Child Care Affordability in FLORIDA

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

In Florida, the median income for a single-parent family is $29,625, which means center-based child care for an infant would use 32% of family median income.

In Florida, the median income for a married couple is $86,244, which means center-based child for an infant would use 11% of family median income.

$7,186 for 4-year-olds
$9,545 for infants
$4,483 (lowest in nation)
$24,378 (highest in nation)

$6,633 for 4-year-olds
$8,182 for infants
$3,766 (lowest in nation)
$18,425 (highest in nation)

When ranked among other states on the affordability of care:

LEAST AFFORDABLE
#16 INFANT CARE
#37 INFANT FAMILY
#40 TODDLER CARE
#43 4 YR OLD CARE

MOST AFFORDABLE
INFANT CARE
INFANT FAMILY
TODDLER CARE
4 YR OLD CARE

Compared to tuition and housing...

49.84%

In Florida, the average price of infant care in a center-based program is 49.84% more than the average tuition and fees at an in-state, four-year public university.

18.66%

In Florida, the average price for two children in center-based child care is 18.66% more than the average annualized rent cost and 7.24% less 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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