



UNDERSTANDING THE RISING COST OF
CHILDCARE IN AMERICA:

**WHAT PARENTS & CAREGIVERS NEED TO
KNOW**

WHY THIS MATTERS

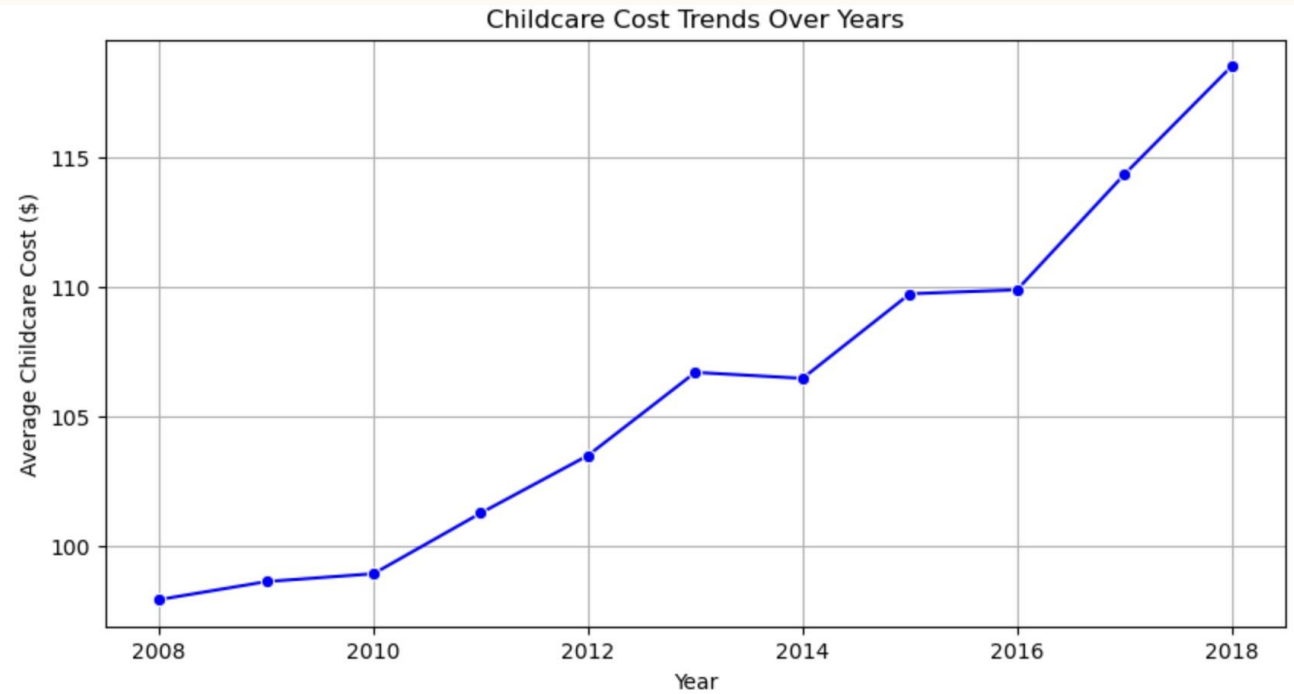
- Childcare costs are one of the largest expenses for families.
- Many families pay more for childcare than housing or food.
- These costs impact financial stability, career choices, and wellbeing.

ABOUT THE DATA

- Source: U.S. Department of Labor's National Database of Childcare Prices.
- Covers years: 2008–2018.
- Tracks cost data by state, county, care type, and child age group.

NATIONAL TRENDS

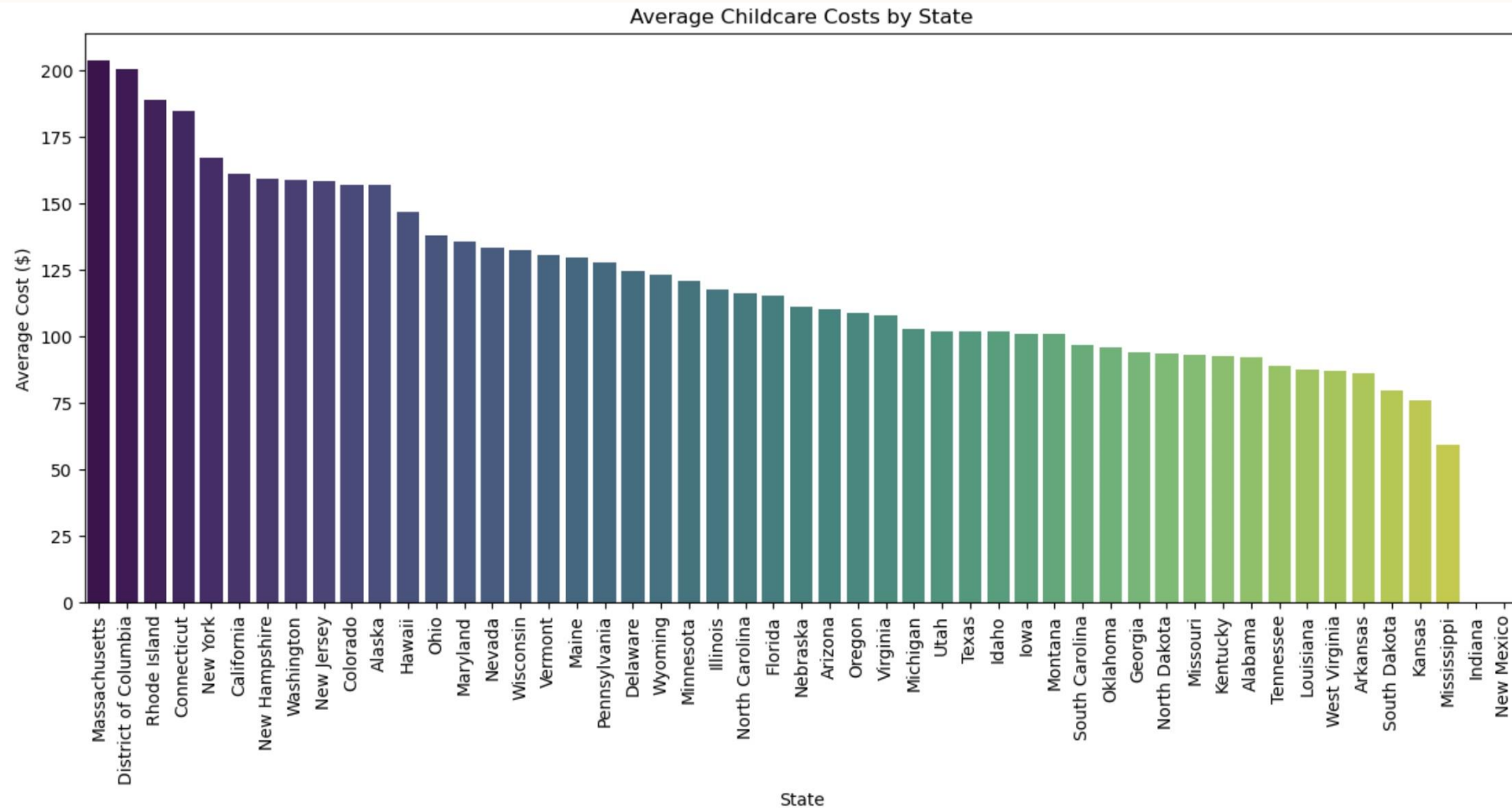
Infant care shows the highest cost increase



STATE-BY-STATE BREAKDOWN

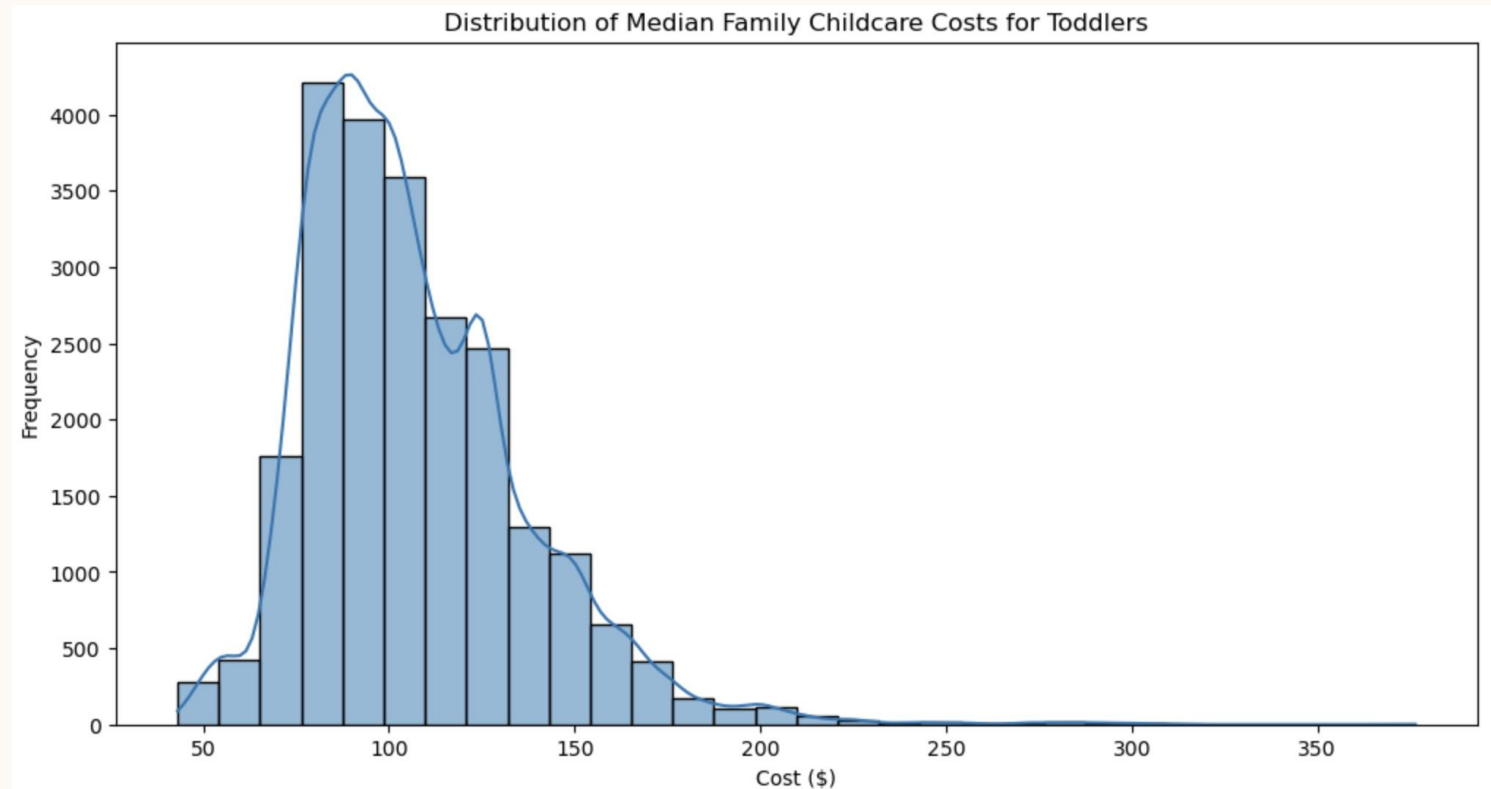
Horizontal bar chart
comparing highest and lowest
average costs.

Massachusetts, California =
highest | Mississippi, Alabama =
lowest



MEDIAN FAMILY CHILDCARE COSTS

Childcare costs range from \$50 to \$350. Childcare costs are rising over time, possibly due to inflation, demand, or policy.



WHAT CAN BE DONE?



Policy solutions

- Expand childcare subsidies
- Increase government funding for early education

Employer initiatives

- On-site childcare
- Childcare stipends or benefits

CALL TO ACTION – HOW CAN WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE?



Parents & Advocates:

Speak up and share your stories.

Employers:

Consider childcare benefits for employees.

Policymakers:

Support legislation for affordable childcare.

**EVERY CHILD DESERVES ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE,
AND EVERY PARENT DESERVES A FAIR SHOT AT
FINANCIAL STABILITY.**

A strong start in early childhood leads to a stronger
future for all.

Q&A / DISCUSSION

Open floor for questions



**THANK
YOU**

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