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What to Pay a Babysitter

In tonight's 4YourFamily, how much do you pay your babysitter?

"60 to 80 dollars just for a night -- four to six hours."

"We probably pay them 10-12 dollars an hour, depending on the age."

"I do have some friends who pay upwards of 20 dollars for college students..."

We did some research to try and determine the "going rate" in Albuquerque.

Judging by ads on Craigslist and parents we spoke to, it's pretty safe to say around 10 bucks an hour is average, for anywhere from one to three kids. If that sounds pricey, it may be why a lot of parents say they find other options.

"We utilize grandparents and family members more than babysitters. We'd go out a lot more often if it would be cheaper!"

A website called **Sittercity.com** claims to find the going rate for a ZIP code with its Rate Calculator. We tried a few in Albuquerque, coming up with \$9.75 To \$10.75 per hour. But before you pay, be sure to consider the age and experience of the babysitter, and what the sitter is expected to do with the kids.