



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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^a 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.

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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% |

| Rank | State | Annual Price- Infant, Center [^] | Single-Parent Family | | Married-Couple Family | |
|------|----------------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | Median Income ^{^^} | % of Median Income | Median Income ^{^^} | % of Median Income |
| 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% |
| 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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^{^^} Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2023, Table B19126, <https://data.census.gov/>

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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% |

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|------|----------------------|---|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | Median Income ^{^^} | % of Median Income | Median Income ^{^^} | % of Median Income |
| 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% |
| 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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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% |

| Rank | State | Annual Price-Toddler, Center^ | Single-Parent Family | | Married-Couple Family | |
|------|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Median Income^^ | % of Median Income | Median Income^^ | % of Median Income |
| 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% |
| 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% |

| Rank | State | Annual Price-Toddler, FCC^ | Single-Parent Family | | Married-Couple Family | |
|------|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Median Income^^ | % of Median Income | Median Income^^ | % of Median Income |
| 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% |
| 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 | |

| Rank | State | Annual Price-Toddler, FCC [^] | Single-Parent Family | | Married-Couple Family | |
|------|---------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Median Income ^{^^} | % of Median Income | Median Income ^{^^} | % of Median Income |
| -- | 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 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% |

| Rank | State | Annual Price- 4- Year-Old, Center^ | Single-Parent Family | | Married-Couple Family | |
|------|----------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | | | Median Income^^ | % of Median Income | Median Income^^ | % of Median Income |
| 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% |
| 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% |

| Rank | State | Annual Price- 4-Year-Old, Center^ | Single-Parent Family | | Married-Couple Family | |
|------|--------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| | | | Median Income^^ | % of Median Income | Median Income^^ | % of Median Income |
| 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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* 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 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% |

| 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 |
| 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% |
| 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 | |
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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 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% |

| Rank | State | Median Income, Single Parent^ | Infant Care | | Toddler Care | | 4 -Year-Old Care | |
|------|----------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| | | | Price^^ | % of Income | Price^^ | % of Income | Price^^ | % of Income |
| 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% |
| 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% |

| Rank | State | Median Income, Single Parent [^] | School-Age Care | | Care for Two Children ^{^^} | |
|------|----------------|--|---------------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| | | | Price ^{^^} | % of Income | Price ^{^^} | % of Income |
| 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% |
| 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.

TABLE XVII

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 |

| State | Price of Care as a Percentage of Income | | | | Price of Care as a Percentage of Income | | | |
|----------------|---|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| | Avg. Annual Price, Infant ^a | 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |

^aSource: 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% |

| 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 |
| 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% |
| 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% |

| 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 |
| 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% |
| 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% |

| 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 |
| 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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