

## Annual Price of Child Care

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

In Maryland the average price of child care is:

**\$15,919 per year**

For an infant in family child care

**\$15,676 per year**

For a toddler in family child care

**\$25,321 per year**

For an infant in center-based child care

**\$22,594 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 Maryland:

- The median income for a married couple is **\$159,911**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **16%** of family income.
- The median income for a single parent family is **\$52,696**, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **48%** of family income.



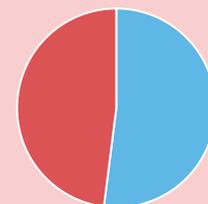
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RECOMMENDED BY DEPT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES



16%

OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR A MARRIED COUPLE FAMILY



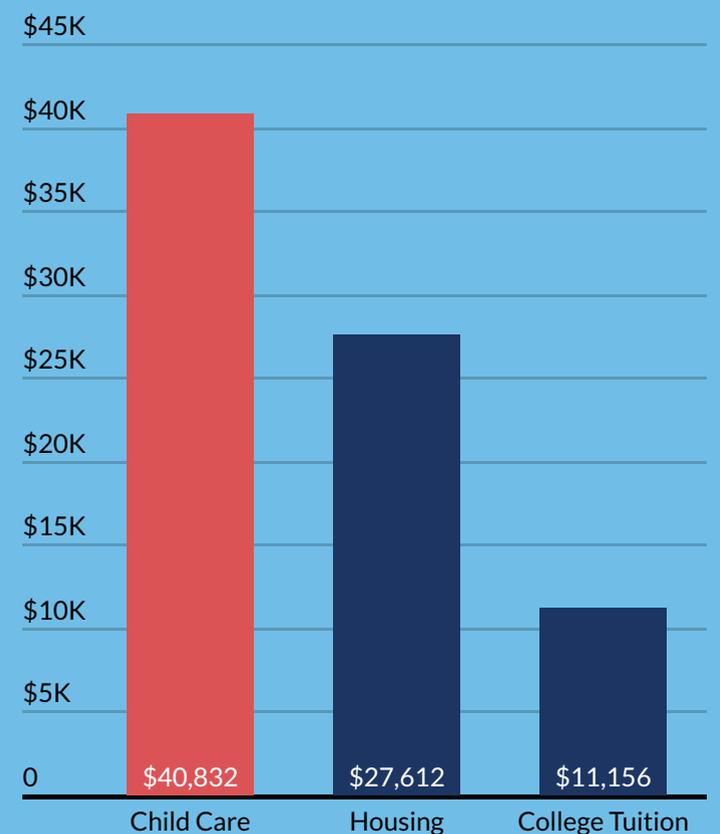
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OF MEDIAN INCOME FOR A SINGLE PARENT FAMILY

\*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