Child Care Affordability in Hawaii

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

In Hawaii, the median income for a single-parent family is $38,018, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 44% of family median income.

In Hawaii, the median income for a married couple is $106,352, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 16% of family median income.

- $4,483 (lowest in nation)
- $18,425 (highest in nation)

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

ANNUAL PRICE
FULL-TIME CENTER BASED CHILD CARE
$4,483
(lowest in nation)
$24,378
(highest in nation)

ANNUAL PRICE
FULL-TIME FAMILY CHILD CARE
$3,766
(lowest in nation)
$18,425
(highest in nation)

Compared to tuition and housing...

$12,040 for 4-year-olds
$16,619 for infants

$8,356 for 4-year-olds
$8,541 for infants

51.22%
47.70%

In Hawaii, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 51.22% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.

In Hawaii, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 47.70% more than the average annualized rent cost and 1.23% 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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