

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.



54%
single parent
income

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



17%
dual income



\$12,168
for 4-year-olds

\$17,384
for infants

\$4,483
(lowest in nation)

\$24,378
(highest in nation)



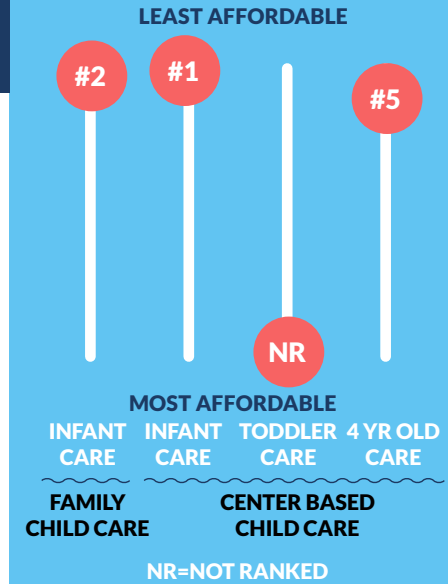
\$10,975
for 4-year-olds

\$11,718
for infants

\$3,766
(lowest in nation)

\$18,425
(highest in nation)

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:



Compared to tuition and housing...



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.



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.