Child Care Affordability in Alaska

Child Care Aware of America’s recent report Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System found that in 2020 in Alaska:

In Alaska, the median income for a single-parent family is $36,690, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 33% of family median income.

In Alaska, the median income for a married couple is $105,852, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 11% of family median income.

- $10,746 for 4-year-olds
- $12,048 for infants
- $8,934 for 4-year-olds
- $9,510 for infants

Compared to tuition and housing...

- In Alaska, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 40.26% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
- In Alaska, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 52.69% more than the average annualized rent cost and 1.73% less than the average annualized mortgage cost.

Source: Child Care Aware® of America’s Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System Report

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