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Methodology

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Findings

The state of Alaska is divided into 19 organized boroughs and 10 Census areas. Statewide, married couples with children can expect to pay 11.7% of household income for center-based infant child care. Child care for this age group and provider type is least affordable in Fairbanks North Star Borough, North Slope Borough, and Dillingham Census area. In Fairbanks North Star Borough, families can expect to pay almost 5% more than the statewide average for center-based infant child care. Center-based child care for 4 year olds is least affordable for families in Bethel, Fairbanks North Star Borough, and Juneau.

As with center-based child care, home-based child care for infants is least affordable in Fairbanks North Star Borough. Families can expect to pay over 3% more than the statewide average for child care for this provider type and age group. For family child care of four year olds, there were no significant differences found between statewide and local affordability. Overall, families in most areas of the state could expect to pay around 8% of annual median income towards this type of child care.

Table 1: Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care by Type of Care

Rank	Borough or Census Area	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.7%				
1	Fairbanks North Star	\$15,324	16.6%	4.9%
2	North Slope	\$15,360	13.2%	1.5%
3	Dillingham	\$10,896	13.1%	1.4%
4	Juneau	\$14,820	12.6%	0.9%
5	Stika	\$14,280	12.4%	0.7%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.8%				
1	Fairbanks North Star	\$11,256	12.2%	3.4%
2	Kenai	\$10,800	10.6%	1.8%
3	Ketchikan Gateway	\$9,492	9.5%	0.7%
4	Anchorage	\$9,000	8.4%	-0.4%
5	Haines	\$9,000	8.2%	-0.6%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, ALASKA

Borough or Census Area	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.7%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 9.8%		
Anchorage	\$12,072	11.3%	-0.4%	\$9,900	9.2%	-0.6%
Bethel	NR	NR	NR	\$7,296	12.1%	2.3%
Denali	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dillingham	\$10,896	13.1%	1.4%	\$8,700	10.5%	0.7%
Fairbanks North Star	\$15,324	16.6%	4.9%	\$10,200	11.1%	1.3%
Haines	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Hoonah-Angoon	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Juneau	\$14,820	12.6%	0.9%	\$12,864	10.9%	1.1%
Kenai	\$10,200	10.0%	-1.7%	\$8,280	8.1%	-1.7%
Ketchikan Gateway	\$9,492	9.5%	-2.2%	\$7,284	7.3%	-2.5%
Kodiak Island	NR	NR	NR	\$8,364	8.4%	-1.4%
Matanuska-Susitna	\$9,096	9.0%	-2.7%	\$8,004	7.9%	-1.9%
Nome	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
North Slope	\$15,360	13.2%	1.5%	NR	NR	NR
Petersburg	\$10,224	9.0%	-2.7%	\$9,180	8.1%	-1.7%
Prince of Wales-Hyder	\$11,664	12.2%	0.5%	\$9,216	9.7%	-0.1%
Stika	\$14,280	12.4%	0.7%	\$10,500	9.1%	-0.7%
Skagway	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Southeast Fairbanks	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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Borough or Census Area	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.7%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 9.8%		
Valdez-Cordova	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wrangell	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Sussex County	\$6,716	8.2%	0.4%	\$5,643	6.9%	0.1%
Borough or Census Area	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.8%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.9%			
Anchorage	\$9,000	8.4%	-0.4%	\$7,800	7.3%	-0.6%
Bethel	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Denali	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dillingham	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Fairbanks North Star	\$11,256	12.2%	3.4%	\$7,434	8.1%	0.2%
Haines	\$9,000	8.2%	-0.6%	\$8,040	7.3%	-0.6%
Hoonah-Angoon	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Juneau	NR	NR	NR	\$11,400	9.7%	1.8%
Kenai	\$10,800	10.6%	1.8%	\$7,920	7.8%	-0.1%
Ketchikan Gateway	\$9,492	9.5%	0.7%	\$7,284	7.3%	-0.6%
Kodiak Island	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Matanuska-Susitna	\$7,764	7.7%	-1.1%	\$7,200	7.1%	-0.8%
Nome	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
North Slope	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Petersburg	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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Prince of Wales-Hyder	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Stika	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Skagway	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Southeast Fairbanks	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Valdez-Cordova	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wrangell	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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Methodology

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Findings

The state of Delaware is comprised of 3 counties: Kent, New Castle, and Sussex. Statewide, the average price of center-based infant child care costs 11.2% of median income for married couples with children. No county exceeds this affordability percentage for this provider type and age group.

The affordability percentage for center-based child care for 4 year olds is 9.0% of median family income statewide. There were no significant differences between county and statewide affordability for this provider type and age group.

Family child care for infants is least affordable for families in Kent County. While the statewide affordability percentage for this provider type and age group is 7.8%, the price families in Kent County 8.4% of median family income. Child care for four year olds in family settings is slightly less affordable in Kent County, but the difference between statewide and county affordability is less than one percent.

Overall, there were few differences found between state and county-level affordability percentages for each provider type and age group.

Table 1: Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care by Type of Care

Rank	County	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.2%				
1	Kent County	\$9,416	11.1%	-0.1%
2	New Castle County	\$12,549	10.9%	-0.3%
3	Sussex County	\$8,689	10.6%	-0.6%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.8%				
1	Kent County	\$7,134	8.4%	0.6%
2	Sussex County	\$6,716	8.2%	0.4%
3	New Castle County	\$8,519	7.4%	-0.4%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, DELAWARE

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.2%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 9.0%		
Kent County	\$9,416	11.1%	-0.1%	\$7,580	9.0%	0.0%
New Castle County	\$12,549	10.9%	-0.3%	\$9,926	8.6%	-0.4%
Sussex County	\$8,689	10.6%	-0.6%	\$7,266	8.8%	-0.2%
County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.8%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.8%		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
Kent County	\$7,134	8.4%	0.6%	\$6,498	7.7%	0.9%
New Castle County	\$8,519	7.4%	-0.4%	\$7,679	6.7%	-0.1%
Sussex County	\$6,716	8.2%	0.4%	\$5,643	6.9%	0.1%

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Findings

The state of Iowa is made up of 99 counties. Center-based infant child care is least affordable for families in Decatur Counties, with married couple families with children expecting to pay 18.4% of income towards this type of child care. Poweshiek County and Wapello County were the second and third least affordable counties for this provider type and age group. These same three counties are also the least affordable for families seeking center-based child care for four year olds.

Statewide, married couple families needing center-based infant child care can expect to pay an average of 8% of household income. Pocahontas County is the least affordable, with families expecting to pay more than 11% of household income on this type of care. Home-based child care for 4 year olds has a similar picture. The least affordable counties for this provider type and age group are: Pocahontas County, Wayne County, Van Buren County, Cass County, and Henry County. When comparing this list to Table 1 below, we see that 4 of the 5 counties that were least affordable for family child care for infants were also least affordable for 4 year olds in family child care settings.

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Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.8%				
1	Decatur County	\$10,400	18.4%	6.6%
2	Poweshiek County	\$11,999	16.0%	4.2%
3	Wapello County	\$9,793	14.8%	3.0%
4	Pocahontas County	\$10,075	14.5%	2.7%
5	Story County	\$13,556	13.9%	2.1%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.0%				
1	Pocahontas County	\$7,800	11.2%	3.2%
2	Wayne County	\$6,406	11.0%	3.0%
3	Cass County	\$6,583	10.6%	2.6%
4	Van Buren County	\$7,280	10.5%	2.5%
5	Wapello County	\$6,839	10.4%	2.4%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, IOWA

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.8%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 9.8%		
Adair County	\$7,020	9.5%	-2.3%	\$6,500	8.8%	-1.0%
Adams County	\$7,540	10.9%	-0.9%	\$7,280	10.5%	0.7%
Allamakee County	\$8,554	10.5%	-1.3%	\$7,813	9.6%	-0.2%
Appanoose County	\$8,710	12.6%	0.8%	\$5,616	8.2%	-1.6%
Audubon County	\$7,800	9.8%	-2.0%	\$7,800	9.8%	0.0%
Benton County	\$9,135	10.2%	-1.6%	\$6,864	7.7%	-2.1%
Black Hawk County	\$10,169	11.6%	-0.2%	\$8,729	10.0%	0.2%
Boone County	\$8,580	10.7%	-1.1%	\$6,672	8.3%	-1.5%
Bremer County	NR	NR	NR	\$7,696	7.8%	-2.0%
Buchanan County	\$8,213	9.4%	-2.4%	\$7,535	8.6%	-1.2%
Buena Vista County	\$8,320	12.8%	1.0%	\$7,800	12.0%	2.2%
Butler County	\$8,354	10.1%	-1.7%	\$7,558	9.1%	-0.7%
Calhoun County	\$7,280	9.6%	-2.2%	\$6,630	8.8%	-1.0%
Carroll County	\$8,554	9.7%	-2.1%	\$8,245	9.3%	-0.5%
Cass County	\$8,333	13.4%	1.6%	\$7,592	12.2%	2.4%
Cedar County	\$8,892	10.3%	-1.5%	\$7,904	9.1%	-0.7%
Cerro Gordo County	\$9,360	11.4%	-0.4%	\$7,839	9.5%	-0.3%
Cherokee County	\$8,003	9.0%	-2.8%	\$7,605	8.6%	-1.2%
Chickasaw County	\$7,488	8.7%	-3.1%	\$7,137	8.3%	-1.5%
Clarke County	\$7,540	10.1%	-1.7%	\$6,240	8.4%	-1.4%

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County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.8%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 9.8%		
Clay County	\$8,775	9.2%	-2.6%	\$6,365	6.7%	-3.1%
Clayton County	\$8,431	10.9%	-0.9%	\$7,400	9.6%	-0.2%
Clinton County	\$10,140	10.6%	-1.2%	\$7,496	7.9%	-1.9%
Crawford County	\$8,190	10.7%	-1.1%	\$7,371	9.7%	-0.1%
Dallas County	\$11,762	9.5%	-2.3%	\$9,452	7.7%	-2.1%
Davis County	\$7,278	9.1%	-2.7%	\$6,725	8.4%	-1.4%
Decatur County	\$10,400	18.4%	6.6%	\$8,320	14.7%	4.9%
Delaware County	\$8,684	10.2%	-1.6%	\$7,592	8.9%	-0.9%
Des Moines County	\$8,944	10.6%	-1.2%	\$8,060	9.6%	-0.2%
Dickinson County	\$9,360	9.8%	-2.0%	\$7,020	7.4%	-2.4%
Dubuque County	\$10,182	10.9%	-0.9%	\$8,930	9.6%	-0.2%
Emmet County	\$7,020	9.2%	-2.6%	\$7,020	9.2%	-0.6%
Fayette County	\$7,908	9.9%	-1.9%	\$7,165	9.0%	-0.8%
Floyd County	\$9,100	10.9%	-0.9%	\$8,021	9.6%	-0.2%
Franklin County	\$7,956	11.1%	-0.7%	\$7,371	10.3%	0.5%
Fremont County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Greene County	\$8,034	9.4%	-2.4%	\$6,864	8.0%	-1.8%
Grundy County	\$7,757	8.4%	-3.4%	\$6,977	7.5%	-2.3%
Guthrie County	\$8,372	9.7%	-2.1%	\$7,384	8.5%	-1.3%
Hamilton County	\$7,441	9.6%	-2.2%	\$5,949	7.7%	-2.1%

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Hancock County	\$9,360	11.1%	-0.7%	\$7,280	8.7%	-1.1%
Hardin County	\$7,020	8.3%	-3.5%	\$6,739	7.9%	-1.9%
Harrison County	\$6,848	8.1%	-3.7%	\$5,237	6.2%	-3.6%
Henry County	\$9,100	12.5%	0.7%	\$7,020	9.7%	-0.1%
Howard County	\$6,786	8.1%	-3.7%	\$6,505	7.8%	-2.0%
Humboldt County	\$7,800	9.4%	-2.4%	\$7,150	8.6%	-1.2%
Ida County	\$7,956	9.2%	-2.6%	\$6,435	7.5%	-2.3%
Iowa County	\$8,060	8.8%	-3.0%	\$7,280	7.9%	-1.9%
Jackson County	\$7,231	8.2%	-3.6%	\$6,599	7.5%	-2.3%
Jasper County	\$8,580	10.2%	-1.6%	\$7,800	9.3%	-0.5%
Jefferson County	\$7,410	10.0%	-1.8%	\$6,890	9.3%	-0.5%
Johnson County	\$12,954	12.0%	0.2%	\$10,040	9.3%	-0.5%
Jones County	\$8,580	9.5%	-2.3%	\$7,713	8.6%	-1.2%
Keokuk County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Kossuth County	\$8,307	10.3%	-1.5%	\$7,441	9.2%	-0.6%
Lee County	\$7,410	9.0%	-2.8%	\$6,890	8.3%	-1.5%
Linn County	\$10,886	10.8%	-1.0%	\$8,818	8.7%	-1.1%
Louisa County	\$7,800	10.2%	-1.6%	\$7,020	9.2%	-0.6%
Lucas County	\$9,100	11.9%	0.1%	\$7,280	9.5%	-0.3%
Lyon County	\$8,307	9.4%	-2.4%	\$7,605	8.6%	-1.2%

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Madison County	\$9,581	11.5%	-0.3%	\$7,930	9.5%	-0.3%
Mahaska County	\$8,303	10.5%	-1.3%	\$6,747	8.6%	-1.2%
Marion County	\$10,042	11.1%	-0.7%	\$8,011	8.8%	-1.0%
Marshall County	\$9,282	13.6%	1.8%	\$7,647	11.2%	1.4%
Mills County	\$11,128	11.1%	-0.7%	\$9,620	9.6%	-0.2%
Mitchell County	\$8,073	9.7%	-2.1%	\$7,488	9.0%	-0.8%
Monona County	\$7,254	9.1%	-2.7%	\$7,020	8.8%	-1.0%
Monroe County	\$8,190	10.4%	-1.4%	\$7,605	9.7%	-0.1%
Montgomery County	\$7,332	9.8%	-2.0%	\$6,058	8.1%	-1.7%
Muscatine County	\$8,840	10.4%	-1.4%	\$7,911	9.3%	-0.5%
O'Brien County	\$7,675	9.2%	-2.6%	\$7,816	9.4%	-0.4%
Osceola County	\$8,073	10.4%	-1.4%	\$7,254	9.3%	-0.5%
Page County	\$7,020	9.4%	-2.4%	\$6,933	9.3%	-0.5%
Palo Alto County	\$7,371	9.0%	-2.8%	\$6,903	8.5%	-1.3%
Plymouth County	\$6,962	7.3%	-4.5%	\$6,117	6.4%	-3.4%
Pocahontas County	\$10,075	14.5%	2.7%	\$8,450	12.2%	2.4%
Polk County	\$12,476	12.5%	0.7%	\$10,151	10.2%	0.4%
Pottawattamie County	\$10,006	11.0%	-0.8%	\$8,023	8.8%	-1.0%
Poweshiek County	\$11,999	16.0%	4.2%	\$9,828	13.1%	3.3%
Ringgold County	\$6,442	8.6%	-3.2%	\$6,000	8.0%	-1.8%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, IOWA

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.8%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 9.8%		
Sac County	\$8,237	11.2%	-0.6%	\$7,909	10.7%	0.9%
Scott County	\$11,653	11.3%	-0.5%	\$9,166	8.9%	-0.9%
Shelby County	\$7,020	8.8%	-3.0%	\$7,020	8.8%	-1.0%
Sioux County	\$7,943	9.4%	-2.4%	\$7,202	8.5%	-1.3%
Story County	\$13,556	13.9%	2.1%	\$11,017	11.3%	1.5%
Tama County	\$8,450	10.3%	-1.5%	\$7,020	8.6%	-1.2%
Taylor County	\$7,488	10.5%	-1.3%	\$6,578	9.3%	-0.5%
Union County	\$8,216	11.0%	-0.8%	\$6,916	9.2%	-0.6%
Van Buren County	\$7,436	10.7%	-1.1%	\$6,656	9.6%	-0.2%
Wapello County	\$9,793	14.8%	3.0%	\$8,710	13.2%	3.4%
Warren County	\$11,149	10.8%	-1.0%	\$8,595	8.3%	-1.5%
Washington County	\$8,970	10.4%	-1.4%	\$7,540	8.7%	-1.1%
Wayne County	\$6,240	10.7%	-1.1%	\$5,720	9.8%	0.0%
Webster County	\$6,500	8.2%	-3.6%	\$5,200	6.6%	-3.2%
Winnebago County	\$7,771	10.1%	-1.7%	\$6,686	8.6%	-1.2%
Winneshiek County	\$9,126	10.0%	-1.8%	\$7,995	8.8%	-1.0%
Woodbury County	\$9,399	12.1%	0.3%	\$7,377	9.5%	-0.3%
Worth County	NR	NR	NR	\$8,190	10.5%	0.7%
Wright County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.0%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.5%		
Adair County	\$6,327	8.6%	0.6%	\$4,853	6.6%	-0.9%
Adams County	\$6,110	8.8%	0.8%	\$5,980	8.6%	1.1%
Allamakee County	\$7,183	8.8%	0.8%	\$6,630	8.1%	0.6%
Appanoose County	\$5,850	8.5%	0.5%	\$5,850	8.5%	1.0%
Audubon County	\$5,879	7.4%	-0.6%	\$5,735	7.2%	-0.3%
Benton County	\$7,063	7.9%	-0.1%	\$6,689	7.5%	0.0%
Black Hawk County	\$7,329	8.4%	0.4%	\$7,076	8.1%	0.6%
Boone County	\$7,133	8.9%	0.9%	\$6,776	8.4%	0.9%
Bremer County	\$7,470	7.6%	-0.4%	\$7,199	7.3%	-0.2%
Buchanan County	\$6,775	7.7%	-0.3%	\$6,775	7.7%	0.2%
Buena Vista County	\$6,622	10.2%	2.2%	\$6,248	9.6%	2.1%
Butler County	\$7,103	8.6%	0.6%	\$6,744	8.1%	0.6%
Calhoun County	\$7,020	9.3%	1.3%	\$6,435	8.5%	1.0%
Carroll County	\$7,110	8.0%	0.0%	\$6,976	7.9%	0.4%
Cass County	\$6,583	10.6%	2.6%	\$6,485	10.5%	3.0%
Cedar County	\$6,905	8.0%	0.0%	\$6,702	7.8%	0.3%
Cerro Gordo County	\$7,204	8.8%	0.8%	\$6,555	8.0%	0.5%
Cherokee County	\$6,575	7.4%	-0.6%	\$6,786	7.6%	0.1%
Chickasaw County	\$7,118	8.3%	0.3%	\$6,669	7.8%	0.3%
Clarke County	\$6,523	8.8%	0.8%	\$6,122	8.2%	0.7%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, IOWA

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	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.0%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.5%		
Clay County	\$6,313	6.6%	-1.4%	\$6,001	6.3%	-1.2%
Clayton County	\$6,500	8.4%	0.4%	\$6,500	8.4%	0.9%
Clinton County	\$6,669	7.0%	-1.0%	\$6,388	6.7%	-0.8%
Crawford County	\$7,313	9.6%	1.6%	\$6,728	8.8%	1.3%
Dallas County	\$8,550	6.9%	-1.1%	\$8,257	6.7%	-0.8%
Davis County	\$6,750	8.4%	0.4%	\$6,334	7.9%	0.4%
Decatur County	\$5,655	10.0%	2.0%	\$5,525	9.8%	2.3%
Delaware County	\$7,020	8.2%	0.2%	\$7,020	8.2%	0.7%
Des Moines County	\$6,607	7.8%	-0.2%	\$6,198	7.3%	-0.2%
Dickinson County	\$7,150	7.5%	-0.5%	\$5,720	6.0%	-1.5%
Dubuque County	\$7,482	8.0%	0.0%	\$7,292	7.8%	0.3%
Emmet County	\$7,114	9.3%	1.3%	\$7,114	9.3%	1.8%
Fayette County	\$5,733	7.2%	-0.8%	\$5,733	7.2%	-0.3%
Floyd County	\$6,522	7.8%	-0.2%	\$6,439	7.7%	0.2%
Franklin County	\$6,548	9.2%	1.2%	\$6,419	9.0%	1.5%
Fremont County	\$6,792	9.9%	1.9%	\$6,792	9.9%	2.4%
Greene County	\$7,046	8.2%	0.2%	\$7,046	8.2%	0.7%
Grundy County	\$6,275	6.8%	-1.2%	\$6,101	6.6%	-0.9%
Guthrie County	\$7,222	8.3%	0.3%	\$6,385	7.4%	-0.1%
Hamilton County	\$6,955	9.0%	1.0%	\$6,630	8.6%	1.1%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, IOWA

County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.0%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.5%		
Hancock County	\$6,714	8.0%	0.0%	\$6,626	7.9%	0.4%
Hardin County	\$6,888	8.1%	0.1%	\$6,082	7.2%	-0.3%
Harrison County	\$7,280	8.6%	0.6%	\$7,124	8.5%	1.0%
Henry County	\$7,207	9.9%	1.9%	\$7,207	9.9%	2.4%
Howard County	\$7,415	8.9%	0.9%	\$7,415	8.9%	1.4%
Humboldt County	\$6,327	7.6%	-0.4%	\$6,240	7.5%	0.0%
Ida County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Iowa County	\$7,165	7.8%	-0.2%	\$7,228	7.9%	0.4%
Jackson County	\$7,020	8.0%	0.0%	\$7,020	8.0%	0.5%
Jasper County	\$6,936	8.3%	0.3%	\$6,411	7.6%	0.1%
Jefferson County	\$6,289	8.5%	0.5%	\$6,133	8.3%	0.8%
Johnson County	\$8,514	7.9%	-0.1%	\$8,308	7.7%	0.2%
Jones County	\$6,994	7.8%	-0.2%	\$6,933	7.7%	0.2%
Keokuk County	\$7,800	9.7%	1.7%	\$6,500	8.1%	0.6%
Kossuth County	\$7,391	9.1%	1.1%	\$7,174	8.9%	1.4%
Lee County	\$6,903	8.4%	0.4%	\$6,646	8.0%	0.5%
Linn County	\$7,533	7.5%	-0.5%	\$7,073	7.0%	-0.5%
Louisa County	\$7,150	9.3%	1.3%	\$7,150	9.3%	1.8%
Lucas County	\$6,110	8.0%	0.0%	\$6,110	8.0%	0.5%
Lyon County	\$6,646	7.5%	-0.5%	\$6,224	7.1%	-0.4%

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County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.0%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.5%		
Madison County	\$7,651	9.2%	1.2%	\$7,206	8.6%	1.1%
Mahaska County	\$7,124	9.0%	1.0%	\$6,193	7.8%	0.3%
Marion County	\$6,676	7.4%	-0.6%	\$6,400	7.1%	-0.4%
Marshall County	\$6,875	10.1%	2.1%	\$6,304	9.3%	1.8%
Mills County	\$7,605	7.6%	-0.4%	\$6,825	6.8%	-0.7%
Mitchell County	\$6,786	8.1%	0.1%	\$6,089	7.3%	-0.2%
Monona County	\$6,571	8.2%	0.2%	\$6,571	8.2%	0.7%
Monroe County	\$6,628	8.4%	0.4%	\$6,598	8.4%	0.9%
Montgomery County	\$6,355	8.5%	0.5%	\$6,262	8.4%	0.9%
Muscatine County	\$6,729	7.9%	-0.1%	\$6,404	7.5%	0.0%
O'Brien County	\$6,178	7.4%	-0.6%	\$5,920	7.1%	-0.4%
Osceola County	\$6,227	8.0%	0.0%	\$6,227	8.0%	0.5%
Page County	\$6,370	8.5%	0.5%	\$6,102	8.2%	0.7%
Palo Alto County	\$5,980	7.3%	-0.7%	\$5,980	7.3%	-0.2%
Plymouth County	\$6,763	7.0%	-1.0%	\$6,505	6.8%	-0.7%
Pocahontas County	\$7,800	11.2%	3.2%	\$7,800	11.2%	3.7%
Polk County	\$7,429	7.4%	-0.6%	\$7,034	7.0%	-0.5%
Pottawattamie County	\$7,070	7.8%	-0.2%	\$6,714	7.4%	-0.1%
Poweshiek County	\$6,457	8.6%	0.6%	\$5,980	8.0%	0.5%
Ringgold County	\$6,500	8.7%	0.7%	\$5,850	7.8%	0.3%

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	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.0%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.5%		
Sac County	\$6,131	8.3%	0.3%	\$6,131	8.3%	0.8%
Scott County	\$7,441	7.2%	-0.8%	\$7,015	6.8%	-0.7%
Shelby County	\$7,549	9.5%	1.5%	\$7,549	9.5%	2.0%
Sioux County	\$6,880	8.2%	0.2%	\$6,809	8.1%	0.6%
Story County	\$7,539	7.7%	-0.3%	\$7,402	7.6%	0.1%
Tama County	\$8,190	10.0%	2.0%	\$7,184	8.8%	1.3%
Taylor County	\$6,392	9.0%	1.0%	\$6,175	8.7%	1.2%
Union County	\$6,610	8.8%	0.8%	\$6,541	8.7%	1.2%
Van Buren County	\$7,280	10.5%	2.5%	\$7,280	10.5%	3.0%
Wapello County	\$6,839	10.4%	2.4%	\$6,300	9.6%	2.1%
Warren County	\$7,463	7.2%	-0.8%	\$7,159	6.9%	-0.6%
Washington County	\$7,436	8.6%	0.6%	\$7,436	8.6%	1.1%
Wayne County	\$6,406	11.0%	3.0%	\$6,129	10.5%	3.0%
Webster County	\$6,630	8.4%	0.4%	\$6,382	8.1%	0.6%
Winnebago County	\$6,408	8.3%	0.3%	\$6,185	8.0%	0.5%
Winneshiek County	\$7,004	7.7%	-0.3%	\$6,874	7.5%	0.0%
Woodbury County	\$7,066	9.1%	1.1%	\$6,256	8.0%	0.5%
Worth County	\$6,240	8.0%	0.0%	\$6,178	7.9%	0.4%
Wright County	\$6,349	8.4%	0.4%	\$6,155	8.1%	0.6%

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Methodology

Child care prices are reported at the county-level for infant child care and child care for four year olds where available across the state. To determine the affordability of child care prices by county, we compared the average price of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average price of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS 5-year estimates, 2013-2017, Table B19126). **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank the Maryland Family Network for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

In the state of Maryland, there are 23 counties and 1 independent city. Statewide, center-based child care or an infant costs families an average of 12.6% of median income for married couples with children. There are 9 counties that exceed this statewide average. For example, prices for this provider type and age group in Somerset County cost families 15.1% of median income. Somerset County is also the least affordable county for families of four year olds in center-based child care.

The statewide average for infants in family child care is 8.9%. Prices in four areas exceed this affordability percentage: Frederick County, Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and Baltimore City. In Frederick County, the average price of child care for this provider type and age group comprises 11.8% of median family income.

Baltimore City, the largest city in Maryland, is the least affordable area for families with four year olds in family child care. While the statewide average amount spent on this age group and provider type is 6.8% of median income, the affordability percent in Baltimore City is 9.2%.

Table 1: Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care by Type of Care

Rank	County	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 12.6%				
1	Somerset County	\$10,179	15.1%	2.5%
2	Worcester County	\$13,884	13.9%	1.3%
3	Washington County	\$13,026	13.7%	1.1%
4	Frederick County	\$16,591	13.4%	0.8%
5	Montgomery County	\$19,632	13.3%	0.7%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.9%				
1	Frederick County	\$14,536	11.8%	2.9%
2	Prince George's County	\$10,328	9.5%	0.6%
3	Montgomery County	\$13,703	9.3%	0.4%
4	Baltimore City	\$8,574	9.0%	0.1%
5	Caroline County	\$6,459	8.9%	0.0%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, MARYLAND

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 12.6%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 8.6%		
Allegany County	\$9,360	12.8%	0.2%	\$6,147	8.4%	-0.2%
Anne Arundel County	\$16,108	12.4%	-0.2%	\$10,108	7.8%	-0.8%
Baltimore City	\$12,251	12.9%	0.3%	\$8,395	8.8%	0.2%
Baltimore County	\$14,557	12.9%	0.3%	\$9,819	8.7%	0.1%
Calvert County	\$12,696	9.2%	-3.4%	\$8,597	6.2%	-2.4%
Caroline County	\$8,320	11.4%	-1.2%	\$6,923	9.5%	0.9%
Carroll County	\$14,628	11.4%	-1.2%	\$10,735	8.4%	-0.2%
Cecil County	\$11,466	10.9%	-1.7%	\$8,558	8.1%	-0.5%
Charles County	\$13,621	10.8%	-1.8%	\$9,574	7.6%	-1.0%
Dorchester County	\$8,522	10.0%	-2.6%	\$6,371	7.5%	-1.1%
Frederick County	\$16,591	13.4%	0.8%	\$11,108	9.0%	0.4%
Garrett County	\$7,540	10.3%	-2.3%	\$5,571	7.6%	-1.0%
Harford County	\$15,658	12.8%	0.2%	\$11,399	9.3%	0.7%
Howard County	\$18,876	12.3%	-0.3%	\$13,908	9.1%	0.5%
Kent County	\$9,230	10.9%	-1.7%	\$6,760	8.0%	-0.6%
Montgomery County	\$19,632	13.3%	0.7%	\$14,736	10.0%	1.4%
Prince George's County	\$13,530	12.4%	-0.2%	\$9,581	8.8%	0.2%
Queen Anne's County	\$12,675	10.5%	-2.1%	\$9,360	7.8%	-0.8%
Somerset County	\$10,179	15.1%	2.5%	\$7,566	11.2%	2.6%
St. Mary's County	\$10,130	8.6%	-4.0%	\$8,235	7.0%	-1.6%

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Wicomico County	\$9,464	11.1%	-1.5%	\$7,208	8.5%	-0.1%
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Baltimore City	\$8,574	9.0%	0.1%	\$8,718	9.2%	2.4%
Baltimore County	\$9,920	8.8%	-0.1%	\$8,419	7.5%	0.7%
Calvert County	\$9,703	7.0%	-1.9%	\$7,837	5.7%	-1.1%
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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, MARYLAND

County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.9%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.8%		
Kent County	\$6,457	7.6%	-1.3%	\$5,287	6.2%	-0.6%
Montgomery County	\$13,703	9.3%	0.4%	\$12,033	8.1%	1.3%
Prince George's County	\$10,328	9.5%	0.6%	\$8,717	8.0%	1.2%
Queen Anne's County	\$8,800	7.3%	-1.6%	\$7,504	6.2%	-0.6%
Somerset County	\$5,477	8.1%	-0.8%	\$4,843	7.2%	0.4%
St. Mary's County	\$9,589	8.1%	-0.8%	\$7,965	6.7%	-0.1%
Talbot County	\$7,945	7.3%	-1.6%	\$6,278	5.8%	-1.0%
Washington County	\$7,251	7.6%	-1.3%	\$6,250	6.6%	-0.2%
Wicomico County	\$7,223	8.5%	-0.4%	\$5,885	6.9%	0.1%
Worcester County	\$7,663	7.7%	-1.2%	\$6,676	6.7%	-0.1%

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→ Massachusetts

Methodology

Child care prices are reported at the county-level for infant child care and child care for four year olds where available across the state. To determine the affordability of child care prices by county, we compared the average price of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average price of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS 5-year estimates, 2013-2017, Table B19126). **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank Child Care Circuit and the Massachusetts CCR&R network for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

The state of Massachusetts is made up of 14 counties. At the county level, center-based infant child care ranged from 13% to nearly 20% of median income for a married couple with children. Suffolk, Hampden, and Essex Counties are the least affordable for this type of child care. The city of Boston, which has a higher cost of living compared other cities in the state, is located in Suffolk County.

Family child care for infants and four year olds ranges from 8% to nearly 13% percent of the median income for a married couple with children. On average, the price of family-based child care for infants in Nantucket County costs the largest share of a median family income for both infants and four year olds - 12.9% and 13.6% respectively. It is important to note that Nantucket County is located on Nantucket Island, which has a much wealthier population when compared to the rest of the state.

Table 1: Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care by Type of Care

Rank	County	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 16.4%				
1	Suffolk County	\$19,970	19.5%	3.1%
2	Hampden County	\$16,778	17.2%	0.8%
3	Essex County	\$20,886	16.7%	0.3%
4	Barnstable County	\$17,285	16.3%	-0.1%
5	Franklin County	\$15,241	16.1%	-0.3%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.4%				
1	Nantucket County	\$14,950	12.9%	2.5%
2	Suffolk County	\$11,971	11.7%	1.3%
3	Franklin County	\$10,916	11.6%	1.2%
4	Dukes County	\$12,545	11.5%	1.1%
5	Barnstable County	\$12,100	11.4%	1.0%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, MASSACHUSETTS

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 16.4%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 12.2%		
Barnstable County	\$17,285	16.3%	-0.1%	\$13,246	12.5%	0.3%
Berkshire County	\$15,280	15.3%	-1.1%	\$10,163	10.2%	-2.0%
Bristol County	\$15,906	14.4%	-2.0%	\$11,896	10.8%	-1.4%
Dukes County	\$15,275	14.0%	-2.4%	\$14,281	13.1%	0.9%
Essex County	\$20,886	16.7%	0.3%	\$15,257	12.2%	0.0%
Franklin County	\$15,241	16.1%	-0.3%	\$11,421	12.1%	-0.1%
Hampden County	\$16,778	17.2%	0.8%	\$12,056	12.4%	0.2%
Hampshire County	\$16,430	14.2%	-2.2%	\$13,007	11.3%	-0.9%
Middlesex County	\$23,711	15.9%	-0.5%	\$17,786	11.9%	-0.3%
Nantucket County	\$17,160	14.8%	-1.6%	\$15,933	13.8%	1.6%
Norfolk County	\$22,347	14.6%	-1.8%	\$17,199	11.2%	-1.0%
Plymouth County	\$17,501	13.5%	-2.9%	\$13,140	10.2%	-2.0%
Suffolk County	\$19,970	19.5%	3.1%	\$13,868	13.5%	1.3%
Worcester County	\$16,942	14.5%	-1.9%	\$12,738	10.9%	-1.3%
County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.4%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.6%		
Barnstable County	\$12,100	11.4%	1.0%	\$11,563	10.9%	1.3%
Berkshire County	\$9,799	9.8%	-0.6%	\$9,331	9.4%	-0.2%
Bristol County	\$11,130	10.1%	-0.3%	\$10,506	9.5%	-0.1%
Dukes County	\$12,545	11.5%	1.1%	\$13,632	12.5%	2.9%

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	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.4%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.6%		
Essex County	\$11,703	9.3%	-1.1%	\$10,488	8.4%	-1.2%
Franklin County	\$10,916	11.6%	1.2%	\$10,885	11.5%	1.9%
Hampden County	\$10,121	10.4%	0.0%	\$9,396	9.7%	0.1%
Hampshire County	\$12,123	10.5%	0.1%	\$11,978	10.4%	0.8%
Middlesex County	\$14,593	9.8%	-0.6%	\$13,620	9.1%	-0.5%
Nantucket County	\$14,950	12.9%	2.5%	\$15,730	13.6%	4.0%
Norfolk County	\$14,779	9.7%	-0.7%	\$14,323	9.4%	-0.2%
Plymouth County	\$12,474	9.6%	-0.8%	\$11,445	8.8%	-0.8%
Suffolk County	\$11,971	11.7%	1.3%	\$10,248	10.0%	0.4%
Worcester County	\$11,370	9.7%	-0.7%	\$10,513	9.0%	-0.6%

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→ Minnesota

Methodology

Child care prices are reported at the county-level for infant child care and child care for four year olds where available across the state. To determine the affordability of child care prices by county, we compared the average price of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average price of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS 5-year estimates, 2013-2017, Table B19126). **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank Child Care Aware® of Minnesota for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

There are a total of 87 counties in the state of Minnesota. Statewide, the price of center-based infant child care comprises 15.3% of median income for married couples with children. Ramsey County is the least affordable county for this type of child care, where the average is nearly 3% more than the statewide average. Families in other highly populated counties also experience unaffordable child care prices. Ramsey, Anoka, and Hennepin Counties are part of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, where the cost of living is slightly higher compared to the rest of the state. This may partially explain why center-based infant child care is less affordable in these counties. Cook County and Nobles County have lower populations compared to the rest of the state, with fewer providers. This could partially explain why center-based child care for infants is higher in these counties.

In 38 counties, the price of family child care for infants is more than the statewide average of 8% of median annual income. Cook County is the least affordable county, with families expecting to pay 14% of income towards this type of child care. Grant and Pine Counties are also slightly less affordable for families seeking this type of child care. It should be noted that the three least affordable counties for family-based infant child care have smaller populations when compared to the rest of the state. Consequently, these counties have smaller supplies of family child care providers that serve infants.

Table 1: Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care by Type of Care

Rank	County	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 15.3%				
1	Ramsey County	\$17,992	18.1%	2.8%
2	Nobles County	\$11,440	16.5%	1.2%
3	Cook County	\$10,660	15.9%	0.6%
4	Olmsted County	\$16,900	15.1%	-0.2%
5 (tie)	Hennepin County	\$18,356	14.7%	-0.6%
	Anoka County	\$15,756	14.7%	-0.6%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.0%				
1	Cook County	\$9,360	14.0%	6.0%
2	Grant County	\$6,916	10.3%	2.3%
3	Pine County	\$7,436	10.2%	2.2%
4	Itasca County	\$8,372	10.1%	2.1%
5	Aitkin County	\$7,020	9.9%	1.9%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, MINNESOTA

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 15.3%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.8%		
Aitkin County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Anoka County	\$15,756	14.7%	-0.6%	\$12,376	11.5%	-0.3%
Becker County	\$10,348	11.6%	-3.7%	\$9,724	10.9%	-0.9%
Beltrami County	\$11,440	13.4%	-1.9%	\$7,436	8.7%	-3.1%
Benton County	\$11,960	13.5%	-1.8%	\$10,348	11.6%	-0.2%
Big Stone County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Blue Earth County	\$9,984	10.1%	-5.2%	\$8,944	9.1%	-2.7%
Brown County	\$8,632	9.7%	-5.6%	\$7,228	8.1%	-3.7%
Carlton County	\$10,816	12.3%	-3.0%	\$9,204	10.5%	-1.3%
Carver County	\$16,276	11.9%	-3.4%	\$12,740	9.3%	-2.5%
Cass County	NR	NR	NR	\$6,500	8.3%	-3.5%
Chippewa County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Chisago County	\$12,532	11.7%	-3.6%	\$10,504	9.8%	-2.0%
Clay County	\$10,452	11.0%	-4.3%	\$9,308	9.8%	-2.0%
Clearwater County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Cook County	\$10,660	15.9%	0.6%	\$10,660	15.9%	4.1%
Cottonwood County	\$6,136	8.6%	-6.7%	\$5,616	7.9%	-3.9%
Crow Wing County	\$8,268	9.7%	-5.6%	\$7,488	8.8%	-3.0%
Dakota County	\$17,316	14.2%	-1.1%	\$13,468	11.0%	-0.8%
Dodge County	\$10,452	10.1%	-5.2%	\$9,204	8.9%	-2.9%

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	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 15.3%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.8%		
Douglas County	\$9,880	10.8%	-4.5%	\$7,956	8.7%	-3.1%
Faribault County	\$9,100	11.5%	-3.8%	\$8,216	10.4%	-1.4%
Fillmore County	\$8,580	9.6%	-5.7%	\$6,708	7.5%	-4.3%
Freeborn County	\$9,568	11.8%	-3.5%	\$7,696	9.5%	-2.3%
Goodhue County	\$9,880	9.8%	-5.5%	\$8,476	8.4%	-3.4%
Grant County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Hennepin County	\$18,356	14.7%	-0.6%	\$13,728	11.0%	-0.8%
Houston County	\$7,384	8.6%	-6.7%	\$6,708	7.8%	-4.0%
Hubbard County	\$10,920	13.5%	-1.8%	\$9,880	12.2%	0.4%
Isanti County	\$10,504	10.9%	-4.4%	\$9,204	9.6%	-2.2%
Itasca County	\$10,140	12.2%	-3.1%	\$7,800	9.4%	-2.4%
Jackson County	\$8,320	9.7%	-5.6%	\$8,060	9.4%	-2.4%
Kanabec County	\$7,020	8.8%	-6.5%	\$6,448	8.1%	-3.7%
Kandiyohi County	\$9,516	11.2%	-4.1%	\$8,424	9.9%	-1.9%
Kittson County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Koochiching County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lac qui Parle County	NR	NR	NR	\$6,240	8.1%	-3.7%
Lake County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lake of the Woods County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Le Sueur County	NR	NR	NR	\$6,032	6.4%	-5.4%

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	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 15.3%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.8%		
Lincoln County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lyon County	\$8,320	9.1%	-6.2%	\$7,592	8.3%	-3.5%
McLeod County	\$11,232	13.4%	-1.9%	\$8,778	10.5%	-1.3%
Mahnomen County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Marshall County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Martin County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Meeker County	\$10,036	11.1%	-4.2%	\$8,736	9.7%	-2.1%
Mille Lacs County	\$9,256	11.6%	-3.7%	\$7,852	9.9%	-1.9%
Morrison County	\$8,164	10.1%	-5.2%	\$6,396	7.9%	-3.9%
Mower County	\$9,204	11.1%	-4.2%	\$8,164	9.8%	-2.0%
Murray County	\$9,360	10.7%	-4.6%	\$9,360	10.7%	-1.1%
Nicollet County	\$9,880	10.5%	-4.8%	\$8,684	9.2%	-2.6%
Nobles County	\$11,440	16.5%	1.2%	\$8,736	12.6%	0.8%
Norman County	\$7,800	9.3%	-6.0%	\$7,020	8.4%	-3.4%
Olmsted County	\$16,900	15.1%	-0.2%	\$13,000	11.6%	-0.2%
Otter Tail County	\$9,620	11.3%	-4.0%	\$8,320	9.7%	-2.1%
Pennington County	\$8,580	9.0%	-6.3%	\$7,280	7.7%	-4.1%
Pine County	NR	NR	NR	\$9,360	12.8%	1.0%
Pipestone County	\$8,216	11.3%	-4.0%	\$6,448	8.9%	-2.9%
Polk County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 15.3%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.8%		
Pope County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ramsey County	\$17,992	18.1%	2.8%	\$13,312	13.4%	1.6%
Red Lake County	\$7,540	9.2%	-6.1%	\$7,280	8.9%	-2.9%
Redwood County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Renville County	\$7,332	9.6%	-5.7%	\$6,968	9.1%	-2.7%
Rice County	\$12,272	13.9%	-1.4%	\$10,660	12.1%	0.3%
Rock County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Roseau County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
St. Louis County	\$10,712	11.9%	-3.4%	\$8,944	10.0%	-1.8%
Scott County	\$17,056	13.5%	-1.8%	\$12,896	10.2%	-1.6%
Sherburne County	\$11,596	10.8%	-4.5%	\$9,724	9.1%	-2.7%
Sibley County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Stearns County	\$12,220	12.7%	-2.6%	\$10,348	10.7%	-1.1%
Steele County	\$11,440	12.1%	-3.2%	\$8,684	9.2%	-2.6%
Stevens County	\$9,360	9.2%	-6.1%	\$8,060	7.9%	-3.9%
Swift County	\$6,240	7.6%	-7.7%	\$5,200	6.3%	-5.5%
Todd County	NR	NR	NR	\$6,240	8.5%	-3.3%
Traverse County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wabasha County	\$10,556	11.5%	-3.8%	\$8,996	9.8%	-2.0%
Wadena County	\$7,020	9.3%	-6.0%	\$7,020	9.3%	-2.5%

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Waseca County	\$8,892	9.8%	-5.5%	\$7,852	8.7%	-3.1%
Washington County	\$17,472	13.4%	-1.9%	\$12,896	9.9%	-1.9%
Watonwan County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wilkin County	\$8,320	9.1%	-6.2%	NR	NR	NR
Winona County	\$9,776	10.4%	-4.9%	\$8,996	9.6%	-2.2%
Wright County	\$13,988	12.8%	-2.5%	\$11,180	10.2%	-1.6%
Yellow Medicine County	NR	NR	NR	\$13,000	17.1%	5.3%
County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.0%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.4%		
Aitkin County	\$7,020	9.9%	1.9%	\$6,708	9.4%	2.0%
Anoka County	\$8,736	8.1%	0.1%	\$7,800	7.3%	-0.1%
Becker County	\$7,592	8.5%	0.5%	\$6,760	7.6%	0.2%
Beltrami County	\$6,968	8.2%	0.2%	\$6,552	7.7%	0.3%
Benton County	\$7,176	8.1%	0.1%	\$6,552	7.4%	0.0%
Big Stone County	\$7,592	9.6%	1.6%	\$7,020	8.9%	1.5%
Blue Earth County	\$6,968	7.1%	-0.9%	\$6,552	6.6%	-0.8%
Brown County	\$6,812	7.7%	-0.3%	\$6,396	7.2%	-0.2%
Carlton County	\$7,904	9.0%	1.0%	\$7,384	8.4%	1.0%
Carver County	\$9,620	7.0%	-1.0%	\$8,840	6.5%	-0.9%
Cass County	\$6,968	8.9%	0.9%	\$6,812	8.7%	1.3%

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Chippewa County	\$5,980	8.0%	0.0%	\$5,616	7.5%	0.1%
Chisago County	\$8,008	7.4%	-0.6%	\$7,228	6.7%	-0.7%
Clay County	\$7,280	7.7%	-0.3%	\$6,708	7.1%	-0.3%
Clearwater County	\$6,812	8.8%	0.8%	\$6,240	8.1%	0.7%
Cook County	\$9,360	14.0%	6.0%	\$8,840	13.2%	5.8%
Cottonwood County	\$6,240	8.8%	0.8%	\$6,240	8.8%	1.4%
Crow Wing County	\$7,020	8.3%	0.3%	\$6,708	7.9%	0.5%
Dakota County	\$9,984	8.2%	0.2%	\$8,944	7.3%	-0.1%
Dodge County	\$7,696	7.4%	-0.6%	\$7,332	7.1%	-0.3%
Douglas County	\$7,332	8.0%	0.0%	\$6,604	7.2%	-0.2%
Faribault County	\$4,784	6.1%	-1.9%	\$4,576	5.8%	-1.6%
Fillmore County	\$7,644	8.6%	0.6%	\$6,396	7.2%	-0.2%
Freeborn County	\$6,500	8.0%	0.0%	\$5,772	7.1%	-0.3%
Goodhue County	\$7,748	7.7%	-0.3%	\$7,332	7.3%	-0.1%
Grant County	\$6,916	10.3%	2.3%	\$6,708	10.0%	2.6%
Hennepin County	\$10,764	8.6%	0.6%	\$9,672	7.7%	0.3%
Houston County	\$6,812	7.9%	-0.1%	\$6,396	7.4%	0.0%
Hubbard County	\$7,592	9.4%	1.4%	\$6,968	8.6%	1.2%
Isanti County	\$7,956	8.3%	0.3%	\$6,656	6.9%	-0.5%
Itasca County	\$8,372	10.1%	2.1%	\$7,644	9.2%	1.8%

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County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.0%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.4%		
Jackson County	\$5,876	6.8%	-1.2%	\$5,304	6.2%	-1.2%
Kanabec County	\$6,604	8.3%	0.3%	\$6,032	7.6%	0.2%
Kandiyohi County	\$6,552	7.7%	-0.3%	\$6,344	7.5%	0.1%
Kittson County	\$5,720	7.4%	-0.6%	\$5,460	7.0%	-0.4%
Koochiching County	\$5,876	7.6%	-0.4%	\$5,200	6.7%	-0.7%
Lac qui Parle County	\$7,176	9.3%	1.3%	\$6,396	8.3%	0.9%
Lake County	\$7,176	8.9%	0.9%	\$6,656	8.3%	0.9%
Lake of the Woods County	\$6,136	7.4%	-0.6%	\$6,136	7.4%	0.0%
Le Sueur County	\$7,904	8.4%	0.4%	\$7,072	7.5%	0.1%
Lincoln County	\$6,500	7.7%	-0.3%	\$5,980	7.1%	-0.3%
Lyon County	\$6,708	7.4%	-0.6%	\$6,448	7.1%	-0.3%
McLeod County	\$7,020	8.4%	0.4%	\$6,292	7.5%	0.1%
Mahnomen County	\$6,292	9.5%	1.5%	\$6,136	9.3%	1.9%
Marshall County	\$6,448	7.3%	-0.7%	\$6,292	7.2%	-0.2%
Martin County	\$6,292	7.0%	-1.0%	\$5,928	6.6%	-0.8%
Meeker County	\$6,344	7.0%	-1.0%	\$5,772	6.4%	-1.0%
Mille Lacs County	\$7,124	9.0%	1.0%	\$6,500	8.2%	0.8%
Morrison County	\$6,552	8.1%	0.1%	\$5,928	7.3%	-0.1%
Mower County	\$6,656	8.0%	0.0%	\$6,500	7.8%	0.4%
Murray County	\$4,680	5.3%	-2.7%	\$4,680	5.3%	-2.1%

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Nicollet County	\$7,020	7.4%	-0.6%	\$6,552	6.9%	-0.5%
Nobles County	\$5,824	8.4%	0.4%	\$5,772	8.3%	0.9%
Norman County	\$6,240	7.4%	-0.6%	\$5,720	6.8%	-0.6%
Olmsted County	\$9,100	8.1%	0.1%	\$8,164	7.3%	-0.1%
Otter Tail County	\$6,500	7.6%	-0.4%	\$6,292	7.4%	0.0%
Pennington County	\$6,448	6.8%	-1.2%	\$6,084	6.4%	-1.0%
Pine County	\$7,436	10.2%	2.2%	\$7,124	9.7%	2.3%
Pipestone County	\$6,916	9.5%	1.5%	\$6,448	8.9%	1.5%
Polk County	\$6,812	7.5%	-0.5%	\$6,396	7.0%	-0.4%
Pope County	\$6,136	7.3%	-0.7%	\$5,564	6.6%	-0.8%
Ramsey County	\$9,464	9.5%	1.5%	\$8,632	8.7%	1.3%
Red Lake County	\$5,512	6.8%	-1.2%	\$5,460	6.7%	-0.7%
Redwood County	\$6,604	7.7%	-0.3%	\$6,240	7.3%	-0.1%
Renville County	\$6,084	8.0%	0.0%	\$5,824	7.6%	0.2%
Rice County	\$7,904	8.9%	0.9%	\$7,436	8.4%	1.0%
Rock County	\$5,564	6.7%	-1.3%	\$5,408	6.5%	-0.9%
Roseau County	\$6,084	7.6%	-0.4%	\$5,512	6.9%	-0.5%
St. Louis County	\$8,112	9.0%	1.0%	\$7,436	8.3%	0.9%
Scott County	\$9,672	7.6%	-0.4%	\$8,788	6.9%	-0.5%
Sherburne County	\$7,904	7.4%	-0.6%	\$6,968	6.5%	-0.9%

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Sibley County	\$7,176	8.3%	0.3%	\$6,604	7.6%	0.2%
Stearns County	\$6,916	7.2%	-0.8%	\$6,396	6.6%	-0.8%
Steele County	\$6,708	7.1%	-0.9%	\$6,240	6.6%	-0.8%
Stevens County	\$6,760	6.6%	-1.4%	\$6,240	6.1%	-1.3%
Swift County	\$5,928	7.2%	-0.8%	\$5,668	6.9%	-0.5%
Todd County	\$6,188	8.4%	0.4%	\$6,084	8.3%	0.9%
Traverse County	\$6,136	8.3%	0.3%	\$5,720	7.9%	0.5%
Wabasha County	\$7,072	7.7%	-0.3%	\$6,656	7.2%	-0.2%
Wadena County	\$6,344	8.4%	0.4%	\$6,292	8.3%	0.9%
Waseca County	\$7,228	8.0%	0.0%	\$6,448	7.1%	-0.3%
Washington County	\$9,412	7.2%	-0.8%	\$8,528	6.5%	-0.9%
Watonwan County	\$5,720	8.3%	0.3%	\$5,720	8.3%	0.9%
Wilkin County	\$6,136	6.7%	-1.3%	\$5,876	6.4%	-1.0%
Winona County	\$6,604	7.1%	-0.9%	\$6,240	6.7%	-0.7%
Wright County	\$8,476	7.8%	-0.2%	\$7,592	7.0%	-0.4%
Yellow Medicine County	\$6,240	8.2%	0.2%	\$5,876	7.7%	0.3%

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Methodology

Child care prices are reported at the county-level for infant child care and child care for four year olds where available across the state. To determine the affordability of child care prices by county, we compared the average price of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average price of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS 5-year estimates, 2013-2017, Table B19126). **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank Child Care Aware® of Missouri for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

The state of Missouri is comprised of 114 counties and 1 independent city. Statewide, center-based child care for infants costs married couple families 11.6% of median income. Prices for this provider type and age group exceeds the statewide affordability average by at least 2% in Boone County and Greene County.

Overall, center-based child care for 4 year olds does not significantly exceed the statewide affordability percentage. This means that this type of child care does not significantly cost families more in any particular county.

While the statewide affordability percentage for family-based infant child care is 6.7%, Jasper County and Newton County both exceed this percentage by at least 4%, meaning that this type of child care is less affordable in these 2 counties.

For family-based child care of 4 year olds, the statewide affordability percentage is 5.8%. In all, 4 counties exceed this affordability percentage by at least 3% (Wright, Jasper, Buchanan, and Pulaski Counties).

Table 1: Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care by Type of Care

Rank	County	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.6%				
1	Boone County	\$12,972	14.6%	3.0%
2	Greene County	\$10,140	13.6%	2.0%
3	Newton County	\$8,147	13.2%	1.6%
4	Buchanan County	\$9,550	12.7%	1.1%
5	Adair County	\$8,190	12.2%	0.6%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.7%				
1	Jasper County	\$7,410	11.0%	4.3%
2	Newton County	\$6,630	10.8%	4.1%
3	Buchanan County	\$7,800	10.4%	3.7%
4	Wright County	\$4,550	10.1%	3.4%
5	Howell County	\$5,980	9.9%	3.2%

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	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.6%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 8.1%		
Adair County	\$8,190	12.2%	0.6%	\$6,500	9.7%	1.6%
Andrew County	NR	NR	NR	\$5,434	6.3%	-1.8%
Atchison County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Audrain County	\$5,720	8.1%	-3.5%	\$4,810	6.8%	-1.3%
Barry County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Barton County	\$4,680	6.8%	-4.8%	\$3,553	5.1%	-3.0%
Bates County	\$4,940	6.3%	-5.3%	\$4,030	5.1%	-3.0%
Benton County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Bollinger County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Boone County	\$12,972	14.6%	3.0%	\$8,463	9.5%	1.4%
Buchanan County	\$9,550	12.7%	1.1%	\$6,559	8.7%	0.6%
Butler County	\$6,344	9.5%	-2.1%	NR	NR	NR
Caldwell County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Callaway County	\$7,338	9.1%	-2.5%	NR	NR	NR
Camden County	\$6,240	9.0%	-2.6%	NR	NR	NR
Cape Girardeau County	\$8,964	11.2%	-0.4%	\$6,804	8.5%	0.4%
Carroll County	\$4,680	6.1%	-5.5%	NR	NR	NR
Carter County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Cass County	\$9,456	10.2%	-1.4%	\$6,517	7.0%	-1.1%
Cedar County	NR	NR	NR	\$3,120	5.9%	-2.2%

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	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.6%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 8.1%		
Chariton County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Christian County	\$7,497	9.7%	-1.9%	\$4,738	6.1%	-2.0%
Clark County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Clay County	\$11,230	11.6%	0.0%	\$8,682	8.9%	0.8%
Clinton County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Cole County	\$8,121	9.5%	-2.1%	\$6,065	7.1%	-1.0%
Cooper County	\$5,720	7.3%	-4.3%	\$3,510	4.5%	-3.6%
Crawford County	\$6,032	9.7%	-1.9%	\$3,848	6.2%	-1.9%
Dade County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dallas County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Daviess County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
De Kalb County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dent County	\$5,200	7.5%	-4.1%	\$4,680	6.8%	-1.3%
Douglas County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dunklin County	NR	NR	NR	\$3,120	5.2%	-2.9%
Franklin County	\$7,215	8.5%	-3.1%	\$5,525	6.5%	-1.6%
Gasconade County	\$4,420	6.2%	-5.4%	\$3,640	5.1%	-3.0%
Gentry County	NR	NR	NR	\$4,160	6.9%	-1.2%
Greene County	\$10,140	13.6%	2.0%	\$6,313	8.5%	0.4%
Grundy County	\$6,630	9.3%	-2.3%	\$4,030	5.6%	-2.5%

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Harrison County	\$5,590	9.0%	-2.6%	\$5,720	9.2%	1.1%
Henry County	\$5,005	6.9%	-4.7%	\$4,030	5.6%	-2.5%
Hickory County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Holt County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Howard County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Howell County	\$6,760	11.2%	-0.4%	\$4,524	7.5%	-0.6%
Iron County	\$5,980	10.4%	-1.2%	\$4,940	8.6%	0.5%
Jackson County	\$9,454	10.6%	-1.0%	\$6,822	7.6%	-0.5%
Jasper County	\$6,453	9.6%	-2.0%	\$5,037	7.5%	-0.6%
Jefferson County	\$9,261	10.5%	-1.1%	\$7,130	8.0%	-0.1%
Johnson County	\$7,956	11.2%	-0.4%	\$5,113	7.2%	-0.9%
Knox County	\$4,680	7.9%	-3.7%	\$4,160	7.0%	-1.1%
Laclede County	\$6,500	10.0%	-1.6%	\$2,990	4.6%	-3.5%
Lafayette County	\$8,147	10.0%	-1.6%	\$5,577	6.8%	-1.3%
Lawrence County	\$5,590	9.8%	-1.8%	\$4,550	8.0%	-0.1%
Lewis County	\$6,240	9.4%	-2.2%	\$5,200	7.8%	-0.3%
Lincoln County	\$8,233	10.6%	-1.0%	\$6,365	8.2%	0.1%
Linn County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Livingston County	\$4,160	6.1%	-5.5%	NR	NR	NR
McDonald County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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Macon County	\$6,500	9.8%	-1.8%	\$5,460	8.2%	0.1%
Madison County	\$3,510	6.5%	-5.1%	\$3,380	6.3%	-1.8%
Maries County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Marion County	\$6,422	8.6%	-3.0%	\$4,914	6.6%	-1.5%
Mercer County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Miller County	\$5,330	7.1%	-4.5%	\$4,608	6.1%	-2.0%
Mississippi County	\$3,120	5.3%	-6.3%	\$2,600	4.4%	-3.7%
Moniteau County	\$7,020	10.0%	-1.6%	\$4,290	6.1%	-2.0%
Monroe County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Montgomery County	\$3,640	5.2%	-6.4%	\$2,600	3.7%	-4.4%
Morgan County	\$6,760	11.5%	-0.1%	\$5,300	9.0%	0.9%
New Madrid County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Newton County	\$8,147	13.2%	1.6%	\$5,980	9.7%	1.6%
Nodaway County	NR	NR	NR	\$3,250	4.7%	-3.4%
Oregon County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Osage County	\$5,460	6.6%	-5.0%	\$5,200	6.2%	-1.9%
Ozark County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Pemiscot County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Perry County	\$6,500	8.2%	-3.4%	\$4,706	5.9%	-2.2%
Pettis County	\$6,413	10.5%	-1.1%	\$4,940	8.1%	0.0%

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Phelps County	\$5,941	8.9%	-2.7%	\$5,700	8.6%	0.5%
Pike County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Platte County	\$11,660	10.6%	-1.0%	\$9,308	8.5%	0.4%
Polk County	\$7,020	11.4%	-0.2%		0.0%	
Pulaski County	\$6,061	8.9%	-2.7%	\$5,040	7.4%	-0.7%
Putnam County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ralls County	\$4,680	6.0%	-5.6%	\$3,380	4.4%	-3.7%
Randolph County	\$8,320	10.3%	-1.3%	\$5,850	7.2%	-0.9%
Ray County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Reynolds County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ripley County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
St Charles County	\$11,532	10.4%	-1.2%	\$8,273	7.4%	-0.7%
St Clair County	NR	NR	NR	\$3,640	6.5%	-1.6%
Ste Genevieve County	\$4,940	6.2%	-5.4%	\$4,507	5.7%	-2.4%
St Francois County	\$6,344	10.2%	-1.4%	NR	NR	NR
St Louis City	\$9,456	11.2%	-0.4%	\$6,813	8.1%	0.0%
St Louis County	\$12,605	11.0%	-0.6%	\$8,557	7.5%	-0.6%
Saline County	NR	NR	NR	\$2,160	3.4%	-4.7%
Schuyler County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Scotland County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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Scott County	\$5,720	9.3%	-2.3%	\$3,952	6.4%	-1.7%
Shannon County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Shelby County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Stoddard County	\$5,330	9.0%	-2.6%	\$3,952	6.7%	-1.4%
Stone County	NR	NR	NR	\$4,290	7.0%	-1.1%
Sullivan County	NR	NR	NR	\$3,640	5.4%	-2.7%
Taney County	\$6,500	11.8%	0.2%	\$4,605	8.4%	0.3%
Texas County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Vernon County	\$6,240	9.3%	-2.3%	\$3,900	5.8%	-2.3%
Warren County	\$8,060	10.5%	-1.1%	\$7,150	9.3%	1.2%
Washington County	\$6,500	11.0%	-0.6%	\$4,420	7.5%	-0.6%
Wayne County	\$6,110	11.8%	0.2%	\$4,680	9.1%	1.0%
Webster County	\$6,327	9.4%	-2.2%	\$4,826	7.2%	-0.9%
Worth County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wright County	NR	NR	NR	\$4,264	9.4%	1.3%
County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.7%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 5.8%		
Adair County	\$4,030	6.0%	-0.7%	\$4,030	6.0%	0.2%
Andrew County	\$3,900	4.5%	-2.2%	\$3,900	4.5%	-1.3%
Atchison County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, MISSOURI

County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.7%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 5.8%		
Audrain County	\$4,602	6.5%	-0.2%	\$3,929	5.5%	-0.3%
Barry County	\$3,380	6.1%	-0.6%	\$3,380	6.1%	0.3%
Barton County	\$4,680	6.8%	0.1%	\$4,095	5.9%	0.1%
Bates County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Benton County	\$4,420	7.1%	0.4%	\$3,900	6.3%	0.5%
Bollinger County	\$3,640	5.4%	-1.3%	\$3,640	5.4%	-0.4%
Boone County	\$8,255	9.3%	2.6%	\$7,540	8.5%	2.7%
Buchanan County	\$7,800	10.4%	3.7%	\$7,020	9.3%	3.5%
Butler County	\$5,200	7.8%	1.1%	\$4,420	6.6%	0.8%
Caldwell County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Callaway County	\$4,732	5.9%	-0.8%	\$4,507	5.6%	-0.2%
Camden County	\$5,200	7.5%	0.8%	\$4,160	6.0%	0.2%
Cape Girardeau County	\$5,893	7.4%	0.7%	\$4,680	5.9%	0.1%
Carroll County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Carter County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Cass County	\$7,800	8.4%	1.7%	\$6,632	7.1%	1.3%
Cedar County	\$3,120	5.9%	-0.8%	\$3,120	5.9%	0.1%
Chariton County	\$3,900	5.2%	-1.5%	\$3,692	4.9%	-0.9%
Christian County	\$5,980	7.7%	1.0%	\$4,784	6.2%	0.4%
Clark County	\$3,867	5.9%	-0.8%	\$3,868	5.9%	0.1%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, MISSOURI

County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.7%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 5.8%		
Clay County	\$7,497	7.7%	1.0%	\$6,595	6.8%	1.0%
Clinton County	\$5,373	6.4%	-0.3%	\$5,287	6.3%	0.5%
Cole County	\$5,850	6.8%	0.1%	\$5,590	6.5%	0.7%
Cooper County	\$5,070	6.5%	-0.2%	\$5,027	6.4%	0.6%
Crawford County	\$4,680	7.5%	0.8%	\$4,160	6.7%	0.9%
Dade County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dallas County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Daviess County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
De Kalb County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dent County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Douglas County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Dunklin County	\$3,900	6.5%	-0.2%	\$3,640	6.1%	0.3%
Franklin County	\$4,680	5.5%	-1.2%	\$4,316	5.1%	-0.7%
Gasconade County	\$5,070	7.1%	0.4%	\$5,070	7.1%	1.3%
Gentry County	\$3,510	5.8%	-0.9%	\$3,250	5.4%	-0.4%
Greene County	\$6,890	9.2%	2.5%	\$5,547	7.4%	1.6%
Grundy County	\$3,120	4.4%	-2.3%	\$3,120	4.4%	-1.4%
Harrison County	\$4,550	7.3%	0.6%	\$4,550	7.3%	1.5%
Henry County	\$5,200	7.2%	0.5%	\$3,900	5.4%	-0.4%
Hickory County	\$3,900	7.3%	0.6%	\$3,900	7.3%	1.5%

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County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.7%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 5.8%		
Holt County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Howard County	\$4,212	5.5%	-1.2%	\$4,160	5.4%	-0.4%
Howell County	\$5,980	9.9%	3.2%	\$4,940	8.2%	2.4%
Iron County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Jackson County	\$7,020	7.9%	1.2%	\$5,136	5.8%	0.0%
Jasper County	\$7,410	11.0%	4.3%	\$6,500	9.6%	3.8%
Jefferson County	\$7,627	8.6%	1.9%	\$5,781	6.5%	0.7%
Johnson County	\$4,875	6.9%	0.2%	\$4,524	6.4%	0.6%
Knox County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Laclede County	\$3,997	6.1%	-0.6%	\$3,608	5.5%	-0.3%
Lafayette County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lawrence County	\$4,247	7.5%	0.8%	\$3,813	6.7%	0.9%
Lewis County	\$3,467	5.2%	-1.5%	\$3,467	5.2%	-0.6%
Lincoln County	\$6,890	8.9%	2.2%	\$5,200	6.7%	0.9%
Linn County	\$4,160	5.7%	-1.0%	\$3,172	4.4%	-1.4%
Livingston County	\$3,315	4.8%	-1.9%	\$3,120	4.6%	-1.2%
McDonald County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Macon County	\$4,160	6.3%	-0.4%	\$4,160	6.3%	0.5%
Madison County	\$3,380	6.3%	-0.4%	\$3,380	6.3%	0.5%
Maries County	\$4,030	6.2%	-0.5%	\$4,030	6.2%	0.4%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, MISSOURI

County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.7%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 5.8%		
Marion County	\$4,888	6.6%	-0.1%	\$4,368	5.9%	0.1%
Mercer County	\$3,640	6.4%	-0.3%	\$3,640	6.4%	0.6%
Miller County	\$4,712	6.3%	-0.4%	\$4,290	5.7%	-0.1%
Mississippi County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Moniteau County	\$5,070	7.3%	0.6%	\$4,485	6.4%	0.6%
Monroe County	\$3,900	5.1%	-1.6%	\$3,727	4.9%	-0.9%
Montgomery County	\$5,720	8.2%	1.5%	\$5,460	7.8%	2.0%
Morgan County	\$3,640	6.2%	-0.5%	\$3,640	6.2%	0.4%
New Madrid County	\$3,813	5.7%	-1.0%	\$3,380	5.0%	-0.8%
Newton County	\$6,630	10.8%	4.1%	\$5,200	8.4%	2.6%
Nodaway County	\$5,590	8.2%	1.5%	\$4,875	7.1%	1.3%
Oregon County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Osage County	\$5,460	6.6%	-0.1%	\$4,680	5.6%	-0.2%
Ozark County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Pemiscot County	\$4,680	7.7%	1.0%	\$3,510	5.8%	0.0%
Perry County	\$5,373	6.8%	0.1%	\$4,615	5.8%	0.0%
Pettis County	\$5,200	8.5%	1.8%	\$3,458	5.7%	-0.1%
Phelps County	\$5,850	8.8%	2.1%	\$4,810	7.2%	1.4%
Pike County	\$4,940	6.9%	0.2%	\$4,680	6.5%	0.7%
Platte County	\$8,667	7.9%	1.2%	\$7,627	6.9%	1.1%

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County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.7%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 5.8%		
Polk County	\$4,420	7.2%	0.5%	\$4,290	7.0%	1.2%
Pulaski County	\$6,760	9.9%	3.2%	\$5,980	8.8%	3.0%
Putnam County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ralls County	\$4,160	5.4%	-1.3%	\$3,640	4.7%	-1.1%
Randolph County	\$5,893	7.3%	0.6%	\$5,460	6.8%	1.0%
Ray County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Reynolds County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ripley County	\$4,030	7.5%	0.8%	\$3,510	6.5%	0.7%
St Charles County	\$7,651	6.9%	0.2%	\$6,939	6.2%	0.4%
St Clair County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Ste Genevieve County	\$5,720	7.2%	0.5%	\$4,940	6.2%	0.4%
St Francois County	\$5,079	8.2%	1.5%	\$4,073	6.6%	0.8%
St Louis City	\$8,294	9.8%	3.1%	\$6,734	8.0%	2.2%
St Louis County	\$10,920	9.6%	2.9%	\$8,138	7.1%	1.3%
Saline County	\$4,160	6.6%	-0.1%	\$4,030	6.4%	0.6%
Schuyler County	\$3,900	5.6%	-1.1%	\$3,900	5.6%	-0.2%
Scotland County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Scott County	\$3,692	6.0%	-0.7%	\$4,160	6.7%	0.9%
Shannon County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Shelby County	\$3,900	6.7%	0.0%	\$3,640	6.2%	0.4%

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County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 6.7%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 5.8%		
Stoddard County	\$4,420	7.4%	0.7%	\$3,640	6.1%	0.3%
Stone County	\$4,680	7.6%	0.9%	\$4,030	6.5%	0.7%
Sullivan County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Taney County	\$5,056	9.2%	2.5%	\$4,304	7.8%	2.0%
Texas County	NR	NR	NR	\$4,225	8.0%	2.2%
Vernon County	\$4,420	6.6%	-0.1%	NR	NR	NR
Warren County	\$5,200	6.8%	0.1%	\$5,200	6.8%	1.0%
Washington County	\$4,550	7.7%	1.0%	\$3,727	6.3%	0.5%
Wayne County	\$4,680	9.1%	2.4%	\$3,900	7.6%	1.8%
Webster County	\$3,900	5.8%	-0.9%	\$3,380	5.0%	-0.8%
Worth County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Wright County	\$4,550	10.1%	3.4%	\$4,550	10.1%	4.3%

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→ Nevada

Methodology

Child care prices are reported at the county-level for infant child care and child care for four year olds where available across the state. The child care prices for each county were taken from the 2018 Market Rate Survey conducted by the state of Nevada and adjusted for inflation to estimate price increases. To determine the affordability of child care prices by county, we compared the average price of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average price of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS 5-year estimates, 2013-2017, Table B19126). **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank The Children's Cabinet for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

In the state of Nevada, there are a total of 16 counties and 1 independent city. Clark County, the most populous county in the state and home to Las Vegas, is the least affordable for center-based infant child care. While the statewide average for this provider type and age group is 14.2% of median family income for married couples with children, the county average is 16.2%. Child care also costs families in Nye County slightly more than the statewide average for center-based infant care. As with infants, center-based child care for 4 year olds is least affordable for families in Clark County, Nye County, and Washoe County.

Family child care for infants is least affordable in Mineral, Clark, and Lyon Counties. While the statewide affordability average is 11.3% of median income for married couples with children, these 3 counties exceed the statewide average by 0.6% to 2.1%. At the county level, family-based child care for 4 year olds ranges from 9% to 13% of median family income. The statewide affordability average for this provider type and age group is 10.4% of median family income. Mineral County, Carson City, and Clark County all exceed this average, meaning that family child care for 4 year olds is less affordable in these areas.

Table 1: Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care by Type of Care

Rank	County	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 14.2%				
1	Clark County	\$12,367	16.2%	2.0%
2	Nye County	\$8,775	14.6%	0.4%
3	Washoe County	\$11,177	13.1%	-1.1%
4	Pershing County	\$9,307	12.6%	-1.6%
5	Carson City	\$9,143	12.4%	-1.8%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 11.3%				
1	Mineral County	\$7,977	13.4%	2.1%
2	Clark County	\$9,275	12.1%	0.8%
3	Lyon County	\$8,403	11.9%	0.6%
4	Washoe County	\$9,087	10.6%	-0.7%
5	Douglas County	\$8,443	10.4%	-0.9%

Note: NR = Not Reported (meaning that data is unavailable for a given county); NA = Not Applicable

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, NEVADA

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 14.2%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.2%		
Carson City	\$9,143	12.4%	-1.8%	\$7,548	10.2%	-1.0%
Churchill County	\$7,924	9.7%	-4.5%	\$7,016	8.6%	-2.6%
Clark County	\$12,367	16.2%	2.0%	\$9,662	12.6%	1.4%
Douglas County	\$9,440	11.6%	-2.6%	\$8,118	10.0%	-1.2%
Elko County	\$8,509	8.7%	-5.5%	\$6,562	6.7%	-4.5%
Esmeralda County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Eureka County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Humboldt County	NR	NR	NR	\$7,047	7.2%	-4.0%
Lander County	\$6,127	5.6%	-8.6%	\$5,910	5.4%	-5.8%
Lincoln County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lyon County	\$8,177	11.6%	-2.6%	\$7,251	10.3%	-0.9%
Mineral County	\$6,116	10.3%	-3.9%	\$5,584	9.4%	-1.8%
Nye County	\$8,775	14.6%	0.4%	\$7,667	12.8%	1.6%
Pershing County	\$9,307	12.6%	-1.6%	\$7,180	9.7%	-1.5%
Storey County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Washoe County	\$11,177	13.1%	-1.1%	\$8,935	10.5%	-0.7%
White Pine County	\$6,825	9.0%	-5.2%	\$5,806	7.6%	-3.6%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, NEVADA

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 11.3%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.4%		
Carson City	NR	NR	NR	\$7,977	10.8%	0.4%
Churchill County	NR	NR	NR	\$8,509	10.4%	0.0%
Clark County	\$9,275	12.1%	0.8%	\$8,700	11.4%	1.0%
Douglas County	\$8,443	10.4%	-0.9%	\$7,623	9.4%	-1.0%
Elko County	\$7,977	8.2%	-3.1%	\$7,534	7.7%	-2.7%
Esmeralda County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Eureka County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Humboldt County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lander County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lincoln County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Lyon County	\$8,403	11.9%	0.6%	\$7,308	10.4%	0.0%
Mineral County	\$7,977	13.4%	2.1%	\$7,977	13.4%	3.0%
Nye County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Pershing County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Storey County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Washoe County	\$9,087	10.6%	-0.7%	\$8,260	9.7%	-0.7%
White Pine County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR

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→ New Hampshire

Methodology

Child care prices are reported at the county-level for infant child care and child care for four year olds where available across the state. To determine the affordability of child care prices by county, we compared the average price of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average price of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS 5-year estimates, 2013-2017, Table B19126). **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank Child Care Aware® of New Hampshire for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

The state of New Hampshire consists of ten counties. Both Carroll County and Coos County are the least affordable for center-based infant child care, costing on average 13.9% of median family income. Both counties are less populous when compared to the other counties in New Hampshire, meaning demand for child care may be higher here than in more populous counties. As with center-based infant child care, center-based child care for 4 year olds was least affordable in Carroll County and Coos County. The price of this type of care comprises over 12% of median family income in both counties.

In family child care homes, families in New Hampshire with infants can expect to pay an average of 11.7% of median annual household income statewide. This type of child care for this age group is least affordable for families in Carroll County and Sullivan County, where each affordability percentage exceeds the statewide average by over 2%.

Families in Carroll County with four year olds can expect to pay 12.5% of median income on center-based care. Again, families in this county are spending the highest percentage of their income on child care compared to other counties in New Hampshire, as the price is 2.7% higher than the child care statewide average. Family child care for four year olds is least affordable in Belknap and Carroll Counties, with families paying an average of 11% of their median income for this type of child care.

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Rank	County	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 12.0%				
1	Carroll County	\$10,169	13.9%	1.9%
2	Coos County	\$10,530	13.9%	1.9%
3	Grafton County	\$13,106	13.2%	1.2%
4	Cheshire County	\$12,368	13.1%	1.1%
5	Strafford County	\$13,612	12.9%	0.9%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.8%				
1	Carroll County	\$8,537	11.7%	2.9%
2	Sullivan County	\$9,711	11.1%	2.3%
3	Belknap County	\$9,280	9.6%	0.8%
4	Cheshire County	\$8,978	9.5%	0.7%
5	Hillsborough County	\$10,116	9.1%	0.3%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, NEW HAMPSHIRE

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 12.0%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 9.8%		
Belknap County	\$10,400	10.8%	-1.2%	\$8,748	9.1%	-0.7%
Carroll County	\$10,169	13.9%	1.9%	\$9,100	12.5%	2.7%
Cheshire County	\$12,368	13.1%	1.1%	\$10,466	11.1%	1.3%
Coos County	\$10,530	13.9%	1.9%	\$9,212	12.1%	2.3%
Grafton County	\$13,106	13.2%	1.2%	\$10,612	10.7%	0.9%
Hillsborough County	\$13,673	12.3%	0.3%	\$9,906	8.9%	-0.9%
Merrimack County	\$12,104	11.9%	-0.1%	\$10,283	10.1%	0.3%
Rockingham County	\$14,780	11.7%	-0.3%	\$11,617	9.2%	-0.6%
Strafford County	\$13,612	12.9%	0.9%	\$11,310	10.7%	0.9%
Sullivan County	\$10,198	11.6%	-0.4%	\$9,620	11.0%	1.2%
County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.8%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.5%		
Belknap County	\$9,280	9.6%	0.8%	\$10,623	11.0%	2.5%
Carroll County	\$8,537	11.7%	2.9%	\$8,060	11.0%	2.5%
Cheshire County	\$8,978	9.5%	0.7%	\$8,564	9.1%	0.6%
Coos County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Grafton County	\$8,638	8.7%	-0.1%	\$8,509	8.6%	0.1%
Hillsborough County	\$10,116	9.1%	0.3%	\$9,682	8.7%	0.2%
Merrimack County	\$8,506	8.3%	-0.5%	\$8,438	8.3%	-0.2%

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	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.8%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.5%		
Rockingham County	\$10,143	8.1%	-0.7%	\$9,637	7.7%	-0.8%
Strafford County	\$9,472	9.0%	0.2%	\$8,580	8.1%	-0.4%
Sullivan County	\$9,711	11.1%	2.3%	\$8,883	10.1%	1.6%

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Methodology

Child care prices are reported at the county-level for infant child care and child care for four year olds where available across the state. To determine the affordability of child care prices by county, we compared the average price of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average price of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS 5-year estimates, 2013-2017, Table B19126). **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank Oklahoma Child Care Resource & Referral Association, Inc. for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

The state of Oklahoma is divided into 77 counties. Statewide, the affordability percentage for center-based infant child care is 11.7%. Delaware County ranks as the least affordable county for this type of child care. Delaware County has a lower population count and lower median income, which may factor into this lack of affordability.

Dewey County is the least affordable county for center-based child care of 4 year olds, exceeding the state's affordability percentage by 3.4%. This means that child care for this provider type and age groups comprise a larger share of family income when compared to the rest of the state.

Statewide, infant child care in family child care settings costs on average 9.3% of family income. There are twelve counties that exceed the state's average, meaning that this type of care is less affordable. Kingfisher County is the least affordable, comprising 12.7% of median family income.

Delaware County is the least affordable county for family-based child care for 4 year olds, costing families over 12% of median income.

Table 1: Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care by Type of Care

Rank	County	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.7%				
1	Delaware County	\$7,267	14.9%	3.2%
2	Adair County	\$6,565	14.2%	2.5%
3	Cherokee County	\$8,200	13.1%	1.4%
4	Jefferson County	\$7,280	12.6%	0.9%
5	McCurtain County	\$7,443	12.3%	0.6%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.9%				
1	Kingfisher County	\$10,270	12.7%	3.8%
2	Adair County	\$5,785	12.5%	3.6%
3	Delaware County	\$5,897	12.1%	3.2%
4	Jefferson County	\$6,500	11.3%	2.4%
5	Sequoyah County	\$5,609	10.2%	1.3%

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	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.7%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 9.3%		
Adair County	\$6,565	14.2%	2.5%	\$4,914	10.6%	1.3%
Alfalfa County	\$5,980	8.0%	-3.7%	\$4,810	6.4%	-2.9%
Atoka County	\$6,110	10.9%	-0.8%	\$4,420	7.9%	-1.4%
Beaver County	NR	NR	NR	\$5,668	9.5%	0.2%
Beckham County	\$6,558	8.2%	-3.5%	\$6,298	7.9%	-1.4%
Blaine County	\$7,020	9.4%	-2.3%	\$5,763	7.7%	-1.6%
Bryan County	\$7,395	10.8%	-0.9%	\$6,080	8.9%	-0.4%
Caddo County	\$6,728	10.1%	-1.6%	\$5,475	8.2%	-1.1%
Canadian County	\$9,218	10.0%	-1.7%	\$7,064	7.7%	-1.6%
Carter County	\$6,529	9.2%	-2.5%	\$5,658	8.0%	-1.3%
Cherokee County	\$8,200	13.1%	1.4%	\$5,948	9.5%	0.2%
Choctaw County	\$6,110	9.0%	-2.7%	\$4,438	6.5%	-2.8%
Cimarron County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Cleveland County	\$9,392	11.1%	-0.6%	\$7,171	8.4%	-0.9%
Coal County	\$6,565	8.2%	-3.5%	\$5,200	6.5%	-2.8%
Comanche County	\$8,053	11.0%	-0.7%	\$5,828	8.0%	-1.3%
Cotton County	\$6,370	8.9%	-2.8%	\$4,593	6.4%	-2.9%
Craig County	\$6,413	12.1%	0.4%	\$5,944	11.2%	1.9%
Creek County	\$7,295	10.1%	-1.6%	\$6,575	9.1%	-0.2%
Custer County	\$6,806	10.2%	-1.5%	\$5,666	8.5%	-0.8%

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Delaware County	\$7,267	14.9%	3.2%	\$6,228	12.7%	3.4%
Dewey County	NR	NR	NR	\$6,500	13.1%	3.8%
Ellis County	NR	NR	NR	\$7,800	10.2%	0.9%
Garfield County	\$8,320	11.9%	0.2%	\$5,843	8.4%	-0.9%
Garvin County	\$6,240	9.2%	-2.5%	\$5,807	8.6%	-0.7%
Grady County	\$7,134	8.9%	-2.8%	\$6,330	7.9%	-1.4%
Grant County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Greer County	\$5,850	7.0%	-4.7%	NR	NR	NR
Harmon County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Harper County	\$5,200	7.3%	-4.4%	\$4,680	6.6%	-2.7%
Haskell County	\$5,616	8.9%	-2.8%	\$5,089	8.0%	-1.3%
Hughes County	\$4,550	7.7%	-4.0%	\$5,200	8.8%	-0.5%
Jackson County	\$6,500	9.7%	-2.0%	\$5,646	8.4%	-0.9%
Jefferson County	\$7,280	12.6%	0.9%	NR	NR	NR
Johnston County	\$6,240	9.5%	-2.2%	\$5,720	8.7%	-0.6%
Kay County	\$7,759	11.5%	-0.2%	\$6,232	9.2%	-0.1%
Kingfisher County	\$8,190	10.1%	-1.6%	\$6,067	7.5%	-1.8%
Kiowa County	\$6,500	10.6%	-1.1%	\$6,500	10.6%	1.3%
Latimer County	\$6,500	10.1%	-1.6%	\$4,767	7.4%	-1.9%
LeFlore County	\$6,038	9.3%	-2.4%	\$4,947	7.6%	-1.7%

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Lincoln County	\$6,717	9.9%	-1.8%	\$6,357	9.4%	0.1%
Logan County	\$8,580	9.6%	-2.1%	\$7,078	7.9%	-1.4%
Love County	\$6,110	10.0%	-1.7%	\$5,200	8.5%	-0.8%
Major County	\$7,319	9.0%	-2.7%	\$5,265	6.5%	-2.8%
Marshall County	\$7,280	12.0%	0.3%	\$3,510	5.8%	-3.5%
Mayes County	\$7,638	12.2%	0.5%	\$5,676	9.1%	-0.2%
McClain County	\$8,554	9.7%	-2.0%	\$6,960	7.9%	-1.4%
McCurtain County	\$7,443	12.3%	0.6%	\$5,233	8.7%	-0.6%
McIntosh County	\$6,188	11.1%	-0.6%	\$5,509	9.9%	0.6%
Murray County	\$7,800	10.4%	-1.3%	\$6,095	8.1%	-1.2%
Muskogee County	\$7,475	10.5%	-1.2%	\$5,769	8.1%	-1.2%
Noble County	\$7,098	8.9%	-2.8%	\$5,863	7.3%	-2.0%
Nowata County	\$6,231	9.8%	-1.9%	\$5,763	9.0%	-0.3%
Okfuskee County	\$3,640	6.5%	-5.2%	\$3,900	6.9%	-2.4%
Oklahoma County	\$6,881	8.8%	-2.9%	\$7,647	9.8%	0.5%
Okmulgee County	\$5,252	7.6%	-4.1%	\$5,671	8.2%	-1.1%
Osage County	\$5,328	7.3%	-4.4%	\$6,157	8.4%	-0.9%
Ottawa County	\$5,575	9.3%	-2.4%	\$5,587	9.3%	0.0%
Pawnee County	\$5,157	6.9%	-4.8%	\$6,383	8.6%	-0.7%
Payne County	\$6,951	9.4%	-2.3%	\$7,096	9.6%	0.3%

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Pittsburg County	\$7,046	9.7%	-2.0%	\$5,490	7.5%	-1.8%
Pontotoc County	\$7,128	8.9%	-2.8%	\$6,630	8.3%	-1.0%
Pottawatomie County	\$5,518	8.0%	-3.7%	\$7,318	10.6%	1.3%
Pushmataha County	\$4,983	8.0%	-3.7%	\$6,175	9.9%	0.6%
Rogers County	\$5,913	6.9%	-4.8%	\$7,112	8.4%	-0.9%
Seminole County	\$5,122	8.5%	-3.2%	\$5,330	8.9%	-0.4%
Sequoyah County	\$5,609	10.2%	-1.5%	\$5,342	9.7%	0.4%
Stephens County	\$5,198	6.4%	-5.3%	\$6,203	7.6%	-1.7%
Texas County	\$5,200	7.3%	-4.4%	\$6,011	8.4%	-0.9%
Tillman County	\$4,160	6.4%	-5.3%	\$5,200	8.0%	-1.3%
Tulsa County	\$7,294	8.6%	-3.1%	\$7,385	8.7%	-0.6%
Wagoner County	\$6,309	7.9%	-3.8%	\$7,348	9.2%	-0.1%
Washington County	\$6,126	8.2%	-3.5%	\$6,411	8.6%	-0.7%
Washita County	NR	NR	NR	\$5,200	7.4%	-1.9%
Woods County	\$6,500	7.4%	-4.3%	\$6,176	7.0%	-2.3%
Woodward County	\$6,305	7.0%	-4.7%	\$5,720	6.3%	-3.0%
County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.9%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.2%		
Adair County	\$5,785	12.5%	3.6%	\$4,758	10.3%	2.1%
Alfalfa County	\$5,200	7.0%	-1.9%	\$4,778	6.4%	-1.8%

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Atoka County	\$5,200	9.3%	0.4%	\$4,680	8.4%	0.2%
Beaver County	NR	NR	NR	\$5,005	8.4%	0.2%
Beckham County	\$5,525	6.9%	-2.0%	\$5,885	7.4%	-0.8%
Blaine County	\$6,500	8.7%	-0.2%	\$5,512	7.4%	-0.8%
Bryan County	\$5,902	8.6%	-0.3%	\$5,360	7.8%	-0.4%
Caddo County	\$5,274	7.9%	-1.0%	\$5,200	7.8%	-0.4%
Canadian County	\$7,058	7.7%	-1.2%	\$6,973	7.6%	-0.6%
Carter County	\$5,218	7.3%	-1.6%	\$5,406	7.6%	-0.6%
Cherokee County	\$5,978	9.6%	0.7%	\$5,892	9.4%	1.2%
Choctaw County	\$4,847	7.1%	-1.8%	\$4,333	6.4%	-1.8%
Cimarron County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Cleveland County	\$7,074	8.3%	-0.6%	\$6,941	8.2%	0.0%
Coal County	\$5,850	7.3%	-1.6%	\$5,200	6.5%	-1.7%
Comanche County	\$6,004	8.2%	-0.7%	\$5,323	7.3%	-0.9%
Cotton County	\$5,200	7.3%	-1.6%	\$4,247	5.9%	-2.3%
Craig County	\$5,027	9.5%	0.6%	\$5,800	10.9%	2.7%
Creek County	\$6,118	8.4%	-0.5%	\$6,164	8.5%	0.3%
Custer County	\$5,509	8.3%	-0.6%	\$5,658	8.5%	0.3%
Delaware County	\$5,897	12.1%	3.2%	\$5,936	12.1%	3.9%
Dewey County	NR	NR	NR	\$5,807	11.7%	3.5%

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Garfield County	\$6,627	9.5%	0.6%	\$5,797	8.3%	0.1%
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Grady County	\$5,633	7.0%	-1.9%	\$6,139	7.7%	-0.5%
Grant County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Greer County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Harmon County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Harper County	\$5,200	7.3%	-1.6%	\$5,200	7.3%	-0.9%
Haskell County	\$4,940	7.8%	-1.1%	\$4,550	7.2%	-1.0%
Hughes County	\$3,952	6.7%	-2.2%	NR	NR	NR
Jackson County	\$5,373	8.0%	-0.9%	\$5,571	8.3%	0.1%
Jefferson County	\$6,500	11.3%	2.4%	NR	NR	NR
Johnston County	\$5,113	7.8%	-1.1%	\$6,240	9.5%	1.3%
Kay County	\$5,835	8.7%	-0.2%	\$5,828	8.6%	0.4%
Kingfisher County	\$10,270	12.7%	3.8%	\$5,776	7.2%	-1.0%
Kiowa County	\$3,900	6.3%	-2.6%	\$6,240	10.1%	1.9%
Latimer County	\$5,200	8.1%	-0.8%	\$4,593	7.1%	-1.1%
LeFlore County	\$4,467	6.9%	-2.0%	\$4,621	7.1%	-1.1%
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Love County	\$5,200	8.5%	-0.4%	\$5,200	8.5%	0.3%
Major County	\$5,941	7.3%	-1.6%	\$4,875	6.0%	-2.2%
Marshall County	\$5,980	9.9%	1.0%	\$3,120	5.2%	-3.0%
Mayes County	\$5,428	8.7%	-0.2%	\$5,096	8.1%	-0.1%
McClain County	\$5,493	6.2%	-2.7%	\$6,413	7.2%	-1.0%
McCurtain County	\$5,884	9.7%	0.8%	\$4,973	8.2%	0.0%
McIntosh County	\$4,810	8.6%	-0.3%	\$5,379	9.7%	1.5%
Murray County	\$5,590	7.5%	-1.4%	\$6,153	8.2%	0.0%
Muskogee County	\$6,264	8.8%	-0.1%	\$5,585	7.8%	-0.4%
Noble County	\$5,722	7.1%	-1.8%	\$5,356	6.7%	-1.5%
Nowata County	\$5,060	7.9%	-1.0%	\$5,005	7.9%	-0.3%
Okfuskee County	\$3,640	6.5%	-2.4%	\$3,900	6.9%	-1.3%
Oklahoma County	\$6,881	8.8%	-0.1%	\$6,530	8.4%	0.2%
Okmulgee County	\$5,252	7.6%	-1.3%	\$5,151	7.4%	-0.8%
Osage County	\$5,328	7.3%	-1.6%	\$5,327	7.3%	-0.9%
Ottawa County	\$5,575	9.3%	0.4%	\$4,519	7.5%	-0.7%
Pawnee County	\$5,157	6.9%	-2.0%	\$5,991	8.0%	-0.2%
Payne County	\$6,951	9.4%	0.5%	\$6,180	8.4%	0.2%
Pittsburg County	\$7,046	9.7%	0.8%	\$5,074	7.0%	-1.2%
Pontotoc County	\$7,128	8.9%	0.0%	\$6,656	8.3%	0.1%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, OKLAHOMA

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.7%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 9.3%		
Pottawatomie County	\$5,518	8.0%	-0.9%	\$6,081	8.8%	0.6%
Pushmataha County	\$4,983	8.0%	-0.9%	\$5,915	9.5%	1.3%
Rogers County	\$5,913	6.9%	-2.0%	\$6,413	7.5%	-0.7%
Seminole County	\$5,122	8.5%	-0.4%	\$5,200	8.6%	0.4%
Sequoyah County	\$5,609	10.2%	1.3%	\$5,356	9.7%	1.5%
Stephens County	\$5,198	6.4%	-2.5%	\$6,078	7.4%	-0.8%
Texas County	\$5,200	7.3%	-1.6%	\$5,835	8.2%	0.0%
Tillman County	\$4,160	6.4%	-2.5%	\$4,628	7.1%	-1.1%
Tulsa County	\$7,294	8.6%	-0.3%	\$6,347	7.5%	-0.7%
Wagoner County	\$6,309	7.9%	-1.0%	\$6,407	8.0%	-0.2%
Washington County	\$6,126	8.2%	-0.7%	\$5,976	8.0%	-0.2%
Washita County	NR	NR	NR	\$4,836	6.9%	-1.3%
Woods County	\$2,080	2.4%	-6.5%	\$5,882	6.7%	-1.5%
Woodward County	\$5,503	6.1%	-2.8%	\$5,720	6.3%	-1.9%

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Methodology

Child care prices are reported at the county-level for infant child care and child care for four year olds where available across the state. To determine the affordability of child care prices by county, we compared the average price of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average price of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (ACS 5-year estimates, 2013-2017, Table B19126). **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank Supporting Families Together Association for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

In the state of Wisconsin, there are a total of 72 counties. In every provider type and age group of child care that we examined, Milwaukee County was the least affordable for families. This county is home to Milwaukee, the most populous city in the state.

Statewide, center-based infant child care costs families an average of 13.4% of median household income for a married couple with children. Child care for this age group and provider type are least affordable in Milwaukee County and Adams County. Family child care for infants is also least affordable in Milwaukee County, where prices are an average of 3.1% higher than the statewide average for this age group and provider type.

Statewide, center-based child care for 4 year olds costs 10.8% of median family income for a married couple with children. Child care for this provider type and age group cost families in Milwaukee slightly more than the statewide average (13% of household income for a married couple with children). There was not a significant difference between county-level and statewide affordability. The affordability of family child care for 4 year olds was similar, costing families in Milwaukee County slightly more when compared to the statewide average.

Table 1: Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care by Type of Care

Rank	County	Average Annual Price of Infant Care*	Percent of Median Income: Married Couple with Children	Difference between County-Level and Statewide Affordability**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 13.4%				
1	Milwaukee County	\$14,543	16.6%	3.2%
2	Adams County	\$10,400	15.7%	2.3%
3	Door County	\$10,365	14.2%	0.8%
4	Dane County	\$16,240	14.1%	0.7%
5	Winnebago County	\$12,695	14.0%	0.6%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.5%				
1	Milwaukee County	\$11,901	13.6%	3.1%
2	Rusk County	\$7,410	11.6%	1.1%
3	Adams County	\$7,540	11.4%	0.9%
4	Jefferson County	\$10,140	11.4%	0.9%
5	Bayfield County	\$7,640	11.1%	0.6%

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, WISCONSIN

County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 13.4%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 10.8%		
Adams County	\$10,400	15.7%	2.3%	\$7,800	11.8%	1.0%
Ashland County	\$8,847	12.6%	-0.8%	\$7,963	11.3%	0.5%
Barron County	\$7,592	10.3%	-3.1%	\$6,935	9.4%	-1.4%
Bayfield County	\$6,197	9.0%	-4.4%	\$5,633	8.2%	-2.6%
Brown County	\$12,484	13.5%	0.1%	\$9,582	10.4%	-0.4%
Buffalo County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Burnett County	\$7,800	11.6%	-1.8%	\$6,760	10.0%	-0.8%
Calumet County	\$10,998	10.9%	-2.5%	\$9,279	9.2%	-1.6%
Chippewa County	\$9,983	11.5%	-1.9%	\$8,685	10.0%	-0.8%
Clark County	\$8,143	11.3%	-2.1%	\$7,311	10.2%	-0.6%
Columbia County	\$10,664	11.3%	-2.1%	\$8,719	9.2%	-1.6%
Crawford County	\$9,638	11.7%	-1.7%	\$8,418	10.2%	-0.6%
Dane County	\$16,240	14.1%	0.7%	\$12,783	11.1%	0.3%
Dodge County	\$10,762	12.6%	-0.8%	\$8,795	10.3%	-0.5%
Door County	\$10,365	14.2%	0.8%	\$8,762	12.0%	1.2%
Douglas County	\$9,651	10.7%	-2.7%	\$8,672	9.6%	-1.2%
Dunn County	\$10,611	13.3%	-0.1%	\$8,596	10.8%	0.0%
Eau Claire County	\$11,341	12.6%	-0.8%	\$9,482	10.5%	-0.3%
Florence County	\$8,216	10.0%	-3.4%	\$5,928	7.2%	-3.6%
Fond du Lac County	\$9,895	11.1%	-2.3%	\$8,325	9.4%	-1.4%

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County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 13.4%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 10.8%		
Forest County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Grant County	\$8,105	10.1%	-3.3%	\$7,694	9.6%	-1.2%
Green County	\$10,920	12.0%	-1.4%	\$9,078	9.9%	-0.9%
Green Lake County	\$10,244	13.7%	0.3%	\$9,074	12.1%	1.3%
Iowa County	\$8,957	9.1%	-4.3%	\$8,645	8.8%	-2.0%
Iron County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Jackson County	\$9,438	12.3%	-1.1%	\$7,540	9.8%	-1.0%
Jefferson County	\$11,314	12.7%	-0.7%	\$8,995	10.1%	-0.7%
Juneau County	\$9,620	13.0%	-0.4%	\$8,233	11.2%	0.4%
Kenosha County	\$12,115	12.9%	-0.5%	\$9,995	10.6%	-0.2%
Kewaunee County	\$10,179	11.3%	-2.1%	\$8,320	9.2%	-1.6%
La Crosse County	\$10,471	11.4%	-2.0%	\$8,755	9.5%	-1.3%
Lafayette County	\$7,410	9.4%	-4.0%	\$6,630	8.4%	-2.4%
Langlade County	\$9,425	13.7%	0.3%	\$7,475	10.9%	0.1%
Lincoln County	\$8,580	9.4%	-4.0%	\$7,605	8.3%	-2.5%
Manitowoc County	\$9,431	11.2%	-2.2%	\$8,055	9.6%	-1.2%
Marathon County	\$11,732	12.9%	-0.5%	\$9,341	10.3%	-0.5%
Marinette County	\$8,077	10.7%	-2.7%	\$6,812	9.0%	-1.8%
Marquette County	\$8,710	11.2%	-2.2%	\$7,150	9.2%	-1.6%
Menominee County	\$7,488	12.9%	-0.5%	\$6,188	10.6%	-0.2%

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	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 13.4%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 10.8%		
Milwaukee County	\$14,543	16.6%	3.2%	\$11,420	13.0%	2.2%
Monroe County	\$8,424	10.6%	-2.8%	\$7,838	9.9%	-0.9%
Oconto County	\$7,722	8.6%	-4.8%	\$6,903	7.7%	-3.1%
Oneida County	\$9,932	11.8%	-1.6%	\$7,911	9.4%	-1.4%
Outagamie County	\$12,141	13.1%	-0.3%	\$10,082	10.8%	0.0%
Ozaukee County	\$14,503	12.0%	-1.4%	\$12,031	10.0%	-0.8%
Pepin County	\$8,710	9.9%	-3.5%	\$7,020	8.0%	-2.8%
Pierce County	\$10,442	9.9%	-3.5%	\$8,830	8.3%	-2.5%
Polk County	\$9,100	11.1%	-2.3%	\$8,333	10.2%	-0.6%
Portage County	\$11,012	12.3%	-1.1%	\$9,728	10.9%	0.1%
Price County	\$8,493	11.3%	-2.1%	\$6,760	9.0%	-1.8%
Racine County	\$11,921	12.7%	-0.7%	\$9,458	10.1%	-0.7%
Richland County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Rock County	\$10,927	13.4%	0.0%	\$8,722	10.7%	-0.1%
Rusk County	\$8,580	13.5%	0.1%	\$7,800	12.3%	1.5%
St. Croix County	\$10,804	10.0%	-3.4%	\$8,889	8.2%	-2.6%
Sauk County	\$9,539	10.9%	-2.5%	\$8,294	9.5%	-1.3%
Sawyer County	\$8,580	11.3%	-2.1%	\$7,367	9.7%	-1.1%
Shawano County	\$8,580	11.1%	-2.3%	\$7,592	9.9%	-0.9%
Sheboygan County	\$11,588	13.5%	0.1%	\$9,007	10.5%	-0.3%

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County	Infant, Center			4 Year Old, Center		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 13.4%			Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 10.8%		
Taylor County	\$9,464	12.5%	-0.9%	\$8,164	10.8%	0.0%
Trempealeau County	\$8,368	10.6%	-2.8%	\$7,284	9.3%	-1.5%
Vernon County	\$9,568	12.5%	-0.9%	\$8,602	11.2%	0.4%
Villas County	\$9,724	13.4%	0.0%	\$7,748	10.7%	-0.1%
Walworth County	\$10,758	12.8%	-0.6%	\$8,486	10.1%	-0.7%
Washburn County	\$8,329	10.6%	-2.8%	\$6,977	8.8%	-2.0%
Washington County	\$11,452	10.6%	-2.8%	\$9,332	8.7%	-2.1%
Waukesha County	\$14,443	11.7%	-1.7%	\$11,491	9.3%	-1.5%
Waupaca County	\$9,894	11.7%	-1.7%	\$8,237	9.7%	-1.1%
Waushara County	\$9,412	12.0%	-1.4%	\$8,892	11.4%	0.6%
Winnebago County	\$12,695	14.0%	0.6%	\$10,326	11.4%	0.6%
Wood County	\$9,778	12.1%	-1.3%	\$8,733	10.8%	0.0%
County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.5%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.4%		
Adams County	\$7,540	11.4%	0.9%	\$6,864	10.4%	1.0%
Ashland County	\$6,833	9.7%	-0.8%	\$6,344	9.0%	-0.4%
Barron County	\$6,865	9.3%	-1.2%	\$6,641	9.0%	-0.4%
Bayfield County	\$7,640	11.1%	0.6%	\$6,000	8.7%	-0.7%
Brown County	\$8,732	9.5%	-1.0%	\$7,963	8.6%	-0.8%
Buffalo County	\$6,539	8.5%	-2.0%	\$5,987	7.8%	-1.6%

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	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.5%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.4%		
Burnett County	\$7,280	10.8%	0.3%	\$6,602	9.8%	0.4%
Calumet County	\$8,710	8.6%	-1.9%	\$7,995	7.9%	-1.5%
Chippewa County	\$7,486	8.6%	-1.9%	\$7,020	8.1%	-1.3%
Clark County	\$6,793	9.4%	-1.1%	\$6,273	8.7%	-0.7%
Columbia County	\$7,995	8.5%	-2.0%	\$7,459	7.9%	-1.5%
Crawford County	\$6,723	8.1%	-2.4%	\$5,807	7.0%	-2.4%
Dane County	\$12,467	10.8%	0.3%	\$11,516	10.0%	0.6%
Dodge County	\$8,480	9.9%	-0.6%	\$7,740	9.0%	-0.4%
Door County	\$7,917	10.8%	0.3%	\$7,592	10.4%	1.0%
Douglas County	\$7,604	8.4%	-2.1%	\$7,131	7.9%	-1.5%
Dunn County	\$7,569	9.5%	-1.0%	\$6,933	8.7%	-0.7%
Eau Claire County	\$8,310	9.2%	-1.3%	\$7,573	8.4%	-1.0%
Florence County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Fond du Lac County	\$7,735	8.7%	-1.8%	\$7,240	8.2%	-1.2%
Forest County	\$7,384	10.5%	0.0%	\$7,020	10.0%	0.6%
Grant County	\$6,386	8.0%	-2.5%	\$6,127	7.7%	-1.7%
Green County	\$8,302	9.1%	-1.4%	\$7,716	8.5%	-0.9%
Green Lake County	\$8,119	10.9%	0.4%	\$7,265	9.7%	0.3%
Iowa County	\$7,466	7.6%	-2.9%	\$6,983	7.1%	-2.3%
Iron County	\$6,240	8.4%	-2.1%	\$6,240	8.4%	-1.0%

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	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.5%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.4%		
Jackson County	\$7,930	10.3%	-0.2%	\$7,164	9.3%	-0.1%
Jefferson County	\$10,140	11.4%	0.9%	\$8,515	9.6%	0.2%
Juneau County	\$6,630	9.0%	-1.5%	\$6,110	8.3%	-1.1%
Kenosha County	\$9,956	10.6%	0.1%	\$8,806	9.4%	0.0%
Kewaunee County	\$7,237	8.0%	-2.5%	\$6,909	7.7%	-1.7%
La Crosse County	\$8,510	9.2%	-1.3%	\$8,102	8.8%	-0.6%
Lafayette County	\$6,091	7.7%	-2.8%	\$6,091	7.7%	-1.7%
Langlade County	\$6,797	9.9%	-0.6%	\$6,649	9.7%	0.3%
Lincoln County	\$7,540	8.2%	-2.3%	\$6,773	7.4%	-2.0%
Manitowoc County	\$7,345	8.7%	-1.8%	\$6,902	8.2%	-1.2%
Marathon County	\$8,114	8.9%	-1.6%	\$7,399	8.1%	-1.3%
Marinette County	\$7,345	9.7%	-0.8%	\$6,389	8.4%	-1.0%
Marquette County	\$8,060	10.4%	-0.1%	\$6,760	8.7%	-0.7%
Menominee County	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR
Milwaukee County	\$11,901	13.6%	3.1%	\$10,274	11.7%	2.3%
Monroe County	\$7,202	9.1%	-1.4%	\$6,656	8.4%	-1.0%
Oconto County	\$7,443	8.3%	-2.2%	\$6,663	7.4%	-2.0%
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Ozaukee County	\$10,313	8.6%	-1.9%	\$10,313	8.6%	-0.8%

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Pepin County	\$7,176	8.1%	-2.4%	\$6,673	7.6%	-1.8%
Pierce County	\$7,984	7.5%	-3.0%	\$7,444	7.0%	-2.4%
Polk County	\$6,418	7.8%	-2.7%	\$5,946	7.3%	-2.1%
Portage County	\$8,370	9.3%	-1.2%	\$8,152	9.1%	-0.3%
Price County	\$7,453	9.9%	-0.6%	\$6,240	8.3%	-1.1%
Racine County	\$9,908	10.6%	0.1%	\$9,232	9.9%	0.5%
Richland County	\$6,723	9.2%	-1.3%	\$6,537	9.0%	-0.4%
Rock County	\$8,884	10.9%	0.4%	\$8,175	10.1%	0.7%
Rusk County	\$7,410	11.6%	1.1%	\$6,500	10.2%	0.8%
St. Croix County	\$8,859	8.2%	-2.3%	\$8,031	7.4%	-2.0%
Sauk County	\$8,162	9.3%	-1.2%	\$7,793	8.9%	-0.5%
Sawyer County	\$7,094	9.4%	-1.1%	\$6,611	8.7%	-0.7%
Shawano County	\$7,367	9.6%	-0.9%	\$6,760	8.8%	-0.6%
Sheboygan County	\$8,412	9.8%	-0.7%	\$7,734	9.0%	-0.4%
Taylor County	\$6,977	9.2%	-1.3%	\$6,977	9.2%	-0.2%
Trempealeau County	\$7,324	9.3%	-1.2%	\$6,657	8.5%	-0.9%
Vernon County	\$7,036	9.2%	-1.3%	\$6,727	8.8%	-0.6%
Villas County	\$7,020	9.7%	-0.8%	\$6,760	9.3%	-0.1%
Walworth County	\$8,587	10.2%	-0.3%	\$8,103	9.6%	0.2%
Washburn County	\$7,280	9.2%	-1.3%	\$6,457	8.2%	-1.2%

Note: NR = Not Reported (meaning that data is unavailable for a given county); NA = Not Applicable

*Source: Supporting Families Together Association

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Table 2: County-Level Prices by Age and Type, WISCONSIN

County	Infant, FCC			4 Year Old, FCC		
	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**	Price*	% of Median Income	Difference to State Average**
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.5%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.4%		
Washington County	\$8,970	8.3%	-2.2%	\$8,273	7.7%	-1.7%
Waukesha County	\$11,019	8.9%	-1.6%	\$9,639	7.8%	-1.6%
Waupaca County	\$6,858	8.1%	-2.4%	\$6,500	7.7%	-1.7%
Waushara County	\$7,325	9.4%	-1.1%	\$6,899	8.8%	-0.6%
Winnebago County	\$9,160	10.1%	-0.4%	\$8,848	9.7%	0.3%
Wood County	\$7,716	9.5%	-1.0%	\$7,380	9.1%	-0.3%

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