

## Annual Price of Child Care

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

In California the average price of child care is:

**\$19,022 per year**

For an infant in family child care

**N/A**

For a toddler in family child care

**\$22,628 per year**

For an infant in center-based child care

**N/A**

For a toddler in center-based child care

## Affordability of Child Care for Families

In all states, the price of child care in most settings, for most age groups, remains higher than what is considered affordable.

In California:

- The median income for a married couple is **\$138,719**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **16%** of family income.
- The median income for a single parent family is **\$45,721**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **50%** of family income.



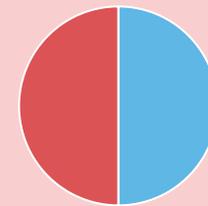
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RECOMMENDED BY DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



**16%**

OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR A MARRIED COUPLE FAMILY



**50%**

OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR A SINGLE PARENT FAMILY

\*Recent federal rule changes prohibit states from charging family copayments for subsidized care at more than 7% of household income.

## Child Care vs. Household Expenses

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



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