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.

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

$6,677 for 4-year-olds
$7,426 for infants

26% single parent income

8% dual income

$5,304 for 4-year-olds
$5,491 for infants

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.

Source: Child Care Aware® of America’s Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System Report
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