Child Care Affordability in Washington, D.C.

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

- In District of Columbia, the median income for a single-parent family is $30,695, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 79% of family median income.
- In District of Columbia, the median income for a married couple is $197,375, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 12% of family median income.

**ANNUAL PRICE FULL-TIME CENTER BASED CHILD CARE**

- $4,483 (lowest in nation) for 4-year-olds
- $19,214 for 4-year-olds

**ANNUAL PRICE FULL-TIME FAMILY CHILD CARE**

- $3,766 (lowest in nation) for 4-year-olds
- $11,318 for 4-year-olds

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- $24,378 (highest in nation) for infants
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Compared to tuition and housing...

- In District of Columbia, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 182.15% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
- In District of Columbia, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 135.73% more than the average annualized rent cost and 41.40% more than the average annualized mortgage cost.

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