Child Care Affordability in Idaho

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

- The annual price for full-time center-based child care for a 4-year-old is $8,317, and for infants it is $8,355.
- The annual price for full-time family child care for a 4-year-old is $8,309, and for infants it is $8,559.

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

- Least Affordable
  - Infant Care
  - Toddler Care
  - 4 Year Old Care
- Most Affordable
  - Infant Care
  - Family Child Care
  - Center Based Child Care

In Idaho, the median income for a single-parent family is $25,771, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 32% of family median income. In Idaho, the median income for a married couple is $80,962, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 10% of family median income.

Compared to tuition and housing...

- The average price of infant care in a center-based program is 4.44% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
- In Idaho, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 62.88% more than the average annualized rent cost and 9.40% more 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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