More than 75% of children in Paid Child Care are age 8 and under. That’s 9.4 million children.

What affects Paid Child Care use in States?
- Child care costs as a share of income
- Federal and state subsidies and offsets (such as tax credits) as a share of income
- Availability of publicly provided care (primarily public preschool)

What predicts Paid Child Care use?
- Labor force attachment particularly for mothers
- Household income: paid care rises as income rises
- Educational attainment: paid care rises with more education

Factors in Paid Child Care Use

Household Income for Children Ages 0-14 (2009 - 2020)

The average income of families using Paid Child Care is far higher than that of families not using Paid Child Care.

Source: IPUMS USA - University of Minnesota, U.S. Census Bureau, and RegionTrack calculations. Child care use data was first collected in 2001. Child care expenditure data was first collected in 2010.

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