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

- For 4-year-olds, the annual price for center-based child care is $6,575, and for family child care is $5,346.
- For infants, the annual price for center-based child care is $7,498, and for family child care is $5,843.

In Arkansas, the median income for a single-parent family is $23,977, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 31% of family median income, and for 4-year-olds, it would use 9%.

In Arkansas, the median income for a married couple is $79,427, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 9% and for 4-year-olds, it would use 31% of family median income.

- Compared to tuition and housing, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 17.33% less than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
- The average price for two children in center-based child care is 57.43% more than the average annualized rent cost and 7.70% more than the average annualized mortgage cost.