Child Care Affordability in Illinois

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Annual Price of Child Care

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

In Illinois the average price of child care is:

$12,283 per year

For an infant in family child care

$12,283 per year

For a toddler in family child care

$19,807 per year

For an infant in center-based child care

$18,736 per year

For a toddler in center-based child care

Affordability of Child Care for Families

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

In Illinois:

- The median income for a married couple is **$137,283**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **14%** of family income.
- The median income for a single parent family is **$41,288**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **48%** of family income.



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RECOMMENDED BY DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



14%

OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR A MARRIED COUPLE FAMILY



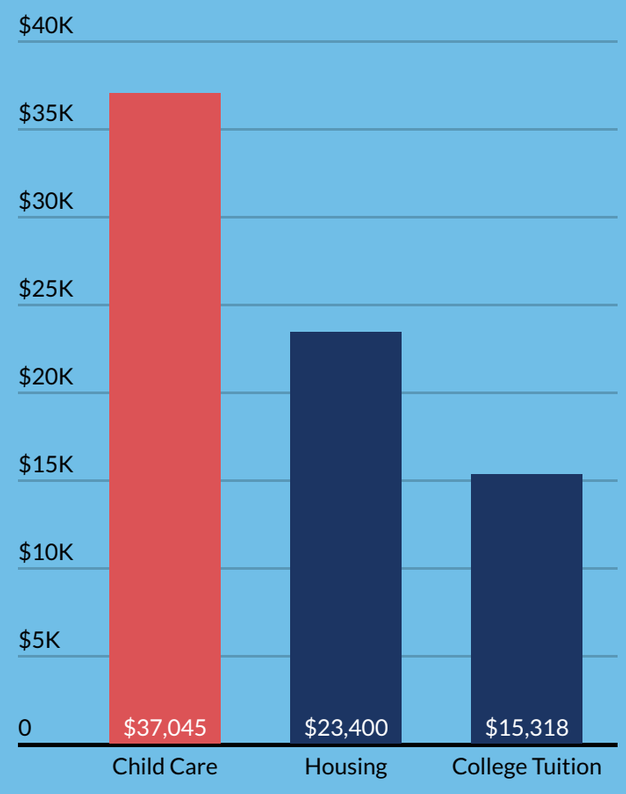
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OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR A SINGLE PARENT FAMILY

*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

Source: Child Care in America: 2024 Price & Supply Report

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