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

- For full-time center-based child care:
  - $4,483 (lowest in nation) for infants
  - $3,766 (lowest in nation) for 4-year-olds
  - $24,378 (highest in nation) for family child care
  - $18,425 (highest in nation) for 4-year-olds

- In Tennessee, the median income for a single-parent family is $25,859, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 42% of family median income.
- In Tennessee, the median income for a married couple is $86,182, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 13% of family median income.

- Compared to tuition and housing:
  - The average price of infant care in a center-based program is 3.85% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
  - The average price for two children in center-based child care is 87.37% more than the average annualized rent cost and 30.89% 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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