.5%
28	Ohio	\$11,752	\$34,414	34.15%	\$124,688	9.4%
29	Nevada	\$10,605	\$39,499	26.85%	\$112,561	9.4%

Rank	State	Annual Price- 4-Year-Old, Center^	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income^^	% of Median Income	Median Income^^	% of Median Income
30	West Virginia*	\$9,368	\$29,974	31.25%	\$100,188	9.4%
31	Oklahoma	\$9,415	\$31,574	29.82%	\$101,609	9.3%
32	North Carolina	\$10,381	\$36,181	28.69%	\$117,287	8.9%
33	Texas*	\$10,225	\$38,384	26.64%	\$116,166	8.8%
34	South Carolina	\$9,691	\$35,510	27.29%	\$110,894	8.7%
35	New Hampshire	\$13,042	\$45,086	28.93%	\$150,029	8.7%
36	Idaho	\$9,201	\$41,533	22.15%	\$107,726	8.5%
37	Louisiana*	\$9,378	\$27,790	33.75%	\$111,196	8.4%
38	DC	\$20,981	\$55,536	37.78%	\$250,000	8.4%
39	Iowa	\$10,100	\$39,543	25.54%	\$120,779	8.4%
40	Florida*	\$9,409	\$41,114	22.89%	\$113,290	8.3%
41	North Dakota	\$10,869	\$35,660	30.48%	\$131,059	8.3%
42	Arkansas	\$8,320	\$31,747	26.21%	\$100,841	8.3%
43	Missouri	\$9,568	\$39,986	23.93%	\$115,991	8.2%
44	Utah	\$9,876	\$44,502	22.19%	\$121,946	8.1%
45	Kansas	\$9,217	\$37,850	24.35%	\$114,128	8.1%
46	Georgia	\$9,573	\$38,311	24.99%	\$119,792	8.0%
47	Alaska	\$9,883	\$46,867	21.09%	\$125,462	7.9%
48	Alabama*	\$8,008	\$29,497	27.15%	\$107,403	7.5%
49	South Dakota	\$8,070	\$37,415	21.57%	\$115,205	7.0%
50	Mississippi*	\$6,864	\$26,911	25.51%	\$103,063	6.7%

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NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

Note: 1 = least affordable and 50 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of child care as percentage of state median income for married-couple families. Income is based on single-parent and married-couple families with own children under the age of 18.

TABLE VIII

2024 Ranking of Least-Affordable Family Child Care (FCC) for 4-Year-Olds

Rank	State	Annual Price- 4-Year-Old, FCC^	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income^^	% of Median Income	Median Income^^	% of Median Income
1	California*	\$16,763	\$45,721	36.7%	\$138,719	12.1%
2	Nebraska	\$13,383	\$42,047	31.8%	\$119,896	11.2%
3	New York	\$15,616	\$40,903	38.2%	\$141,123	11.1%
4	Oregon	\$13,728	\$41,753	32.9%	\$125,549	10.9%
5	Washington	\$14,556	\$42,108	34.6%	\$145,513	10.0%
6	Montana	\$10,400	\$41,602	25.0%	\$112,896	9.2%
7	Rhode Island*	\$13,000	\$39,134	33.2%	\$141,221	9.2%
8	Maine*	\$10,790	\$40,736	26.5%	\$119,024	9.1%
9	Vermont	\$11,818	\$43,136	27.4%	\$133,818	8.8%
10	Kentucky	\$9,360	\$28,400	33.0%	\$106,973	8.7%
11	Colorado	\$12,830	\$48,348	26.5%	\$147,124	8.7%
12	Wyoming*	\$9,747	\$33,303	29.3%	\$112,093	8.7%
13	Arizona	\$10,400	\$44,148	23.6%	\$119,616	8.7%
14	Wisconsin	\$11,088	\$40,428	27.4%	\$129,130	8.6%
15	Michigan	\$10,355	\$35,603	29.1%	\$120,797	8.6%
16	Massachusetts	\$15,056	\$42,380	35.5%	\$177,034	8.5%
17	Oklahoma	\$8,577	\$31,574	27.2%	\$101,609	8.4%
18	Connecticut	\$13,201	\$43,073	30.6%	\$157,187	8.4%
19	Maryland	\$13,416	\$52,696	25.5%	\$159,911	8.4%
20	Virginia	\$12,116	\$42,879	28.3%	\$146,806	8.3%
21	Texas*	\$9,582	\$38,384	25.0%	\$116,166	8.2%
22	Hawaii	\$11,028	\$49,190	22.4%	\$134,710	8.2%
23	Nevada	\$8,982	\$39,499	22.7%	\$112,561	8.0%
24	DC	\$19,685	\$55,536	35.4%	\$250,000	7.9%
25	Tennessee	\$8,689	\$32,391	26.8%	\$111,879	7.8%
26	West Virginia*	\$7,762	\$29,974	25.9%	\$100,188	7.7%
27	North Carolina	\$9,047	\$36,181	25.0%	\$117,287	7.7%
28	Arkansas	\$7,745	\$31,747	24.4%	\$100,841	7.7%
29	New Hampshire	\$11,418	\$45,086	25.3%	\$150,029	7.6%

Rank	State	Annual Price- 4-Year-Old, FCC [^]	Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
			Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
30	Illinois	\$10,439	\$41,288	25.3%	\$137,283	7.6%
31	Delaware	\$9,968	\$45,405	22.0%	\$131,254	7.6%
32	Florida*	\$8,592	\$41,114	20.9%	\$113,290	7.6%
33	Pennsylvania*	\$9,685	\$37,131	26.1%	\$129,691	7.5%
34	Indiana	\$8,470	\$35,871	23.6%	\$114,341	7.4%
35	Ohio	\$9,048	\$34,414	26.3%	\$124,688	7.3%
36	North Dakota	\$9,473	\$35,660	26.6%	\$131,059	7.2%
37	Missouri	\$8,320	\$39,986	20.8%	\$115,991	7.2%
38	Alaska	\$8,610	\$46,867	18.4%	\$125,462	6.9%
39	Iowa	\$8,285	\$39,543	21.0%	\$120,779	6.9%
40	Alabama*	\$7,332	\$29,497	24.9%	\$107,403	6.8%
41	Kansas	\$7,750	\$37,850	20.5%	\$114,128	6.8%
42	Utah	\$8,160	\$44,502	18.3%	\$121,946	6.7%
43	New Jersey*	\$11,113	\$44,800	24.8%	\$167,018	6.7%
44	Idaho	\$7,152	\$41,533	17.2%	\$107,726	6.6%
45	South Carolina	\$7,223	\$35,510	20.3%	\$110,894	6.5%
46	Georgia	\$7,802	\$38,311	20.4%	\$119,792	6.5%
47	Minnesota	\$8,978	\$44,713	20.1%	\$142,517	6.3%
48	South Dakota	\$6,635	\$37,415	17.7%	\$115,205	5.8%
49	Mississippi*	\$5,720	\$26,911	21.3%	\$103,063	5.6%
--	Louisiana*	NA	\$27,790		\$111,196	

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* State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

Note: 1 = least affordable and 49 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of child care as percentage of state median income for married-couple families. Income is based on single-parent and married-couple families with own children under the age of 18.

TABLE IX

2024 Ranking of Least-Affordable Center-Based Child Care for School-Age Children

Rank	State	Annual Price, Center-Based Program [^]		Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
		Before/After School Care	Full-Time Summer Care	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
1	Massachusetts	\$17,944	\$3,918	\$31,785	56.45%	\$132,776	13.51%
2	New York	\$12,447	NR	\$30,677.25	40.57%	\$105,842	11.76%
3	Rhode Island*	\$10,920	\$3,640	\$29,350.50	37.21%	\$105,916	10.31%
4	California*	\$10,627	\$3,542	\$34,290.75	30.99%	\$104,039	10.21%
5	South Carolina	\$8,277	NR	\$26,632.50	31.08%	\$83,171	9.95%
6	Oklahoma	\$7,326	NR	\$23,680.50	30.94%	\$76,207	9.61%
7	Maine*	\$7,683	\$2,561	\$30,552	25.15%	\$89,268	8.61%
8	Maryland	\$10,226	NR	\$39,522	25.87%	\$119,933	8.53%
9	Pennsylvania*	\$7,937	\$2,645	\$27,848.25	28.50%	\$97,268	8.16%
10	Idaho	\$6,444	NR	\$31,149.75	20.69%	\$80,795	7.98%
11	Texas*	\$6,782	\$2,260	\$28,788	23.56%	\$87,125	7.78%
12	Colorado	\$8,292	NR	\$36,261	22.87%	\$110,343	7.51%
13	Indiana	\$6,394	\$2,784	\$26,903.25	23.77%	\$85,756	7.46%
14	Wyoming*	\$6,249	\$2,321	\$24,977.25	25.02%	\$84,070	7.43%
15	Hawaii	\$7,402	NR	\$36,892.50	20.06%	\$101,033	7.33%
16	Georgia	\$6,568	\$2,021	\$28,733.25	22.86%	\$89,844	7.31%
17	Kentucky	\$5,850	\$2,489	\$21,300	27.46%	\$80,230	7.29%
18	Nevada	\$6,140	NR	\$29,624.25	20.73%	\$84,421	7.27%
19	Louisiana*	\$5,841	\$1,943	\$20,842.50	28.02%	\$83,397	7%
20	Ohio	\$6,435	\$2,145	\$25,810.50	24.93%	\$93,516	6.88%
21	Alaska	\$6,324	\$2,239	\$35,150.25	17.99%	\$94,097	6.72%
22	North Carolina	\$5,811	\$1,941	\$27,135.75	21.41%	\$87,965	6.61%
23	Arizona	\$5,850	\$2,600	\$33,111	17.67%	\$89,712	6.52%
24	Utah	\$5,940	\$1,980	\$33,376.50	17.80%	\$91,460	6.49%
25	Alabama*	\$5,226	\$1,742	\$22,122.75	23.62%	\$80,552	6.49%
26	Wisconsin	\$6,226	NR	\$30,321	20.53%	\$96,848	6.43%
27	Vermont	\$6,442	\$3,530	\$32,352	19.91%	\$100,364	6.42%
28	South Dakota	\$5,460	NR	\$28,061.25	19.46%	\$86,404	6.32%
29	Florida*	\$5,238	\$2,619	\$30,835.50	16.99%	\$84,968	6.16%

Rank	State	Annual Price, Center-Based Program [^]		Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
		Before/After School Care	Full-Time Summer Care	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
30	Michigan	\$5,468	\$1,261	\$26,702.25	20.48%	\$90,598	6.04%
31	Montana	\$4,875	\$3,250	\$31,201.50	15.62%	\$84,672	5.76%
32	Delaware	\$5,476	\$2,806	\$34,053.75	16.08%	\$98,441	5.56%
33	Mississippi*	\$4,290	\$1,430	\$20,183.25	21.26%	\$77,297	5.55%
34	Tennessee	\$4,402	\$7,724	\$24,293.25	18.12%	\$83,909	5.25%
35	Virginia	\$5,772	\$3,601	\$32,159.25	17.95%	\$110,105	5.24%
36	Connecticut	\$5,967	NR	\$32,304.75	18.47%	\$117,890	5.06%
37	New Jersey*	\$5,990	\$1,997	\$33,600	17.83%	\$125,264	4.78%
38	Washington	\$5,196	NR	\$31,581	16.45%	\$109,135	4.76%
39	Missouri	\$4,056	\$1,352	\$29,989.50	13.52%	\$86,993	4.66%
40	Arkansas	\$3,397	\$1,971	\$23,810.25	14.27%	\$75,631	4.49%
41	Illinois	\$4,538	\$3,603	\$30,966	14.65%	\$102,962	4.41%
42	New Hampshire	\$4,826	NR	\$33,814.50	14.27%	\$112,522	4.29%
43	Iowa	\$3,572	\$2,128	\$29,657.25	12.04%	\$90,584	3.94%
44	Kansas	\$2,254	\$1,471	\$28,387.50	7.94%	\$85,596	2.63%
--	DC	NR	NR	\$41,652		\$187,500	
--	Minnesota	NA	NA	\$33,534.75		\$106,888	
--	Nebraska	NR	\$12,848	\$31,535.25		\$89,922	
--	North Dakota	NR	NR	\$26,745		\$98,294	
--	Oregon	NR	NR	\$31,314.75		\$94,162	
--	West Virginia*	NR	NR	\$22,480.50		\$75,141	

[^] Source of Child Care Prices: Child Care Aware[®] of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{^^} Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023, Table B19126, <https://data.census.gov/> Percentage of median income for before/after school programs calculated by dividing cost of before/after school care by 75% of median income.

* State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

Note: 1 = least affordable and 44 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of child care as percentage of state median income for married-couple families. Income is based on single-parent and married-couple families with own children under the age of 18.

TABLE X

2024 Ranking of Least-Affordable Family Child Care (FCC) for School-Age Children

Rank	State	Annual Price, FCC Program [^]		Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
		Before/After School Care	Full-Time Summer Care	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
1	New York	\$13,299	NR	\$30,677	43.35%	\$105,842	12.6%
2	Hawaii	\$10,694	\$10,668	\$36,893	28.99%	\$101,033	10.6%
3	Oklahoma	\$7,990	NA	\$23,681	33.74%	\$76,207	10.5%
4	California*	\$10,293	\$3,431	\$34,291	30.02%	\$104,039	9.9%
5	Rhode Island*	\$8,775	\$2,925	\$29,351	29.90%	\$105,916	8.3%
6	South Carolina	\$6,321	NR	\$26,633	23.73%	\$83,171	7.6%
7	Maine*	\$6,728	\$2,243	\$30,552	22.02%	\$89,268	7.5%
8	Colorado	\$8,068	NR	\$36,261	22.25%	\$110,343	7.3%
9	Wyoming*	\$6,080	\$2,258	\$24,977	24.34%	\$84,070	7.2%
10	Texas*	\$6,300	\$2,100	\$28,788	21.88%	\$87,125	7.2%
11	Maryland	\$8,505	NR	\$39,522	21.52%	\$119,933	7.1%
12	Wisconsin	\$6,568	NR	\$30,321	21.66%	\$96,848	6.8%
13	Tennessee	\$5,618	\$6,789	\$24,293	23.13%	\$83,909	6.7%
14	Idaho	\$5,328	NR	\$31,150	17.10%	\$80,795	6.6%
15	Arizona	\$5,850	\$2,600	\$33,111	17.67%	\$89,712	6.5%
16	Pennsylvania*	\$6,297	\$2,099	\$27,848	22.61%	\$97,268	6.5%
17	North Carolina	\$5,693	\$1,898	\$27,136	20.98%	\$87,965	6.5%
18	Kentucky	\$5,148	\$2,340	\$21,300	24.17%	\$80,230	6.4%
19	Ohio	\$5,967	\$1,989	\$25,811	23.12%	\$93,516	6.4%
20	New Jersey*	\$7,960	\$2,246	\$33,600	23.69%	\$125,264	6.4%
21	Alabama*	\$5,090	\$1,697	\$22,123	23.01%	\$80,552	6.3%
22	Georgia	\$5,661	\$1,887	\$28,733	19.70%	\$89,844	6.3%
23	Utah	\$5,760	\$1,920	\$33,377	17.26%	\$91,460	6.3%
24	Michigan	\$5,448	\$1,257	\$26,702	20.40%	\$90,598	6.0%
25	Indiana	\$5,143	\$1,934	\$26,903	19.12%	\$85,756	6.0%
26	Florida*	\$5,094	\$2,547	\$30,836	16.52%	\$84,968	6.0%
27	Alaska	\$5,559	\$2,084	\$35,150	15.81%	\$94,097	5.9%
28	Nevada	\$4,954	NR	\$29,624	16.72%	\$84,421	5.9%
29	Massachusetts	\$7,583	\$3,764	\$31,785	23.86%	\$132,776	5.7%

Rank	State	Annual Price, FCC Program [^]		Single-Parent Family		Married-Couple Family	
		Before/After School Care	Full-Time Summer Care	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income	Median Income ^{^^}	% of Median Income
30	Arkansas	\$4,274	\$1,804	\$23,810	17.95%	\$75,631	5.7%
31	South Dakota	\$4,836	NR	\$28,061	17.23%	\$86,404	5.6%
32	Vermont	\$5,595	\$2,804	\$32,352	17.29%	\$100,364	5.6%
33	Connecticut	\$5,928	NA	\$32,305	18.35%	\$117,890	5.0%
34	Washington	\$5,460	NR	\$31,581	17.29%	\$109,135	5.0%
35	Mississippi*	\$3,588	\$1,196	\$20,183	17.78%	\$77,297	4.6%
36	Montana	\$3,900	\$2,600	\$31,202	12.50%	\$84,672	4.6%
37	Delaware	\$4,294	\$2,191	\$34,054	12.61%	\$98,441	4.4%
38	Missouri	\$3,432	\$1,144	\$29,990	11.44%	\$86,993	3.9%
39	Virginia	\$4,095	\$3,081	\$32,159	12.73%	\$110,105	3.7%
40	Illinois	\$3,524	\$2,403	\$30,966	11.38%	\$102,962	3.4%
41	New Hampshire	\$3,827	NR	\$33,815	11.32%	\$112,522	3.4%
42	Iowa	\$3,067	\$1,934	\$29,657	10.34%	\$90,584	3.4%
43	Kansas	\$2,742	\$914	\$28,388	9.66%	\$85,596	3.2%
--	DC	NR	NR	\$41,652		\$187,500	
--	Louisiana*	NA	NA	\$20,843		\$83,397	
--	Minnesota	NA	NA	\$33,535		\$106,888	
--	Nebraska	NR	\$10,038	\$31,535		\$89,922	
--	North Dakota	NA	NA	\$26,745		\$98,294	
--	Oregon	NR	NR	\$31,315		\$94,162	
--	West Virginia*	NR	NR	\$22,481		\$75,141	

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^{^^} Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023, Table B19126, <https://data.census.gov/> Percentage of median income for before/after school programs calculated by dividing cost of before/after school care by 75% of median income.

* State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

Note: 1 = least affordable and 43 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of child care as percentage of state median income for married-couple families. Income is based on single-parent and married-couple families with own children under the age of 18.

TABLE XI

2024 Average Prices for Two Children in Center-Based Child Care Versus Median Housing Costs by State

State	Infant [^]	Toddler [^]	4-Year-Old [^]	Two Children ^{^^}	Annualized Rent [*]	% Difference ^{e**}	Annualized Mortgage [*]	% Difference ^{**}
Alabama*	\$8,632	\$8,424	\$8,008	\$16,640	\$11,556	43.99%	\$16,632	0.05%
Alaska	\$12,107	\$11,304	\$9,883	\$21,990	\$16,656	32.03%	\$26,304	-16.40%
Arizona*	\$15,964	\$13,390	\$11,680	\$27,644	\$17,172	60.98%	\$20,868	32.47%
Arkansas	\$9,178	\$8,801	\$8,320	\$17,498	\$10,968	59.54%	\$15,564	12.43%
California*	\$22,628	NR	\$16,665	\$39,293	\$23,472	67.40%	\$34,380	14.29%
Colorado	\$20,978	\$17,479	\$14,800	\$35,779	\$20,316	76.11%	\$26,772	33.64%
Connecticut	\$18,492	\$18,829	\$15,297	\$33,789	\$17,172	96.77%	\$28,596	18.16%
Delaware	\$16,617	\$14,668	\$13,218	\$29,835	\$16,092	85.40%	\$21,384	39.52%
District of Columbia	\$26,193	\$24,087	\$20,981	\$47,174	\$22,800	106.90%	\$36,744	28.39%
Florida*	\$13,011	\$11,461	\$9,409	\$22,420	\$18,768	19.46%	\$22,320	0.45%
Georgia	\$11,066	\$10,537	\$9,573	\$20,639	\$15,672	31.69%	\$20,544	0.46%
Hawaii	\$24,115	\$18,852	\$13,992	\$38,107	\$23,256	63.86%	\$34,356	10.92%
Idaho*	\$10,608	\$9,996	\$9,201	\$19,809	\$13,800	43.54%	\$19,320	2.53%
Illinois*	\$19,807	\$18,736	\$17,238	\$37,045	\$14,724	151.60%	\$23,400	58.31%
Indiana	\$16,478	\$16,002	\$12,531	\$29,009	\$12,240	137%	\$16,260	78.41%
Iowa	\$12,694	\$11,729	\$10,100	\$22,794	\$11,388	100.16%	\$17,928	27.14%
Kansas	\$15,156	\$11,071	\$9,217	\$24,373	\$12,348	97.38%	\$19,656	24%
Kentucky	\$12,740	\$12,220	\$10,712	\$23,452	\$11,196	109.47%	\$16,716	40.30%
Louisiana*	\$10,847	\$9,997	\$9,378	\$20,225	\$12,456	62.37%	\$18,516	9.23%
Maine*	\$15,730	\$14,820	\$14,144	\$29,874	\$13,008	129.66%	\$19,884	50.24%
Maryland	\$25,321	\$22,594	\$15,601	\$40,832	\$19,944	104.73%	\$27,612	47.88%
Massachusetts	\$26,343	\$24,314	\$20,669	\$47,012	\$20,244	132.23%	\$31,908	47.34%
Michigan	\$13,454	\$13,555	\$12,246	\$25,699	\$13,008	97.56%	\$18,252	40.80%
Minnesota	\$20,421	\$18,042	\$15,733	\$36,154	\$14,820	143.95%	\$22,680	59.41%
Mississippi*	\$7,696	\$7,254	\$6,864	\$14,560	\$11,076	31.46%	\$16,236	-10.32%
Missouri	\$13,780	\$11,700	\$9,568	\$23,348	\$11,952	95.35%	\$17,736	31.64%
Montana	\$15,080	\$15,080	\$14,300	\$29,380	\$12,372	137.47%	\$20,832	41.03%
Nebraska	\$18,147	\$17,184	\$15,738	\$32,916	\$12,420	165.02%	\$20,232	62.69%
Nevada	\$12,659	\$11,442	\$10,605	\$23,264	\$17,868	30.20%	\$22,404	3.84%

State	Infant [^]	Toddler [^]	4-Year-Old [^]	Two Children ^{^^}	Annualized Rent [*]	% Difference ^{e**}	Annualized Mortgage [*]	% Difference ^{**}
New Hampshire*	\$16,040	\$14,870	\$13,042	\$29,082	\$17,076	70.31%	\$27,660	5.14%
New Jersey*	\$20,213	\$19,448	\$17,503	\$37,717	\$19,836	90.14%	\$33,444	12.78%
New York	\$20,439	\$18,661	\$17,343	\$37,783	\$18,912	99.79%	\$30,012	25.89%
North Carolina	\$12,370	\$11,694	\$10,381	\$22,751	\$13,944	63.16%	\$18,732	21.46%
North Dakota	\$12,299	\$11,580	\$10,869	\$23,168	\$11,208	106.71%	\$20,580	12.58%
Ohio	\$13,780	\$12,376	\$11,752	\$25,532	\$11,856	115.35%	\$17,664	44.54%
Oklahoma	\$10,809	\$10,060	\$9,415	\$20,224	\$11,760	71.97%	\$17,748	13.95%
Oregon	\$19,500	\$17,368	\$13,260	\$32,760	\$17,400	88.28%	\$24,960	31.25%
Pennsylvania*	\$14,910	\$14,180	\$12,453	\$27,364	\$13,944	96.24%	\$20,664	32.42%
Rhode Island*	\$18,486	NA	\$16,212	\$34,698	\$15,276	127.14%	\$26,280	32.03%
South Carolina	\$10,474	\$10,308	\$9,691	\$20,166	\$13,512	49.25%	\$17,700	13.93%
South Dakota	\$8,632	\$8,632	\$8,070	\$16,702	\$10,944	52.62%	\$19,416	-13.98%
Tennessee*	\$13,126	\$12,063	\$10,840	\$23,966	\$13,464	78%	\$18,072	32.61%
Texas*	\$11,349	\$10,921	\$10,225	\$21,574	\$16,068	34.27%	\$24,144	-10.64%
Utah	\$14,160	\$11,328	\$9,876	\$24,036	\$16,860	42.56%	\$23,124	3.94%
Vermont*	\$18,710	\$17,988	\$15,877	\$34,586	\$14,316	141.59%	\$22,524	53.55%
Virginia	\$16,796	\$15,964	\$13,884	\$30,680	\$18,168	68.87%	\$24,948	22.98%
Washington	\$21,348	\$19,236	\$16,908	\$38,256	\$20,184	89.54%	\$28,296	35.20%
West Virginia*	\$10,439	\$9,903	\$9,368	\$19,807	\$10,200	94.19%	\$14,700	34.74%
Wisconsin*	\$17,963	\$18,239	\$15,039	\$33,002	\$12,540	163.17%	\$19,824	66.47%
Wyoming*	\$12,784	\$11,897	\$11,229	\$24,013	\$11,616	106.72%	\$20,292	18.34%

[^] Source: Child Care Aware[®] of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{*} State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

^{^^} Child care prices for two children calculated by adding the annual price of infant care to the annual price of care for a 4-Year-Old.

^{*}Sources: Rent- U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023, Table B25064, <https://data.census.gov/>.

Mortgage- U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023, Table 25088, <https://data.census.gov/>.

^{**}Percent difference is calculated by subtracting the average price of two children in child care from the annualized housing cost and dividing this figure by the annualized housing cost.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

TABLE XII

2024 Average Annual Price of Full-Time Center-Based Child Care and Public College Tuition and Fees by State

State	Average Annual Child Care Prices, Center [^]					In-State Tuition, 4 Year Public University	
	Infant	Toddler	4-Year-Old	Before/After School	Full-Time Summer	Avg Tuition and Fees ^{^^}	% Difference ^{^^^}
Alabama*	\$8,632	\$8,424	\$8,008	\$16,640	\$8,632	\$12,221.15	-29.37%
Alaska	\$12,107	\$11,304	\$9,883	\$21,990	\$12,107	\$9,265.34	30.67%
Arizona*	\$15,964	\$13,390	\$11,680	\$27,644	\$15,964	\$12,826.35	24.46%
Arkansas	\$9,178	\$8,801	\$8,320	\$17,498	\$9,178	\$10,107.33	-9.19%
California*	\$22,628	NR	\$16,665	\$39,293	\$22,628	\$11,314.36	99.99%
Colorado	\$20,978	\$17,479	\$14,800	\$35,779	\$20,978	\$13,180.46	59.16%
Connecticut	\$18,492	\$18,829	\$15,297	\$33,789	\$18,492	\$17,190	7.57%
Delaware	\$16,617	\$14,668	\$13,218	\$29,835	\$16,617	\$15,690	5.91%
District of Columbia	\$26,193	\$24,087	\$20,981	\$47,174	\$26,193	\$8,636	203.30%
Florida*	\$13,011	\$11,461	\$9,409	\$22,420	\$13,011	\$6,362.22	104.50%
Georgia	\$11,066	\$10,537	\$9,573	\$20,639	\$11,066	\$8,521.59	29.86%
Hawaii	\$24,115	\$18,852	\$13,992	\$38,107	\$24,115	\$11,185	115.60%
Idaho*	\$10,608	\$9,996	\$9,201	\$19,809	\$10,608	\$8,865	19.66%
Illinois*	\$19,807	\$18,736	\$17,238	\$37,045	\$19,807	\$15,318	29.31%
Indiana	\$16,478	\$16,002	\$12,531	\$29,009	\$16,478	\$10,642.15	54.84%
Iowa	\$12,694	\$11,729	\$10,100	\$22,794	\$12,694	\$10,867	16.81%
Kansas	\$15,156	\$11,071	\$9,217	\$24,373	\$15,156	\$10,285.74	47.35%
Kentucky	\$12,740	\$12,220	\$10,712	\$23,452	\$12,740	\$12,144	4.91%
Louisiana*	\$10,847	\$9,997	\$9,378	\$20,225	\$10,847	\$10,363.76	4.66%
Maine*	\$15,730	\$14,820	\$14,144	\$29,874	\$15,730	\$12,356.52	27.30%
Maryland	\$25,321	\$22,594	\$15,601	\$40,832	\$25,321	\$11,156	126.97%
Massachusetts	\$26,343	\$24,314	\$20,669	\$47,012	\$26,343	\$15,285	72.35%
Michigan	\$13,454	\$13,555	\$12,246	\$25,699	\$13,454	\$15,922	-15.50%
Minnesota	\$20,421	\$18,042	\$15,733	\$36,154	\$20,421	\$13,863	47.31%
Mississippi*	\$7,696	\$7,254	\$6,864	\$14,560	\$7,696	\$9,720.64	-20.83%
Missouri	\$13,780	\$11,700	\$9,568	\$23,348	\$13,780	\$12,354.31	11.54%
Montana	\$15,080	\$15,080	\$14,300	\$29,380	\$15,080	\$8,248.95	82.81%
Nebraska	\$18,147	\$17,184	\$15,738	\$32,916	\$18,147	\$9,731.59	86.48%
Nevada	\$12,659	\$11,442	\$10,605	\$23,264	\$12,659	\$9,365.04	35.17%

State	Average Annual Child Care Prices, Center [^]					In-State Tuition, 4 Year Public University	
	Infant	Toddler	4-Year-Old	Before/After School	Full-Time Summer	Avg Tuition and Fees ^{^^}	% Difference ^{^^^}
New Hampshire*	\$16,040	\$14,870	\$13,042	\$29,082	\$16,040	\$17,362.83	-7.62%
New Jersey*	\$20,213	\$19,448	\$17,503	\$37,717	\$20,213	\$17,049.35	18.56%
New York	\$20,439	\$18,661	\$17,343	\$37,783	\$20,439	\$8,730.28	134.12%
North Carolina	\$12,370	\$11,694	\$10,381	\$22,751	\$12,370	\$7,474	65.51%
North Dakota	\$12,299	\$11,580	\$10,869	\$23,168	\$12,299	\$10,470.73	17.46%
Ohio	\$13,780	\$12,376	\$11,752	\$25,532	\$13,780	\$13,433.46	2.58%
Oklahoma	\$10,809	\$10,060	\$9,415	\$20,224	\$10,809	\$9,810	10.18%
Oregon	\$19,500	\$17,368	\$13,260	\$32,760	\$19,500	\$14,128.22	38.02%
Pennsylvania*	\$14,910	\$14,180	\$12,453	\$27,364	\$14,910	\$16,329.31	-8.69%
Rhode Island*	\$18,486	NA	\$16,212	\$34,698	\$18,486	\$15,686.53	17.85%
South Carolina	\$10,474	\$10,308	\$9,691	\$20,166	\$10,474	\$13,205.33	-20.68%
South Dakota	\$8,632	\$8,632	\$8,070	\$16,702	\$8,632	\$9,192.27	-6.10%
Tennessee*	\$13,126	\$12,063	\$10,840	\$23,966	\$13,126	\$11,305.54	16.10%
Texas*	\$11,349	\$10,921	\$10,225	\$21,574	\$11,349	\$11,260.25	0.79%
Utah	\$14,160	\$11,328	\$9,876	\$24,036	\$14,160	\$7,986	77.31%
Vermont*	\$18,710	\$17,988	\$15,877	\$34,586	\$18,710	\$17,488.82	6.98%
Virginia	\$16,796	\$15,964	\$13,884	\$30,680	\$16,796	\$15,663	7.23%
Washington	\$21,348	\$19,236	\$16,908	\$38,256	\$21,348	\$11,848	80.18%
West Virginia*	\$10,439	\$9,903	\$9,368	\$19,807	\$10,439	\$9,591.24	8.84%
Wisconsin*	\$17,963	\$18,239	\$15,039	\$33,002	\$17,963	\$10,131.58	77.30%
Wyoming*	\$12,784	\$11,897	\$11,229	\$24,013	\$12,784	\$6,957.22	83.75%

[^]Source: Child Care Aware[®] of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{^^}Source: College Board. (2024). Trends in College Pricing and Student Aid: 2024. Table CP-5: *Public Four-Year In-State Tuition and Fees, 2024-24*. Retrieved from: <https://research.collegeboard.org/trends/college-pricing>.

^{^^^}Percent difference is calculated by subtracting the average price of an infant in center-based child care from the average tuition and fees and dividing this figure by the average tuition and fees.

* State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

TABLE XIII

2024 Ranking of Affordability of Center-Based Child Care for Single-Parent Households

Rank	State	Median Income, Single Parent^	Infant Care		Toddler Care		4 -Year-Old Care	
			Price^^	% of Income	Price^^	% of Income	Price^^	% of Income
1	Massachusetts	\$42,380	\$26,343	62.2%	\$24,314	57.4%	\$20,669	48.8%
2	Washington	\$42,108	\$21,348	50.7%	\$19,236	45.7%	\$16,908	40.2%
3	New York	\$40,903	\$20,439	50.0%	\$18,661	45.6%	\$17,343	42.4%
4	California*	\$45,721	\$22,628	49.5%	NR		\$16,665	36.4%
5	Hawaii	\$49,190	\$24,115	49.0%	\$18,852	38.3%	\$13,992	28.4%
6	Maryland	\$52,696	\$25,321	48.1%	\$22,594	42.9%	\$15,601	29.6%
7	Illinois	\$41,288	\$19,807	48.0%	\$18,736	45.4%	\$17,238	41.8%
8	Rhode Island*	\$39,134	\$18,486	47.2%	NA		\$16,212	41.4%
9	District of Columbia	\$55,536	\$26,193	47.2%	\$24,087	43.4%	\$20,981	37.8%
10	Oregon	\$41,753	\$19,500	46.7%	\$17,368	41.6%	\$13,260	31.8%
11	Indiana	\$35,871	\$16,478	45.9%	\$16,002	44.6%	\$12,531	34.9%
12	Minnesota	\$44,713	\$20,421	45.7%	\$18,042	40.4%	\$15,733	35.2%
13	New Jersey*	\$44,800	\$20,213	45.1%	\$19,448	43.4%	\$17,503	39.1%
14	Kentucky	\$28,400	\$12,740	44.9%	\$12,220	43.0%	\$10,712	37.7%
15	Wisconsin	\$40,428	\$17,963	44.4%	\$18,239	45.1%	\$15,039	37.2%
16	Colorado	\$48,348	\$20,978	43.4%	\$17,479	36.2%	\$14,800	30.6%
17	Vermont	\$43,136	\$18,710	43.4%	\$17,988	41.7%	\$15,877	36.8%
18	Nebraska	\$42,047	\$18,147	43.2%	\$17,184	40.9%	\$15,738	37.4%
19	Connecticut	\$43,073	\$18,492	42.9%	\$18,829	43.7%	\$15,297	35.5%
20	Tennessee	\$32,391	\$13,126	40.5%	\$12,063	37.2%	\$10,840	33.5%
21	Pennsylvania*	\$37,131	\$14,910	40.2%	\$14,180	38.2%	\$12,453	33.5%
22	Kansas	\$37,850	\$15,156	40.0%	\$11,071	29.2%	\$9,217	24.4%
23	Ohio	\$34,414	\$13,780	40.0%	\$12,376	36.0%	\$11,752	34.1%
24	Virginia	\$42,879	\$16,796	39.2%	\$15,964	37.2%	\$13,884	32.4%
25	Louisiana*	\$27,790	\$10,847	39.0%	\$9,997	36.0%	\$9,378	33.7%
26	Maine*	\$40,736	\$15,730	38.6%	\$14,820	36.4%	\$14,144	34.7%
27	Wyoming*	\$33,303	\$12,784	38.4%	\$11,897	35.7%	\$11,229	33.7%
28	Michigan	\$35,603	\$13,454	37.8%	\$13,555	38.1%	\$12,246	34.4%
29	Delaware	\$45,405	\$16,617	36.6%	\$14,668	32.3%	\$13,218	29.1%

Rank	State	Median Income, Single Parent [^]	Infant Care		Toddler Care		4 -Year-Old Care	
			Price ^{^^}	% of Income	Price ^{^^}	% of Income	Price ^{^^}	% of Income
30	Montana	\$41,602	\$15,080	36.2%	\$15,080	36.2%	\$14,300	34.4%
31	Arizona	\$44,148	\$15,964	36.2%	\$13,390	30.3%	\$11,680	26.5%
32	New Hampshire	\$45,086	\$16,040	35.6%	\$14,870	33.0%	\$13,042	28.9%
33	West Virginia*	\$29,974	\$10,439	34.8%	\$9,903	33.0%	\$9,368	31.3%
34	North Dakota	\$35,660	\$12,299	34.5%	\$11,580	32.5%	\$10,869	30.5%
35	Missouri	\$39,986	\$13,780	34.5%	\$11,700	29.3%	\$9,568	23.9%
36	Oklahoma	\$31,574	\$10,809	34.2%	\$10,060	31.9%	\$9,415	29.8%
37	North Carolina	\$36,181	\$12,370	34.2%	\$11,694	32.3%	\$10,381	28.7%
38	Iowa	\$39,543	\$12,694	32.1%	\$11,729	29.7%	\$10,100	25.5%
39	Nevada	\$39,499	\$12,659	32.0%	\$11,442	29.0%	\$10,605	26.8%
40	Utah	\$44,502	\$14,160	31.8%	\$11,328	25.5%	\$9,876	22.2%
41	Florida*	\$41,114	\$13,011	31.6%	\$11,461	27.9%	\$9,409	22.9%
42	Texas*	\$38,384	\$11,349	29.6%	\$10,921	28.5%	\$10,225	26.6%
43	South Carolina	\$35,510	\$10,474	29.5%	\$10,308	29.0%	\$9,691	27.3%
44	Alabama*	\$29,497	\$8,632	29.3%	\$8,424	28.6%	\$8,008	27.1%
45	Arkansas	\$31,747	\$9,178	28.9%	\$8,801	27.7%	\$8,320	26.2%
46	Georgia	\$38,311	\$11,066	28.9%	\$10,537	27.5%	\$9,573	25.0%
47	Mississippi*	\$26,911	\$7,696	28.6%	\$7,254	27.0%	\$6,864	25.5%
48	Alaska	\$46,867	\$12,107	25.8%	\$11,304	24.1%	\$9,883	21.1%
49	Idaho	\$41,533	\$10,608	25.5%	\$9,996	24.1%	\$9,201	22.2%
50	South Dakota	\$37,415	\$8,632	23.1%	\$8,632	23.1%	\$8,070	21.6%

[^]Source of Child Care Prices: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{^^}Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023, Table B19126, <https://data.census.gov/>

*State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

Note: 1 = least affordable and 50 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of center-based child care for an infant as percentage of state median income for single-parent households with children under 18.

TABLE XIV

2024 Ranking of Affordability of Center-Based Child Care for Single-Parent Households, School-Age and Two Children

Rank	State	Median Income, Single Parent [^]	School-Age Care		Care for Two Children ^{^^}	
			Price ^{^^}	% of Income	Price ^{^^}	% of Income
1	Massachusetts	\$42,380	\$17,944	56.5%	\$47,012	110.9%
2	New York	\$40,903	\$12,447	40.6%	\$37,783	92.4%
3	Washington	\$42,108	\$5,196	16.5%	\$38,256	90.9%
4	Illinois	\$41,288	\$4,538	14.7%	\$37,045	89.7%
5	Rhode Island*	\$39,134	\$10,920	37.2%	\$34,698	88.7%
6	California*	\$45,721	\$10,627	31.0%	\$39,293	85.9%
7	District of Columbia	\$55,536	NR		\$47,174	84.9%
8	New Jersey*	\$44,800	\$5,990	17.8%	\$37,717	84.2%
9	Kentucky	\$28,400	\$5,850	27.5%	\$23,452	82.6%
10	Wisconsin	\$40,428	\$6,226	20.5%	\$33,002	81.6%
11	Indiana	\$35,871	\$6,394	23.8%	\$29,009	80.9%
12	Minnesota	\$44,713	NA		\$36,154	80.9%
13	Vermont	\$43,136	\$6,442	19.9%	\$34,586	80.2%
14	Oregon	\$41,753	NR		\$32,760	78.5%
15	Connecticut	\$43,073	\$5,967	18.5%	\$33,789	78.4%
16	Nebraska	\$42,047	NR		\$32,916	78.3%
17	Maryland	\$52,696	\$10,226	25.9%	\$40,832	77.5%
18	Hawaii	\$49,190	\$7,402	20.1%	\$38,107	77.5%
19	Ohio	\$34,414	\$6,435	24.9%	\$25,532	74.2%
20	Colorado	\$48,348	\$8,292	22.9%	\$35,779	74.0%
21	Tennessee	\$32,391	\$4,402	18.1%	\$23,966	74.0%
22	Pennsylvania*	\$37,131	\$7,937	28.5%	\$27,364	73.7%
23	Maine*	\$40,736	\$7,683	25.1%	\$29,874	73.3%
24	Louisiana*	\$27,790	\$5,841	28.0%	\$20,225	72.8%
25	Michigan	\$35,603	\$5,468	20.5%	\$25,699	72.2%
26	Wyoming*	\$33,303	\$6,249	25.0%	\$24,013	72.1%
27	Virginia	\$42,879	\$5,772	17.9%	\$30,680	71.6%
28	Montana	\$41,602	\$4,875	15.6%	\$29,380	70.6%
29	West Virginia*	\$29,974	NR		\$19,807	66.1%

Rank	State	Median Income, Single Parent [^]	School-Age Care		Care for Two Children ^{^^}	
			Price ^{^^}	% of Income	Price ^{^^}	% of Income
30	Delaware	\$45,405	\$5,476	16.1%	\$29,835	65.7%
31	North Dakota	\$35,660	NR		\$23,168	65.0%
32	New Hampshire	\$45,086	\$4,826	14.3%	\$29,082	64.5%
33	Kansas	\$37,850	\$2,254	7.9%	\$24,373	64.4%
34	Oklahoma	\$31,574	\$7,326	30.9%	\$20,224	64.1%
35	North Carolina	\$36,181	\$5,811	21.4%	\$22,751	62.9%
36	Arizona	\$44,148	\$5,850	17.7%	\$27,644	62.6%
37	Nevada	\$39,499	\$6,140	20.7%	\$23,264	58.9%
38	Missouri	\$39,986	\$4,056	13.5%	\$23,348	58.4%
39	Iowa	\$39,543	\$3,572	12.0%	\$22,794	57.6%
40	South Carolina	\$35,510	\$8,277	31.1%	\$20,166	56.8%
41	Alabama*	\$29,497	\$5,226	23.6%	\$16,640	56.4%
42	Texas*	\$38,384	\$6,782	23.6%	\$21,574	56.2%
43	Arkansas	\$31,747	\$3,397	14.3%	\$17,498	55.1%
44	Florida*	\$41,114	\$5,238	17.0%	\$22,420	54.5%
45	Mississippi*	\$26,911	\$4,290	21.3%	\$14,560	54.1%
46	Utah	\$44,502	\$5,940	17.8%	\$24,036	54.0%
47	Georgia	\$38,311	\$6,568	22.9%	\$20,639	53.9%
48	Idaho	\$41,533	\$6,444	20.7%	\$19,809	47.7%
49	Alaska	\$46,867	\$6,324	18.0%	\$21,990	46.9%
50	South Dakota	\$37,415	\$5,460	19.5%	\$16,702	44.6%

[^]Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023, Table B19126, <https://data.census.gov/>

Percentage of median income for before/after school programs calculated by dividing cost of before/after school care by 75% of median income.

^{^^}Source of Child Care Prices: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2024 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{^^^}Child care prices for two children calculated by adding the annual price of infant care to the annual price of care for a 4-Year-Old.

*State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

Note: 1 = least affordable and 50 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of center-based child care for 2 children (an infant and a 4-year old) as percentage of state median income for single-parent households with children under 18.

TABLE XV

2024 Average Prices for Center-Based Child Care for Infants and Two Children Compared to Varying Poverty Levels

State	Price of Care as a Percentage of Income				Price of Care as a Percentage of Income			
	Avg. Annual Price, Infant [^]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level	Avg. Annual Price, 2 Children ^{^^^}	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level
Alabama*	\$8,632	\$25,820	33.4%	\$38,730	22.3%	\$51,640	16.7%	\$16,640
Alaska	\$12,107	\$32,270	37.5%	\$48,405	25.0%	\$64,540	18.8%	\$21,990
Arizona	\$15,964	\$25,820	61.8%	\$38,730	41.2%	\$51,640	30.9%	\$27,644
Arkansas	\$9,178	\$25,820	35.5%	\$38,730	23.7%	\$51,640	17.8%	\$17,498
California*	\$22,628	\$25,820	87.6%	\$38,730	58.4%	\$51,640	43.8%	\$39,293
Colorado	\$20,978	\$25,820	81.2%	\$38,730	54.2%	\$51,640	40.6%	\$35,779
Connecticut	\$18,492	\$25,820	71.6%	\$38,730	47.7%	\$51,640	35.8%	\$33,789
Delaware	\$16,617	\$25,820	64.4%	\$38,730	42.9%	\$51,640	32.2%	\$29,835
District of Columbia	\$26,193	\$25,820	101.4%	\$38,730	67.6%	\$51,640	50.7%	\$47,174
Florida*	\$13,011	\$25,820	50.4%	\$38,730	33.6%	\$51,640	25.2%	\$22,420
Georgia	\$11,066	\$25,820	42.9%	\$38,730	28.6%	\$51,640	21.4%	\$20,639
Hawaii	\$24,115	\$26,690	90.4%	\$40,035	60.2%	\$53,380	45.2%	\$38,107
Idaho	\$10,608	\$25,820	41.1%	\$38,730	27.4%	\$51,640	20.5%	\$19,809
Illinois	\$19,807	\$25,820	76.7%	\$38,730	51.1%	\$51,640	38.4%	\$37,045
Indiana	\$16,478	\$25,820	63.8%	\$38,730	42.5%	\$51,640	31.9%	\$29,009
Iowa	\$12,694	\$25,820	49.2%	\$38,730	32.8%	\$51,640	24.6%	\$22,794
Kansas	\$15,156	\$25,820	58.7%	\$38,730	39.1%	\$51,640	29.3%	\$24,373
Kentucky	\$12,740	\$25,820	49.3%	\$38,730	32.9%	\$51,640	24.7%	\$23,452
Louisiana*	\$10,847	\$25,820	42.0%	\$38,730	28.0%	\$51,640	21.0%	\$20,225
Maine*	\$15,730	\$25,820	60.9%	\$38,730	40.6%	\$51,640	30.5%	\$29,874
Maryland	\$25,321	\$25,820	98.1%	\$38,730	65.4%	\$51,640	49.0%	\$40,832
Massachusetts	\$26,343	\$25,820	102.0%	\$38,730	68.0%	\$51,640	51.0%	\$47,012
Michigan	\$13,454	\$25,820	52.1%	\$38,730	34.7%	\$51,640	26.1%	\$25,699
Minnesota	\$20,421	\$25,820	79.1%	\$38,730	52.7%	\$51,640	39.5%	\$36,154
Mississippi*	\$7,696	\$25,820	29.8%	\$38,730	19.9%	\$51,640	14.9%	\$14,560
Missouri	\$13,780	\$25,820	53.4%	\$38,730	35.6%	\$51,640	26.7%	\$23,348
Montana	\$15,080	\$25,820	58.4%	\$38,730	38.9%	\$51,640	29.2%	\$29,380
Nebraska	\$18,147	\$25,820	70.3%	\$38,730	46.9%	\$51,640	35.1%	\$32,916

State	Price of Care as a Percentage of Income				Price of Care as a Percentage of Income			
	Avg. Annual Price, Infant [^]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level	Avg. Annual Price, 2 Children ^{^^^}	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level
Nevada	\$12,659	\$25,820	49.0%	\$38,730	32.7%	\$51,640	24.5%	\$23,264
New Hampshire	\$16,040	\$25,820	62.1%	\$38,730	41.4%	\$51,640	31.1%	\$29,082
New Jersey*	\$20,213	\$25,820	78.3%	\$38,730	52.2%	\$51,640	39.1%	\$37,717
New York	\$20,439	\$25,820	79.2%	\$38,730	52.8%	\$51,640	39.6%	\$37,783
North Carolina	\$12,370	\$25,820	47.9%	\$38,730	31.9%	\$51,640	24.0%	\$22,751
North Dakota	\$12,299	\$25,820	47.6%	\$38,730	31.8%	\$51,640	23.8%	\$23,168
Ohio	\$13,780	\$25,820	53.4%	\$38,730	35.6%	\$51,640	26.7%	\$25,532
Oklahoma	\$10,809	\$25,820	41.9%	\$38,730	27.9%	\$51,640	20.9%	\$20,224
Oregon	\$19,500	\$25,820	75.5%	\$38,730	50.3%	\$51,640	37.8%	\$32,760
Pennsylvania*	\$14,910	\$25,820	57.7%	\$38,730	38.5%	\$51,640	28.9%	\$27,364
Rhode Island*	\$18,486	\$25,820	71.6%	\$38,730	47.7%	\$51,640	35.8%	\$34,698
South Carolina	\$10,474	\$25,820	40.6%	\$38,730	27.0%	\$51,640	20.3%	\$20,166
South Dakota	\$8,632	\$25,820	33.4%	\$38,730	22.3%	\$51,640	16.7%	\$16,702
Tennessee	\$13,126	\$25,820	50.8%	\$38,730	33.9%	\$51,640	25.4%	\$23,966
Texas*	\$11,349	\$25,820	44.0%	\$38,730	29.3%	\$51,640	22.0%	\$21,574
Utah	\$14,160	\$25,820	54.8%	\$38,730	36.6%	\$51,640	27.4%	\$24,036
Vermont	\$18,710	\$25,820	72.5%	\$38,730	48.3%	\$51,640	36.2%	\$34,586
Virginia	\$16,796	\$25,820	65.1%	\$38,730	43.4%	\$51,640	32.5%	\$30,680
Washington	\$21,348	\$25,820	82.7%	\$38,730	55.1%	\$51,640	41.3%	\$38,256
West Virginia*	\$10,439	\$25,820	40.4%	\$38,730	27.0%	\$51,640	20.2%	\$19,807
Wisconsin	\$17,963	\$25,820	69.6%	\$38,730	46.4%	\$51,640	34.8%	\$33,002
Wyoming*	\$12,784	\$25,820	49.5%	\$38,730	33.0%	\$51,640	24.8%	\$24,013

[^]Source: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{^^}Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. [2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines](#). 150% poverty calculated by multiplying the poverty level by 1.5. 200% poverty calculated by multiplying the poverty level by 2.

Infant price comparison based on a family of three. Two children price comparison based on a family of four.

^{^^^}Child care prices for two children calculated by adding the annual price of infant care to the annual price of care for a 4-Year-Old.

* State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

TABLE XVI

2024 Average Prices for Center-Based Child Care for Toddlers and 4-Year-Olds Compared to Varying Poverty Levels

State	Price of Care as a Percentage of Income				Price of Care as a Percentage of Income			
	Avg. Annual Price, Toddler^	Poverty Level^^	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level	Avg. Annual Price, 4-Year-Old^	Poverty Level^^	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level
Alabama*	\$8,424	32.6%	21.8%	16.3%	\$8,008	31.0%	20.7%	15.5%
Alaska	\$11,304	35.0%	23.4%	17.5%	\$9,883	30.6%	20.4%	15.3%
Arizona*	\$13,390	51.9%	34.6%	25.9%	\$11,680	45.2%	30.2%	22.6%
Arkansas	\$8,801	34.1%	22.7%	17.0%	\$8,320	32.2%	21.5%	16.1%
California*	NR				\$16,665	64.5%	43.0%	32.3%
Colorado	\$17,479	67.7%	45.1%	33.8%	\$14,800	57.3%	38.2%	28.7%
Connecticut	\$18,829	72.9%	48.6%	36.5%	\$15,297	59.2%	39.5%	29.6%
Delaware	\$14,668	56.8%	37.9%	28.4%	\$13,218	51.2%	34.1%	25.6%
District of Columbia	\$24,087	93.3%	62.2%	46.6%	\$20,981	81.3%	54.2%	40.6%
Florida*	\$11,461	44.4%	29.6%	22.2%	\$9,409	36.4%	24.3%	18.2%
Georgia	\$10,537	40.8%	27.2%	20.4%	\$9,573	37.1%	24.7%	18.5%
Hawaii	\$18,852	70.6%	47.1%	35.3%	\$13,992	52.4%	34.9%	26.2%
Idaho*	\$9,996	38.7%	25.8%	19.4%	\$9,201	35.6%	23.8%	17.8%
Illinois*	\$18,736	72.6%	48.4%	36.3%	\$17,238	66.8%	44.5%	33.4%
Indiana	\$16,002	62.0%	41.3%	31.0%	\$12,531	48.5%	32.4%	24.3%
Iowa	\$11,729	45.4%	30.3%	22.7%	\$10,100	39.1%	26.1%	19.6%
Kansas	\$11,071	42.9%	28.6%	21.4%	\$9,217	35.7%	23.8%	17.8%
Kentucky	\$12,220	47.3%	31.6%	23.7%	\$10,712	41.5%	27.7%	20.7%
Louisiana*	\$9,997	38.7%	25.8%	19.4%	\$9,378	36.3%	24.2%	18.2%
Maine*	\$14,820	57.4%	38.3%	28.7%	\$14,144	54.8%	36.5%	27.4%
Maryland	\$22,594	87.5%	58.3%	43.8%	\$15,601	60.4%	40.3%	30.2%
Massachusetts	\$24,314	94.2%	62.8%	47.1%	\$20,669	80.1%	53.4%	40.0%
Michigan	\$13,555	52.5%	35.0%	26.2%	\$12,246	47.4%	31.6%	23.7%
Minnesota	\$18,042	69.9%	46.6%	34.9%	\$15,733	60.9%	40.6%	30.5%
Mississippi*	\$7,254	28.1%	18.7%	14.0%	\$6,864	26.6%	17.7%	13.3%
Missouri	\$11,700	45.3%	30.2%	22.7%	\$9,568	37.1%	24.7%	18.5%
Montana	\$15,080	58.4%	38.9%	29.2%	\$14,300	55.4%	36.9%	27.7%
Nebraska	\$17,184	66.6%	44.4%	33.3%	\$15,738	61.0%	40.6%	30.5%

State	Price of Care as a Percentage of Income				Price of Care as a Percentage of Income			
	Avg. Annual Price, Toddler [^]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level	Avg. Annual Price, 4-Year-Old [^]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level
Nevada	\$11,442	44.3%	29.5%	22.2%	\$10,605	41.1%	27.4%	20.5%
New Hampshire*	\$14,870				\$13,042	50.5%	33.7%	25.3%
New Jersey*	\$19,448	75.3%	50.2%	37.7%	\$17,503	67.8%	45.2%	33.9%
New York	\$16,415	63.6%	42.4%	31.8%	\$17,343	67.2%	44.8%	33.6%
North Carolina	\$9,961	38.6%	25.7%	19.3%	\$10,381	40.2%	26.8%	20.1%
North Dakota	\$10,141	39.3%	26.2%	19.6%	\$10,869	42.1%	28.1%	21.0%
Ohio	\$10,556	40.9%	27.3%	20.4%	\$11,752	45.5%	30.3%	22.8%
Oklahoma	\$9,399	36.4%	24.3%	18.2%	\$9,415	36.5%	24.3%	18.2%
Oregon	\$15,808	61.2%	40.8%	30.6%	\$13,260	51.4%	34.2%	25.7%
Pennsylvania*	\$10,994	42.6%	28.4%	21.3%	\$12,453	48.2%	32.2%	24.1%
Rhode Island*	\$14,300	55.4%	36.9%	27.7%	\$16,212	62.8%	41.9%	31.4%
South Carolina	\$8,126	31.5%	21.0%	15.7%	\$9,691	37.5%	25.0%	18.8%
South Dakota	\$6,822	26.4%	17.6%	13.2%	\$8,070	31.3%	20.8%	15.6%
Tennessee*	\$9,415	36.5%	24.3%	18.2%	\$10,840	42.0%	28.0%	21.0%
Texas*	\$10,010	38.8%	25.8%	19.4%	\$10,225	39.6%	26.4%	19.8%
Utah	\$10,800	41.8%	27.9%	20.9%	\$9,876	38.2%	25.5%	19.1%
Vermont*	\$12,395	48.0%	32.0%	24.0%	\$15,877	61.5%	41.0%	30.7%
Virginia	\$13,052	50.5%	33.7%	25.3%	\$13,884	53.8%	35.8%	26.9%
Washington	\$18,000	69.7%	46.5%	34.9%	\$16,908	65.5%	43.7%	32.7%
West Virginia*	\$8,565	33.2%	22.1%	16.6%	\$9,368	36.3%	24.2%	18.1%
Wisconsin*	\$12,319	47.7%	31.8%	23.9%	\$15,039	58.2%	38.8%	29.1%
Wyoming*	\$10,704	41.5%	27.6%	20.7%	\$11,229	43.5%	29.0%	21.7%

[^] Source: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{^^}Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. 2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines. 150% poverty calculated by multiplying the poverty level by 1.5. 200% poverty calculated by multiplying the poverty level by 2. Both price comparisons based on a family of three.

* State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

2024 Average Prices for Family Child Care (FCC) for Infants and Two Children Compared to Varying Poverty Levels

State	Price of Care as a Percentage of Income				Price of Care as a Percentage of Income			
	Avg. Annual Price, Infant [^]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level	Avg. Annual Price, 2 Children ^{^^^}	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level
Alabama*	\$7,670	\$25,820	29.7%	\$38,730	19.8%	\$51,640	14.9%	\$15,002
Alaska	\$10,809	\$32,270	33.5%	\$48,405	22.3%	\$64,540	16.7%	\$19,419
Arizona*	\$10,920	\$25,820	42.3%	\$38,730	28.2%	\$51,640	21.1%	\$21,320
Arkansas	\$7,963	\$25,820	30.8%	\$38,730	20.6%	\$51,640	15.4%	\$15,708
California*	\$19,022	\$25,820	73.7%	\$38,730	49.1%	\$51,640	36.8%	\$35,785
Colorado	\$13,666	\$25,820	52.9%	\$38,730	35.3%	\$51,640	26.5%	\$26,496
Connecticut	\$14,305	\$25,820	55.4%	\$38,730	36.9%	\$51,640	27.7%	\$27,506
Delaware	\$10,997	\$25,820	42.6%	\$38,730	28.4%	\$51,640	21.3%	\$20,965
District of Columbia	\$21,382	\$25,820	82.8%	\$38,730	55.2%	\$51,640	41.4%	\$41,067
Florida*	\$11,201	\$25,820	43.4%	\$38,730	28.9%	\$51,640	21.7%	\$19,793
Georgia	\$8,407	\$25,820	32.6%	\$38,730	21.7%	\$51,640	16.3%	\$16,209
Hawaii	\$11,632	\$26,690	43.6%	\$40,035	29.1%	\$53,380	21.8%	\$22,660
Idaho*	\$7,380	\$25,820	28.6%	\$38,730	19.1%	\$51,640	14.3%	\$14,532
Illinois*	\$12,283	\$25,820	47.6%	\$38,730	31.7%	\$51,640	23.8%	\$22,722
Indiana	\$9,508	\$25,820	36.8%	\$38,730	24.5%	\$51,640	18.4%	\$17,978
Iowa	\$8,596	\$25,820	33.3%	\$38,730	22.2%	\$51,640	16.6%	\$16,881
Kansas	\$7,639	\$25,820	29.6%	\$38,730	19.7%	\$51,640	14.8%	\$15,389
Kentucky	\$9,880	\$25,820	38.3%	\$38,730	25.5%	\$51,640	19.1%	\$19,240
Louisiana*	NA	\$25,820		\$38,730		\$51,640		
Maine*	\$11,830	\$25,820	45.8%	\$38,730	30.5%	\$51,640	22.9%	\$22,620
Maryland	\$15,919	\$25,820	61.7%	\$38,730	41.1%	\$51,640	30.8%	\$29,335
Massachusetts	\$17,510	\$25,820	67.8%	\$38,730	45.2%	\$51,640	33.9%	\$32,566
Michigan	\$9,458	\$25,820	36.6%	\$38,730	24.4%	\$51,640	18.3%	\$19,813
Minnesota	\$9,821	\$25,820	38.0%	\$38,730	25.4%	\$51,640	19.0%	\$18,799
Mississippi*	\$6,188	\$25,820	24.0%	\$38,730	16.0%	\$51,640	12.0%	\$11,908
Missouri	\$9,984	\$25,820	38.7%	\$38,730	25.8%	\$51,640	19.3%	\$18,304
Montana	\$11,700	\$25,820	45.3%	\$38,730	30.2%	\$51,640	22.7%	\$22,100
Nebraska	\$13,383	\$25,820	51.8%	\$38,730	34.6%	\$51,640	25.9%	\$26,766

State	Price of Care as a Percentage of Income				Price of Care as a Percentage of Income			
	Avg. Annual Price, Infant [*]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level	Avg. Annual Price, 2 Children ^{***}	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level
Nevada	\$9,703	\$25,820	37.6%	\$38,730	25.1%	\$51,640	18.8%	\$18,685
New Hampshire*	\$11,708	\$25,820	45.3%	\$38,730	30.2%	\$51,640	22.7%	\$23,126
New Jersey*	\$12,502	\$25,820	48.4%	\$38,730	32.3%	\$51,640	24.2%	\$23,615
New York	\$16,415	\$25,820	63.6%	\$38,730	42.4%	\$51,640	31.8%	\$32,031
North Carolina	\$9,961	\$25,820	38.6%	\$38,730	25.7%	\$51,640	19.3%	\$19,008
North Dakota	\$10,141	\$25,820	39.3%	\$38,730	26.2%	\$51,640	19.6%	\$19,614
Ohio	\$10,556	\$25,820	40.9%	\$38,730	27.3%	\$51,640	20.4%	\$19,604
Oklahoma	\$9,399	\$25,820	36.4%	\$38,730	24.3%	\$51,640	18.2%	\$17,976
Oregon	\$15,808	\$25,820	61.2%	\$38,730	40.8%	\$51,640	30.6%	\$29,536
Pennsylvania*	\$10,994	\$25,820	42.6%	\$38,730	28.4%	\$51,640	21.3%	\$20,679
Rhode Island*	\$14,300	\$25,820	55.4%	\$38,730	36.9%	\$51,640	27.7%	\$27,300
South Carolina	\$8,126	\$25,820	31.5%	\$38,730	21.0%	\$51,640	15.7%	\$15,349
South Dakota	\$6,822	\$25,820	26.4%	\$38,730	17.6%	\$51,640	13.2%	\$13,457
Tennessee*	\$9,415	\$25,820	36.5%	\$38,730	24.3%	\$51,640	18.2%	\$18,104
Texas*	\$10,010	\$25,820	38.8%	\$38,730	25.8%	\$51,640	19.4%	\$19,592
Utah	\$10,800	\$25,820	41.8%	\$38,730	27.9%	\$51,640	20.9%	\$18,960
Vermont*	\$12,395	\$25,820	48.0%	\$38,730	32.0%	\$51,640	24.0%	\$24,213
Virginia	\$13,052	\$25,820	50.5%	\$38,730	33.7%	\$51,640	25.3%	\$25,168
Washington	\$18,000	\$25,820	69.7%	\$38,730	46.5%	\$51,640	34.9%	\$32,556
West Virginia*	\$8,565	\$25,820	33.2%	\$38,730	22.1%	\$51,640	16.6%	\$16,327
Wisconsin*	\$12,319	\$25,820	47.7%	\$38,730	31.8%	\$51,640	23.9%	\$23,407
Wyoming*	\$10,704	\$25,820	41.5%	\$38,730	27.6%	\$51,640	20.7%	\$20,451

*Source: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^^Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. [2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines](#). 150% poverty calculated by multiplying the poverty level by 1.5. 200% poverty calculated by multiplying the poverty level by 2.

Infant price comparison based on a family of three. Two children price comparison based on a family of four.

***Child care prices for two children calculated by adding the annual price of infant care to the annual price of care for a 4-Year-Old.

* State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

TABLE XVIII

2024 Average Prices for Family Child Care (FCC) for Toddlers and a 4-Year-Old Compared to Varying Poverty Levels

State	Price of Care as a Percentage of Income				Price of Care as a Percentage of Income			
	Avg. Annual Price, Toddler [^]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level	Avg. Annual Price, 4-Year-Old [^]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level
Alabama*	\$7,527	29.2%	19.4%	14.6%	\$7,332	28.4%	18.9%	14.2%
Alaska	\$9,265	28.7%	19.1%	14.4%	\$8,610	26.7%	17.8%	13.3%
Arizona*	\$10,400	40.3%	26.9%	20.1%	\$10,400	40.3%	26.9%	20.1%
Arkansas	\$7,727	29.9%	20.0%	15.0%	\$7,745	30.0%	20.0%	15.0%
California*	NR				\$16,763	64.9%	43.3%	32.5%
Colorado	\$13,666	52.9%	35.3%	26.5%	\$12,830	49.7%	33.1%	24.8%
Connecticut	NA				\$13,201	51.1%	34.1%	25.6%
Delaware	\$10,358	40.1%	26.7%	20.1%	\$9,968	38.6%	25.7%	19.3%
District of Columbia	\$21,022	81.4%	54.3%	40.7%	\$19,685	76.2%	50.8%	38.1%
Florida*	\$10,185	39.4%	26.3%	19.7%	\$8,592	33.3%	22.2%	16.6%
Georgia	\$8,043	31.2%	20.8%	15.6%	\$7,802	30.2%	20.1%	15.1%
Hawaii	\$11,148	41.8%	27.8%	20.9%	\$11,028	41.3%	27.5%	20.7%
Idaho*	\$7,308	28.3%	18.9%	14.2%	\$7,152	27.7%	18.5%	13.8%
Illinois*	\$12,283	47.6%	31.7%	23.8%	\$10,439	40.4%	27.0%	20.2%
Indiana	\$9,102	35.3%	23.5%	17.6%	\$8,470	32.8%	21.9%	16.4%
Iowa	\$8,443	32.7%	21.8%	16.3%	\$8,285	32.1%	21.4%	16.0%
Kansas	\$6,890	26.7%	17.8%	13.3%	\$7,750	30.0%	20.0%	15.0%
Kentucky	\$9,360	36.3%	24.2%	18.1%	\$9,360	36.3%	24.2%	18.1%
Louisiana*	NA				NA			
Maine*	\$11,206	43.4%	28.9%	21.7%	\$10,790	41.8%	27.9%	20.9%
Maryland	\$15,676	60.7%	40.5%	30.4%	\$13,416	52.0%	34.6%	26.0%
Massachusetts	\$17,511	67.8%	45.2%	33.9%	\$15,056	58.3%	38.9%	29.2%
Michigan	\$9,959	38.6%	25.7%	19.3%	\$10,355	40.1%	26.7%	20.1%
Minnesota	\$9,434	36.5%	24.4%	18.3%	\$8,978	34.8%	23.2%	17.4%
Mississippi*	\$5,980	23.2%	15.4%	11.6%	\$5,720	22.2%	14.8%	11.1%
Missouri	\$8,996	34.8%	23.2%	17.4%	\$8,320	32.2%	21.5%	16.1%
Montana	\$11,700	45.3%	30.2%	22.7%	\$10,400	40.3%	26.9%	20.1%
Nebraska	\$13,383	51.8%	34.6%	25.9%	\$13,383	51.8%	34.6%	25.9%

State	Price of Care as a Percentage of Income				Price of Care as a Percentage of Income			
	Avg. Annual Price, Toddler [^]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level	Avg. Annual Price, 4-Year-Old [^]	Poverty Level ^{^^}	150% of Poverty Level	200% of Poverty Level
Nevada	\$9,239	35.8%	23.9%	17.9%	\$8,982	34.8%	23.2%	17.4%
New Hampshire*	\$11,432	44.3%	29.5%	22.1%	\$11,418	44.2%	29.5%	22.1%
New Jersey*	\$11,113	43.0%	28.7%	21.5%	\$11,113	43.0%	28.7%	21.5%
New York	\$15,616	60.5%	40.3%	30.2%	\$15,616	60.5%	40.3%	30.2%
North Carolina	\$9,591	37.1%	24.8%	18.6%	\$9,047	35.0%	23.4%	17.5%
North Dakota	\$9,801	38.0%	25.3%	19.0%	\$9,473	36.7%	24.5%	18.3%
Ohio	\$10,192	39.5%	26.3%	19.7%	\$9,048	35.0%	23.4%	17.5%
Oklahoma	\$9,122	35.3%	23.6%	17.7%	\$8,577	33.2%	22.1%	16.6%
Oregon	\$13,832	53.6%	35.7%	26.8%	\$13,728	53.2%	35.4%	26.6%
Pennsylvania*	\$10,428	40.4%	26.9%	20.2%	\$9,685	37.5%	25.0%	18.8%
Rhode Island*	NA				\$13,000	50.3%	33.6%	25.2%
South Carolina	\$7,449	28.8%	19.2%	14.4%	\$7,223	28.0%	18.6%	14.0%
South Dakota	\$6,822	26.4%	17.6%	13.2%	\$6,635	25.7%	17.1%	12.8%
Tennessee*	\$9,430	36.5%	24.3%	18.3%	\$8,689	33.7%	22.4%	16.8%
Texas*	\$9,957	38.6%	25.7%	19.3%	\$9,582	37.1%	24.7%	18.6%
Utah	\$8,700	33.7%	22.5%	16.8%	\$8,160	31.6%	21.1%	15.8%
Vermont*	\$11,952	46.3%	30.9%	23.1%	\$11,818	45.8%	30.5%	22.9%
Virginia	\$12,480	48.3%	32.2%	24.2%	\$12,116	46.9%	31.3%	23.5%
Washington	\$16,200	62.7%	41.8%	31.4%	\$14,556	56.4%	37.6%	28.2%
West Virginia*	\$7,762	30.1%	20.0%	15.0%	\$7,762	30.1%	20.0%	15.0%
Wisconsin*	\$14,743	57.1%	38.1%	28.5%	\$11,088	42.9%	28.6%	21.5%
Wyoming*	\$10,278	39.8%	26.5%	19.9%	\$9,747	37.7%	25.2%	18.9%

[^] Source: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{^^}Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. [2024 Federal Poverty Guidelines](#). 150% poverty calculated by multiplying the poverty level by 1.5. 200% poverty calculated by multiplying the poverty level by 2.

Both price comparisons based on a family of three.

*State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

TABLE XIX

2024 Affordability Rankings for Child Care Professionals with Children in Center-Based Child Care

Rank	State	Annual Price of Care [^]					Annual Income – Child Care Professionals ^{^^}	
		Infant	Toddler	4-Year-Old	Before/After School	Two Children ^{^^^}	Avg. Income	% of Income for 2 children, center
1	DC	\$26,193	\$24,087	\$20,981	NR	\$47,174	\$33,140	142.3%
2	Massachusetts	\$26,343	\$24,314	\$20,669	\$17,944	\$47,012	\$33,140	141.9%
3	Maryland	\$25,321	\$22,594	\$15,601	\$10,226	\$40,922	\$33,140	123.5%
4	California*	\$22,628	NR	\$16,665	\$10,627	\$39,293	\$33,140	118.6%
5	Washington	\$21,348	\$19,236	\$16,908	\$5,196	\$38,256	\$33,140	115.4%
6	Hawaii	\$24,115	\$18,852	\$13,992	\$7,402	\$38,107	\$33,140	115.0%
7	New York	\$20,439	\$18,661	\$17,343	\$12,447	\$37,782	\$33,140	114.0%
8	New Jersey*	\$20,213	\$19,448	\$17,503	\$5,990	\$37,716	\$33,140	113.8%
9	Illinois	\$19,807	\$18,736	\$17,238	\$4,538	\$37,045	\$33,140	111.8%
10	Minnesota	\$20,421	\$18,042	\$15,733	NA	\$36,154	\$33,140	109.1%
11	Colorado	\$20,978	\$17,479	\$14,800	\$8,292	\$35,778	\$33,140	108.0%
12	Rhode Island*	\$18,486	NA	\$16,212	\$10,920	\$34,698	\$33,140	104.7%
13	Vermont	\$18,710	\$17,988	\$15,877	\$6,442	\$34,587	\$33,140	104.4%
14	Nebraska	\$18,147	\$17,184	\$15,738	NR	\$33,885	\$33,140	102.2%
15	Connecticut	\$18,492	\$18,829	\$15,297	\$5,967	\$33,789	\$33,140	102.0%
16	Wisconsin	\$17,963	\$18,239	\$15,039	\$6,226	\$33,002	\$33,140	99.6%
17	Oregon	\$19,500	\$17,368	\$13,260	NR	\$32,760	\$33,140	98.9%
18	Virginia	\$16,796	\$15,964	\$13,884	\$5,772	\$30,680	\$33,140	92.6%
19	Maine*	\$15,730	\$14,820	\$14,144	\$7,683	\$29,874	\$33,140	90.1%
20	Delaware	\$16,617	\$14,668	\$13,218	\$5,476	\$29,835	\$33,140	90.0%
21	Montana	\$15,080	\$15,080	\$14,300	\$4,875	\$29,380	\$33,140	88.7%
22	New Hampshire	\$16,040	\$14,870	\$13,042	\$4,826	\$29,082	\$33,140	87.8%
23	Indiana	\$16,478	\$16,002	\$12,531	\$6,394	\$29,009	\$33,140	87.5%
24	Arizona	\$15,964	\$13,390	\$11,680	\$5,850	\$27,644	\$33,140	83.4%
25	Pennsylvania*	\$14,910	\$14,180	\$12,453	\$7,937	\$27,363	\$33,140	82.6%
26	Michigan	\$13,454	\$13,555	\$12,246	\$5,468	\$25,700	\$33,140	77.5%
27	Ohio	\$13,780	\$12,376	\$11,752	\$6,435	\$25,532	\$33,140	77.0%
28	Kansas	\$15,156	\$11,071	\$9,217	\$2,254	\$24,373	\$33,140	73.5%
29	Utah	\$14,160	\$11,328	\$9,876	\$5,940	\$24,036	\$33,140	72.5%

Rank	State	Annual Price of Care [^]					Annual Income – Child Care Professionals ^{^^}	
		Infant	Toddler	4-Year-Old	Before/After School	Two Children ^{^^^}	Avg. Income	% of Income for 2 children, center
30	Wyoming*	\$12,784	\$11,897	\$11,229	\$6,249	\$24,013	\$33,140	72.5%
31	Tennessee	\$13,126	\$12,063	\$10,840	\$4,402	\$23,966	\$33,140	72.3%
32	Kentucky	\$12,740	\$12,220	\$10,712	\$5,850	\$23,452	\$33,140	70.8%
33	Missouri	\$13,780	\$11,700	\$9,568	\$4,056	\$23,348	\$33,140	70.5%
34	Nevada	\$12,659	\$11,442	\$10,605	\$6,140	\$23,264	\$33,140	70.2%
35	North Dakota	\$12,299	\$11,580	\$10,869	NR	\$23,168	\$33,140	69.9%
36	Iowa	\$12,694	\$11,729	\$10,100	\$3,572	\$22,794	\$33,140	68.8%
37	North Carolina	\$12,370	\$11,694	\$10,381	\$5,811	\$22,751	\$33,140	68.7%
38	Florida*	\$13,011	\$11,461	\$9,409	\$5,238	\$22,420	\$33,140	67.7%
39	Alaska	\$12,107	\$11,304	\$9,883	\$6,324	\$21,990	\$33,140	66.4%
40	Texas*	\$11,349	\$10,921	\$10,225	\$6,782	\$21,574	\$33,140	65.1%
41	Georgia	\$11,066	\$10,537	\$9,573	\$6,568	\$20,639	\$33,140	62.3%
42	Louisiana*	\$10,847	\$9,997	\$9,378	\$5,841	\$20,225	\$33,140	61.0%
43	Oklahoma	\$10,809	\$10,060	\$9,415	\$7,326	\$20,224	\$33,140	61.0%
44	South Carolina	\$10,474	\$10,308	\$9,691	\$8,277	\$20,165	\$33,140	60.8%
45	Idaho	\$10,608	\$9,996	\$9,201	\$6,444	\$19,809	\$33,140	59.8%
46	West Virginia*	\$10,439	\$9,903	\$9,368	NR	\$19,807	\$33,140	59.8%
47	Arkansas	\$9,178	\$8,801	\$8,320	\$3,397	\$17,498	\$33,140	52.8%
48	South Dakota	\$8,632	\$8,632	\$8,070	\$5,460	\$16,702	\$33,140	50.4%
49	Alabama*	\$8,632	\$8,424	\$8,008	\$5,226	\$16,640	\$33,140	50.2%
50	Mississippi*	\$7,696	\$7,254	\$6,864	\$4,290	\$14,560	\$33,140	43.9%

[^]Source: Child Care Aware® of America's January 2025 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks. Some states used the latest state Market Rate Survey.

^{^^}Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2023 Annual Mean Wage: Childcare Workers. <https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes399011.htm>

^{^^^}Child care prices for two children calculated by adding the annual price of infant care to the annual price of care for a 4-Year-Old.

*State did not report prices on the 2024 survey; data reported from state's most recent Market Rate Survey.

NR/NA: Data not reported or not available for some categories of child care.

Note: 1 = least affordable and 50 = most affordable. Rank is based on price of child care as percentage of average annual income for child professionals who work in a center.



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