

Child care is a significant expense in Washington families' budgets

Average annual
child care costs
in Washington

Family type and before-tax income
(state median income in Washington*)

Two-parent
\$82,870

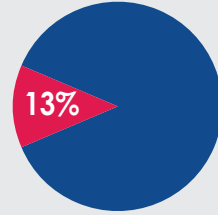
Single-mother
\$25,731



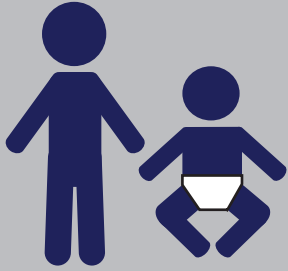
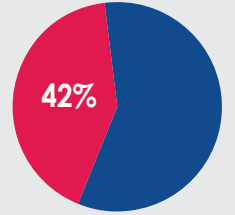
One infant

\$10,920

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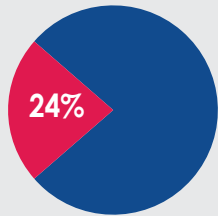


2 children

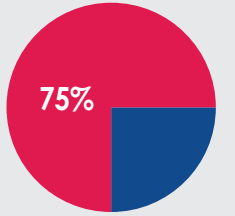
An infant and a
4-year-old

\$19,240

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* The proportion of income spent on child care will obviously be even higher for after-tax income.

Most parents are working in Washington



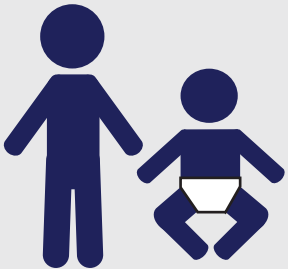
In Washington, **60 percent** of children under age 6 have all parents in the workforce.



In King County, **62 percent** of children under age 6 have all parents in the workforce.



In Thurston County, **63 percent** of children under age 6 have all parents in the workforce.



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- Builds the foundation for a skilled future workforce.