

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 CARE¹

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

\$22,569⁴

Undergraduate resident tuition at the University of Minnesota in 2025:

\$20,165⁵

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

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



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

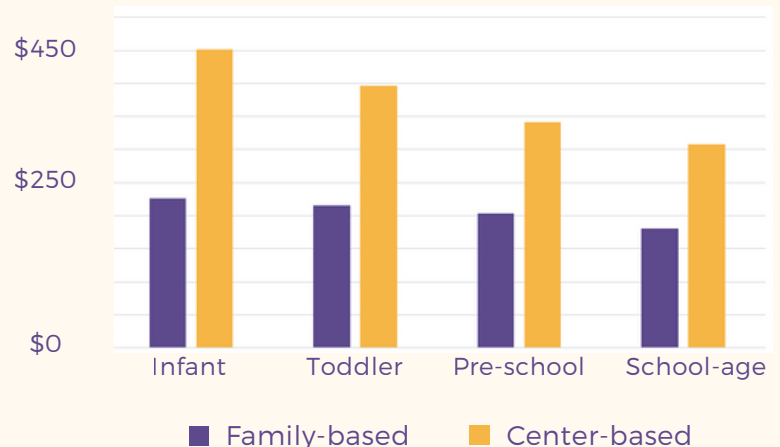


Minnesota has seen a **net loss** of approximately **200 family centers** per year for the last three years.³



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

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.⁷



1. [Economic Policy Institute](#)
2. [ChildCare Aware Affordability Analysis](#)
3. Minnesota DCYF
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