

Can You Afford Childcare? A Look at the Costs

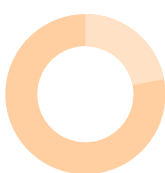


Childcare costs are rising faster than income, placing a growing financial burden on families—especially in high-cost states. This affordability gap limits access to care and hinders workforce participation, particularly among women.



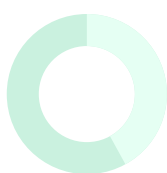
\$125

Childcare Cost Per Week



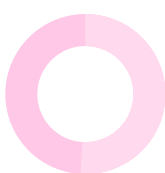
23%

Highest Income Spent on Childcare



42%

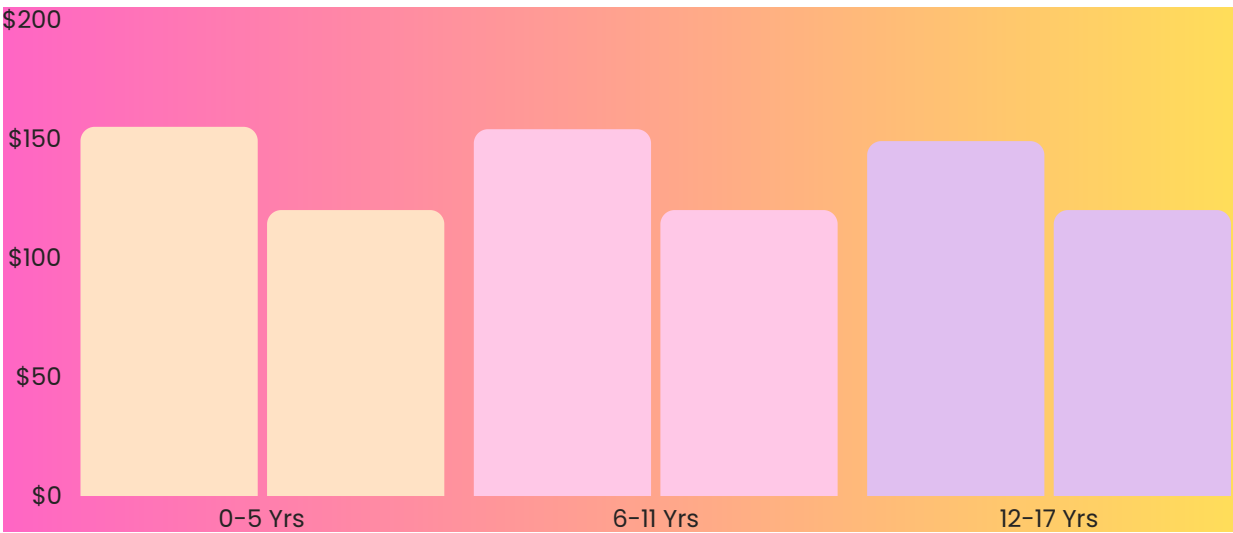
Childcare Costs Up Since 2008



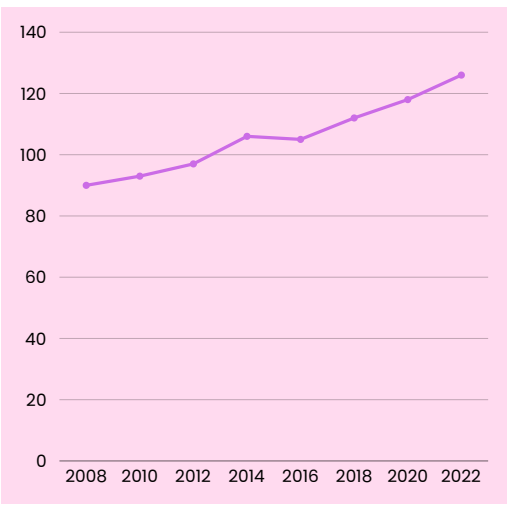
51%

Female Employment Rate (2022)

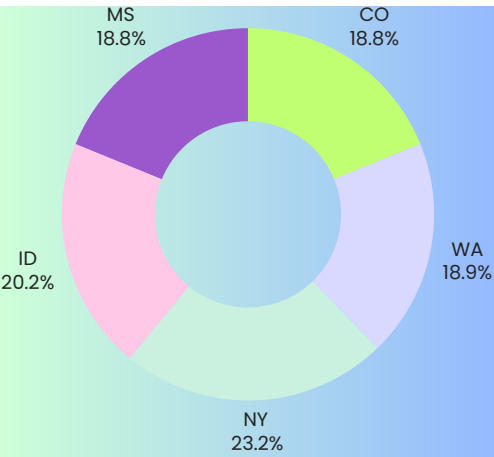
Avg Childcare Cost by Age & Care Type



Trends in Childcare Costs



Top 5 States: Income Spent on Childcare



Act now to close the childcare affordability gap—support families through targeted subsidies, regional policy reforms, and expanded access to affordable care.

Strengthening childcare affordability boosts workforce participation, reduces income strain, and builds stronger communities.