

Disposable Diapers – Name Brand

Prices for disposable diapers come from the least expensive package of 2 popular brands from a discount chain store. All price comparisons are from birth to potty training (2 and ½ years) and include the cost of wipes and energy to launder (if cloth).

Size	Length of Time in Size	Changes Per Day	Diapers Used	Total Cost
Newborn	2 weeks	12-16	48 in package 196 used 5 packages	5 packages x \$16.23= \$81.15
Size 1	10 weeks	10-12	104 in package 770 used 8 packages	8 packages x \$22.88= \$183.04
Size 2	12 weeks	10-12	88 in package 924 used 11 packages	11 packages x \$22.88= \$251.68
Size 3	12 weeks	8-6	96 in package 756 used 8 packages	8 packages x \$30.72= \$245.76
Size 4	12 weeks	6-8	64 in package 588 used 9 packages	9 packages x \$23.68= \$213.12
Size 5	24 weeks	6-8	58 in package 1176 used 20 packages	20 packages x \$23.78= \$475.60
Size 6 Training Pants	48 weeks	6-8	48 in package 2352 used 49 packages	49 packages x \$23.00= \$1127.00
Wipes	30 months	N/A	210 in package 1 packs/month 30 packages	30 packages x \$5.99 = \$179.70

Grand Total - \$2757.05

Disposable Diapers – Generic Brand

Prices for disposable diapers come from the least expensive, largest package of generic brand diapers at a discount club store. All price comparisons are from birth to potty training (2 and ½ years) and include the cost of wipes and energy to launder (if cloth).

Size	Length of Time in Size	Changes Per Day	Diapers Used	Total Cost
Newborn	2 weeks	12-16	48 in package 196 used 5 packages	5 packages x \$16.23= \$81.15
Size 1	10 weeks	10-12	234 in package 770 used 4 packages	4 packages x \$29.99= \$119.96
Size 2	12 weeks	10-12	234 in package 924 used 4 packages	4 packages x \$29.99= \$119.96
Size 3	12 weeks	8-6	200 in package 756 used 4 packages	4 packages x \$35.99= \$143.96
Size 4	12 weeks	6-8	184 in package 588 used 4 packages	4 packages x \$35.99= \$143.96
Size 5	24 weeks	6-8	160 in package 1176 used 8 packages	8 packages x \$35.99= \$287.92
Size 6 Training Pants	48 weeks	6-8	144 in package 2352 used 17 packages	17 packages x \$35.99= \$611.83
Wipes	30 months	N/A	88 in package 2 packs/month 8 packages	8 packages x \$17.60 = \$140.80

Grand Total = \$1649.54

Cloth Diapers – Prefold and Covers

Prices for Bummi's prefold diapers and Super Soft Whisper Wrap covers as sold in packaging or individually. All price comparisons are from birth to potty training (2 and ½ years) and include the cost of wipes and energy to launder (if cloth).

Size	Length of time in size	Changes per day	Total diapers/changes	Total cost
Infant	6 months	12-16 for the first 2 weeks and 10-12 for the next 2 months and 8-10 thereafter	36 infant prefolds, 6 small covers and 6 medium covers Average changes: 1998	Bummi's small starter kit (36 infant prefolds and 6 small diaper covers) = \$145.00 6 x \$11.00 = \$66.00 Total = \$211.00
Premium	24 months	8-10 for 6 months and 6-8 thereafter	36 premium prefolds and 6 large covers Average changes: 5400	12 prefolds package for \$37.00 x 3 = \$111.00 6 x \$11.00 = \$66.00 Total = \$177.00
Wipes	30 months	1-2 per change	48 wipes	48 wipes x \$1.00/wipe = \$48.00
Energy costs	30 months	3 times a week	Electric water heater: approx. \$0.34/load Gas water heater: approx. \$0.10/load	Total washing costs = \$36.00 - \$122.40 depending on your water heater.

Grand Total = \$558.40

Cloth Diapers – One Size Diapers

Prices for BumGenius one size pocket diapers as sold in packaging or individually. All price comparisons are from birth to potty training (2 and ½ years) and include the cost of wipes and energy to launder (if cloth).

Size	Length of time in size	Changes per day	Total diapers/changes	Total cost
One Size	30 months	Ranging from 10-16 during infancy to 6-8 near potty training	30 One Size Pocket Diapers Average changes: 7,174	12 BumGenius diapers = \$203.40 Total = \$610.20
Wipes	30 months	1-2 per change	48 wipes	48 wipes x \$1.00/wipe = \$48.00
Energy Costs	30 months	3 times a week	Electric water heater: approx. \$0.34/load Gas water heater: approx. \$0.10/load	Total washing costs=\$36.00-\$122.40 depending on your water heater

Grand Total = \$780.60

Cloth Diapers – Combination Prefolds and Pocket Diapers

Prices for Bummi prefold diapers and Super Soft Whisper Wrap covers for the first six months, and then Fuzzi Bunz pocket diapers as sold in packaging or individually. All price comparisons are from birth to potty training (2 and ½ years) and include the cost of wipes and energy to launder (if cloth).

Size	Length of time in size	Changes per day	Total diapers/changes	Total cost
Infant	6 months	12-16 for the first 2 weeks and 10-12 for the next 2 months and 8-10 thereafter	36 infant prefolds, 6 small covers and 6 medium covers Average changes: 1998	Bummi small starter kit (36 infant prefolds and 6 small diaper covers) = \$145.00 6 x \$11.00 = \$66.00 Total = \$211.00
Medium Pocket Diapers	12 months	8-10 for 6 months and 6-8 thereafter	24 pocket diapers Average changes: 5400	24 Fuzzi Bunz = \$454.80 Total = \$454.80
Large Pocket Diapers	12 Months	6-8	24 pocket diaper Average changes: 3780	24 Fuzzi Bunz = \$454.80 Total = \$454.80
Wipes	30 months	1-2 per change	48 wipes	48 wipes x \$1.00/wipe = \$48.00
Energy costs	30 months	3 times a week	Electric water heater: approx. \$0.34/load Gas water heater: approx. \$0.10/load	Total washing costs = \$36.00 - \$122.40 depending on your water heater.

Grand Total = \$836.20 if baby potty trains before 30 lbs.
\$1291.00 if baby potty trains after 30 lbs.

Cloth Diapers – Pocket Diapers

Prices for Fuzzi Bunz pocket diapers as sold in packaging or individually. All price comparisons are from birth to potty training (2 and ½ years) and include the cost of wipes and energy to launder (if cloth).

Size	Length of time in size	Changes per day	Total diapers/changes	Total cost
Small	3 months	12-16 for the first 2 weeks, 10-12 thereafter	30 pockets & 30 inserts Average changes: 964	24 Fuzzi Bunz with inserts package = \$454.00 6 Fuzzi Bunz inserts = \$117.00 Total = \$571.00
Medium	9 months	8-10	24 pocket diapers & 30 inserts Average: changes 2430	24 Fuzzi Bunz with inserts package = \$454.80 Total = \$454.80
Large	18 months	6-8	24 Pocket Diapers & Inserts Average changes: 3780	24 Fuzzi Bunz with inserts package = \$454.80
Wipes	30 months	1-2 per change	48 wipes	48 wipes x \$1.00/wipe = \$48.00
Energy Costs	30 months	3 times a week	Electric water heater: approx. \$0.34/load Gas water heater: approx. \$0.10/load	Total washing costs=\$36.00-\$122.40 depending on your water heater

Grand Total = \$1196.20 if baby potty trains before 30 lbs.
\$1651.00 if baby potty trains after 30 lbs.

Side by Side Comparison Chart

This chart offers a side by side comparison of disposable and cloth diapers, taking into account wipes and energy costs for laundering. Please keep in mind that the price of disposable diapers reflects the use by *a single child*. Cloth diapers can be reused for subsequent children, so the savings grow exponentially with your family.

Type of Diaper	Cost from Birth to Potty Training (2.5 Years)
Disposable Name Brand Diapers	\$2,757.05
Disposable Generic Diapers	\$1,649.54
Cloth Prefold Diapers with Covers	\$558.40
Cloth One Size Pocket Diapers	\$780.60
Cloth Combination (Prefolds/Pockets)	\$836.20
Cloth Combination (Prefold/Large Pockets)	\$1,291.00
Cloth Pocket Diapers	\$1,196.20
Cloth Pocket Diapers up to Large	\$1,651.00