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

- In Mississippi, the median income for a single-parent family is $21,304, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 28% of family median income.
- In Mississippi, the median income for a married couple is $81,552, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 7% of family median income.

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

- #51
- #52
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Compared to tuition and housing...

- 31.33%: In Mississippi, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 31.33% less than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
- 21.50%: In Mississippi, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 21.50% more than the average annualized rent cost and 17.38% less than the average annualized mortgage cost.

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