

# Howard County

## 2025 Demographics Report

Maryland Family Network



### Child Population & Child Care Capacity

Number of children by age | Source: ACS & MFN

**22,167**

Total children  
age 0-5 years

**10,102**

Age 0-2 years

**7,856**

Age 3-4 years

**4,209**

Age 5 years

**16,023**

Total capacity,  
age 0-5 years

**2,148**

Capacity, age  
0-23 months

**8,903**

Capacity, age  
2-4 years

**5,513**

Capacity for  
age 5+ years

### Family & Child Poverty

Number of families & children by age and economic status | Source: ACS

**12,256**

Families with  
children under 5  
years old

**677**

Families with  
children under 5  
experiencing  
poverty

**978**

Total children  
under 5  
experiencing  
poverty

### Median Cost of Child Care

Based on family with infant and 2-year-old child | Source: MFN & ACS

**\$313 + \$384 = \$697**

Infant cost + 2-year-old cost = Total weekly cost

**\$2,303**

Median weekly family  
income

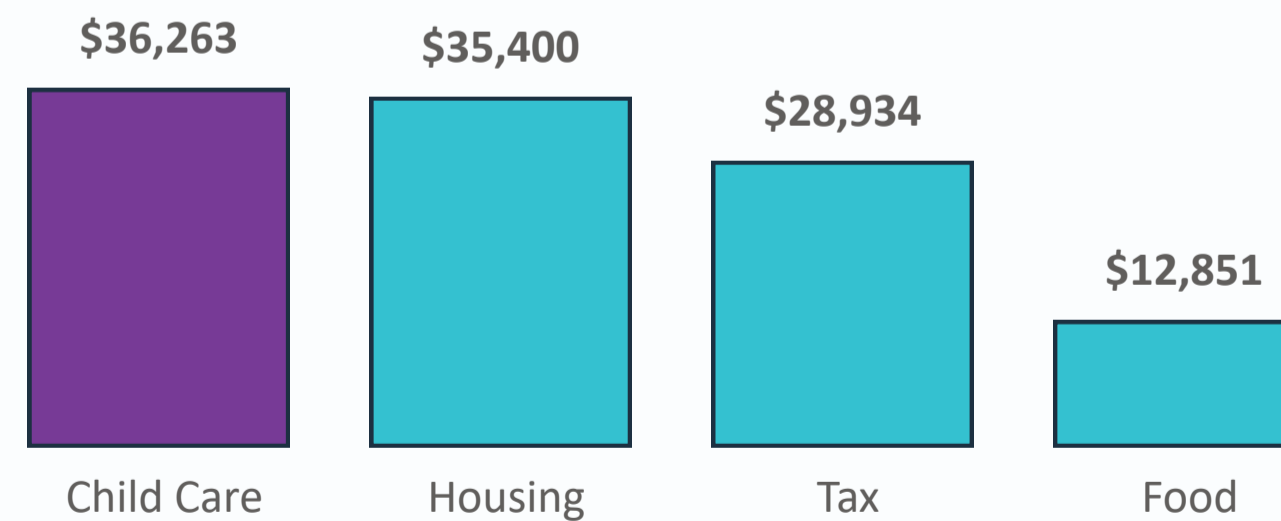
**30%**

Child care cost share  
of family income



### Annual Family Expense by Category

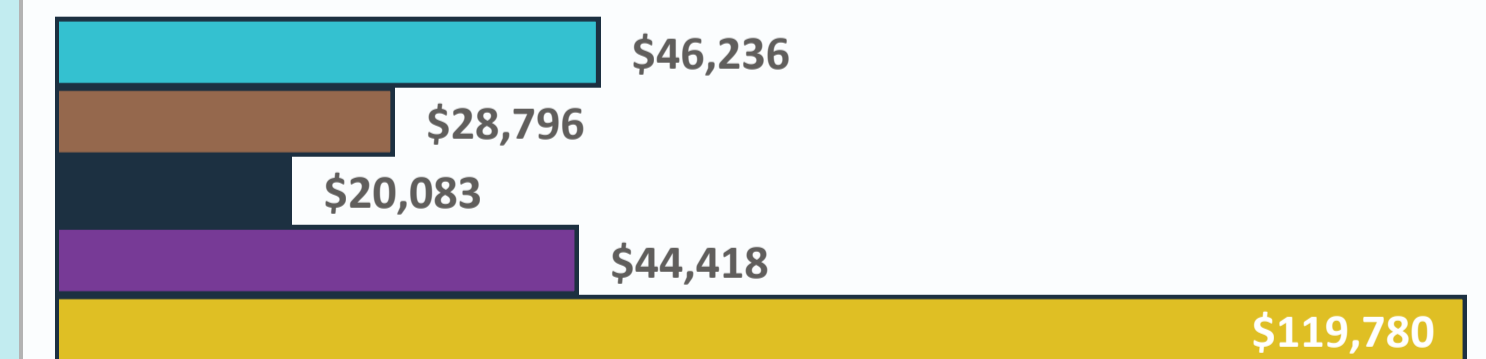
Estimated share of expenses | Source: MFN



### Median Annual Salaries in Child Care

Self-reported by providers. Blanks indicate no response. | Source: MFN

Director Center Sr. Staff Center Aide Family Provider Family Income



### Connect with MFN!

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