

# Child Care Affordability in

# SOUTH DAKOTA

## Child Care Aware of America's recent report Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System found that in 2020 in South Dakota:

In South Dakota, the median income for a single-parent family is \$28,195, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **26%** of family median income.



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single parent income

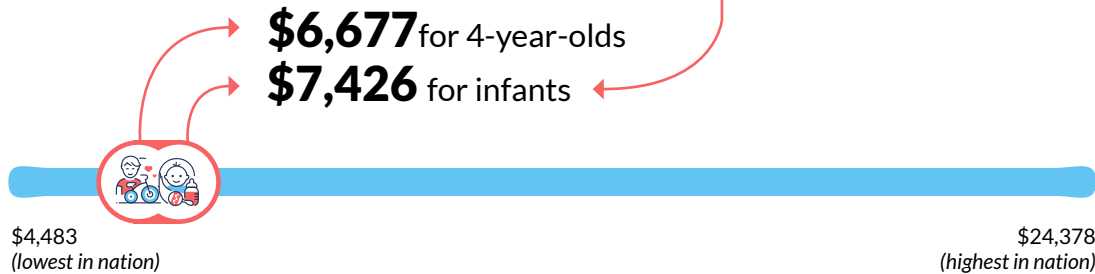
In South Dakota, the median income for a married couple is \$92,744, which means center-based child for an infant would use **8%** of family median income.



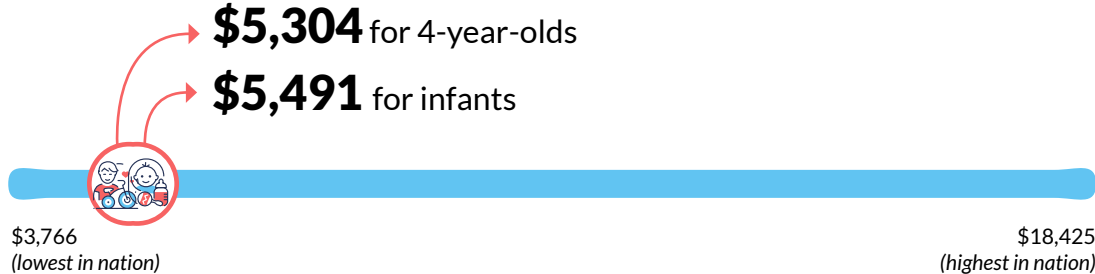
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dual income



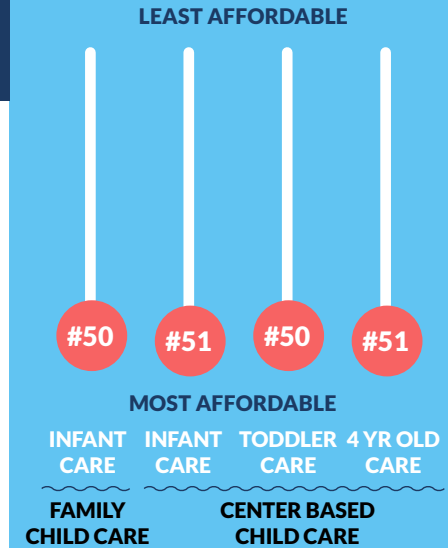
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FULL-TIME CENTER BASED  
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When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:



Compared to tuition and housing...



In South Dakota, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is **18.49% less** than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.



In South Dakota, the average price for two children in center-based child care is **57.32% more** than the average annualized rent cost and **12.30% less** than the average annualized mortgage cost.