Child Care Affordability in Maryland

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

- In Maryland, the median income for a single-parent family is $41,710, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 39% of family median income.
- In Maryland, the median income for a married couple is $131,507, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 12% of family median income.

- For 4-year-olds:
  - Annual price for full-time center-based child care: $11,106
  - Annual price for full-time family child care: $8,676

- For infants:
  - Annual price for full-time center-based child care: $16,221
  - Annual price for full-time family child care: $10,610

Compared to tuition and housing...

- In Maryland, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 60.13% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
- In Maryland, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 63.60% more than the average annualized rent cost and 12.90% 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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