

RESULT: The [average cost of monthly child care](#) for a four year old in North Carolina is around \$800. Many parents and families [have a difficult time affording and paying for child care and education](#). If a victim has one or more children who require child care or after school care, this can serve as a huge financial burden. In addition, perhaps the victim's partner or partner's family members provide child care for the children, and by leaving, this option may no longer be available. The potential for the financial difficulty of affording child care on her or his own and/or potentially losing former child care options may serve as a barrier to leaving for some victims.