Child Care Affordability in COLORADO

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

In Colorado, the median income for a single-parent family is $35,019, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 45% of family median income.

In Colorado, the median income for a married couple is $106,653, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 15% of family median income.

Annual price for full-time center-based child care:

- **Infant Care**
  - $4,483 (lowest in nation)
  - $24,378 (highest in nation)

- **4 Year Old Care**
  - $3,766 (lowest in nation)
  - $18,425 (highest in nation)

Annual price for full-time family child care:

- **Infant Care**
  - $11,911 for 4-year-olds

- **Family Child Care**
  - $9,528 for 4-year-olds

- **4 Year Old Care**
  - $15,881 for infants

- **Toddler Care**
  - $10,587 for infants

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

- #13
- #6
- #4
- #10

Compared to tuition and housing...

- The average price of infant care in a center-based program is **39.06% more** than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.

- The average price for two children in center-based child care is **82.22% more** than the average annualized rent cost and **32.80% 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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