



STRATEGY: CHILD CARE SUBSIDIES

State Variation in Child Care Subsidies: Base Reimbursement Rates for Infants and Toddlers in Center-Based Care

State	Base Reimbursement Rate for Infants in Center-Based Care	Base Reimbursement Rate for Infants in Center-Based Care If Set at 75th Percentile of the Market Rate Survey the State Used	Base Reimbursement Rate for Toddlers in Center-Based Care	Base Reimbursement Rate for Toddlers in Center-Based Care If Set at 75th Percentile of the Market Rate Survey the State Used
Alabama	\$650	\$836	\$650	\$836
Alaska	\$980	\$1,006	\$850	\$991
Arizona	\$853	\$1,050	\$768	\$965
Arkansas	\$597	\$594	\$558	\$552
California	\$1,594	\$1,594	\$1,594	\$1,594
Colorado	\$1,166	\$1,641	\$1,046	\$1,520
Connecticut	\$1,322	\$1,534	\$1,322	\$1,534
Delaware	\$816	\$1,255	\$737	\$1,134
District of Columbia	\$1,369	Not Reported	\$1,369	Not Reported
Florida	\$719	\$693	\$691	\$650
Georgia	\$650	\$1,025	\$624	\$997
Hawaii	\$1,490	\$1,490	\$1,490	\$1,490
Idaho	\$790	\$840	\$726	\$782
Illinois	\$1,064	\$1,402	\$1,064	\$1,314
Indiana	\$1,070	Not Reported	\$966	Not Reported
Iowa	\$711	\$858	\$711	\$858
Kansas	\$774	\$730	\$753	\$761
Kentucky	\$586	\$743	\$586	\$732
Louisiana	\$523	\$654	\$497	\$628
Maine	\$1,313	\$1,313	\$1,209	\$1,209
Maryland	\$958	\$1,191	\$659	\$808
Massachusetts	\$1,550	\$1,874	\$1,348	\$1,682
Michigan	\$809	\$1,130	\$809	\$1,130

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Minnesota	\$1,161	\$1,465	\$975	\$1,257
Mississippi	\$480	\$480	\$480	\$480
Missouri	\$789	\$1,361	\$789	\$1,361
Montana	\$837	\$837	\$837	\$837
Nebraska	\$941	\$1,021	\$887	\$948
Nevada	\$879	\$1,004	\$795	\$879
New Hampshire	\$1,083	\$1,181	\$991	\$1,096
New Jersey	\$995	\$1,326	\$831	\$1,192
New Mexico	\$721	\$774	\$590	\$775
New York	\$1,759	Not Reported	\$1,365	Not Reported
North Carolina	\$963	\$1,257	\$937	\$1,213
North Dakota	\$840	\$840	\$790	\$790
Ohio	\$910	\$1,235	\$815	\$1,105
Oklahoma	\$418	\$669	\$418	\$607
Oregon	\$1,415	\$1,455	\$1,404	\$1,444
Pennsylvania	\$893	Not Reported	\$872	Not Reported
Rhode Island	\$860	\$1,075	\$860	\$1,001
South Carolina	\$802	\$802	\$802	\$802
South Dakota	\$762	\$762	\$762	\$762
Tennessee	\$771	\$875	\$672	\$823
Texas	\$702	\$871	\$604	\$801
Utah	\$900	\$900	\$650	\$717
Vermont	\$867	\$1,127	\$833	\$1,083
Virginia	\$1,777	\$1,777*	\$1,690	\$1,690
Washington	\$1,501	\$2,008	\$1,258	\$1,652
West Virginia	\$669	\$669	\$628	\$628
Wisconsin	\$1,201	Not Reported	\$1,087	Not Reported
Wyoming	\$628	\$732	\$586	\$725

Note: All rates are monthly and rounded to the nearest dollar. States vary in how they define the ages of infants and toddlers. Current rates do not include temporary enhanced rates set due to COVID-19.

Source: State children and families department websites and state market rate surveys, as of July 1, 2020. For additional information, please refer to the Methods and Sources section of pn3policy.org.

State Variation in Child Care Subsidies: Base Reimbursement Rates for Infants and Toddlers in Family Child Care

State	Base Reimbursement Rate for Infants in Family Child Care	Base Reimbursement Rate for Infants in Family Child Care If set at 75th Percentile of the Market Rate Survey the State Used	Base Reimbursement Rate for Toddlers in Family Child Care	Base Reimbursement Rate for Toddlers in Family Child Care If set at 75th Percentile of the Market Rate Survey the State Used
Alabama	\$542	\$542	\$542	\$542
Alaska	\$704	\$800	\$650	\$775
Arizona	\$418	\$617	\$418	\$523
Arkansas	\$597	\$523	\$558	\$418
California	\$927	\$925	\$927	\$925
Colorado	\$748	\$1,090	\$748	\$1,090
Connecticut	\$984	\$975	\$984	\$975
Delaware	\$524	\$805	\$503	\$774
District of Columbia	\$1,055	Not Reported	\$1,055	Not Reported
Florida	\$719	\$607	\$691	\$542
Georgia	\$542	\$715	\$520	\$693
Hawaii	\$650	\$700	\$650	\$700
Idaho	\$618	\$642	\$588	\$620
Illinois	\$808	\$837	\$808	\$837
Indiana	\$563	Not Reported	\$542	Not Reported
Iowa	\$544	\$628	\$544	\$628
Kansas	\$580	\$542	\$489	\$510
Kentucky	\$523	\$586	\$523	\$544
Louisiana	\$377	\$544	\$377	\$523
Maine	\$953	\$953	\$867	\$867
Maryland	\$702	\$866	\$576	\$691
Massachusetts	\$922	\$1,046	\$922	\$962
Michigan	\$649	\$753	\$649	\$732
Minnesota	\$706	\$802	\$677	\$758
Mississippi	\$349	\$349	\$348	\$348
Missouri	\$425	\$732	\$425	\$732
Montana	\$690	\$628	\$690	\$628

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Nebraska	\$628	\$732	\$628	\$690
Nevada	\$669	\$774	\$659	\$732
New Hampshire	\$771	\$823	\$758	\$812
New Jersey	\$671	\$1,326	\$671	\$1,192
New Mexico	\$567	\$645	\$464	\$667
New York	\$867	Not Reported	\$849	Not Reported
North Carolina	\$740	\$715	\$743	\$715
North Dakota	\$640	\$640	\$620	\$620
Ohio	\$621	\$867	\$623	\$802
Oklahoma	\$418	\$523	\$418	\$523
Oregon	\$1,254	\$1,254	\$1,140	\$1,140
Pennsylvania	\$721	Not Reported	\$657	Not Reported
Rhode Island	\$801	\$791	\$801	\$780
South Carolina	\$585	\$585	\$585	\$585
South Dakota	\$565	\$565	\$565	\$565
Tennessee	\$585	\$628	\$555	\$585
Texas	\$558	\$765	\$531	\$727
Utah	\$656	\$656	\$575	\$608
Vermont	\$600	\$780	\$583	\$758
Virginia	\$1,192	Not Reported	\$1,127	Not Reported
Washington	\$1,137	\$1,350	\$1,019	\$1,320
West Virginia	\$523	\$523	\$460	\$460
Wisconsin	\$957	Not Reported	\$869	Not Reported
Wyoming	\$535	\$662	\$523	\$628

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State Variation in Child Care Subsidies: Market Rate Survey Years and QRIS Information

State	Year of Market Rate Survey Used to Establish Base Rates	Year of Most Recent Market Rate Survey	Subsidy Reimbursement Rate Tied to QRIS Quality Tier	QRIS Participation Requirement	State QRIS Detail
Alabama	2017	2017	Not Reported	Not Reported	Statewide QRIS
Alaska	2017	2017	No	Voluntary for all providers	Pilot
Arizona	2018	2018	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Arkansas	2015	2019	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
California	2016	2018	No	Voluntary for all providers	Non-statewide QRIS
Colorado	2017-18	2017-18	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
Connecticut	2018	2018	Not Reported	Not Reported	Pilot
Delaware	2018	2018	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
District of Columbia	2018	2018	No	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
Florida	2017	2017	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Non-statewide QRIS
Georgia	2016-17	2016-17	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Hawaii	2016	2018	No QRIS	No QRIS	None
Idaho	2018	2018	No	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Illinois	2018	2018	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
Indiana	2018	2018	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Iowa	2014	2017	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Kansas	2017	2017	Not Reported	Not Reported	Pilot
Kentucky	2017	2017	No	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Louisiana	2017	2017	No	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
Maine	2018	2018	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
Maryland	2019	2019	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
Massachusetts	2018	2018	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
Michigan	2017	2017	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Minnesota	2012	2018	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Mississippi	2016	2016	No QRIS	No QRIS	None

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Missouri	2018	2018	No QRIS	No QRIS	None
Montana	2016	2016	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Nebraska	2019	2019	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Nevada	2018	2018	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
New Hampshire	2018	2018	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
New Jersey	2017	2017	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
New Mexico	2018	2018	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
New York	2018	2018	No	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
North Carolina	2015	2017	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
North Dakota	2017	2017	No	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Ohio	2018	2018	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Oklahoma	2017	2017	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
Oregon	2018	2018	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
Pennsylvania	2016	2019	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
Rhode Island	2015	2018	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
South Carolina	2017	2017	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
South Dakota	2017	2019	Not Reported	Not Reported	Planning
Tennessee	2017-18	2018-19	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
Texas	2019	2019	Yes	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Utah	2017	2017	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
Vermont	2017	2017	Yes	Mandatory for all licensed providers	Statewide QRIS
Virginia	2018	2018	No	Voluntary for all providers	Statewide QRIS
Washington	2018	2018	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
West Virginia	2015	2018	Not Reported	Not Reported	Planning
Wisconsin	2017	2018	Yes	Mandatory if a provider serves children receiving subsidies	Statewide QRIS
Wyoming	2017	2017	No QRIS	No QRIS	None

Sources: **Years of market rate surveys:** state market rate surveys, as of July 1, 2020. **QRIS:** The Build Initiative & Child Trends' Quality Compendium data system, as of December 1, 2019. Administration of Children and Families, Office of Child Care Approved CCDF Plans, as of June 2016, but effective October 1, 2018. For additional information, please refer to the Methods and Sources section of pn3policy.org

State Variation in Child Care Subsidies: Monthly Copayment Amounts

State	Monthly Copayment as a Dollar Amount for a Family of 3 at 150% of the FPL	Monthly Copayment as a % of Income for a Family of 3 at 150% of the FPL	Monthly Copayment as a Dollar Amount for a Family of 3 at 100% of the FPL	Monthly Copayment as a % of Income for a Family of 3 at 100% of the FPL
Alabama	\$132	5%	\$78	4%
Alaska	\$156	6%	\$53	3%
Arizona	\$65	2%	\$65	4%
Arkansas	\$31	1%	\$31	2%
California	\$87	3%	\$0	0%
Colorado	\$293	11%	\$36	2%
Connecticut	\$160	6%	\$71	4%
Delaware	\$240	9%	\$72	4%
District of Columbia	\$59	2%	\$22	1%
Florida	\$195	7%	\$123	7%
Georgia	\$186	7%	\$121	7%
Hawaii	\$592	22%	\$296	17%
Idaho	\$150	6%	\$50	3%
Illinois	\$228	9%	\$89	5%
Indiana	\$241	9%	\$89	5%
Iowa	\$174	7%	\$9	0%
Kansas	\$207	8%	\$58	3%
Kentucky	\$281	11%	\$152	9%
Louisiana	\$65	2%	\$0	0%
Maine	\$240	9%	\$107	6%
Maryland	\$92	3%	\$24	1%
Massachusetts	\$325	12%	\$173	10%
Michigan	\$65	2%	\$32	2%
Minnesota	\$87	3%	\$52	3%
Mississippi	\$160	6%	\$92	5%
Missouri	\$210	8%	\$108	6%
Montana	\$373	14%	\$71	4%
Nebraska	\$187	7%	\$124	7%

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Nevada	\$152	6%	\$51	3%
New Hampshire	\$333	12%	\$133	7%
New Jersey	\$106	4%	\$77	4%
New Mexico	\$186	7%	\$81	5%
New York	\$327	12%	\$16	1%
North Carolina	\$267	10%	\$178	10%
North Dakota	\$227	9%	\$78	4%
Ohio	\$235	9%	\$127	7%
Oklahoma	\$239	9%	\$146	8%
Oregon	\$523	20%	\$202	11%
Pennsylvania	\$230	9%	\$134	8%
Rhode Island	\$213	8%	\$36	2%
South Carolina	\$48	2%	\$26	1%
South Dakota	\$0	0%	\$0	0%
Tennessee	\$186	7%	\$126	7%
Texas	\$270	10%	\$170	10%
Utah	\$175	7%	\$0	0%
Vermont	\$260	10%	\$6	0%
Virginia	\$213	8%	\$106	6%
Washington	\$207	8%	\$65	4%
West Virginia	\$124	5%	\$81	5%
Wisconsin	\$251	9%	\$120	7%
Wyoming	\$38	1%	\$0	0%

Source: National Women's Law Center, as of February 2019. For additional information, please refer to the Methods and Sources section of pn3policy.org.

State Variation in Child Care Subsidies: Waiting List, Income Eligibility Limits, and Fees

State	Waiting List for Subsidies (Number of Children on Waiting List)	Income Eligibility As a % of the FPL	Income Eligibility As a % of State Median Income	State Allows Provider to Charge Parents Additional Fee
Alabama	No waiting list	130%	46%	Yes
Alaska	No waiting list	290%	74%	Yes
Arizona	2,420 children	165%	57%	Yes
Arkansas	370 children	205%	83%	Yes, for 2- and 3-star
California	Waiting lists at local level	253%	85%	Yes
Colorado	376 children	185%	50%	No
Connecticut	No waiting list	222%	50%	Yes
Delaware	No waiting list	185%	50%	Yes
District of Columbia	No waiting list	239%	61%	No
Florida	16,945 children	150%	53%	Yes
Georgia	Frozen intake	144%	50%	Yes
Hawaii	No waiting list	221%	60%	Yes
Idaho	No waiting list	130%	49%	Yes
Illinois	No waiting list	185%	51%	Yes
Indiana	6,290 children	127%	41%	Yes
Iowa	No waiting list	145%	43%	No
Kansas	No waiting list	185%	57%	Yes
Kentucky	No waiting list	156%	55%	Yes
Louisiana	3,596 children	162%	55%	Yes
Maine	No waiting list	272%	85%	No
Maryland	No waiting list	282%	64%	Yes
Massachusetts	18,829 children	224%	50%	No
Michigan	No waiting list	125%	39%	Yes
Minnesota	1,640 families	185%	47%	Yes
Mississippi	No waiting list	205%	85%	Yes
Missouri	No waiting list	138%	43%	Yes
Montana	No waiting list	150%	48%	Yes
Nebraska	No waiting list	130%	39%	No

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Nevada	No waiting list	130%	45%	Yes
New Hampshire	No waiting list	220%	52%	Yes
New Jersey	No waiting list	200%	44%	Yes
New Mexico	No waiting list	200%	80%	No
New York	Waiting lists at local level	200%	54%	Yes
North Carolina	29,201 children	200%	67%	Yes
North Dakota	No waiting list	218%	60%	Yes
Ohio	No waiting list	130%	39%	No
Oklahoma	No waiting list	165%	85%	No
Oregon	No waiting list	185%	58%	Yes
Pennsylvania	3,886 children	200%	56%	Yes
Rhode Island	No waiting list	180%	46%	No
South Carolina	No waiting list	152%	55%	Yes
South Dakota	No waiting list	209%	56%	Yes
Tennessee	No waiting list	173%	60%	Yes
Texas	16,379 children	185%-251%	63%-85%	Yes
Utah	No waiting list	175%	60%	Yes
Vermont	No waiting list	300%	85%	Yes
Virginia	7,053 children	150%-250%	38%-64%	Yes
Washington	No waiting list	200%	54%	No
West Virginia	No waiting list	150%	53%	No
Wisconsin	No waiting list	185%	53%	Yes
Wyoming	No waiting list	175%	55%	Yes

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