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		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
<b>Sample Size</b>	1203	366	495	161	182	860	343	606	597

Regional sample sizes are unweighted. All other sample sizes, including column totals, are weighted to census data. Cells containing “\*\*%” are statistically zero, though at least one response was received. Blank cells indicate zero responses received. Sample sizes below 100 should be interpreted with caution.

A1. [High Priority summary] How much of a priority do you think governments here in Canada should be giving to each of the following areas?

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
The availability of affordable child care options for pre-schoolers	51%	74%	55%	24%	17%	63%	20%	50%	52%
Crime and public safety	73%	63%	78%	76%	74%	72%	75%	79%	67%
The quality of public-school education	75%	80%	78%	69%	59%	79%	64%	75%	75%
Access to health care services	91%	94%	93%	93%	80%	93%	86%	92%	90%
Job opportunities for young people	60%	63%	64%	58%	48%	63%	52%	63%	57%
Housing affordability	71%	83%	76%	60%	42%	79%	51%	71%	71%
Poverty and homelessness	70%	80%	75%	59%	42%	77%	50%	70%	69%
Parks and recreation amenities	28%	33%	30%	22%	19%	32%	20%	28%	29%

A1. [Low Priority summary] How much of a priority do you think governments here in Canada should be giving to each of the following areas?

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
The availability of affordable child care options for pre-schoolers	49%	26%	45%	76%	83%	37%	80%	50%	48%
Crime and public safety	27%	37%	22%	24%	26%	28%	25%	21%	33%
The quality of public-school education	25%	20%	22%	31%	41%	21%	36%	25%	25%
Access to health care services	9%	6%	7%	7%	20%	7%	14%	8%	10%
Job opportunities for young people	40%	37%	36%	42%	52%	37%	48%	37%	43%
Housing affordability	29%	17%	24%	40%	58%	21%	49%	29%	29%
Poverty and homelessness	30%	20%	25%	41%	58%	23%	50%	30%	31%
Parks and recreation amenities	72%	67%	70%	78%	81%	68%	80%	72%	71%

A2. Rating- The cost and affordability of child care options in your community

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
Very good	6%	6%	5%	5%	12%	5%	9%	6%	7%
Good	15%	12%	16%	14%	19%	14%	17%	16%	14%
Okay	28%	23%	30%	36%	29%	27%	32%	31%	26%
Poor	19%	26%	19%	13%	11%	22%	12%	18%	21%
Very poor	8%	17%	5%	2%	4%	10%	3%	7%	9%
No idea/Really Can't say	23%	16%	24%	29%	26%	21%	27%	22%	23%
Net: Very good/ Good	21%	18%	21%	19%	31%	20%	25%	21%	21%
Net: Poor/ very poor	28%	43%	24%	16%	15%	32%	16%	25%	30%

A2. Rating- The availability and waiting lists for child care in your community

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
Very good	4%	3%	2%	4%	11%	2%	8%	4%	4%
Good	13%	13%	12%	16%	12%	12%	14%	14%	12%
Okay	28%	24%	31%	29%	28%	28%	28%	29%	28%
Poor	21%	26%	21%	15%	12%	23%	14%	20%	21%
Very poor	7%	13%	5%	1%	5%	8%	3%	6%	8%
No idea/Really Can't say	27%	20%	29%	34%	32%	25%	33%	28%	27%
Net: Very good/ Good	17%	16%	14%	20%	23%	15%	22%	18%	16%
Net: Poor/ very poor	27%	40%	26%	17%	17%	32%	17%	26%	29%

A2. Rating- Child care options in your community overall

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
Very good	5%	5%	2%	7%	10%	4%	8%	5%	5%
Good	20%	15%	20%	25%	21%	18%	23%	20%	20%
Okay	32%	31%	34%	27%	33%	33%	30%	33%	31%
Poor	15%	20%	15%	10%	7%	17%	9%	14%	15%
Very poor	5%	9%	4%	1%	4%	6%	2%	4%	6%
No idea/Really Can't say	23%	19%	24%	30%	26%	22%	28%	23%	23%
Net: Very good/ Good	25%	21%	23%	32%	31%	22%	31%	25%	24%
Net: Poor/ very poor	20%	29%	20%	11%	11%	24%	11%	19%	21%

A3. [Net Agree summary] Agreement with statements

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
It is best for young kids to be home with a parent whenever possible	78%	69%	80%	84%	83%	75%	84%	85%	70%
We need a much bigger public investment in affordable quality child care options	70%	95%	82%	37%	17%	87%	27%	67%	73%
It's just not right that parents have been left on their own to scramble for child care so they can work	66%	90%	71%	44%	22%	79%	33%	66%	66%
Finding quality child care is a way bigger hassle than it should be for parents today	78%	92%	87%	58%	42%	89%	49%	76%	79%
Child care workers are under-paid for the important work they do	79%	89%	87%	64%	48%	88%	56%	75%	82%
People who choose to have children shouldn't expect society to foot the bill to take care of them	58%	31%	62%	77%	83%	49%	80%	59%	56%
Mothers have every right to work hard and pursue a fulfilling career	95%	97%	97%	91%	85%	97%	88%	92%	97%

A3. [Net Disagree summary] Agreement with statements

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
It is best for young kids to be home with a parent whenever possible	22%	31%	20%	16%	17%	25%	16%	15%	30%
We need a much bigger public investment in affordable quality child care options	30%	5%	18%	63%	83%	13%	73%	33%	27%
It's just not right that parents have been left on their own to scramble for child care so they can work	34%	10%	29%	56%	78%	21%	67%	34%	34%
Finding quality child care is a way bigger hassle than it should be for parents today	22%	8%	13%	42%	58%	11%	51%	24%	21%
Child care workers are under-paid for the important work they do	21%	11%	13%	36%	52%	12%	44%	25%	18%
People who choose to have children shouldn't expect society to foot the bill to take care of them	42%	69%	38%	23%	17%	51%	20%	41%	44%
Mothers have every right to work hard and pursue a fulfilling career	5%	3%	3%	9%	15%	3%	12%	8%	3%

A4. Overall, do you support or oppose the idea of moving towards a national child care system in Canada?

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
Strongly Support	30%	100%				43%		26%	35%
Moderately Support	41%		100%			57%		41%	41%
Moderately Oppose	13%			100%			47%	15%	12%
Strongly Oppose	15%				100%		53%	18%	12%
Net: Support	72%	100%	100%			100%		67%	76%
Net: Oppose	28%			100%	100%		100%	33%	24%

A5. [Net: support summary] For each of the following, please indicate whether you support or oppose that idea.

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
Create a guaranteed paid family leave program that provides income during the first year of a child's life for those who don't qualify for parental leave under Employment Insurance (EI)	73%	91%	76%	60%	37%	83%	48%	73%	72%
Increase the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment up to an additional \$125 a month per child	61%	80%	66%	40%	30%	72%	34%	67%	56%
Create a refundable federal tax credit that allows lower income families to claim as much as 75% of their child care expenses	78%	92%	79%	67%	56%	84%	61%	82%	74%
Expand the Child Disability Benefit up to an additional \$125 a month for children with special needs/disabilities	84%	92%	86%	71%	72%	89%	71%	86%	82%
Prioritize federal funding for child care in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities	59%	79%	64%	40%	22%	71%	31%	57%	61%
Create a \$300 a month per child subsidy for non-parental, in-home care (such as a nanny or paid relative)	54%	72%	57%	36%	23%	64%	29%	61%	47%
Publicly subsidize eligible child care centres and regulated home day cares as in Quebec where parents pay roughly \$10 per child per day and the government funds the rest of the costs	68%	93%	79%	34%	18%	85%	26%	65%	72%

A5. [Net: oppose summary] For each of the following, please indicate whether you support or oppose that idea.

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
Create a guaranteed paid family leave program that provides income during the first year of a child's life for those who don't qualify for parental leave under Employment Insurance (EI)	22%	7%	16%	32%	58%	12%	46%	22%	22%
Increase the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment up to an additional \$125 a month per child	32%	14%	25%	53%	67%	20%	61%	28%	35%
Create a refundable federal tax credit that allows lower income families to claim as much as 75% of their child care expenses	18%	7%	15%	27%	41%	12%	34%	15%	22%
Expand the Child Disability Benefit up to an additional \$125 a month for children with special needs/disabilities	11%	5%	7%	24%	23%	6%	24%	10%	13%
Prioritize federal funding for child care in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities	33%	15%	25%	52%	71%	21%	62%	35%	30%
Create a \$300 a month per child subsidy for non-parental, in-home care (such as a nanny or paid relative)	39%	25%	33%	57%	71%	29%	64%	33%	46%
Publicly subsidize eligible child care centres and regulated home day cares as in Quebec where parents pay roughly \$10 per child per day and the government funds the rest of the costs	26%	4%	15%	55%	77%	10%	67%	30%	22%

A6. Of these various proposed child care policies we just looked at, please indicate which, if any, you would choose as the top priorities to proceed with.

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
Paid family leave outside EI	20%	25%	22%	18%	9%	23%	13%	20%	21%
Increase the CCB benefit by \$125	16%	17%	17%	11%	14%	17%	12%	21%	10%
Tax credit so lower income families can claim up to 75% of child care	35%	35%	33%	37%	35%	34%	36%	38%	31%
Expand Child Disability Benefit up to an additional \$125	24%	22%	25%	26%	27%	24%	26%	26%	23%
More funding for child care in Indigenous communities	15%	18%	17%	14%	5%	17%	9%	12%	18%
\$300 a month subsidy for in-home care	11%	11%	12%	10%	9%	12%	10%	15%	7%
Subsidized child care facilities where parents pay \$10/day	31%	49%	33%	8%	10%	40%	9%	23%	39%
None of the above/Don't do any of these	11%	1%	9%	21%	27%	6%	24%	10%	12%

A7. Generally speaking, there are two broad policy approaches to providing public funding support for child care. Which would you say is the overall best option?

	Total	National Child Care System						Best Option	
		Strongly Support	Moderately Support	Moderately Oppose	Strongly Oppose	Net: Support	Net: Oppose	Directly to Families	Fund child care providers
Provide financial support directly to families to choose their own best option	50%	44%	50%	55%	61%	47%	58%	100%	
Fund child care providers to expand the spaces available in the system	50%	56%	50%	45%	39%	53%	42%		100%

Questions only asked of parents with at least one child under 6. [Click here to see detailed results.](#)