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County-Level Child Care Costs:

ARIZONA

Methodology

Child care costs are reported at the county level for infant child care and child care for 4 year olds across the state. To determine the affordability of child care costs by county, we compared the average cost of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average cost of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 5-year estimates, Table B19126). Then, county affordability was compared to statewide affordability. **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank Child Care Resource & Referral, a statewide program of Child & Family Resources Inc. of Arizona for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

Arizona ranks in the top 20 for least affordable center-based infant child care in the United States. Parents in La Paz County, one of Arizona's smallest counties by population density, pay the highest percentages of median income towards center-based infant care. In Santa Cruz County and Yuma County, families can pay over 15 percent of household income for center-based infant child care.

As for family child care for infants, parents in most counties pay more than the statewide average of 9.3 percent of median household income. Parents in Apache County can expect to pay over 6 percent more than the state average, while parents in Yuma County can expect to pay 3.5 percent more.

For the most part, costs at the county level did not significantly deviate from the statewide average for center-based and family child care of 4 year olds.

Table 1:

Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care Costs by Type of Care

RANK	COUNTY	AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF OF INFANT CARE*	PERCENT MEDIAN INCOME-MARRIED COUPLE WITH CHILDREN	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE AFFORDABILITY**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 13.9%				
1	La Paz County	\$8,320	19.1%	5.2%
2	Santa Cruz County	\$9,750	17.4%	3.5%
3	Yuma County	\$8,487	15.8%	1.9%
4	Yavapai County	\$9,268	14.5%	0.6%
5 (tie)	Maricopa County	\$11,646	14.0%	0.1%
5 (tie)	Apache County	\$6,998	14.0%	0.1%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.3%				
1	Apache County	\$7,800	15.6%	6.3%
2	Yuma County	\$6,865	12.8%	3.5%
3	Gila County	\$7,800	11.7%	2.4%
4	Yavapai County	\$7,124	11.1%	1.8%
5	Santa Cruz County	\$6,205	11.0%	1.7%

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Table 2:
County-Level Costs by Age and Type

COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**
	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 13.9%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 10.8%		
Apache County	\$6,998	14.0%	0.1%	\$6,673	13.3%	2.5%
Cochise County	\$8,766	13.0%	-0.9%	\$7,219	10.7%	-0.1%
Coconino County	\$10,385	12.4%	-1.5%	\$7,976	9.6%	-1.2%
Gila County	NR	NA	NA	\$6,760	10.2%	-0.6%
Graham County	NR	NA	NA	\$6,340	8.4%	-2.4%
Greenlee County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
La Paz County	\$8,320	19.1%	5.2%	\$6,110	14.0%	3.2%
Maricopa County	\$11,646	14.0%	0.1%	\$9,157	11.0%	0.2%
Mohave County	\$7,163	12.1%	-1.8%	\$5,975	10.1%	-0.7%
Navajo County	\$7,280	12.3%	-1.6%	\$6,483	11.0%	0.2%
Pima County	\$10,173	13.9%	0.0%	\$8,004	11.0%	0.2%
Pinal County	\$9,462	13.7%	-0.2%	\$7,392	10.7%	-0.1%
Santa Cruz County	\$9,750	17.4%	3.5%	\$4,960	8.8%	-2.0%
Yavapai County	\$9,268	14.5%	0.6%	\$7,008	10.9%	0.1%
Yuma County	\$8,487	15.8%	1.9%	\$6,779	12.6%	1.8%
COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.3%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.8%		
Apache County	\$7,800	15.6%	6.3%	\$7,800	15.6%	-6.8%
Cochise County	\$6,657	9.9%	0.6%	\$6,300	9.3%	-0.5%
Coconino County	\$7,800	9.3%	0.0%	\$7,800	9.3%	-0.5%
Gila County	\$7,800	11.7%	2.4%	\$7,367	11.1%	-2.3%
Graham County	\$7,367	9.7%	0.4%	\$7,605	10.1%	-1.3%
Greenlee County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
La Paz County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Maricopa County	\$7,995	9.6%	0.3%	\$7,371	8.9%	0.1%
Mohave County	\$5,757	9.7%	0.4%	\$5,312	9.0%	0.2%
Navajo County	\$6,260	10.6%	1.3%	\$6,355	10.8%	2.0%
Pima County	\$7,118	9.7%	0.4%	\$6,844	9.4%	0.6%
Pinal County	\$7,254	10.5%	1.2%	\$6,810	9.8%	1.0%
Santa Cruz County	\$6,205	11.0%	1.7%	\$6,173	11.0%	2.2%
Yavapai County	\$7,124	11.1%	1.8%	\$6,789	10.6%	1.8%
Yuma County	\$6,865	12.8%	3.5%	\$6,619	12.3%	3.5%

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County-Level Child Care Costs:

DELAWARE

Methodology

Child care costs are reported at the county level for infant child care and child care for 4 year olds across the state. To determine the affordability of child care costs by county, we compared the average cost of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average cost of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 5-year estimates, Table B19126). Then, county affordability was compared to statewide affordability. **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank Children & Families First of Delaware for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

In the state of Delaware, affordability at the county level for center-based infant care was similar to the statewide affordability average. For example, statewide affordability is 11 percent, and the affordability average for Kent County is 10.9 percent. This means that affordability did not differ dramatically between the county and state levels.

Statewide, family-based infant care costs an average of 7.9 percent of median income. In Kent County and Sussex County, family-based infant care was slightly more expensive. However, the differences between these counties and the state were less than one percent.

The affordability picture is similar when examining county-level costs for 4 year olds, both center-based and family child care. There were no significant differences found between state and county affordability percentages.

Table 1:

Least Affordable Counties for Infant Child Care Costs by Type of Care

RANK	COUNTY	AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF INFANT CARE	PERCENT OF MEDIAN INCOME-MARRIED COUPLE WITH CHILDREN	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE AFFORDABILITY**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 11.0%				
1	Kent County	\$9,138	10.9%	-0.1%
2	New Castle County	\$11,973	10.9%	-0.1%
3	Sussex County	\$8,546	10.9%	-0.1%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.9%				
1	Kent County	\$7,074	8.4%	0.5%
2	Sussex County	\$6,529	8.3%	0.4%
3	New Castle County	\$8,404	7.7%	-0.2%

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*Source: Children & Families First of Delaware

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Table 2:
County-Level Costs by Age and Type

COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**
	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 11.0%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 8.8%		
Kent County	\$9,138	10.9%	-0.1%	\$7,379	8.8%	0.0%
New Castle County	\$11,973	10.9%	-0.1%	\$9,569	8.7%	-0.1%
Sussex County	\$8,546	10.9%	-0.1%	\$7,017	8.9%	0.1%
COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.9%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.1%		
	Kent County	\$7,074	8.4%	0.5%	\$6,454	7.7%
New Castle County	\$8,404	7.7%	-0.2%	\$7,587	6.9%	-0.2%
Sussex County	\$6,529	8.3%	0.4%	\$5,570	7.1%	0.0%

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**Affordability, or Percentage Median Income, is a comparison of average cost against county median income of married couple parents. The state affordability percentage was subtracted from county affordability percentage. A positive percentage point difference indicates that the average county affordability exceeds the average statewide affordability.

County-Level Child Care Costs:

HAWAII

Methodology

Child care costs are reported at the county level for infant child care and child care for 4 year olds across the state. To determine the affordability of child care costs by county, we compared the average cost of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average cost of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 5-year estimates, Table B19126). Then, county affordability was compared to statewide affordability. **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank PATCH (People Attentive to Children) for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

No significant difference was found when comparing county and state median costs for both center-based infant child care. For example, while the statewide average

for center-based infant care is 14.3 percent of median income, the City and County of Honolulu is only slightly less affordable at 14.7 percent. The City and County of Honolulu has the highest population in Hawaii, along with the most access to child care centers. Therefore, it is the least affordable county for center-based infant care. Kauai County does not offer center-based care for infants and toddlers. Most child care for this age group is provided by family child care providers. It should be noted that eastern Hawaii County is more rural compared to the western portion, with fewer providers for infants and toddlers. The result is higher child care costs in this county.

For family child care of infants, there was no significant difference between county and state median costs. Family child care for infants cost families an average of 9.1 to 9.9 percent of income across all counties. These percentages are very close to the statewide average of 9 percent.

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Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 14.3%				
1	City and County of Honolulu	\$14,352	14.7%	0.4%
2	Hawaii County	\$10,704	13.5%	-0.8%
3	Maui County	\$10,836	12.2%	-2.1%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.0%				
1	Hawaii County	\$7,860	9.9%	0.9%
2	City and County of Honolulu	\$9,192	9.4%	0.4%
3	Kauai County	\$7,968	9.1%	0.1%

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	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 14.3%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 9.3%		
Hawaii County	\$10,704	13.5%	-0.8%	\$7,716	9.7%	0.4%
City and County of Honolulu	\$14,352	14.7%	0.4%	\$9,372	9.6%	0.3%
Kauai County	NR	NA	NA	\$7,212	8.3%	-1.0%
Maui County	\$10,836	12.2%	-2.1%	\$6,552	9.2%	-0.1%
COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.0%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.7%		
Hawaii County	\$7,860	9.9%	0.9%	\$7,596	9.6%	0.9%
City and County of Honolulu	\$9,192	9.4%	0.4%	\$8,808	9.0%	0.3%
Kauai County	\$7,968	9.1%	0.1%	\$7,812	9.0%	0.3%
Maui County	\$6,552	7.4%	-1.6%	\$6,468	7.3%	-1.4%

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County-Level Child Care Costs: INDIANA

Methodology

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Findings

For center-based infant care, the state of Indiana ranks as the eighth least affordable state for married couple families, costing an average of 15.2 percent of median income. Delaware County is slightly less affordable than the statewide average by 1 percent. For family-based infant care, 32 counties are more expensive than the statewide average of 8.5 percent. Switzerland County ranks as the most expensive county for this type of care, and can cost married couple families over 12 percent of annual household income.

Vigo County is the most expensive for center-based care of 4 year olds, followed by Delaware County and Marion County. Just like for infant care, family-based child care for 4 year olds can cost families in Switzerland County 12 percent of annual household income, making it the most expensive in the state.

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Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 15.2%				
1	Delaware County	\$11,388	16.2%	1.0%
2	Marion County	\$11,317	15.1%	-0.1%
3	Madison County	\$9,402	14.0%	-1.2%
4	Monroe County	\$12,075	13.8%	-1.4%
5	Allen County	\$10,178	13.2%	-2.0%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.5%				
1	Switzerland County	\$6,933	12.8%	4.3%
2	Madison County	\$7,176	10.7%	2.2%
3	Delaware County	\$7,386	10.5%	2.0%
4	Jasper County	\$8,580	10.4%	1.9%
5	LaPorte County	\$7,739	10.3%	1.8%

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	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 15.2%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 11.5%		
Adams County	\$8,323	11.6%	-3.6%	\$6,955	9.7%	-1.8%
Allen County	\$10,178	13.2%	-2.0%	\$7,747	10.0%	-1.5%
Bartholomew County	\$10,185	12.4%	-2.8%	\$9,604	11.7%	0.2%
Benton County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Blackford County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Boone County	\$13,615	11.3%	-3.9%	\$9,203	7.6%	-3.9%
Brown County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Carroll County	\$8,060	10.2%	-5.0%	\$5,980	7.6%	-3.9%
Cass County	\$5,824	10.3%	-4.9%	\$5,106	9.1%	-2.4%
Clark County	\$8,483	10.4%	-4.8%	\$6,906	8.4%	-3.1%
Clay County	\$6,786	9.6%	-5.6%	\$6,292	8.9%	-2.6%
Clinton County	\$5,330	7.6%	-7.6%	\$5,131	7.3%	-4.2%
Crawford County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Daviess County	\$6,110	9.6%	-5.6%	\$5,980	9.4%	-2.1%
Dearborn County	\$9,187	10.6%	-4.6%	\$7,867	9.1%	-2.4%
Decatur County	\$7,436	9.5%	-5.7%	\$6,240	8.0%	-3.5%
DeKalb County	\$8,060	10.6%	-4.6%	\$5,807	7.7%	-3.8%
Delaware County	\$11,388	16.2%	1.0%	\$8,403	11.9%	0.4%
Dubois County	\$7,839	9.2%	-6.0%	\$6,375	7.5%	-4.0%
Elkhart County	\$8,603	12.5%	-2.7%	\$7,087	10.3%	-1.2%
Fayette County	\$6,370	10.0%	-5.2%	\$5,451	8.5%	-3.0%
Floyd County	\$8,489	8.8%	-6.4%	\$7,120	7.3%	-4.2%
Fountain County	\$6,500	8.9%	-6.3%	\$3,900	5.3%	-6.2%
Franklin County	\$8,320	11.0%	-4.2%	\$5,200	6.9%	-4.6%
Fulton County	\$6,500	10.0%	-5.2%	\$5,460	8.4%	-3.1%
Gibson County	\$5,581	6.9%	-8.3%	\$4,212	5.2%	-6.3%
Grant County	\$7,107	11.6%	-3.6%	\$6,002	9.8%	-1.7%
Greene County	\$5,980	8.5%	-6.7%	\$5,720	8.1%	-3.4%
Hamilton County	\$15,701	12.5%	-2.7%	\$12,277	9.8%	-1.7%
Hancock County	\$10,794	11.4%	-3.8%	\$8,360	8.8%	-2.7%
Harrison County	\$7,609	8.9%	-6.3%	\$5,616	6.6%	-4.9%
Hendricks County	\$11,334	11.3%	-3.9%	\$8,984	9.0%	-2.5%
Henry County	\$7,670	10.4%	-4.8%	\$6,240	8.5%	-3.0%
Howard County	\$8,334	10.9%	-4.3%	\$6,602	8.6%	-2.9%
Huntington County	\$7,046	9.8%	-5.4%	\$9,959	8.2%	-3.3%
Jackson County	\$6,985	9.3%	-5.9%	\$6,175	3.1%	-8.4%

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	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 15.2%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 11.5%		
Jasper County	NR	NA	NA	\$2,600	3.1%	-8.4%
Jay County	\$5,200	8.7%	-6.5%	\$4,940	8.2%	-3.3%
Jefferson County	NR	NA	NA	\$5,850	7.8%	-3.7%
Jennings County	\$7,020	10.2%	-5.0%	\$5,200	7.6%	-3.9%
Johnson County	\$11,507	12.3%	-2.9%	\$8,983	9.6%	-1.9%
Knox County	\$6,110	8.3%	-6.9%	\$5,805	7.8%	-3.7%
Kosciusko County	\$8,307	11.7%	-3.5%	\$6,877	9.7%	-1.8%
LaGrange County	\$6,500	9.8%	-5.4%	\$6,136	9.3%	-2.2%
Lake County	\$9,663	11.7%	-3.5%	\$8,284	10.1%	-1.4%
LaPorte County	\$8,398	11.2%	-4.0%	\$6,812	9.1%	-2.4%
Lawrence County	\$6,760	9.3%	-5.9%	\$4,829	6.6%	-4.9%
Madison County	\$9,402	14.0%	-1.2%	\$7,488	11.2%	-0.3%
Marion County	\$11,317	15.1%	-0.1%	\$8,798	11.8%	0.3%
Marshall County	\$6,916	9.0%	-6.2%	\$5,750	7.5%	-4.0%
Martin County	\$6,500	8.6%	-6.6%	\$5,720	7.6%	-3.9%
Miami County	\$6,058	9.1%	-6.1%	\$5,685	8.6%	-2.9%
Monroe County	\$12,075	13.8%	-1.4%	\$9,277	10.6%	-0.9%
Montgomery County	\$7,943	10.8%	-4.4%	\$5,512	7.5%	-4.0%
Morgan County	\$8,164	9.7%	-5.5%	\$6,309	7.5%	-4.0%
Newton County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Noble County	\$7,813	11.0%	-4.2%	\$6,032	8.5%	-3.0%
Ohio County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Orange County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Owen County	NR	NA	NA	\$4,680	6.8%	-4.7%
Parke County	\$4,680	8.2%	-7.0%	\$4,420	7.7%	-3.8%
Perry County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Pike County	\$6,500	8.1%	-7.1%	\$5,460	6.8%	-4.7%
Porter County	\$11,521	11.8%	-3.4%	\$8,418	8.7%	-2.8%
Posey County	\$7,696	8.4%	-6.8%	\$6,334	6.9%	-4.6%
Pulaski County	\$6,084	10.0%	-5.2%	\$4,992	8.2%	-3.3%
Putnam County	\$7,605	9.9%	-5.3%	\$6,305	8.2%	-3.3%
Randolph County	\$6,058	9.0%	-6.2%	\$5,538	8.2%	-3.3%
Ripley County	\$9,499	11.8%	-3.4%	\$8,701	10.8%	-0.7%
Rush County	NR	NA	NA	\$5,330	7.6%	-3.9%
Scott County	NR	NA	NA	\$5,460	8.5%	-3.0%
Shelby County	\$8,762	11.0%	-4.2%	\$7,436	9.4%	-2.1%
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	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 15.2%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 11.5%		
St. Joseph County	\$10,058	12.8%	-2.4%	\$8,203	10.4%	-1.1%
Starke County	\$6,500	10.5%	-4.7%	\$4,160	6.7%	-4.8%
Steuben County	\$6,730	9.3%	-5.9%	\$5,817	8.0%	-3.5%
Sullivan County	\$5,590	7.7%	-7.5%	\$5,200	7.1%	-4.4%
Switzerland County	\$5,616	10.3%	-4.9%	\$5,096	9.4%	-2.1%
Tippecanoe County	\$11,100	13.0%	-2.2%	\$9,063	10.6%	-0.9%
Tipton County	\$7,020	8.5%	-6.7%	\$4,550	5.5%	-6.0%
Union County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Vanderburgh County	\$9,219	11.3%	-3.9%	\$7,564	9.3%	-2.2%
Vermillion County	\$3,640	5.8%	-9.4%	\$4,420	7.0%	-4.5%
Vigo County	\$8,476	12.2%	-3.0%	\$9,924	14.3%	2.8%
Wabash County	\$7,280	11.1%	-4.1%	\$6,067	9.2%	-2.3%
Warren County	NR	NA	NA	\$9,100	11.4%	-0.1%
Warrick County	\$9,802	10.8%	-4.4%	\$7,813	8.6%	-2.9%
Washington County	\$5,460	8.2%	-7.0%	\$4,420	6.6%	-4.9%
Wayne County	\$6,240	9.2%	-6.0%	\$5,387	7.9%	-3.6%
Wells County	\$7,367	9.6%	-5.6%	\$6,240	8.1%	-3.4%
White County	\$6,136	8.2%	-7.0%	\$6,698	8.9%	-2.6%
Whitley County	\$7,727	9.3%	-5.9%	\$6,327	7.6%	-3.9%
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	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.5%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.5%		
Adams County	\$5,200	7.3%	-1.2%	\$4,056	5.7%	-1.8%
Allen County	\$6,515	8.4%	-0.1%	\$5,714	7.4%	-0.1%
Bartholomew County	\$7,597	9.3%	0.8%	\$7,065	8.6%	1.1%
Benton County	\$5,460	7.8%	-0.7%	\$5,460	7.8%	0.3%
Blackford County	\$4,940	7.3%	-1.2%	\$4,680	6.9%	-0.6%
Boone County	\$8,280	6.9%	-1.6%	\$7,816	6.5%	-1.0%
Brown County	\$6,760	7.7%	-0.8%	\$5,980	6.8%	-0.7%
Carroll County	\$6,673	8.4%	-0.1%	\$5,720	7.2%	-0.3%
Cass County	\$4,973	8.8%	0.3%	\$4,449	7.9%	0.4%
Clark County	\$6,622	8.1%	-0.4%	\$5,702	7.0%	-0.5%
Clay County	\$6,240	8.8%	0.3%	\$5,655	8.0%	0.5%
Clinton County	\$5,948	8.5%	0.0%	\$5,571	8.0%	0.5%

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Crawford County	\$5,027	8.0%	-0.5%	\$4,593	7.3%	-0.2%
Daviess County	\$5,488	8.6%	0.1%	\$5,231	8.2%	0.7%
Dearborn County	\$7,670	8.9%	0.4%	\$7,124	8.2%	0.7%
Decatur County	\$6,240	8.0%	-0.5%	\$5,980	7.6%	0.1%
DeKalb County	\$4,680	6.2%	-2.3%	\$4,290	5.7%	-1.8%
Delaware County	\$7,386	10.5%	2.0%	\$6,613	9.4%	1.9%
Dubois County	\$6,680	7.8%	-0.7%	\$6,017	7.0%	-0.5%
Elkhart County	\$6,473	9.4%	0.9%	\$5,054	7.3%	-0.2%
Fayette County	\$5,070	7.9%	-0.6%	\$5,148	8.1%	0.6%
Floyd County	\$7,188	7.4%	-1.1%	\$6,514	6.7%	-0.8%
Fountain County	\$5,200	7.1%	-1.4%	\$5,200	7.1%	-0.4%
Franklin County	\$6,790	9.0%	0.5%	\$6,038	8.0%	0.5%
Fulton County	\$4,810	7.4%	-1.1%	\$4,615	7.1%	-0.4%
Gibson County	\$5,571	6.9%	-1.6%	\$5,148	6.4%	-1.1%
Grant County	\$5,683	9.3%	0.8%	\$5,540	9.1%	1.6%
Greene County	\$5,144	7.3%	-1.2%	\$4,709	6.7%	-0.8%
Hamilton County	\$9,465	7.5%	-1.0%	\$9,036	7.2%	-0.3%
Hancock County	\$7,653	8.1%	-0.4%	\$6,582	6.9%	-0.6%
Harrison County	\$6,124	7.2%	-1.3%	\$5,004	5.9%	-1.6%
Hendricks County	\$7,788	7.8%	-0.7%	\$7,197	7.2%	-0.3%
Henry County	\$6,740	9.2%	0.7%	\$6,153	8.4%	0.9%
Howard County	\$6,617	8.7%	0.2%	\$6,118	8.0%	0.5%
Huntington County	\$5,807	8.0%	-0.5%	\$5,460	7.6%	0.1%
Jackson County	\$6,143	8.2%	-0.3%	\$5,460	7.2%	-0.3%
Jasper County	\$8,580	10.4%	1.9%	\$7,107	8.6%	1.1%
Jay County	\$4,964	8.3%	-0.2%	\$4,897	8.2%	0.7%
Jefferson County	\$6,072	8.1%	-0.4%	\$5,179	6.9%	-0.6%
Jennings County	\$6,364	9.3%	0.8%	\$5,212	7.6%	0.1%
Johnson County	\$7,577	8.1%	-0.4%	\$6,968	7.5%	0.0%
Knox County	\$5,234	7.1%	-1.4%	\$4,816	6.5%	-1.0%
Kosciusko County	\$5,980	8.4%	-0.1%	\$5,353	7.5%	0.0%
LaGrange County	\$4,680	7.1%	-1.4%	\$4,615	7.0%	-0.5%
Lake County	\$7,566	9.2%	0.7%	\$6,634	8.1%	0.6%
LaPorte County	\$7,739	10.3%	1.8%	\$6,677	8.9%	1.4%
Lawrence County	\$6,283	8.6%	0.1%	\$5,893	8.1%	0.6%
Madison County	\$7,176	10.7%	2.2%	\$6,331	9.4%	1.9%

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Marion County	\$7,620	10.2%	1.7%	\$6,245	8.3%	0.8%
Marshall County	\$6,687	8.7%	0.2%	\$6,009	7.8%	0.3%
Martin County	\$4,593	6.1%	-2.4%	\$4,420	5.9%	-1.6%
Miami County	\$5,655	8.5%	0.0%	\$4,745	7.2%	-0.3%
Monroe County	\$7,838	8.9%	0.4%	\$7,083	8.1%	0.6%
Montgomery County	\$6,552	8.9%	0.4%	\$4,524	6.2%	-1.3%
Morgan County	\$7,358	8.7%	0.2%	\$6,474	7.7%	0.2%
Newton County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Noble County	\$4,680	6.6%	-1.9%	\$4,536	6.4%	-1.1%
Ohio County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Orange County	\$4,773	7.7%	-0.8%	\$4,420	7.2%	-0.3%
Owen County	\$6,136	9.0%	0.5%	\$5,304	7.7%	0.2%
Parke County	\$5,330	9.3%	0.8%	\$5,148	9.0%	1.5%
Perry County	\$5,633	7.3%	-1.2%	\$5,373	7.0%	-0.5%
Pike County	\$5,148	6.4%	-2.1%	\$4,909	6.1%	-1.4%
Porter County	\$8,257	8.5%	0.0%	\$7,334	7.5%	0.0%
Posey County	\$5,113	5.6%	-2.9%	\$4,810	5.3%	-2.2%
Pulaski County	\$4,940	8.1%	-0.4%	\$4,680	7.7%	0.2%
Putnam County	\$5,943	7.7%	-0.8%	\$5,103	6.6%	-0.9%
Randolph County	\$4,290	6.4%	-2.1%	\$4,290	6.4%	-1.1%
Ripley County	\$6,474	8.0%	-0.5%	\$6,110	7.6%	0.1%
Rush County	\$5,148	7.3%	-1.2%	\$5,460	7.8%	0.3%
Scott County	\$6,166	9.6%	1.1%	\$5,757	8.9%	1.4%
Shelby County	\$5,948	7.5%	-1.0%	\$5,967	7.5%	0.0%
Spencer County	\$4,875	6.0%	-2.5%	\$4,355	5.4%	-2.1%
St. Joseph County	\$6,860	8.7%	0.2%	\$5,928	7.5%	0.0%
Starke County	\$5,893	9.5%	1.0%	\$5,027	8.1%	0.6%
Steuben County	\$5,200	7.2%	-1.3%	\$4,706	6.5%	-1.0%
Sullivan County	\$4,866	6.7%	-1.8%	\$4,680	6.4%	-1.1%
Switzerland County	\$6,933	12.8%	4.3%	\$6,933	12.8%	5.3%
Tippecanoe County	\$6,705	7.8%	-0.7%	\$6,218	7.3%	-0.2%
Tipton County	\$7,800	9.4%	0.9%	\$6,760	8.2%	0.7%
Union County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Vanderburgh County	\$6,229	7.6%	-0.9%	\$5,911	7.2%	-0.3%
Vermillion County	\$5,807	9.2%	0.7%	\$5,586	8.8%	1.3%
Vigo County	\$6,308	9.1%	0.6%	\$5,795	8.4%	0.9%

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Wabash County	\$5,148	7.8%	-0.7%	\$4,739	7.2%	-0.3%
Warren County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Warrick County	\$6,558	7.2%	-1.3%	\$5,912	6.5%	-1.0%
Washington County	\$4,989	7.5%	-1.0%	\$4,306	6.5%	-1.0%
Wayne County	\$5,808	8.6%	0.1%	\$5,477	8.1%	0.6%
Wells County	\$5,408	7.1%	-1.4%	\$5,408	7.1%	-0.4%
White County	\$5,960	8.0%	-0.5%	\$5,680	7.6%	0.1%
Whitley County	\$5,373	6.5%	-2.0%	\$5,316	6.4%	-1.1%

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Methodology

Child care costs are reported at the county level for infant child care and child care for 4 year olds across the state. To determine the affordability of child care costs by county, we compared the average cost of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average cost of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 5-year estimates, Table B19126). Then, county affordability was compared to statewide affordability. **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank the Maryland Family Network- LOCATE: Child Care for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

Statewide, center-based care for an infant costs families an average of 12.7 percent of annual household income. There are 8 counties in the state of Maryland that exceed this statewide average, with Worcester County being the least affordable for this type of care.

Somerset County is the least affordable county for infants in family child care settings. While the statewide average for an infant in family child care is 8.5 percent, in Somerset County the average is 11.4 percent. Prince George's County was the next least expensive for this type of child care, with the average cost slightly exceeding the statewide average.

For four-year-olds, costs for both center-based care and family child care did not significantly deviate from the statewide averages. Average costs for family-based child care for 4 year olds in Somerset County slightly exceeded the statewide affordability average by 2 percent.

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

RANK	COUNTY	AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF INFANT CARE*	PERCENT MEDIAN INCOME- MARRIED COUPLE WITH CHILDREN	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE AFFORDABILITY**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 12.7%				
1	Worcester County	\$12,350	15.2%	2.7%
2	Kent County	\$12,287	15.0%	2.3%
3	Baltimore City	\$12,979	14.5%	1.8%
4	Harford County	\$15,694	13.6%	0.9%
5	Montgomery County	\$19,320	13.5%	0.8%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.5%				
1	Somerset County	\$6,500	11.4%	2.9%
2	Prince George's County	\$10,522	10.0%	1.5%
3	Baltimore City	\$8,506	9.5%	1.0%
4	Montgomery County	\$13,526	9.4%	0.9%
5	Baltimore County	\$10,162	9.3%	0.8%

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Allegany County	\$7,280	10.3%	-2.4%	\$6,129	8.7%	0.2%
Anne Arundel County	\$15,888	12.6%	-0.1%	\$10,197	8.1%	-0.4%
Baltimore City	\$12,979	14.5%	1.8%	\$8,789	9.8%	1.3%
Baltimore County	\$14,381	13.2%	0.5%	\$10,101	9.3%	0.8%
Calvert County	\$12,801	9.7%	-3.0%	\$8,701	6.6%	-1.9%
Caroline County	\$8,060	11.8%	-0.9%	\$6,572	9.6%	1.1%
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Cecil County	\$11,473	11.5%	-1.2%	\$8,169	8.2%	-0.3%
Charles County	\$13,562	11.1%	-1.6%	\$9,467	7.8%	-0.7%
Dorchester County	\$7,670	8.9%	-3.8%	\$6,097	7.1%	-1.4%
Frederick County	\$16,085	13.4%	0.7%	\$10,472	8.7%	0.2%
Garrett County	\$7,540	10.6%	-2.1%	\$5,373	7.5%	-1.0%
Harford County	\$15,694	13.6%	0.9%	\$11,492	9.9%	1.4%
Howard County	\$19,196	12.7%	0.0%	\$13,740	9.1%	0.6%
Kent County	\$12,287	15.0%	2.3%	\$7,315	8.9%	0.4%
Montgomery County	\$19,320	13.5%	0.8%	\$14,436	10.1%	1.6%
Prince George's County	\$13,328	12.7%	0.0%	\$9,541	9.1%	0.6%
Queen Anne's County	\$12,675	10.6%	-2.1%	\$8,638	7.2%	-1.3%
Saint Mary's County	\$9,945	8.6%	-4.1%	\$8,278	7.2%	-1.3%
Somerset County	\$7,513	13.2%	0.5%	\$5,102	9.0%	0.5%
Talbot County	\$11,895	11.6%	-1.1%	\$8,775	8.6%	0.1%
Washington County	\$10,556	11.9%	-0.8%	\$7,131	8.0%	-0.5%
Wicomico County	\$9,334	11.1%	-1.6%	\$6,500	7.7%	-0.8%
Worcester County	\$12,350	15.2%	2.5%	\$7,613	9.3%	0.8%
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Caroline County	\$6,202	9.1%	0.6%	\$5,241	7.7%	0.8%
Carroll County	\$9,372	7.4%	-1.1%	\$8,423	6.6%	-0.3%
Cecil County	\$8,466	8.5%	0.0%	\$7,035	7.1%	0.2%

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Dorchester County	\$6,429	7.5%	-1.0%	\$5,184	6.0%	-0.9%
Frederick County	\$10,276	8.6%	0.1%	\$8,779	7.3%	0.4%
Garrett County	\$6,078	8.5%	0.0%	\$5,070	7.1%	0.2%
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Washington County	\$7,200	8.1%	-0.4%	\$6,310	7.1%	0.2%
Wicomico County	\$7,196	8.6%	0.1%	\$5,819	6.9%	0.0%
Worcester County	\$7,410	9.1%	0.6%	\$6,483	8.0%	1.1%

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**Affordability, or Percentage Median Income, is a comparison of average cost against county median income of married couple parents. The state affordability percentage was subtracted from county affordability percentage. A positive percentage point difference indicates that the average county affordability exceeds the average statewide affordability.

County-Level Child Care Costs: MASSACHUSETTS

Methodology

Child care costs are reported at the county level for infant child care and child care for 4 year olds across the state. To determine the affordability of child care costs by county, we compared the average cost of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average cost of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 5-year estimates, Table B19126). Then, county affordability was compared to statewide affordability. **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

At the county level in Massachusetts, center-based care for infants ranged from 14 to 20 percent of the median income for a married couple, which is two to three times what is considered affordable. Suffolk County is the least affordable county for this type of care. On average, center-based infant care costs nearly three times the affordability recommendation for married couples. The city of Boston, which has a higher cost of living compared other cities in the state, is located in Suffolk County.

Family care for infants and four-year-olds ranges from nine to fifteen percent of the median income for a married couple. On average, Nantucket County cost the largest share of a married couple's income for both infants and four year olds, with Dukes County close behind. Dukes County is home to Martha's Vineyard, where many residents are seasonal and wealthier than average. Similarly, Nantucket County is located on Nantucket Island, and has a much wealthier population when compared to the rest of the state.

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

Rank	County	AVERAGE COST OF INFANT CARE*	PERCENT MEDIAN INCOME-MARRIED COUPLE WITH CHILDREN	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE AFFORDABILITY**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 16.8%				
1	Suffolk County	\$19,877	20.4%	3.6%
2	Barnstable County	\$17,489	17.1%	0.3%
3	Hampden County	\$15,574	16.6%	-0.2%
4	Middlesex County	\$23,002	16.2%	-0.6%
5	Dukes County	\$15,275	16.2%	-0.6%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.5%				
1	Nantucket County	\$15,600	13.8%	3.3%
2	Dukes County	\$12,545	13.3%	2.8%
3	Suffolk County	\$11,736	12.0%	1.5%
4	Barnstable County	\$12,171	12.0%	1.5%
5	Franklin County	\$10,771	11.8%	1.3%

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

*Source: Child Care Circuit and the Massachusetts CCR&R Network

**Affordability, or Percentage Median Income, is a comparison of average cost against county median income. The state affordability percentage was subtracted from county affordability percentage. A positive percentage point difference indicates that the average county affordability exceeds the average statewide affordability.

Table 2:
County-Level Costs by Age and Type

COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**
	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 16.8%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 12.1%		
Barnstable County	\$17,489	17.2%	0.4%	\$13,144	12.9%	0.8%
Berkshire County	\$14,369	15.5%	-1.3%	\$9,605	10.3%	-1.8%
Bristol County	\$15,569	14.7%	-2.1%	\$11,700	11.1%	-1.0%
Dukes County	\$15,275	16.2%	-0.6%	\$14,280	15.1%	3.0%
Essex County	\$18,351	15.1%	-1.7%	\$13,510	11.1%	-1.0%
Franklin County	\$14,549	15.9%	-0.9%	\$11,055	12.1%	0.0%
Hampden County	\$15,574	16.6%	-0.2%	\$11,422	12.2%	0.1%
Hampshire County	\$15,304	14.3%	-2.5%	\$12,438	11.6%	-0.5%
Middlesex County	\$23,002	16.2%	-0.6%	\$17,271	12.2%	0.1%
Nantucket County	\$17,160	15.2%	-1.6%	\$15,860	14.1%	2.0%
Norfolk County	\$21,565	15.0%	-1.8%	\$16,699	11.6%	-0.5%
Plymouth County	\$17,233	14.0%	-2.8%	\$12,919	10.5%	-1.6%
Suffolk County	\$19,877	20.4%	3.6%	\$13,771	14.1%	2.0%
Worcester County	\$16,717	14.8%	-2.0%	\$12,719	11.3%	-0.8%
COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 10.5%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 9.9%		
Barnstable County	\$12,171	12.0%	1.5%	\$11,753	11.6%	1.7%
Berkshire County	\$9,478	10.2%	-0.3%	\$9,006	9.7%	-0.2%
Bristol County	\$10,778	10.2%	-0.3%	\$10,215	9.7%	-0.2%
Dukes County	\$12,545	13.3%	2.8%	\$13,631	14.4%	4.5%
Essex County	\$11,055	9.1%	-1.4%	\$10,194	8.4%	-1.5%
Franklin County	\$10,771	11.8%	1.3%	\$10,522	11.5%	1.6%
Hampden County	\$9,975	10.6%	0.1%	\$9,276	9.9%	0.0%
Hampshire County	\$12,167	11.3%	0.8%	\$11,863	11.1%	1.2%
Middlesex County	\$14,359	10.1%	-0.4%	\$13,469	9.5%	-0.4%
Nantucket County	\$15,600	13.8%	3.3%	\$14,448	12.8%	2.9%
Norfolk County	\$14,471	10.0%	-0.5%	\$14,034	9.7%	-0.2%
Plymouth County	\$12,174	9.9%	-0.6%	\$11,210	9.1%	-0.8%
Suffolk County	\$11,736	12.0%	1.5%	\$10,067	10.3%	0.4%
Worcester County	\$11,071	9.8%	-0.7%	\$10,309	9.1%	-0.8%

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*Source: Child Care Circuit and the Massachusetts CCR&R Network

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County-Level Child Care Costs:

MICHIGAN

Methodology

Child care costs are reported at the county level for infant child care and child care for 4 year olds across the state. To determine the affordability of child care costs by county, we compared the average cost of child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average cost of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 5-year estimates, Table B19126). Then, county affordability was compared to statewide affordability. Note: Michigan's Market Rate Survey did not differentiate between center-based and family child care. For purposes of this analysis, the center-based and family child care affordability averages were averaged together in order to get a percentage which captured both types of care. **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank the state of Michigan for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

In the state of Michigan, infant care costs families an average of 12.3 percent of annual household income. Iosco County is least affordable for this type of care, where the average cost for infant child care is 8.3 percent more than the statewide average. St. Joseph, Antrim, Missaukee, and Wayne counties round out the top five least affordable counties for infant child care. In these four counties, infant child care can cost families over 15 percent of annual household income.

Many of the least affordable counties for infant child care are also the least affordable for 4-year-old child care. St. Joseph County was the least affordable place child care of four year olds, where families can pay 16 percent of annual household income. Iosco County was the next least affordable county, followed by Wayne, Missaukee, and Branch Counties.

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

RANK	COUNTY	AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF INFANT CARE*	PERCENT MEDIAN INCOME-MARRIED COUPLE WITH CHILDREN	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE AFFORDABILITY
		Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 12.3% Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.6% Average Statewide Affordability: 10.5%		
1	Iosco County	\$10,109	18.8%	8.3%
2	St. Joseph County	\$11,045	16.8%	6.3 %
3	Antrim County	\$10,234	16.0%	5.5%
4	Missaukee County	\$9,880	16.0%	5.5%
5	Wayne County	\$12,334	15.4%	4.9%

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*Source:

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Table 2:
County-Level Costs by Age and Type

COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**
	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 12.3% Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.6% Average Statewide Affordability: 10.5%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 10.1% Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.1% Average Statewide Affordability: 9.1%		
Alcona County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Alger County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Allegan County	\$8,320	11.3%	0.8%	\$7,800	10.6%	1.5%
Alpena County	\$7,176	10.8%	0.3%	\$6,635	9.9%	0.8%
Antrim County	\$10,234	16.0%	5.5%	\$8,362	13.1%	4.0%
Arenac County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Baraga County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Barry County	\$10,130	14.1%	3.6%	\$8,965	12.5%	3.4%
Bay County	\$10,234	13.2%	2.7%	\$8,445	10.9%	1.8%
Benzie County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Berrien County	\$9,235	12.3%	1.8%	\$8,570	11.4%	2.3%
Branch County	\$7,800	12.8%	2.3%	\$8,174	13.4%	4.3%
Calhoun County	\$9,006	11.8%	1.3%	\$7,738	10.1%	1.0%
Cass County	\$8,278	11.7%	1.2%	\$7,446	10.5%	1.4%
Charlevoix County	\$7,509	10.3%	-0.2%	\$7,030	9.6%	0.5%
Cheboygan County	\$7,738	13.9%	3.4%	\$6,386	11.5%	2.4%
Chippewa County	\$6,843	10.3%	-0.2%	\$6,781	10.2%	1.1%
Clare County	\$7,925	12.6%	2.1%	\$7,800	12.4%	3.3%
Clinton County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Crawford County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Delta County	\$8,715	11.5%	1.0%	\$8,216	10.8%	1.7%
Dickinson County	\$9,090	13.4%	2.9%	\$9,090	13.4%	4.3%
Eaton County	\$8,091	9.3%	-1.2%	\$7,800	8.9%	-0.2%
Emmet County	\$9,797	12.5%	2.0%	\$8,320	10.6%	1.5%
Genesee County	\$10,691	14.0%	3.5%	\$9,339	12.2%	3.1%
Gladwin County	\$7,280	12.9%	2.4%	\$6,344	11.3%	2.2%
Gogebic County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Grand Traverse County	\$9,214	11.6%	1.1%	\$8,424	10.6%	1.5%
Gratiot County	\$7,862	10.9%	0.4%	\$6,968	9.6%	0.5%
Hillsdale County	\$6,240	9.8%	-0.7%	\$5,990	9.4%	0.3%
Houghton County	\$9,984	13.7%	3.2%	\$8,174	11.2%	2.1%
Huron County	\$7,613	11.7%	1.2%	\$7,342	11.3%	2.2%
Ingham County	\$11,461	13.6%	3.1%	\$10,379	12.3%	3.2%
Ionia County	\$7,280	9.9%	-0.6%	\$6,989	9.5%	0.4%

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Table 2:
County-Level Costs by Age and Type

COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**
	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 12.3% Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.6% Average Statewide Affordability: 10.5%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 10.1% Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.1% Average Statewide Affordability: 9.1%		
Iron County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Isabella County	\$9,589	12.6%	2.1%	\$8,736	11.5%	2.4%
Jackson County	\$8,549	11.0%	0.5%	\$7,238	9.3%	0.2%
Kalamazoo County	\$11,170	11.7%	1.2%	\$10,379	10.8%	1.7%
Kalkaska County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Kent County	\$10,358	11.9%	1.4%	\$9,048	10.4%	1.3%
Keweenaw County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Lake County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Lapeer County	\$10,338	12.7%	2.2%	\$8,715	10.7%	1.6%
Leelanau County	\$8,382	10.3%	-0.2%	\$8,091	10.0%	0.9%
Lenawee County	\$8,258	10.8%	0.3%	\$8,445	11.0%	1.9%
Livingston County	\$11,690	10.8%	0.3%	\$10,275	9.5%	0.4%
Luce County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Mackinac County	\$6,344	9.1%	-1.4%	\$6,053	8.7%	0.4%
Macomb County	\$11,440	12.6%	2.1%	\$10,400	11.4%	2.3%
Manistee County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Marquette County	\$11,794	13.9%	3.4%	\$9,422	11.1%	2.0%
Mason County	\$8,923	12.9%	2.4%	\$8,320	12.0%	2.9%
Mecosta County	\$7,800	12.4%	1.9%	\$6,906	11.0%	1.9%
Menominee County	NR	NA	NA	\$6,178	9.3%	0.2%
Midland County	\$8,778	9.9%	-0.6%	\$8,362	9.4%	0.3%
Missaukee County	\$9,880	16.0%	5.5%	\$8,320	13.5%	4.4%
Montmorency County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Monroe County	\$9,568	11.0%	0.5%	\$8,320	9.5%	0.4%
Montcalm County	\$7,800	12.6%	2.1%	\$7,384	11.9%	2.8%
Muskegon County	\$8,341	11.7%	1.2%	\$7,634	10.7%	1.6%
Newaygo County	\$8,091	12.5%	2.0%	\$7,134	11.0%	1.9%
Oakland County	\$13,333	11.4%	0.9%	\$12,438	10.6%	1.5%
Oceana County	\$6,885	12.2%	1.7%	\$6,510	11.6%	2.5%
Ogemaw County	\$6,240	10.4%	-0.1%	\$5,720	9.6%	0.5%
Ontonagon County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Osceola County	\$8,029	14.4%	3.9%	\$6,885	12.4%	3.3%
Oscoda County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Otsego County	\$9,006	10.6%	0.1%	\$8,986	10.6%	1.5%

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Table 2:
County-Level Costs by Age and Type

COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**
	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 12.3% Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.6% Average Statewide Affordability: 10.5%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 10.1% Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.1% Average Statewide Affordability: 9.1%		
Ottawa County	\$9,235	10.8%	0.3%	\$9,090	10.6%	1.5%
Presque Isle County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Roscommon County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Saginaw County	\$9,568	11.8%	1.3%	\$8,382	10.4%	1.3%
Sanilac County	\$9,506	14.3%	3.8%	\$7,404	11.1%	2.0%
Schoolcraft County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Shiawassee County	\$7,883	11.3%	0.8%	\$7,717	11.0%	1.9%
St. Clair County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
St. Joseph County	\$11,045	16.8%	6.3%	\$10,608	16.1%	7.0%
Tuscola County	\$7,405	11.3%	0.8%	\$6,781	10.4%	1.3%
Van Buren County	\$8,528	12.2%	1.7%	\$7,779	11.1%	2.0%
Washtenaw County	\$15,392	13.2%	2.7%	\$13,957	12.0%	2.9%
Wayne County	\$12,334	15.4%	4.9%	\$11,482	14.4%	5.3%
Wexford County	\$6,968	11.6%	1.1%	\$6,864	11.4%	2.3%

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*Source:

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County-Level Child Care Costs:

MINNESOTA

Methodology

Child care costs are reported at the county level for infant child care and child care for 4 year olds across the state. To determine the affordability of child care costs by county, we compared the average cost of child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average cost of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 5-year estimates, Table B19126). Then, county affordability was compared to statewide affordability. **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

Scott County ranks first in least affordable counties in Minnesota for both center-based and family-based infant care. On average, married couples pay nearly 20 percent of median income for center-based infant care, and 11 percent

for family-based infant care. While nationally, Minnesota ranks number 6 for least affordable center-based infant care at nearly 16 percent, Scott County is one of three counties that outrank both Minnesota and the top five states in least affordable center-based care.

Families in other highly populated counties, such as Ramsey County, also experience unaffordable child care costs. Ramsey County, which ranks second in least affordable center-based infant care, is 3.5 percent more expensive when compared to the state average. Scott, Ramsey, and Hennepin Counties are part of the Twin Cities metropolitan area, where cost of living is slightly higher compared to the rest of the state.

It should be noted that two of the top 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 Costs by Type of Care

RANK	COUNTY	AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF INFANT CARE*	PERCENT MEDIAN INCOME-MARRIED COUPLE WITH CHILDREN	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE AFFORDABILITY**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 15.5%				
1	Scott County	\$17,056	19.6%	4.1%
2	Ramsey County	\$17,992	19.0%	3.5%
3	Olmsted County	\$16,900	16.1%	0.6%
4	Hennepin County	\$18,356	15.5%	0.0%
5	Anoka County	\$15,756	15.1%	-0.4%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 8.3%				
1	Scott County	\$9,672	11.1%	2.8%
2	Itasca County	\$8,372	10.8%	2.5%
3	Pine County	\$7,436	10.4%	2.1%
4	Hubbard County	\$7,592	10.3%	2.0%
5	Aitkin County	\$7,020	10.3%	2.0%

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*Source: Child Care Aware® of Minnesota

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Table 2:
County-Level Costs by Age and Type

COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**
	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 15.5%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 11.8%		
Aitkin County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Anoka County	\$15,756	15.1%	-0.4%	\$12,376	11.9%	0.1%
Becker County	\$10,348	12.0%	-3.5%	\$9,724	11.3%	-0.5%
Beltrami County	\$11,440	14.5%	-1.0%	\$7,436	9.4%	-2.4%
Benton County	\$11,960	14.0%	-1.5%	\$10,348	12.1%	0.3%
Big Stone County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Blue Earth County	\$9,984	10.9%	-4.6%	\$8,944	9.8%	-2.0%
Brown County	\$8,632	9.9%	-5.6%	\$7,228	8.3%	-3.5%
Carlton County	\$10,816	13.1%	-2.4%	\$9,204	11.2%	-0.6%
Carver County	\$16,276	12.6%	-2.9%	\$12,740	9.8%	-2.0%
Cass County	NR	NA	NA	\$6,500	9.4%	-2.4%
Chippewa County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Chisago County	\$12,532	12.3%	-3.2%	\$10,504	10.3%	-1.5%
Clay County	\$10,452	11.4%	-4.1%	\$9,308	10.2%	-1.6%
Clearwater County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Cook County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Cottonwood County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Crow Wing County	\$8,268	10.0%	-5.5%	\$7,488	9.1%	-2.7%
Dakota County	\$17,316	15.0%	-0.5%	\$13,468	11.6%	-0.2%
Dodge County	\$10,452	10.2%	-5.3%	\$9,204	9.0%	-2.8%
Douglas County	\$9,880	11.5%	-4.0%	\$7,956	9.3%	-2.5%
Faribault County	\$9,100	11.6%	-3.9%	\$8,216	10.5%	-1.3%
Fillmore County	\$8,580	10.5%	-5.0%	\$6,708	8.2%	-3.6%
Freeborn County	\$9,568	12.0%	-3.5%	\$7,696	9.7%	-2.1%
Goodhue County	\$9,880	10.1%	-5.4%	\$8,476	8.6%	-3.2%
Grant County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Hennepin County	\$18,356	15.5%	0.0%	\$13,728	11.6%	-0.2%
Houston County	\$7,384	8.9%	-6.6%	\$6,708	8.1%	-3.7%
Hubbard County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Isanti County	\$10,504	11.5%	-4.0%	\$9,204	10.1%	-1.7%
Itasca County	\$10,140	13.1%	-2.4%	\$7,800	10.1%	-1.7%
Jackson County	\$8,320	10.1%	-5.4%	\$8,060	9.8%	-2.0%
Kanabec County	\$7,020	9.1%	-6.4%	\$6,448	8.4%	-3.4%
Kandiyohi County	\$9,516	11.5%	-4.0%	\$8,424	10.2%	-1.6%
Kittson County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Koochiching County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA

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Lac qui Parle County	NR	NA	NA	\$6,240	8.1%	-3.7%
Lake County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Lake of the Woods County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Le Sueur County	NR	NA	NA	\$6,032	6.7%	-5.1%
Lincoln County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Lyon County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Mahnomen County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Marshall County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Martin County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
McLeod County	\$11,232	13.0%	-2.5%	\$8,788	10.2%	-1.6%
Meeker County	\$10,036	11.9%	-3.6%	\$8,736	10.4%	-1.4%
Mille Lacs County	\$9,256	12.2%	-3.3%	\$7,852	10.3%	-1.5%
Morrison County	\$8,164	10.2%	-5.3%	\$6,396	8.0%	-3.8%
Mower County	\$9,204	11.1%	-4.4%	\$8,164	9.8%	-2.0%
Murray County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Nicollet County	\$9,880	10.9%	-4.6%	\$8,684	9.6%	-2.2%
Nobles County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Norman County	\$7,800	9.5%	-6.0%	\$7,020	8.5%	-3.3%
Olmsted County	\$16,900	16.1%	0.6%	\$13,000	12.4%	0.6%
Otter Tail County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Pennington County	NR	NA	NA	\$7,280	8.0%	-3.8%
Pine County	NR	NA	NA	\$9,360	13.1%	1.3%
Pipestone County	\$8,216	11.2%	-4.3%	\$6,448	8.8%	-3.0%
Polk County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Pope County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Ramsey County	\$17,992	19.0%	3.5%	\$13,312	14.1%	2.3%
Red Lake County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Redwood County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Renville County	\$7,332	9.6%	-5.9%	\$6,968	9.1%	-2.7%
Rice County	\$12,272	14.4%	-1.1%	\$10,660	12.5%	0.7%
Rock County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Roseau County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Scott County	\$17,056	19.6%	4.1%	\$12,896	14.8%	3.0%
Sherburne County	\$11,596	9.3%	-6.2%	\$9,724	7.8%	-4.0%
Sibley County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
St. Louis County	\$10,712	12.8%	-2.7%	\$8,944	10.7%	-1.1%

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Stearns County	\$12,220	13.1%	-2.4%	\$10,348	11.1%	-0.7%
Steele County	\$11,440	12.9%	-2.6%	\$8,684	9.8%	-2.0%
Stevens County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Swift County	\$6,240	7.6%	-7.9%	\$5,200	6.4%	-5.4%
Todd County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Traverse County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Wabasha County	\$10,556	12.0%	-3.5%	\$8,996	10.2%	-1.6%
Wadena County	\$7,020	11.0%	-4.5%	\$7,020	11.0%	-0.8%
Waseca County	\$8,892	9.7%	-5.8%	\$7,852	8.5%	-3.3%
Washington County	\$17,472	14.0%	-1.5%	\$12,896	10.4%	-1.4%
Watsonwan County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Wilkin County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Winona County	\$9,776	11.5%	-4.0%	\$8,996	10.6%	-1.2%
Wright County	\$13,988	13.5%	-2.0%	\$11,180	10.8%	-1.0%
Yellow Medicine County	NR	NA	NA	\$13,000	17.9%	6.1%
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	Statewide FCC-Based Care Affordability: 8.3%			Statewide FCC-Based Care Affordability: 7.6%		
Aitkin County	\$7,020	10.3%	2.0%	\$6,708	9.8%	2.2%
Anoka County	\$8,736	8.4%	0.1%	\$7,800	7.5%	-0.1%
Becker County	\$7,592	8.8%	0.5%	\$6,760	7.8%	0.2%
Beltrami County	\$6,968	8.8%	0.5%	\$6,552	8.3%	0.7%
Benton County	\$7,176	8.4%	0.1%	\$6,552	7.7%	0.1%
Big Stone County	\$7,592	9.8%	1.5%	\$7,020	9.1%	1.5%
Blue Earth County	\$6,968	7.6%	-0.7%	\$6,552	7.2%	-0.4%
Brown County	\$6,812	7.8%	-0.5%	\$6,396	7.3%	-0.3%
Carlton County	\$7,904	9.6%	1.3%	\$7,384	9.0%	1.4%
Carver County	\$9,620	7.4%	-0.9%	\$8,840	6.8%	-0.8%
Cass County	\$6,968	10.1%	1.8%	\$6,812	9.9%	2.3%
Chippewa County	\$5,980	8.4%	0.1%	\$5,616	7.9%	0.3%
Chisago County	\$8,008	7.9%	-0.4%	\$7,228	7.1%	-0.5%
Clay County	\$7,280	7.9%	-0.4%	\$6,708	7.3%	-0.3%
Clearwater County	\$6,812	10.2%	1.9%	\$6,240	9.4%	1.8%
Cook County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Cottonwood County	\$6,240	9.4%	1.1%	\$6,240	9.4%	1.8%

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Crow Wing County	\$7,020	8.5%	0.2%	\$6,708	8.1%	0.5%
Dakota County	\$9,984	8.6%	0.3%	\$8,944	7.7%	0.1%
Dodge County	\$7,696	7.5%	-0.8%	\$7,332	7.2%	-0.4%
Douglas County	\$7,332	8.5%	0.2%	\$6,604	7.7%	0.1%
Faribault County	\$4,784	6.1%	-2.2%	\$4,576	5.8%	-1.8%
Fillmore County	\$7,644	9.3%	1.0%	\$6,396	7.8%	0.2%
Freeborn County	\$6,500	8.2%	-0.1%	\$5,772	7.3%	-0.3%
Goodhue County	\$7,748	7.9%	-0.4%	\$7,332	7.5%	-0.1%
Grant County	\$6,916	9.6%	1.3%	\$6,708	9.4%	1.8%
Hennepin County	\$10,764	9.1%	0.8%	\$9,672	8.2%	0.6%
Houston County	\$6,812	8.2%	-0.1%	\$6,396	7.7%	0.1%
Hubbard County	\$7,592	10.3%	2.0%	\$6,968	9.4%	1.8%
Isanti County	\$7,956	8.7%	0.4%	\$6,656	7.3%	-0.3%
Itasca County	\$8,372	10.8%	2.5%	\$7,644	9.9%	2.3%
Jackson County	\$5,876	7.1%	-1.2%	\$5,304	6.4%	-1.2%
Kanabec County	\$6,604	8.6%	0.3%	\$6,032	7.8%	0.2%
Kandiyohi County	\$6,552	7.9%	-0.4%	\$6,344	7.7%	0.1%
Kittson County	\$5,720	7.3%	-1.0%	\$5,460	7.0%	-0.6%
Koochiching County	\$5,876	6.9%	-1.4%	\$5,200	6.1%	-1.5%
Lac qui Parle County	\$7,176	9.4%	1.1%	\$6,396	8.3%	0.7%
Lake County	\$7,176	9.0%	0.7%	\$6,656	8.3%	0.7%
Lake of the Woods County	\$6,136	7.4%	-0.9%	\$6,136	7.4%	-0.2%
Le Sueur County	\$7,904	8.8%	0.5%	\$7,072	7.9%	0.3%
Lincoln County	\$6,500	8.2%	-0.1%	\$5,980	7.6%	0.0%
Lyon County	\$6,708	7.6%	-0.7%	\$6,448	7.3%	-0.3%
Mahnomen County	\$6,292	7.4%	-0.9%	\$6,136	7.2%	-0.4%
Marshall County	\$6,448	9.9%	1.6%	\$6,292	9.7%	2.1%
Martin County	\$6,292	7.7%	-0.6%	\$5,928	7.2%	-0.4%
McLeod County	\$7,020	8.1%	-0.2%	\$6,292	7.3%	-0.3%
Meeker County	\$6,344	7.5%	-0.8%	\$5,772	6.9%	-0.7%
Mille Lacs County	\$7,124	9.4%	1.1%	\$6,500	8.5%	0.9%
Morrison County	\$6,552	8.2%	-0.1%	\$5,928	7.4%	-0.2%
Mower County	\$6,656	8.0%	-0.3%	\$6,500	7.8%	0.2%
Murray County	\$4,680	5.2%	-3.1%	\$4,680	5.2%	-2.4%

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Nobles County	\$5,824	8.4%	0.1%	\$5,772	8.3%	0.7%
Norman County	\$6,240	7.6%	-0.7%	\$5,720	7.0%	-0.6%
Olmsted County	\$9,100	8.6%	0.3%	\$8,164	7.8%	0.2%
Otter Tail County	\$6,500	7.9%	-0.4%	\$6,292	7.6%	0.0%
Pennington County	\$6,448	7.1%	-1.2%	\$6,084	6.7%	-0.9%
Pine County	\$7,436	10.4%	2.1%	\$7,124	10.0%	2.4%
Pipestone County	\$6,916	9.4%	1.1%	\$6,448	8.8%	1.2%
Polk County	\$6,812	7.8%	-0.5%	\$6,396	7.3%	-0.3%
Pope County	\$6,136	7.6%	-0.7%	\$5,564	6.9%	-0.7%
Ramsey County	\$9,464	10.0%	1.7%	\$8,632	9.1%	1.5%
Red Lake County	\$5,512	6.7%	-1.6%	\$5,460	6.7%	-0.9%
Redwood County	\$6,604	8.0%	-0.3%	\$6,240	7.5%	-0.1%
Renville County	\$6,084	8.0%	-0.3%	\$5,824	7.6%	0.0%
Rice County	\$7,904	9.3%	1.0%	\$7,436	8.7%	1.1%
Rock County	\$5,564	7.2%	-1.1%	\$5,408	7.0%	-0.6%
Roseau County	\$6,084	7.9%	-0.4%	\$5,512	7.1%	-0.5%
Scott County	\$9,672	11.1%	2.8%	\$8,788	10.1%	2.5%
Sherburne County	\$7,904	6.4%	-1.9%	\$6,968	5.6%	-2.0%
Sibley County	\$7,176	7.0%	-1.3%	\$6,604	6.5%	-1.1%
St. Louis County	\$8,112	9.7%	1.4%	\$7,436	8.9%	1.3%
Stearns County	\$6,916	7.4%	-0.9%	\$6,396	6.9%	-0.7%
Steele County	\$6,708	7.6%	-0.7%	\$6,240	7.0%	-0.6%
Stevens County	\$6,760	7.2%	-1.1%	\$6,240	6.6%	-1.0%
Swift County	\$5,928	7.3%	-1.0%	\$5,668	6.9%	-0.7%
Todd County	\$6,188	8.9%	0.6%	\$6,084	8.8%	1.2%
Traverse County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Wabasha County	\$7,072	8.0%	-0.3%	\$6,656	7.5%	-0.1%
Wadena County	\$6,344	9.9%	1.6%	\$6,292	9.8%	2.2%
Waseca County	\$7,228	7.8%	-0.5%	\$6,448	7.0%	-0.6%
Washington County	\$9,412	7.6%	-0.7%	\$8,528	6.8%	-0.8%
Watonwan County	\$5,720	7.4%	-0.9%	\$5,720	7.4%	-0.2%
Wilkin County	\$6,136	6.9%	-1.4%	\$5,876	6.6%	-1.0%
Winona County	\$6,604	7.7%	-0.6%	\$6,240	7.3%	-0.3%
Wright County	\$8,476	8.2%	-0.1%	\$7,592	7.3%	-0.3%
Yellow Medicine County	\$6,240	8.6%	0.3%	\$5,876	8.1%	0.5%

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Methodology

Child care costs are reported at the county level for infant child care and child care for 4 year olds across the state. To determine the affordability of child care costs by county, we compared the average cost of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average cost of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 5-year estimates, Table B19126). Then, county affordability was compared to statewide affordability. **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

In the state of Missouri, center-based infant care costs married couples an average of 12 percent of annual income. Both Newton County and Greene County exceed this average by two percent. This means that, on average, center-based infant care is slightly more expensive in these counties when compared to the rest of the state. Married couples seeking family-based infant care pay more than the statewide average of income in 39 counties statewide. Ozark County and Howell County had the highest average costs when compared to median income.

Overall, county costs for center-based care for 4 year olds did not significantly differ from the statewide average of 8.4 percent. Warren County and Boone County were slightly more expensive than other counties, by 1.4 percent. Of the five most expensive counties for family-based infant care, four were also the most expensive for family-based 4 year old child care (Wright, Benton, Ozark, and Howell Counties).

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

RANK	COUNTY	AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF INFANT CARE*	PERCENT MEDIAN INCOME-MARRIED COUPLE WITH CHILDREN	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE AFFORDABILITY**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 12.0%				
1	Newton County	\$8,840	14.8%	2.8%
2	Greene County	\$10,189	14.2%	2.2%
3	Boone County	\$10,981	12.7%	0.7%
4 (tie)	St. Louis City	\$10,130	12.5%	0.5%
4 (tie)	Howell County	\$6,760	12.5%	0.5%
4 (tie)	Buchanan County	\$9,017	12.5%	0.5%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 7.0%				
1	Ozark County	\$5,720	12.7%	5.7%
2	Howell County	\$5,980	11.1%	4.1%
3	Benton County	\$4,810	9.9%	2.9%
4	Wright County	\$4,550	9.8%	2.8%
5	Greene County	\$6,941	9.7%	2.7%

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	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 12.0%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 8.4%		
Adair County	\$7,280	11.6%	-0.4%	NR	NA	NA
Andrew County	NR	NA	NA	\$5,434	6.8%	-1.6%
Atchison County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Audrain County	NR	NA	NA	\$4,160	6.2%	-2.2%
Barry County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Barton County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Bates County	\$4,940	6.8%	-5.2%	\$4,030	5.6%	-2.8%
Benton County	\$2,600	5.4%	-6.6%	NR	NA	NA
Bollinger County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Boone County	\$10,981	12.7%	0.7%	\$8,466	9.8%	1.4%
Buchanan County	\$9,017	12.5%	0.5%	\$6,629	9.2%	0.8%
Butler County	\$6,370	10.2%	-1.8%	\$5,148	8.2%	-0.2%
Caldwell County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Callaway County	\$7,312	9.4%	-2.6%	\$5,561	7.1%	-1.3%
Camden County	\$6,240	9.5%	-2.5%	\$4,355	6.6%	-1.8%
Cape Girardeau County	\$8,465	10.8%	-1.2%	\$6,024	7.7%	-0.7%
Carroll County	\$4,680	6.5%	-5.5%	\$4,680	6.5%	-1.9%
Carter County	NR	NA	NA	\$2,600	3.8%	-4.6%
Cass County	\$9,055	10.1%	-1.9%	\$6,384	7.1%	-1.3%
Cedar County	NR	NA	NA	\$3,120	5.5%	-2.9%
Chariton County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Christian County	\$7,748	10.7%	-1.3%	\$5,330	7.4%	-1.0%
Clark County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Clay County	\$11,212	12.0%	0.0%	\$8,715	9.3%	0.9%
Clinton County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Cole County	\$8,012	10.0%	-2.0%	\$6,009	7.5%	-0.9%
Cooper County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Crawford County	\$6,032	9.8%	-2.2%	\$3,657	5.9%	-2.5%
Dade County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Dallas County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Daviess County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
De Kalb County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Dent County	\$5,200	8.0%	-4.0%	\$4,680	7.2%	-1.2%
Douglas County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Dunklin County	NR	NA	NA	\$3,120	5.0%	-3.4%
Franklin County	\$7,367	9.1%	-2.9%	\$5,639	7.0%	-1.4%

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Gasconade County	\$4,420	6.5%	-5.5%	\$3,640	5.3%	-3.1%
Gentry County	NR	NA	NA	\$4,160	6.7%	-1.7%
Greene County	\$10,189	14.2%	2.2%	\$6,547	9.1%	0.7%
Grundy County	\$6,630	9.1%	-2.9%	\$4,030	5.5%	-2.9%
Harrison County	\$5,590	9.4%	-2.6%	\$5,720	9.7%	1.3%
Henry County	\$4,810	7.3%	-4.7%	\$3,835	5.8%	-2.6%
Hickory County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Holt County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Howard County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Howell County	\$6,760	12.5%	0.5%	\$4,524	8.4%	0.0%
Iron County	\$3,380	5.6%	-6.4%	\$2,860	4.8%	-3.6%
Jackson County	\$9,524	11.1%	-0.9%	\$6,689	7.8%	-0.6%
Jasper County	\$6,288	9.5%	-2.5%	\$4,836	7.3%	-1.1%
Jefferson County	\$9,502	11.1%	-0.9%	\$7,215	8.4%	0.0%
Johnson County	\$7,956	12.0%	0.0%	\$5,027	7.6%	-0.8%
Knox County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Laclede County	\$6,500	10.5%	-1.5%	\$2,990	4.8%	-3.6%
Lafayette County	\$8,190	10.3%	-1.7%	\$5,710	7.2%	-1.2%
Lawrence County	\$5,590	10.4%	-1.6%	\$4,290	7.9%	-0.5%
Lewis County	\$6,240	10.0%	-2.0%	\$5,200	8.4%	0.0%
Lincoln County	\$8,147	11.0%	-1.0%	\$5,980	8.1%	-0.3%
Linn County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Livingston County	\$3,900	5.8%	-6.2%	\$3,900	5.8%	-2.6%
McDonald County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Macon County	\$6,500	9.9%	-2.1%	\$5,460	8.3%	-0.1%
Madison County	\$3,510	6.7%	-5.3%	\$3,380	6.5%	-1.9%
Maries County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Marion County	\$7,514	9.9%	-2.1%	\$5,083	6.7%	-1.7%
Mercer County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Miller County	\$7,020	10.2%	-1.8%	\$3,727	5.4%	-3.0%
Mississippi County	\$3,120	5.0%	-7.0%	\$2,600	4.2%	-4.2%
Moniteau County	\$6,500	8.4%	-3.6%	\$5,200	6.8%	-1.6%
Monroe County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Montgomery County	\$3,640	5.2%	-6.8%	\$2,600	3.7%	-4.7%
Morgan County	\$6,500	11.8%	-0.2%	\$5,200	9.4%	1.0%
New Madrid County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Newton County	\$8,840	14.8%	2.8%	\$5,590	9.4%	1.0%

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	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 12.0%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 8.4%		
Nodaway County	\$6,916	10.7%	-1.3%	\$4,277	6.6%	-1.8%
Oregon County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Osage County	\$5,460	7.0%	-5.0%	\$5,200	6.7%	-1.7%
Ozark County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Pemiscot County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Perry County	\$6,500	8.8%	-3.2%	\$4,810	6.5%	-1.9%
Pettis County	\$6,413	10.6%	-1.4%	\$4,511	7.4%	-1.0%
Phelps County	\$5,460	8.4%	-3.6%	\$4,680	7.2%	-1.2%
Pike County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Platte County	\$11,914	11.6%	-0.4%	\$9,399	9.2%	0.8%
Polk County	\$7,020	11.7%	-0.3%	NR	NA	NA
Pulaski County	\$5,590	8.6%	-3.4%	\$4,056	6.2%	-2.2%
Putnam County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Ralls County	NR	NA	NA	\$2,600	3.7%	-4.7%
Randolph County	\$7,020	9.6%	-2.4%	\$5,460	7.5%	-0.9%
Ray County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Reynolds County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Ripley County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
St Charles County	\$11,475	10.8%	-1.2%	\$8,190	7.7%	-0.7%
St Clair County	NR	NA	NA	\$3,640	6.9%	-1.5%
Ste Genevieve County	\$4,940	6.6%	-5.4%	\$4,680	6.2%	-2.2%
St Francois County	\$6,327	10.5%	-1.5%	\$4,141	6.8%	-1.6%
St Louis City	\$10,130	12.5%	0.5%	\$7,011	8.7%	0.3%
St Louis County	\$12,673	11.6%	-0.4%	\$8,806	8.0%	-0.4%
Saline County	NR	NA	NA	\$1,040	1.8%	-6.6%
Schuyler County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Scotland County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Scott County	\$5,720	9.7%	-2.3%	\$3,848	6.5%	-1.9%
Shannon County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Shelby County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Stoddard County	\$5,330	9.2%	-2.8%	\$3,770	6.5%	-1.9%
Stone County	NR	NA	NA	\$4,290	7.3%	-1.1%
Sullivan County	NR	NA	NA	\$3,640	6.3%	-2.1%
Taney County	\$6,500	11.2%	-0.8%	\$4,754	8.2%	-0.2%
Texas County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Vernon County	NR	NA	NA	\$3,120	5.1%	-3.3%

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	Statewide Center Affordability: 12.0%			Statewide Center Affordability: 8.4%		
Warren County	\$8,060	11.0%	-1.0%	\$7,150	9.8%	1.4%
Washington County	\$6,500	11.5%	-0.5%	\$4,420	7.8%	-0.6%
Wayne County	\$5,200	10.5%	-1.5%	\$3,900	7.9%	-0.5%
Webster County	\$6,327	10.0%	-2.0%	\$4,826	7.6%	-0.8%
Worth County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Wright County	NR	NA	NA	\$4,264	9.2%	0.8%
COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**
	Statewide FCC Affordability: 7.0%			Statewide FCC Affordability: 6.1%		
Adair County	\$4,160	6.7%	-0.3%	\$4,160	6.7%	0.6%
Andrew County	\$3,900	4.9%	-2.1%	\$3,900	4.9%	-1.2%
Atchison County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Audrain County	\$4,538	6.7%	-0.3%	\$3,926	5.8%	-0.3%
Barry County	\$3,553	6.8%	-0.2%	\$3,293	6.3%	0.2%
Barton County	\$3,900	5.8%	-1.2%	\$3,727	5.5%	-0.6%
Bates County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Benton County	\$4,810	9.9%	2.9%	\$4,550	9.4%	3.3%
Bollinger County	\$3,432	5.3%	-1.7%	\$3,328	5.2%	-0.9%
Boone County	\$7,203	8.3%	1.3%	\$6,519	7.5%	1.4%
Buchanan County	\$5,882	8.1%	1.1%	\$5,431	7.5%	1.4%
Butler County	\$5,027	8.0%	1.0%	\$4,420	7.1%	1.0%
Caldwell County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Callaway County	\$4,732	6.1%	-0.9%	\$4,507	5.8%	-0.3%
Camden County	\$5,200	7.9%	0.9%	\$4,160	6.3%	0.2%
Cape Girardeau County	\$5,893	7.5%	0.5%	\$4,290	5.5%	-0.6%
Carroll County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Carter County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Cass County	\$7,247	8.1%	1.1%	\$6,373	7.1%	1.0%
Cedar County	\$3,120	5.5%	-1.5%	\$3,120	5.5%	-0.6%
Chariton County	\$3,900	5.2%	-1.8%	\$3,692	4.9%	-1.2%
Christian County	\$5,850	8.1%	1.1%	\$4,784	6.6%	0.5%
Clark County	\$4,030	6.3%	-0.7%	\$3,978	6.2%	0.1%
Clay County	\$7,826	8.3%	1.3%	\$6,703	7.2%	1.1%
Clinton County	\$5,373	6.6%	-0.4%	\$5,287	6.5%	0.4%
Cole County	\$5,200	6.5%	-0.5%	\$4,680	5.9%	-0.2%
Cooper County	\$5,096	6.9%	-0.1%	\$5,070	6.8%	0.7%

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	STATEWIDE FCC AFFORDABILITY: 7.0%			STATEWIDE FCC AFFORDABILITY: 6.1%		
Crawford County	\$4,420	7.2%	0.2%	\$3,900	6.3%	0.2%
Dade County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Dallas County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Daviess County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
De Kalb County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Dent County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Douglas County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Dunklin County	\$3,770	6.1%	-0.9%	\$3,640	5.8%	-0.3%
Franklin County	\$4,615	5.7%	-1.3%	\$4,247	5.3%	-0.8%
Gasconade County	\$5,070	7.4%	0.4%	\$5,070	7.4%	1.3%
Gentry County	\$3,510	5.7%	-1.3%	\$3,250	5.3%	-0.8%
Greene County	\$6,941	9.7%	2.7%	\$5,493	7.7%	1.6%
Grundy County	\$3,120	4.3%	-2.7%	\$2,860	3.9%	-2.2%
Harrison County	\$4,550	7.7%	0.7%	\$4,550	7.7%	1.6%
Henry County	\$4,420	6.7%	-0.3%	\$3,640	5.5%	-0.6%
Hickory County	\$3,250	7.4%	0.4%	\$3,250	7.4%	1.3%
Holt County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Howard County	\$4,212	5.7%	-1.3%	\$4,056	5.4%	-0.7%
Howell County	\$5,980	11.1%	4.1%	\$4,940	9.1%	3.0%
Iron County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Jackson County	\$6,479	7.5%	0.5%	\$5,204	6.0%	-0.1%
Jasper County	\$5,836	8.8%	1.8%	\$5,142	7.8%	1.7%
Jefferson County	\$7,627	8.9%	1.9%	\$5,781	6.8%	0.7%
Johnson County	\$4,875	7.4%	-0.4%	\$4,524	6.8%	0.7%
Knox County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Laclede County	\$3,987	6.4%	-0.6%	\$3,640	5.9%	-0.2%
Lafayette County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Lawrence County	\$4,247	7.9%	0.9%	\$3,813	7.1%	1.0%
Lewis County	\$3,467	5.6%	-1.4%	\$3,467	5.6%	-0.5%
Lincoln County	\$6,890	9.3%	2.3%	\$5,200	7.1%	1.0%
Linn County	\$2,990	4.5%	-2.5%	\$3,163	4.8%	-1.3%
Livingston County	\$3,315	4.9%	-2.1%	\$3,120	4.6%	-1.5%
McDonald County	\$4,160	8.3%	1.3%	\$4,030	8.1%	2.0%
Macon County	\$4,160	6.3%	-0.7%	\$4,160	6.3%	0.2%
Madison County	\$3,380	6.5%	-0.5%	\$3,380	6.5%	0.4%
Maries County	\$4,030	6.3%	-0.7%	\$4,030	6.3%	0.2%
Marion County	\$4,888	6.5%	-0.5%	\$4,368	5.8%	-0.3%
Mercer County	\$3,640	6.4%	-0.6%	\$3,640	6.4%	0.3%

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	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 7.0%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 6.1 %		
Mississippi County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Moniteau County	\$4,680	6.1%	-0.9%	\$4,247	5.5%	-0.6%
Monroe County	\$3,900	6.5%	-0.5%	\$3,727	6.2%	0.1%
Montgomery County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Morgan County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
New Madrid County	\$3,952	7.0%	0.0%	\$3,016	5.4%	-0.7%
Newton County	\$4,767	8.0%	1.0%	\$4,247	7.1%	1.0%
Nodaway County	\$5,525	8.5%	1.5%	\$4,810	7.4%	1.3%
Oregon County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Osage County	\$5,051	6.5%	-0.5%	\$4,377	5.6%	-0.5%
Ozark County	\$5,720	12.7%	5.7%	\$4,160	9.3%	3.2%
Pemiscot County	NR	NA	NA	\$3,120	5.5%	-0.6%
Perry County	\$4,507	6.1%	-0.9%	\$4,615	6.3%	0.2%
Pettis County	\$5,089	8.4%	1.4%	\$3,595	5.9%	-0.2%
Phelps County	\$4,472	6.9%	-0.1%	\$4,196	6.5%	0.4%
Pike County	\$3,705	5.4%	-1.6%	\$3,705	5.4%	-0.7%
Platte County	\$9,100	8.9%	1.9%	\$7,540	7.4%	1.3%
Polk County	\$4,420	7.4%	0.4%	\$4,290	7.2%	1.1%
Pulaski County	\$4,420	6.8%	-0.2%	\$4,420	6.8%	0.7%
Putnam County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Ralls County	\$4,160	6.0%	-1.0%	\$3,640	5.2%	-0.9%
Randolph County	\$5,850	8.0%	1.0%	\$5,373	7.4%	1.3%
Ray County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Reynolds County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Ripley County	\$4,030	8.9%	1.9%	\$3,510	7.8%	1.7%
St Charles County	\$7,800	7.3%	0.3%	\$6,860	6.4%	0.3%
St Clair County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Ste Genevieve County	\$4,875	6.5%	-0.5%	\$4,875	6.5%	0.4%
St Francois County	\$4,073	6.7%	-0.3%	\$3,467	5.7%	-0.4%
St Louis City	\$6,625	8.2%	1.2%	\$5,370	6.6%	0.5%
St Louis County	\$7,693	7.0%	0.0%	\$6,938	6.3%	0.2%
Saline County	\$4,160	7.0%	0.0%	\$4,030	6.8%	0.7%
Schuyler County	\$3,900	6.8%	-0.2%	\$3,900	6.8%	0.7%
Scotland County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Scott County	\$3,692	6.3%	-0.7%	\$3,515	6.0%	-0.1%

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Shannon County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Shelby County	\$3,900	6.6%	-0.4%	\$3,640	6.1%	0.0%
Stoddard County	\$4,420	7.6%	0.6%	\$3,727	6.4%	0.3%
Stone County	\$4,680	7.9%	0.9%	\$4,030	6.8%	0.7%
Sullivan County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Taney County	\$4,969	8.5%	1.5%	\$4,218	7.3%	1.2%
Texas County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Vernon County	\$4,212	6.8%	-0.2%	\$4,193	6.8%	0.7%
Warren County	\$5,200	7.1%	0.1%	\$5,200	7.1%	1.0%
Washington County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Wayne County	\$3,900	7.9%	0.9%	\$3,900	7.9%	1.8%
Webster County	\$4,550	7.2%	0.2%	\$3,900	6.1%	0.0%
Worth County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Wright County	\$4,550	9.8%	2.8%	\$4,550	9.8%	3.7%

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Methodology

Child care costs are reported at the county level for infant child care and child care for 4 year olds across the state. To determine the affordability of child care costs by county, we compared the average cost of center-based and family child care to household median income by county. Affordability was calculated by dividing the average cost of care in that county by the county's median income as reported by the U.S. Census Bureau's American Community Survey (2016 5-year estimates, Table B19126). Then, county affordability was compared to statewide affordability. **Child Care Aware® of America would like to thank The Children's Cabinet of Nevada for generously providing the data needed to complete this analysis.**

Findings

Families in Clark County, the most populated county in Nevada and home to Las Vegas, pay on average nearly 17 percent of median income towards center-based infant care. This is slightly above the statewide average of 15 percent.

Nevada is the second least affordable state for infants in family child care settings, costing married couple parents an average of 12 percent of their annual incomes. On average, parents in Clark County and Lyon County pay slightly more than the average cost for family child care for infants. However, most of the counties in Nevada average less than the state, as low as 8.5 percent of annual income.

Nye County ranks as the least affordable county for center-based child care for 4-year-olds, with costs exceeding the state average by nearly 2 percent. For family child care of 4-year-olds, county costs did not significantly differ from the statewide average of 11 percent of median household income.

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

RANK	COUNTY	AVERAGE ANNUAL COST OF INFANT CARE*	PERCENT MEDIAN INCOME-MARRIED COUPLE WITH CHILDREN	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COUNTY-LEVEL AND STATEWIDE AFFORDABILITY**
Statewide Center-Based Affordability: 15.0%				
1	Clark County	\$12,124	16.7%	1.7%
2	Nye County	\$8,603	15.8%	0.8%
3	Pershing County	\$9,125	15.5%	0.5%
4	Washoe County	\$10,957	14.0%	-1.0%
5	Carson City	\$8,964	12.8%	-2.2%
Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 12.0%				
1	Clark County	\$9,093	12.5%	0.5%
2	Lyon County	\$8,238	12.2%	0.2%
3	Washoe County	\$8,909	11.4%	-0.6%
4	Mineral County	\$7,821	10.5%	-1.5%
5	Douglas County	\$8,277	10.4%	-1.6%

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	Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 15.0%			Statewide Center-Based Care Affordability: 11.9%		
Carson City	\$8,964	12.8%	-2.2%	\$7,400	10.6%	-1.3%
Churchill County	\$7,769	10.4%	-4.6%	\$6,878	9.2%	-2.7%
Clark County	\$12,124	16.7%	1.7%	\$9,472	13.0%	1.1%
Douglas County	\$9,255	11.7%	-3.3%	\$7,959	10.0%	-1.9%
Elko County	\$8,342	9.1%	-5.9%	\$6,433	7.0%	-4.9%
Esmeralda County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Eureka County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Humboldt County	NR	NA	NA	\$6,909	8.1%	-3.8%
Lander County	\$6,007	5.7%	-9.3%	\$5,794	5.5%	-6.4%
Lincoln County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Lyon County	\$8,017	11.9%	-3.1%	\$7,108	10.5%	-1.4%
Mineral County	\$5,996	8.1%	-6.9%	\$5,475	7.4%	-4.5%
Nye County	\$8,603	15.8%	0.8%	\$7,517	13.8%	1.9%
Pershing County	\$9,125	15.5%	0.5%	\$7,039	12.0%	0.1%
Storey County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Washoe County	\$10,957	14.0%	-1.0%	\$8,760	11.2%	-0.7%
White Pine County	\$6,691	8.7%	-6.3%	\$5,692	7.4%	-4.5%
COUNTY	INFANT CARE			4 YEAR OLD		
	Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 12.0%			Statewide Family Child Care Affordability: 11.0%		
	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**	COST*	PERCENTAGE MEDIAN INCOME	DIFFERENCE TO STATE AVERAGE**
Carson City	NR	NA	NA	\$7,821	11.2%	0.2%
Churchill County	NR	NA	NA	\$8,342	11.2%	0.2%
Clark County	\$9,093	12.5%	0.5%	\$8,530	11.7%	0.7%
Douglas County	\$8,277	10.4%	-1.6%	\$7,473	9.4%	-1.6%
Elko County	\$7,821	8.5%	-3.5%	\$7,387	8.1%	-2.9%
Esmeralda County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Eureka County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Humboldt County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Lander County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Lincoln County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Lyon County	\$8,238	12.2%	0.2%	\$7,165	10.6%	-0.4%
Mineral County	\$7,821	10.5%	-1.5%	\$7,821	10.5%	-0.5%
Nye County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Pershing County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Storey County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA
Washoe County	\$8,909	11.4%	-0.6%	\$8,098	10.3%	-0.7%
White Pine County	NR	NA	NA	NR	NA	NA

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

*Source: The Children's Cabinet

**Affordability, or Percentage Median Income, is a comparison of average cost against county median income of married couple parents. The state affordability percentage was subtracted from county affordability percentage. A positive percentage point difference indicates that the average county affordability exceeds the average statewide affordability.