Child Care Affordability in

WEST VIRGINIA

Child Care Aware of America's recent report Demanding Change: Repairing our Child Care System found that in 2020 in West Virginia:

In West Virginia, the median income for a single-parent family is \$20,414, which means center-based child care for an infant would use **41%** of family median income.

In West Virginia, the median income for a married couple is \$81,428, which means center-based child for an infant would use **10%** of family median income.

(lowest in nation)

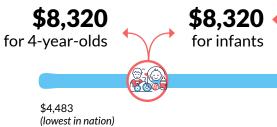
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41% single parent income

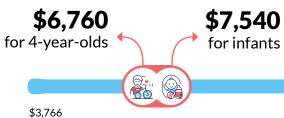
10% dual income





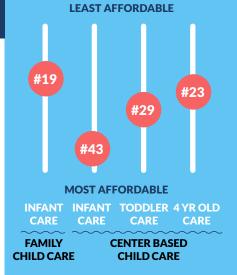


\$24,378 (highest in nation)



\$18,425 (highest in nation)

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:



Compared to tuition and housing...



In West Virginia, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is **21.21% less** than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.



In West Virginia, the average price for two children in center-based child care is **91.26% more** than the average annualized rent cost and **32.06% more** than the average annualized mortgage cost.

