

# CHILDCARE



**Child Care Centers:** Also referred to as daycare centers. Typically based in commercial property, but also in faith-based facilities. Can be for-profit or not-for-profit.

**Family Child Care:** Frequently referred to as a home daycare and typically based in the provider's home.

## 3RD MOST EXPENSIVE STATE FOR CENTER-BASED INFANT CHILD CARE<sup>1</sup>

Annual cost of **center-based infant child care** in 2025:

**\$22,569<sup>4</sup>**

**Undergraduate resident tuition** at the University of Minnesota in 2025:

**\$20,165<sup>5</sup>**

Early childhood educators see a **turnover rate of 30%** annually in Minnesota due to **financial instability.**<sup>8</sup>

The **median childcare worker** in Minnesota would have to spend **70%** of their earnings to put their own infant in **center based** care.<sup>9</sup>



**Minnesota** is among the 5th **most affordable** states for **family child care.**<sup>2</sup>

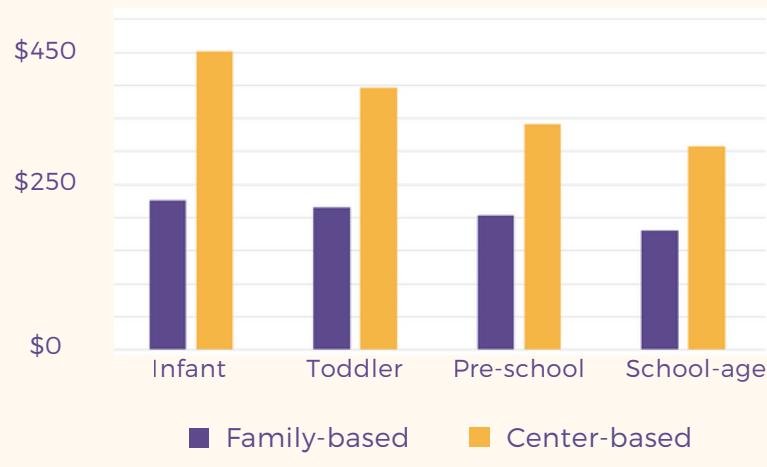


Minnesota has seen a **net loss** of approximately **200 family centers** per year for the last three years.<sup>3</sup>



**68%** of family-based centers are located in **Greater Minnesota**, making these communities more likely to be affected by closures.<sup>6</sup>

In 2025, across all age groups, family child-care was **50-60%** of the cost of center-based care per week. On average, that's a difference of approximately **\$150** per week, or **\$600** per month.<sup>7</sup>



- 1. [Economic Policy Institute](#)
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