## Child Care Affordability in Washington

**Child Care Aware of America’s recent report**

**Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System** found that in 2020 in Washington:

In Washington, the median income for a single-parent family is $32,497, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 53% of family median income.

In Washington, the median income for a married couple is $107,749, which means center-based child for an infant would use 16% of family median income.

### Annual Price

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<th>Type</th>
<th>Infant Care</th>
<th>Family Child Care</th>
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<td>Full-Time</td>
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<td>Annual Price</td>
<td>$13,404</td>
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<td>(for 4-year-olds)</td>
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- **$4,483** (lowest in nation) for 4-year-olds
- **$3,766** (lowest in nation) for infants
- **$24,378** (highest in nation) for 4-year-olds
- **$18,425** (highest in nation) for infants

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

- **#1**
- **#3**
- **#2 (most affordable)**
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Compared to tuition and housing...

- **25.28%**
  - In Washington, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 25.28% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.

- **103.62%**
  - In Washington, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 103.62% more than the average annualized rent cost and 35.95% more than the average annualized mortgage cost.

Source: Child Care Aware® of America’s Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System Report. [DemandingChildCareChange | childcareaware.org](http://childcareaware.org)