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

In Pennsylvania, the median income for a single-parent family is $29,017, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 42% of family median income.

In Pennsylvania, the median income for a married couple is $105,032, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 12% of family median income.

$10,150 for 4-year-olds
$12,152 for infants

$4,483 (lowest in nation)
$24,378 (highest in nation)

$7,894 for 4-year-olds
$8,960 for infants

$3,766 (lowest in nation)
$18,425 (highest in nation)

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

Compared to tuition and housing:

- In Pennsylvania, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 18.93% less than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.

- In Pennsylvania, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 98.13% more than the average annualized rent cost and 24.40% 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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