Child Care Affordability in CALIFORNIA

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

In California, the median income for a single-parent family is $32,304, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 54% of family median income.

In California, the median income for a married couple is $104,342, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 17% of family median income.

$12,168 for 4-year-olds
$17,384 for infants

$10,975 for 4-year-olds
$11,718 for infants

ANNUAL PRICE FULL-TIME CENTER BASED CHILD CARE

ANNUAL PRICE FULL-TIME FAMILY CHILD CARE

Compared to tuition and housing...

74.89%
In California, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 74.89% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.

63.85%
In California, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 63.85% more than the average annualized rent cost and 4.48% more than the average annualized mortgage cost.

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