

STATE DATA: How a Lack of Affordable Child Care Impacts the Economy



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State	Economic Impact in Lost Productivity, Wages, Revenue	Percent of children ages 5 and under with all available parents in the workforce
Alabama	\$1.3B	62%
Alaska	\$305M	58%
Arizona	\$2.2B	61%
Arkansas	\$793M	62%
California	\$17B	62%
Colorado	\$2.3B	64%
Connecticut	\$1.5B	71%
Delaware	\$415M	75%
District of Columbia	\$769M	67%
Florida	\$6.6B	66%
Georgia	\$3.6B	64%
Hawaii	\$476M	62%
Idaho	\$525M	57%
Illinois	\$4.9B	68%
Indiana	\$2.2B	64%
lowa	\$1.1B	74%
Kansas	\$1.OB	67%
Kentucky	\$1.2B	62%
Louisiana	\$1.3B	66%
Maine	\$403M	67%
Maryland	\$2.2B	71%
Massachusetts	\$3.3B	72%
Michigan	\$3.OB	65%
Minnesota	\$2.1B	74%
Mississippi	\$659M	65%
Missouri	\$1.9B	67%
Montana	\$317M	63%

State	Economic Impact in Lost Productivity, Wages, Revenue	Percent of children ages 5 and under with all available parents in the workforce
Nebraska	\$781M	72%
Nevada	\$1.0B	62%
New Hampshire	\$500M	70%
New Jersey	\$3.6B	68%
New Mexico	\$586M	60%
New York	\$9.8B	65%
North Carolina	\$3.5B	63%
North Dakota	\$354M	71%
Ohio	\$3.9B	67%
Oklahoma	\$1.2B	60%
Oregon	\$1.4B	63%
Pennsylvania	\$4.4B	68%
Rhode Island	\$342M	71%
South Carolina	\$1.4B	64%
South Dakota	\$329M	72%
Tennessee	\$2.3B	61%
Texas	\$11.4B	60%
Utah	\$1.2B	53%
Vermont	\$195M	74%
Virginia	\$3.1B	66%
Washington	\$3.5B	60%
West Virginia	\$464M	56%
Wisconsin	\$1.9B	71%
Wyoming	\$232M	63%
TOTAL, US	\$122B	65%

Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, 2022 ACS 5-Year Estimates;

Council for a Strong America, ReadyNation, The Growing, Annual Cost of the Infant-Toddler Child Care Crisis 2023