

# Diaper Need




**Diaper Need** is the gap between the amount of diapers infants require to stay clean and comfortable and the amount of diapers a family can afford without cutting back on other basic needs.

**1 in 3**



**US mothers  
experience diaper need**

**Research has shown that  
diaper need is related to:**

-  UTIs and diaper rash in babies
-  Maternal stress and depression
-  Inability to utilize childcare, as many childcare settings require parents to provide a two-week supply of diapers for their child

**Diapers can cost between \$70-\$80 per month per baby  
BUT...** government support programs, like food stamps (SNAP)  
**DO NOT** allow for the purchasing of diapers

**Moms receiving free diapers  
have said...**

"...with my other kids, I would say, 'OK, you're wet - you've got one more pee you can do.' Now I can say, 'OK, you're wet, let me change your diaper...' Now I have enough diapers, and it's a blessing."

"You don't know how expensive diapers are until you have a baby, or how much he goes through them. But I feel like a mom because in my purse there's ... diapers in there."