Child Care Affordability in Missouri

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

In Missouri, the median income for a single-parent family is $27,055, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 37% of family median income.

In Missouri, the median income for a married couple is $92,711, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 11% of family median income.

For 4-year-olds:
- $7,062 (ANNUAL PRICE FULL-TIME CENTER BASED CHILD CARE)
- $5,299 (ANNUAL PRICE FULL-TIME FAMILY CHILD CARE)

For infants:
- $9,990 (ANNUAL PRICE FULL-TIME CENTER BASED CHILD CARE)
- $5,897 (ANNUAL PRICE FULL-TIME FAMILY CHILD CARE)

Compared to tuition and housing...

In Missouri, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 8.12% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.

In Missouri, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 71.20% more than the average annualized rent cost and 11.28% 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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