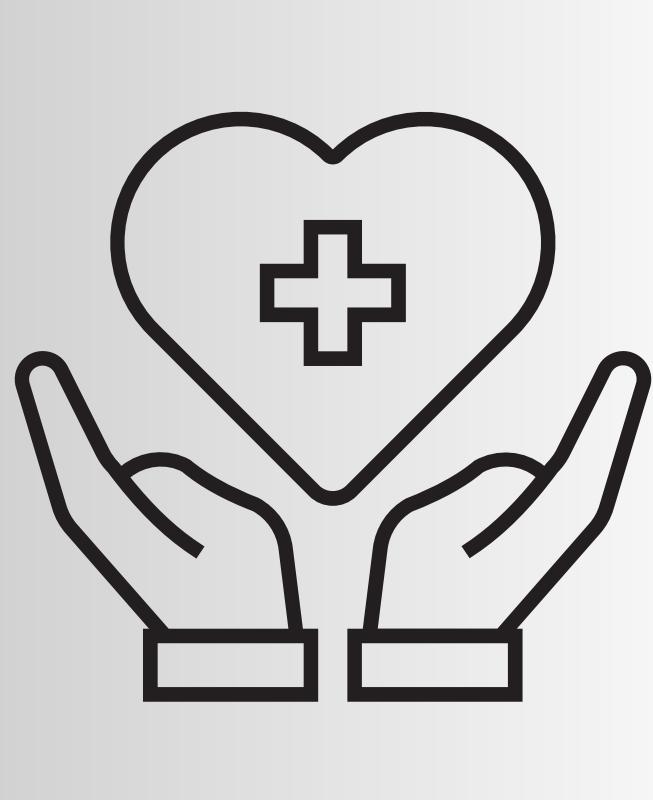
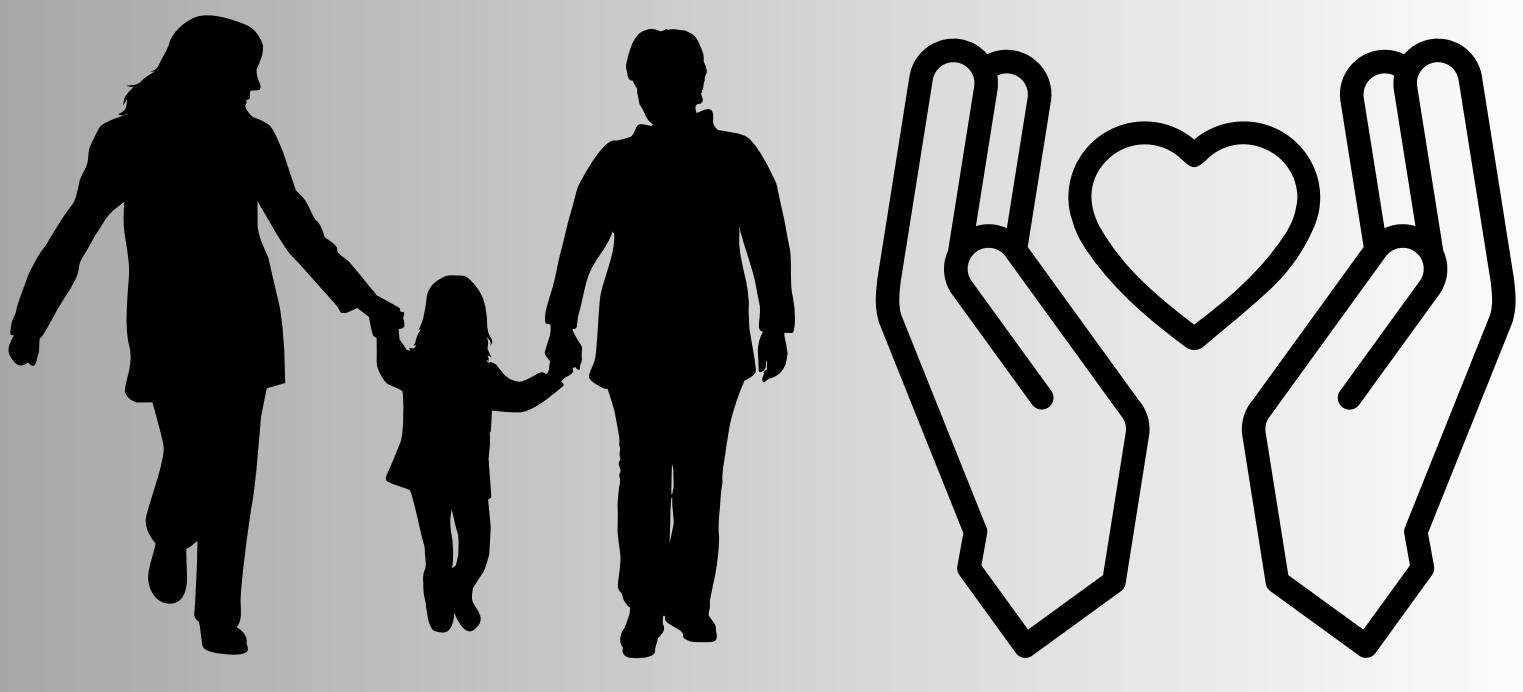


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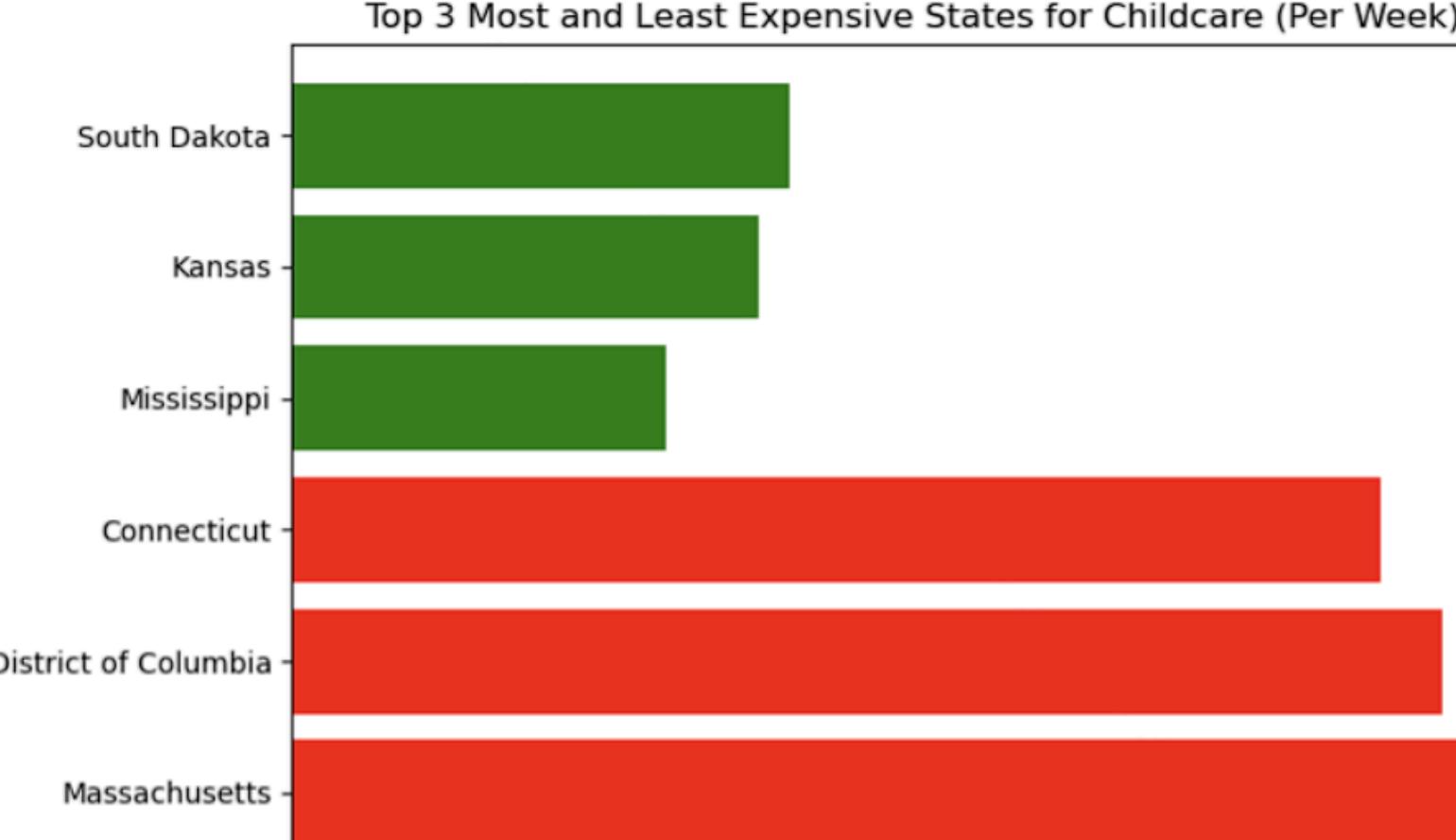




**"THIS INFOGRAPHIC BREAKS DOWN
CHILDCARE COSTS ACROSS THE U.S.,
HIGHLIGHTING THE MOST EXPENSIVE AND
LEAST EXPENSIVE STATES. IT ALSO
EXPLAINS THE COST BURDEN BY AGE GROUP,
HELPING FAMILIES UNDERSTAND WHERE
THEIR BIGGEST EXPENSES WILL BE."**



FAMILIES IN THE NORTHEAST TEND TO FACE HIGHER CHILDCARE COSTS, WHILE SOUTHERN STATES LIKE MISSISSIPPI HAVE LOWER COSTS.



Top 3 Most Expensive States:

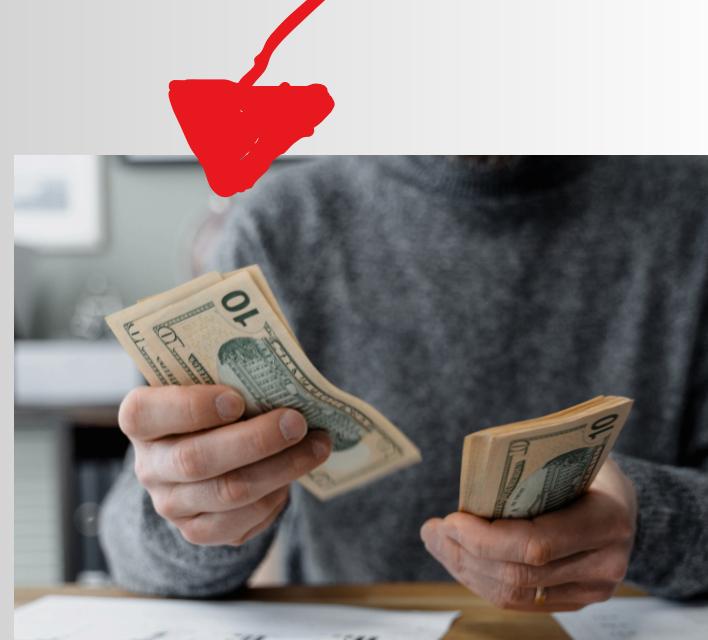
- **Massachusetts:** **\$190/week**
- **District of Columbia:** **\$185/week**
- **Connecticut:** **\$175/week**



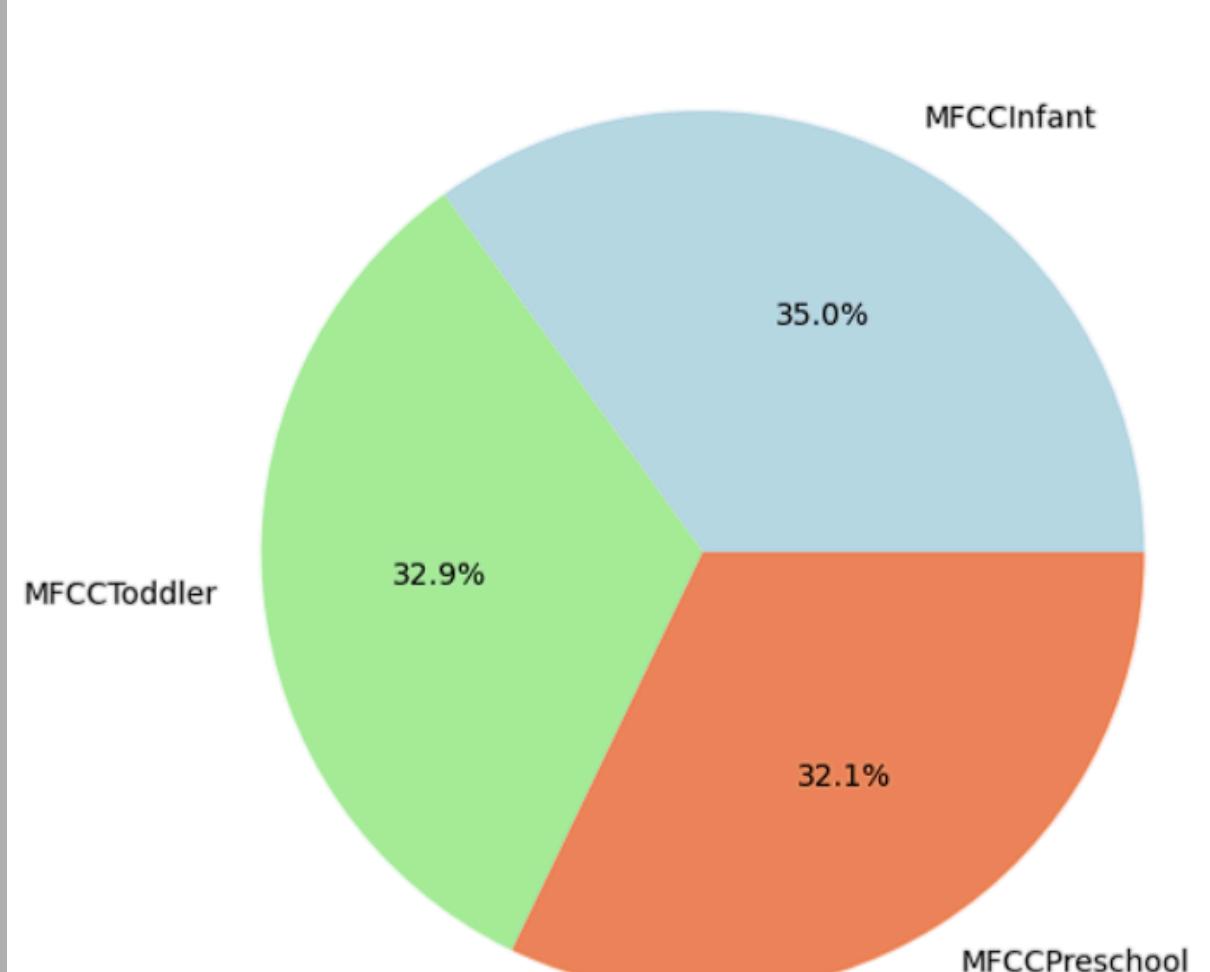
TOP 3 LEAST EXPENSIVE

STATES:

- **MISSISSIPPI: \$60/WEEK**
- **KANSAS: \$75/WEEK**
- **SOUTH DAKOTA: \$80/WEEK**

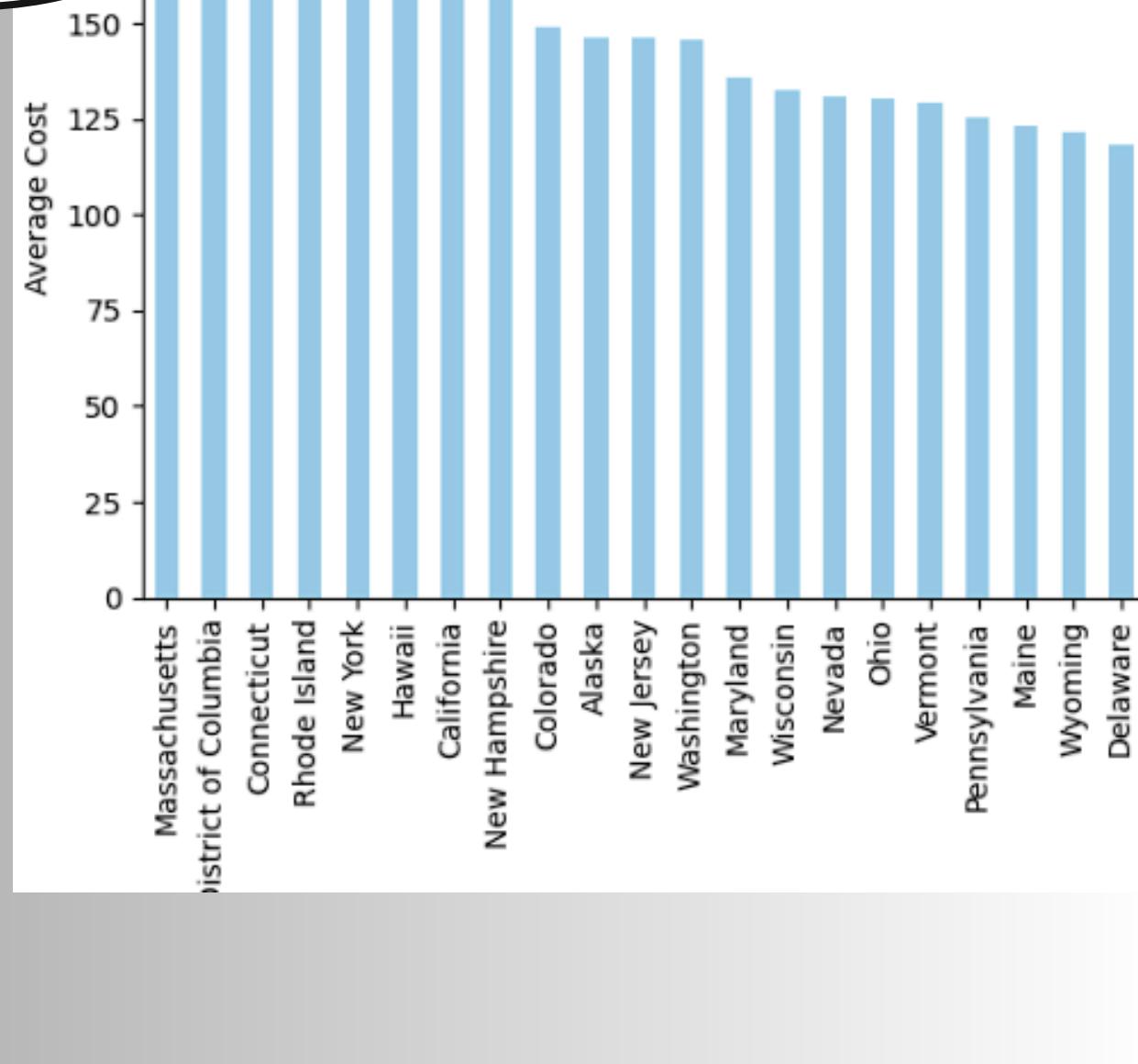


Childcare Costs Distribution by Age Group



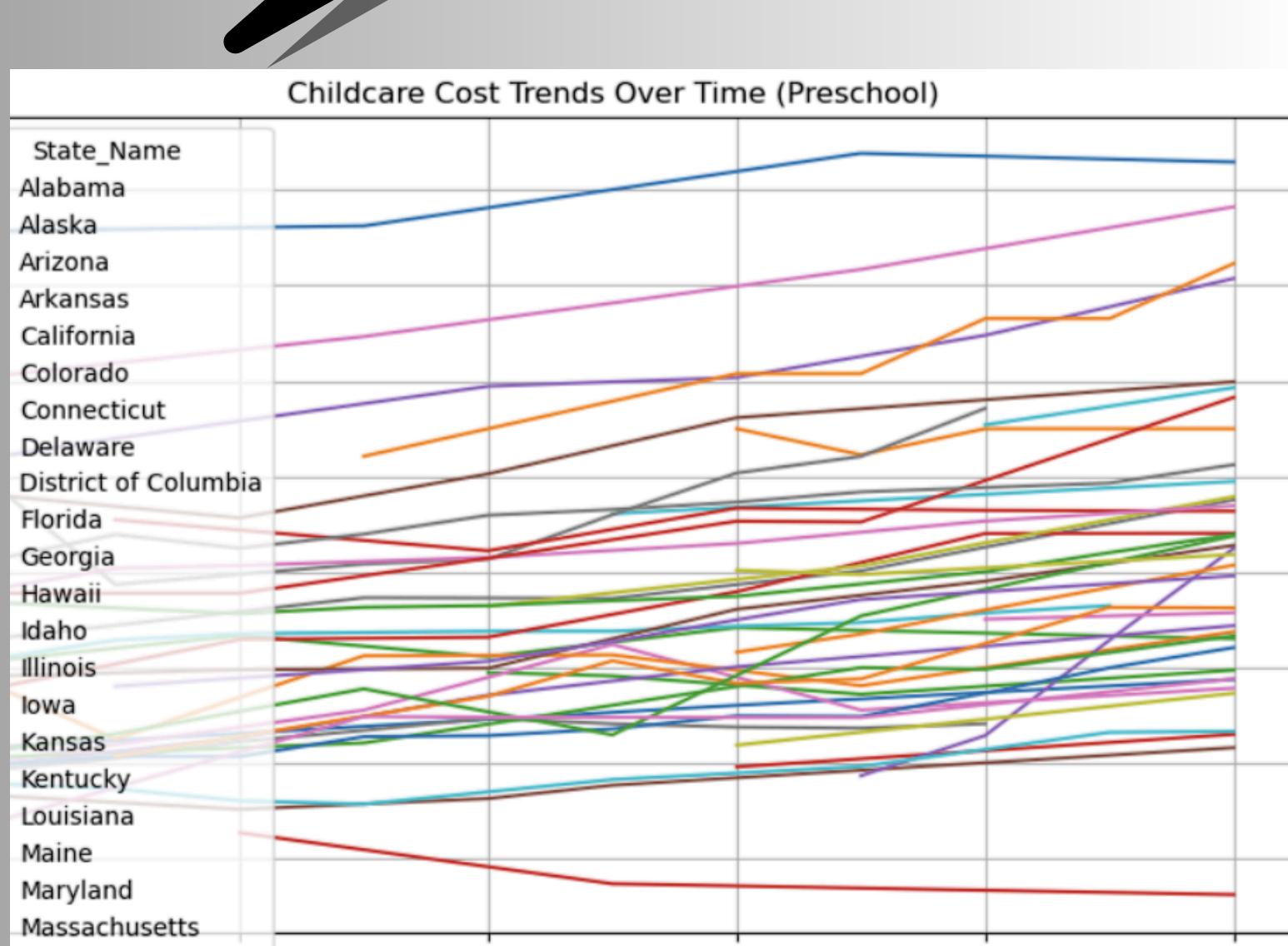
Infant care is the most expensive, accounting for 35% of total childcare costs.

FAMILIES IN MASSACHUSETTS PAY NEARLY 3X MORE FOR CHILDCARE THAN THOSE IN MISSISSIPPI



CHILDCARE COSTS HAVE INCREASED BY 28% IN CALIFORNIA OVER THE PAST DECADE

Childcare Cost Trends Over Time (Preschool)





CHILDCARE COSTS VARY WIDELY ACROSS STATES AND AGE GROUPS, WITH INFANT CARE BEING THE MOST EXPENSIVE. FAMILIES IN STATES LIKE MASSACHUSETTS FACE SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER COSTS COMPARED TO STATES LIKE MISSISSIPPI. MOREOVER, COSTS HAVE RISEN STEADILY OVER THE PAST DECADE, ESPECIALLY IN HIGH-DEMAND STATES LIKE CALIFORNIA.



- Explore more on childcare costs and how you can plan for the future. Contact your local policymakers to advocate for more affordable childcare options.