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THE COST OF RAISING A CHILD

THE INFORMATION PROVIDED COVERS THE COST FROM BIRTH TO AGE 18.

$241,080

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

AFTER ADJUSTING FOR INFLATION, THE COST OF RAISING A CHILD HAS INCREASED 23% FROM 1960 .

23%

- 30% HOUSING
- 8% HEALTH CARE
- 14% TRANSPORTATION
- 6% CLOTHING
- 16% FOOD
- 8% MISC.
- 18% CHILD CARE & EDUCATION

NOT INCLUDING THE ANNUAL COST OF COLLEGE

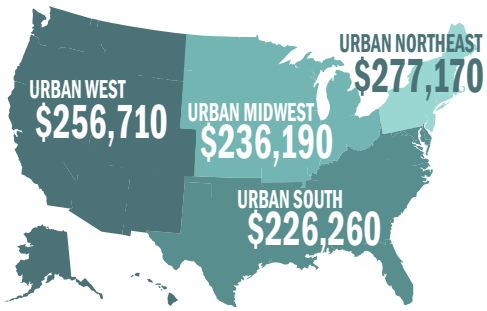
PUBLIC $17,860

PRIVATE $39,518

*The College Board. 2013. Trends in College Pricing 2012.

COST BY REGION*

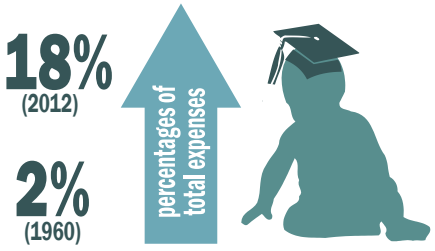
COST TO RAISE A CHILD FROM BIRTH TO AGE 18 BORN IN 2012.



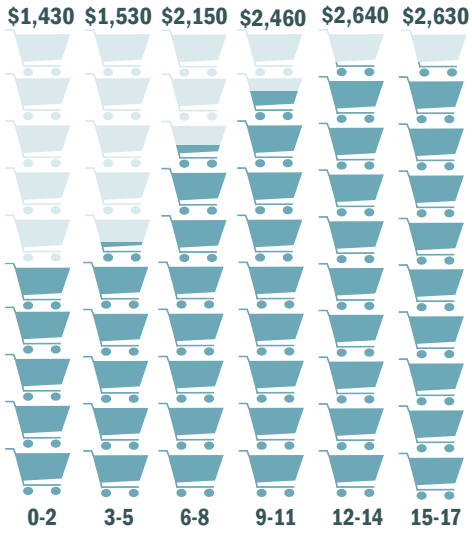
RURAL AREAS
$190,290

OVERALL VS RURAL HOUSING COSTS*

CHILD CARE & EDUCATION



FOOD COST BY AGE*



*U.S. average for for middle income husband-wife families.

Source: Expenditures on Children by Families, 2012. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion. Miscellaneous Publication No. 1528-2012. August 2013

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