Child Care Affordable in Maine

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

- For 4-year-olds:
  - Center-based child care: $9,891 ($4,483 in the nation)
  - Family child care: $7,978 ($3,766 in the nation)

- For infants:
  - Center-based child care: $10,866 ($24,378 in the nation)
  - Family child care: $8,686 ($18,425 in the nation)

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

- Center-based child care: #32
- Family child care: #19

Compared to tuition and housing...

- Infant care in a center-based program is 1.08% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
- The average price for two children in center-based child care is 102.79% more than the average annualized rent cost and 23.73% more than the average annualized mortgage cost.

Source: Child Care Aware of America’s Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System Report | #DemandingChildCareChange | childcareaware.org