

# STATE DATA: Child Care and the Economy

*How a Lack of Affordable Infant and Toddler Child Care Impacts  
State Economic Health*

May 2025

| 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%                                                                              |
| Iowa                 | \$1.1B                                               | 74%                                                                              |
| Kansas               | \$1.0B                                               | 67%                                                                              |
| Kentucky             | \$1.2B                                               | 62%                                                                              |
| Louisiana            | \$1.3B                                               | 66%                                                                              |
| Maine                | \$403M                                               | 67%                                                                              |
| Maryland             | \$2.2B                                               | 71%                                                                              |
| Massachusetts        | \$3.3B                                               | 72%                                                                              |
| Michigan             | \$3.0B                                               | 65%                                                                              |
| Minnesota            | \$2.1B                                               | 74%                                                                              |
| Mississippi          | \$659M                                               | 65%                                                                              |
| Missouri             | \$1.9B                                               | 67%                                                                              |
| Montana              | \$317M                                               | 63%                                                                              |

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| 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](#)