Child Care Affordability in Arizona

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

- In Arizona, the median income for a single-parent family is $30,416, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 39% of family median income.
- In Arizona, the median income for a married couple is $88,352, which means center-based child for an infant would use 13% of family median income.

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

- For 4-year-olds: $8,719
- For infants: $11,848
- $4,483 (lowest in nation)
- $24,378 (highest in nation)

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

- For 4-year-olds: $7,390
- For infants: $7,855
- $3,766 (lowest in nation)
- $18,425 (highest in nation)

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

- #29 (least affordable)
- #12
- #43 (most affordable)

Compared to tuition and housing:

- Infant care in a center-based program is 0.27% less than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.
- Two children in center-based child care is 62.92% more than the average annualized rent cost and 19.52% 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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