




The High Cost of Unaffordable Child Care

Access to affordable and quality child care is essential to working families and a strong economy. When educators don't receive fair compensation and families don't have access to the care they need, we all pay the price.

Annual Losses to Parents, Businesses, and Taxpayers Across DC

 PARENTS	 BUSINESSES	 TAXPAYERS
Lost earnings lower productivity and employment	Lost revenue now lower output	Lost federal, state, and local tax revenue now lower incomes
Extra costs of job search to match work with child care	Extra workforce costs more disruptions, absences, and hiring	Smaller federal, state, and local tax base
Lost future career earnings from less experience, fewer skills	Lost future revenue lower workforce capital	Lost future tax revenue slower growth
Total Annual Cost		
\$252 million	\$79 million	\$64 million

Working families pay a high price when they don't have access to the care they need. In DC, the impacts are staggering.

52% had to reduce their regular work hours

46% turned down a career enhancing opportunity

36% had to turn down a job promotion or desirable reassignment

28% had to quit a job

21% were demoted or transferred to a less desirable position

21% lost their jobs

That's why we need the Mayor Bowser and DC Council to act on behalf of educators, providers and families. Investing in early childhood education isn't just the right thing to do, it's the smart thing to do.

Read the full report: <https://under3dc.org/child-care-economic-report/>