Child Care Affordability in ILLINOIS

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

In Illinois, the median income for a single-parent family is $29,491, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 52% of family median income.

In Illinois, the median income for a married couple is $107,172, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 14% of family median income.

$11,605 for 4-year-olds
$8,457 for 4-year-olds
$15,325 for infants
$9,197 for infants

$4,483 (lowest in nation)
$3,766 (lowest in nation)
$24,378 (highest in nation)
$18,425 (highest in nation)

Compared to tuition and housing...

In Illinois, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 6.28% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.

In Illinois, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 122.19% more than the average annualized rent cost and 32.56% 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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