

Parents and the high cost of child care: 2011 report ^[1]

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Parents and the High Cost of Child Care: 2011 Update presents 2010 data about what parents pay for full-time child care in America. It includes average fees for both family child care (FCC) homes and centers. Information was collected through a survey conducted in January 2011 that asked for the average costs charged for child care for infants, 4-year-old children and school-age children in child care centers and family child care homes in every state.

- Overall, the cost of child care increased 1.9 percent for centers and 1.8 percent for family child care homes from 2009 to 2010.
- The cost of infant care in a center increased 2.3 percent while the cost of infant care in a family child care home increased 2.6 percent.
- The cost of care for a 4-year-old in a center increased 1.5 percent while the cost of care for a 4-year-old in a family child care home increased 1.1 percent.
- In 40 states, the average annual cost of center-based infant care exceeded 10 percent of the state's median income for a two-parent family.

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