



# 5 FACTS

## Costly: Child Care for Young Children in California

A new report looks at the child care experiences of households with children ages 0–5, including unmet need for and household spending on child care.



Only  
**1 in 2**

families had regular\* child care arrangements in 2023.

\*Child care for 10 or more hours per week

Latinx children and children living in households below the 200% FPL were less likely to use regular child care.

**1 in 6**

parents of children ages 0–5 could not find child care when they needed it for a week or longer in 2023.

**1 in 2 (49.8%)**

of these parents who could not find child care for a week or more cited affordability as the main reason they could not find child care.



The percentage of families who spent \$200 or more per week on young children's care increased by 75% between 2019 and 2023.

**71%**

**2023**



**40%**

**2019**

