

COST COMPARISONS

On average, families spend between \$1900 and \$3000 on disposable nappies by the time a child is toilet trained compared with less than \$1000 for cloth nappies. (Consumer group survey, Sep 2011, Choice).

CLOTH NAPPY V'S DISPOSABLE NAPPIES



DISPOSABLE NAPPIES

Prices sourced as correct as of 08/07/15 & based on an estimate of 6000 nappy changes up to the age of 2.5 years.

HUGGIES	Amount	Cost	Total
Newborn	Box of 108	\$33	0.31c per nappy
Infant	Box of 96	\$33	0.34c per nappy
Crawler	Box of 90	\$33	0.37c per nappy (if on sale for \$30 = 0.33c per nappy)
Convenience packs	Pack of 30	\$13.99	0.47c per nappy
Average (if your child toilet trains by 2.5 yrs of age)		0.37 x 6000	\$2220

BABYLOVE	Amount	Cost	Total
Infant	Box of 96	\$27	0.28c per nappy
Crawler	Box of 93	\$27	0.29c per nappy
Average (if your child toilet trains by 2.5 yrs of age)		0.29 x 6000	\$1740

COLES COMFY BOTS	Amount	Cost	Total
Newborn	Pack of 36	\$6	0.17c per nappy
Infant	Pack of 56	\$11	0.20c per nappy
Crawler	Box of 56	\$11	0.20c per nappy
Average (if your child toilet trains by 2.5 yrs of age)		0.20 x 6000	\$1220

COMFY BOTS WIPES	Amount	Cost	Total
	Pack of 80	\$2.60	\$390 per 12,000
480 bulk	\$10	\$250 per 12,000	

HUGGIES WIPES	Amount	Cost	Total
	80 pack	\$5.49	\$824 per 12,000
480 bulk	\$10	\$250 per 12,000	

If you choose to also use pull up nappies/pants, training pants or swim nappies, this will increase the figures considerably as can cost anywhere from 0.54 cents to \$1.36 per nappy!

WIPES

How many wipes you use is hard to estimate, however to give you a bare minimum figure the following calculation could be used. If you use 2 wipes per change and the estimate is 6000 changes up to 2.5 years = 12,000 wipes. Remember that these figures are very conservative do not account for the other purposes, such as hand and mouth wiping that inherently come from having them around.

MODERN CLOTH NAPPIES

- The outlay for a full time set of cloth nappies starts at approximately \$150 for traditional nappies, through to \$700 for modern cloth nappies (24 nappies full time use)
- If you use on more than one child, this figure decreases over the time period used.
- Laundering cloth nappies costs approximately \$200* (Australian Nappy Association) for 2½ years.
- Making your own reusable wipes from old flannelette pajamas or sheets = \$0-\$1.

Example:

My favourite nappy is \$15 (postage is extra). If I was to use this type of nappy all of the time = \$360 to buy 24 of them. If I was to have another child, this figure would decrease the overall cost. I use reusable wipes that I have made myself which cost me \$0.

CONCLUSION

Huggies disposable nappies & wipes v's reusable nappies and wipes
\$2990 (per child) V's \$360 (multiple children)

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