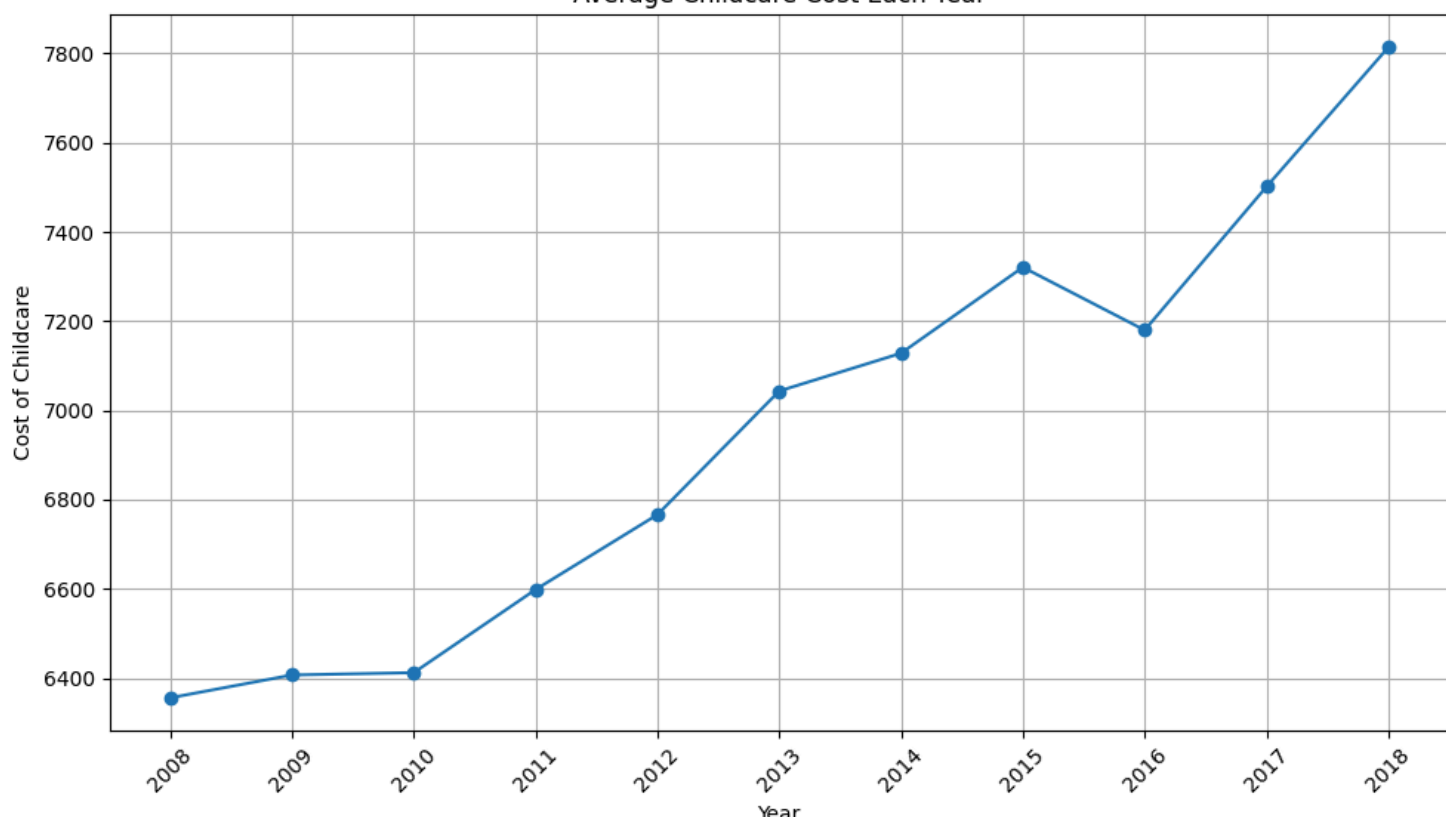


THE RISING COST OF CHILDCARE IN THE U.S.

The cost of childcare has been on the rise in the United States. This creates a difficult situation especially for low income households who are faced with a decision: both parents work and must pay childcare costs OR one parent works while the other stays home to avoid childcare costs.

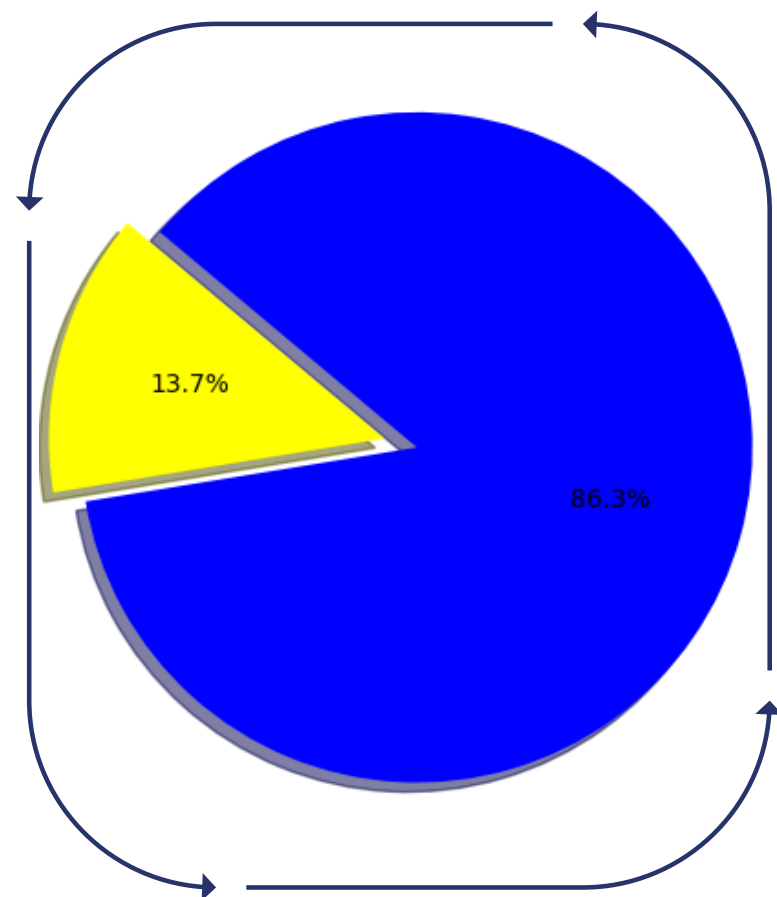
CHANGE IN CHILDCARE COST OVER TIME

Average Childcare Cost Each Year



Over the last 3 years childcare costs have been on the rise. This graph shows the average cost per week over the past 10 years.

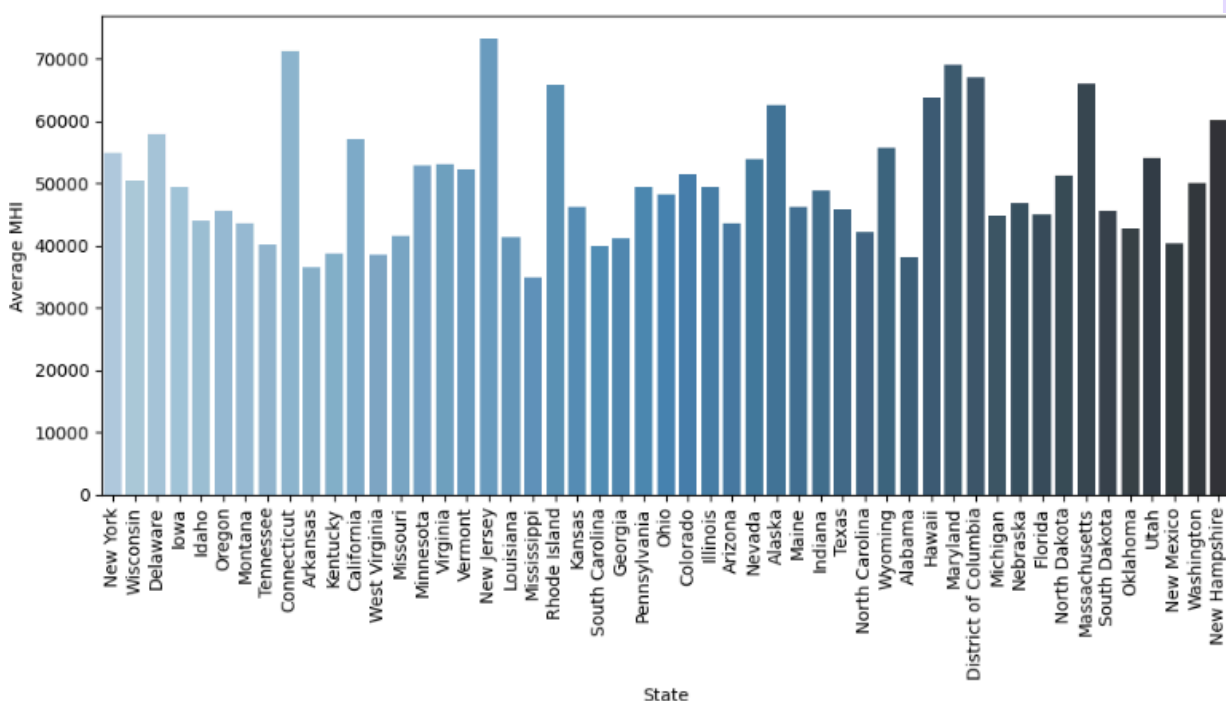
MONEY SPENT ON CHILDCARE



On average, 13.7% of the average household income is spent on childcare every year for one child. This leaves 86.3% for all other expenses for the year.

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME A YEAR BY STATE

The range is \$35,000 to \$70,000 a year per household. Mississippi has the lowest while New Jersey has the highest.



SUMMARY

On average, an eighth of a household's income is spent on childcare every year. Childcare costs have been on the rise in recent years making it harder for families to afford.