Child Care Affordability in Texas

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

- **Center Based Child Care**
  - **Infant Care**:
    - $9,147 for 4-year-olds
    - $10,826 for infants
  - **Cost Compared to Tuition and Housing**:
    - 0.15% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
- **Family Child Care**
  - **Infant Care**:
    - $8,239 for 4-year-olds
    - $9,391 for infants
  - **Cost Compared to Annualized Rent and Mortgage**:
    - 59.27% more than the average annualized rent cost and 3.64% more than the average annualized mortgage cost.

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

- **Center Based Child Care**:
  - **Least Affordable**: #10
  - **Most Affordable**: #28
- **Family Child Care**:
  - **Least Affordable**: #32
  - **Most Affordable**: #28

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