



# FACT SHEET

House Committee on Education and Labor  
Chairman Robert C. "Bobby" Scott

## Build Back Better Act

### *Child Care Savings for Typical Family of Four*

The Build Back Better Act makes a historic investment to lower the cost of child care for working families, expand the availability of high-quality child care, and raise wages for child care workers.

Under the plan advanced by the Committee on Education and Labor, the typical of family of four using center-based child care could save thousands of dollars every year. The Build Back Better Act’s child care investment would give families greater financial security, allow more parents rejoin to workforce, and help grow the economy.

Average Annual Child Care Savings for a <u>Typical Family of Four</u>		
State	With One Infant in Full-Time Center-based Child Care	With One Infant and One Child in Full-Time Center-based Child Care
Alabama	\$6,030	\$12,800
Alaska	\$9,750	\$19,600
Arizona	\$9,430	\$18,310
Arkansas	\$6,150	\$12,780
California	\$15,510	\$27,680
Colorado	\$13,870	\$25,780
Connecticut	\$13,810	\$26,810
Delaware	\$9,460	\$18,540
District of Columbia	\$21,670	\$40,650
Florida	\$8,070	\$15,330
Georgia	\$6,510	\$13,480
Hawaii	\$12,270	\$21,680
Idaho	\$7,300	\$15,100
Illinois	\$11,690	\$22,400
Indiana	\$9,430	\$17,990
Iowa	\$9,360	\$18,510
Kansas	\$11,070	\$19,960
Kentucky	\$6,020	\$12,860
Louisiana	\$7,140	\$15,080

Maine	\$8,930	\$18,700
Maryland	\$13,280	\$23,950
Massachusetts	\$18,750	\$34,500
Michigan	\$9,080	\$18,040
Minnesota	\$13,990	\$26,440
Mississippi	\$4,530	\$9,910
Missouri	\$8,080	\$14,900
Montana*	\$9,640	\$18,710
Nebraska	\$10,150	\$21,590
Nevada	\$9,530	\$18,690
New Hampshire	\$11,030	\$21,960
New Jersey	\$13,800	\$27,000
New Mexico	\$8,000	\$16,500
New York	\$11,380	\$22,560
North Carolina	\$8,040	\$16,290
North Dakota	\$7,230	\$15,600
Ohio	\$8,160	\$16,120
Oklahoma	\$7,570	\$14,490
Oregon	\$12,460	\$22,670
Pennsylvania	\$10,370	\$20,530
Rhode Island	\$9,080	\$19,050
South Carolina	\$7,950	\$16,490
South Dakota	\$5,700	\$12,370
Tennessee	\$9,250	\$18,010
Texas	\$8,660	\$17,370
Utah	\$7,410	\$14,220
Vermont	\$12,030	\$24,860
Virginia	\$12,680	\$24,280
Washington	\$13,380	\$27,230
West Virginia	\$7,870	\$15,800
Wisconsin	\$10,870	\$21,490
Wyoming	\$7,660	\$15,800

\*Child care cost estimates were not available for Montana. Instead, we use Child Care Aware of America's national averages to approximate child care costs in this state.

**Source:** Education and Labor Committee staff analysis of data from Child Care Aware® of America's January 2020 survey of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks and the Administration for Children and Families Office of Community Services' Division of Energy for FY2021.

## Methodology

- Average child care costs are from [Child Care Aware® of America's January 2020 survey](#) of Child Care Resource and Referral State Networks.
- Child care cost estimates were not available for Montana. Instead, we use Child Care Aware of America's national averages to approximate child care costs in this state.
- All child care costs estimates are for full-time center-based care.
- Typical family of four is defined as a 4-person household making 100 percent of the [State Median Income](#) for a family of that size.
- Child care costs for family with one infant and one child are calculated based on rates for a 1-year-old infant and a 4-year-old child.
- Under the *Build Back Better Act*, families making 100 percent of the State Median Income would pay no more than two percent of their income on child care. Savings are projected by calculating the difference between the current average child care costs and two percent of income for families making the State Median Income.