



# Not Your Mama's Cloth Diapers

## Cost Comparison: Disposable Diapers, Cloth Diapers, Diaper Service

The average child goes through 10- 14 diapers daily for 2.5 to three years, with more being used daily in the first four months. Pricing for disposable diapers range from \$.17 - \$.42 each depending upon the size, style, brand and where they are purchased. The figures below are based on an average of \$.30 each.

### Disposable Diapers - \$2700 - \$3780

10 diapers per day @ \$.30 each X 30 days per month = \$90.00 per month for 300 diapers

14 diapers per day @ \$.30 each X 30 days per month = \$126.00 per month for 420 diapers

10 diapers per day for 2.5 years at \$.30 per diaper = \$2700.00 for 9000 diapers over a 2.5 year period

14 diapers per day for 2.5 years at \$.30 per diaper = \$3780.00 for 12600 diapers over a 2.5 year period

This assumes the child is completely potty trained at age 2.5 and does not include wipes, training diapers/Pull-ups or swim diapers.

### Cloth Diaper Service - \$2580

Average diaper service set up/enrollment fee = \$30 (one time fee)

Average monthly diaper service fee = \$80 per month

Diaper covers (normally not included in diaper service): \$50 for 4 covers per size purchased as needed over a 2.5 year period = \$150.00

Start up and fees in addition to monthly charges = \$180 (set up fee + covers for duration of diapering)

Start up fees/monthly fees for 2.5 years = \$180 (set-up and covers) + \$2400 (\$80 monthly fee for 2.5 years)  
= \$ 2580

### Cloth Diapers Washed at Home - \$798.00 - \$1060.20

Best Value Option - Prefolds with Covers:

36 Prefold Diapers @ \$2.00 each (average price) = \$72.00

4 Thirsties Diaper Covers @ \$11.00 each = \$44.00

Up front cost \$116. These costs would be repeated to purchase larger sized diapers and covers two additional times. Total up front cost \$348.00

Value Option - One-Size Pocket Diapers that fit from 7 - 35 pounds:

36 bumGenius One-Size Diapers @ \$610.20 per 36 pack = Up front cost = \$610.20

Washing costs per month of approximately \$15.00 per month vary depending on your location, washing machine, utility and detergent costs.

Prefold with Covers up front costs \$348 + Washing for 2.5 years @ \$15.00/ month = \$798.00

bumGenius One-Size - up front costs \$610.20 + Washing for 2.5 years @ \$15.00/ month = \$1060.20