

# How big a bite does child care take?

## *Infant care costs as a share of income in California*

For a median family with children



For a minimum-wage worker For a typical child care worker



### **Average cost of infant care in California: \$11,817/year (\$985/month)**

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, child care is affordable if it costs no more than 10% of a family's income. By this standard, only **28.5%** of California families can afford infant care.

**Source:** Economic Policy Institute: *The cost of child care in the United States*

<http://cscce.berkeley.edu/early-childhood-workforce-index/>