

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
<b>Sample Size (All Parents with child under 6)</b>	663	310	353	139	211	232	120

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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	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
The availability of affordable child care options for pre-schoolers	76%	72%	79%	69%	86%	79%	80%
Crime and public safety	65%	67%	64%	65%	63%	60%	70%
The quality of public-school education	83%	81%	84%	82%	85%	84%	84%
Access to health care services	88%	85%	91%	88%	93%	91%	91%
Job opportunities for young people	54%	51%	57%	59%	56%	53%	63%
Housing affordability	68%	70%	66%	65%	67%	60%	78%
Poverty and homelessness	68%	72%	64%	61%	67%	61%	69%
Parks and recreation amenities	36%	31%	41%	36%	43%	39%	44%

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	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
The availability of affordable child care options for pre-schoolers	24%	28%	21%	31%	14%	21%	20%
Crime and public safety	35%	33%	36%	35%	37%	40%	30%
The quality of public-school education	17%	19%	16%	18%	15%	16%	16%
Access to health care services	12%	15%	9%	12%	7%	9%	9%
Job opportunities for young people	46%	49%	43%	41%	44%	47%	37%
Housing affordability	32%	30%	34%	35%	33%	40%	22%
Poverty and homelessness	32%	28%	36%	39%	33%	39%	31%
Parks and recreation amenities	64%	69%	59%	64%	57%	61%	56%

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

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Very good	7%	7%	7%	4%	8%	8%	4%
Good	15%	9%	20%	13%	24%	20%	19%
Okay	30%	31%	29%	33%	27%	29%	29%
Poor	26%	27%	24%	27%	23%	24%	25%
Very poor	17%	17%	17%	20%	15%	18%	15%
No idea/Really Can't say	6%	9%	3%	4%	2%	1%	7%
Net: Very good/ Good	21%	16%	27%	17%	33%	28%	23%
Net: Poor/ very poor	43%	45%	41%	47%	38%	42%	41%

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

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Very good	4%	6%	3%	1%	4%	3%	1%
Good	13%	10%	17%	16%	17%	20%	10%
Okay	28%	22%	34%	25%	40%	32%	37%
Poor	26%	26%	26%	30%	24%	26%	26%
Very poor	20%	22%	18%	24%	14%	17%	18%
No idea/Really Can't say	8%	14%	3%	4%	2%	*%	8%
Net: Very good/ Good	18%	16%	19%	17%	21%	24%	11%
Net: Poor/ very poor	46%	48%	44%	54%	38%	44%	44%

A2. Rating- Child care options in your community overall

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Very good	6%	5%	7%	5%	8%	6%	8%
Good	19%	15%	22%	14%	28%	27%	14%
Okay	38%	36%	40%	42%	38%	39%	41%
Poor	22%	24%	20%	24%	18%	19%	22%
Very poor	10%	12%	8%	11%	7%	8%	10%
No idea/Really Can't say	5%	8%	3%	4%	2%	1%	6%
Net: Very good/ Good	25%	20%	29%	19%	35%	33%	21%
Net: Poor/ very poor	32%	36%	28%	35%	24%	27%	31%

A3. [Net Agree summary] Agreement with statements

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
It is best for young kids to be home with a parent whenever possible	70%	84%	58%	70%	51%	52%	70%
We need a much bigger public investment in affordable quality child care options	84%	81%	87%	85%	88%	87%	87%
It's just not right that parents have been left on their own to scramble for child care so they can work	80%	77%	82%	77%	85%	83%	81%
Finding quality child care is a way bigger hassle than it should be for parents today	88%	87%	88%	88%	89%	88%	89%
Child care workers are under-paid for the important work they do	82%	79%	86%	86%	86%	88%	82%
People who choose to have children shouldn't expect society to foot the bill to take care of them	40%	45%	36%	38%	35%	35%	38%
Mothers have every right to work hard and pursue a fulfilling career	96%	94%	99%	98%	99%	99%	98%

A3. [Net Disagree summary] Agreement with statements

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
It is best for young kids to be home with a parent whenever possible	30%	16%	42%	30%	49%	48%	30%
We need a much bigger public investment in affordable quality child care options	16%	19%	13%	15%	12%	13%	13%
It's just not right that parents have been left on their own to scramble for child care so they can work	20%	23%	18%	23%	15%	17%	19%
Finding quality child care is a way bigger hassle than it should be for parents today	12%	13%	12%	12%	11%	12%	11%
Child care workers are under-paid for the important work they do	18%	21%	14%	14%	14%	12%	18%
People who choose to have children shouldn't expect society to foot the bill to take care of them	60%	55%	64%	62%	65%	65%	62%
Mothers have every right to work hard and pursue a fulfilling career	4%	6%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%

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

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Strongly Support	49%	49%	49%	43%	53%	50%	47%
Moderately Support	34%	35%	34%	36%	33%	33%	35%
Moderately Oppose	7%	6%	9%	12%	6%	9%	8%
Strongly Oppose	9%	10%	8%	9%	8%	7%	11%
Net: Support	83%	84%	83%	79%	85%	83%	82%
Net: Oppose	17%	16%	17%	21%	15%	17%	18%

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

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
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)	84%	86%	82%	84%	80%	80%	85%
Increase the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment up to an additional \$125 a month per child	84%	83%	85%	84%	86%	84%	87%
Create a refundable federal tax credit that allows lower income families to claim as much as 75% of their child care expenses	85%	86%	85%	87%	84%	82%	90%
Expand the Child Disability Benefit up to an additional \$125 a month for children with special needs/disabilities	88%	91%	85%	82%	88%	86%	84%
Prioritize federal funding for child care in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities	62%	63%	61%	52%	67%	60%	64%
Create a \$300 a month per child subsidy for non-parental, in-home care (such as a nanny or paid relative)	64%	69%	60%	64%	58%	59%	63%
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	85%	83%	86%	84%	88%	88%	82%

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

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
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)	15%	12%	17%	14%	19%	18%	14%
Increase the Canada Child Benefit (CCB) payment up to an additional \$125 a month per child	15%	16%	14%	16%	12%	14%	13%
Create a refundable federal tax credit that allows lower income families to claim as much as 75% of their child care expenses	13%	13%	13%	12%	14%	16%	8%
Expand the Child Disability Benefit up to an additional \$125 a month for children with special needs/disabilities	7%	5%	9%	10%	8%	8%	10%
Prioritize federal funding for child care in First Nations, Inuit, and Métis communities	31%	29%	33%	39%	28%	33%	31%
Create a \$300 a month per child subsidy for non-parental, in-home care (such as a nanny or paid relative)	32%	28%	36%	33%	37%	39%	29%
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	12%	13%	11%	13%	10%	11%	13%



B1b. How many children do you have under 18 years of age?

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
One child under 18	48%	40%	55%	59%	51%	55%	53%
Two	39%	42%	37%	29%	42%	38%	34%
Three	8%	13%	4%	3%	4%	3%	5%
Four	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	1%	4%
Five or more kids under 18	*%		*%	1%			1%
No Kids	2%	2%	3%	5%	1%	3%	2%

B2a. Child's gender (Under 6)

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Male	47%	49%	45%	44%	46%	45%	45%
Female	53%	50%	55%	56%	54%	54%	55%
Other	1%	1%	*%		*%	*%	

B2b. age of child

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Under 1 year	12%	23%	3%	6%	2%	1%	8%
1 year old	19%	19%	20%	24%	17%	22%	14%
2	22%	17%	25%	20%	29%	29%	18%
3	24%	23%	25%	29%	24%	27%	23%
4	15%	14%	16%	14%	17%	17%	16%
5 years old	7%	4%	10%	8%	12%	4%	21%

B3. Child care arrangement

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Parent at home everyday	47%	100%					
Some other child care arrangements used	53%		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%



B4. You've indicated one or both parents are at home with this child. What are the reasons for this being your main child care arrangement?

Sample Size (Base: Parent at home)	310	310	-	-	-	-	-
	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Still a baby/Home for now	29%	29%					
Preference/Always the plan to have parent at home	31%	31%					
Works right now/parent at home now, available	23%	23%					
Cannot afford paid care/Too expensive	27%	27%					
Cannot find other care/No alternative	12%	12%					
Since COVID-19/Now working at home	24%	24%					
Other reason	8%	8%					

B5. Currently, what is the primary child care used for this child when the parent(s) are not at home?

Sample Size (Base: Has other child-care arrangements)	353	-	353	139	211	232	120
	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Care by family (a relative)	16%		16%	42%		10%	29%
Care by friend	1%		1%	3%		1%	1%
Care by non-relative in your home	1%		1%	3%		1%	2%
A home-based child care (not in your own home)	21%		21%	53%		24%	15%
A child care or daycare centre	55%		55%		91%	61%	42%
Nursery school/preschool setting	5%		5%		9%	3%	9%
Other:	1%		1%			*%	2%

B6. And for this same child, roughly how much time do they spend in child care in a typical week?

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
30 or more hours per week	66%		66%	59%	71%	100%	
15 to 30 hours per week	23%		23%	25%	22%		68%
Under 15 hours per week	11%		11%	16%	7%		32%

B7. What are the main reasons for using your current child care arrangement?

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Location (close to work, school)	48%		48%	37%	55%	57%	31%
Reputation/Recommendation/Research	35%		35%	28%	39%	43%	19%
Affordable cost	31%		31%	48%	20%	31%	30%
Hours of operation/Schedule	27%		27%	29%	26%	29%	24%
Only option available	26%		26%	29%	24%	23%	33%
Program characteristics (such as curriculum, languages spoken)	23%		23%	7%	34%	28%	14%
Overall preference/Always the plan	23%		23%	22%	22%	26%	16%
My other children have gone/go there	10%		10%	7%	12%	9%	12%
Meets child's special needs due to disability or chronic illness	1%		1%	2%	0%	1%	1%
Other reason:	10%		10%	12%	7%	7%	15%
None of the above	1%		1%	2%	1%	2%	

B8. Did you have other acceptable options available for you to choose from – whether a different facility or a relative available or any other alternative?

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Yes, other acceptable option(s)	29%		29%	24%	32%	31%	23%
Possibly/Didn't keep looking/Not sure	35%		35%	39%	32%	34%	36%
No, only had the one option	37%		37%	37%	36%	34%	41%

B9a. Overall, how easy or difficult was it for you to find and secure this child care arrangement?

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Very easy	13%		13%	13%	12%	10%	18%
Easy enough	23%		23%	19%	25%	23%	22%
Not too bad	33%		33%	33%	33%	36%	27%
Difficult	21%		21%	21%	21%	20%	23%
Very difficult	11%		11%	13%	10%	11%	11%
Net: Easy	35%		35%	33%	37%	33%	40%
Net: Difficult	32%		32%	35%	30%	31%	34%

B9b. And was it stressful finding and securing this child care arrangement?

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
No, not at all	17%		17%	16%	17%	17%	18%
A bit	40%		40%	41%	41%	41%	40%
Fairly stressful	22%		22%	19%	25%	21%	25%
Yes, very stressful	20%		20%	24%	17%	22%	17%
Net: Not stressful	58%		58%	57%	58%	58%	58%
Net: Stressful	42%		42%	43%	42%	42%	42%

B10a. What specific difficulties did you have getting this child care arrangement?

Sample Size (Base: Exclude Easy/Easy enough at B9a)	228	-	228	94	133	156	73
	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Availability/No spaces/Long waiting lists	67%		67%	48%	81%	77%	47%
Finding a quality place/person	41%		41%	59%	29%	45%	32%
Cost/Finding affordable/Expensive	41%		41%	43%	39%	42%	37%
Location/finding close by	31%		31%	21%	39%	36%	22%
My schedule/need flexible/later hours	17%		17%	31%	8%	13%	26%
Finding licensed care was hard	14%		14%	9%	17%	13%	16%
Care that could accommodate more than one child in your family	9%		9%	12%	7%	8%	11%
Meeting child's special needs due to disability or chronic illness	1%		1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Other	4%		4%	4%	3%	3%	4%
None of the above	5%		5%	4%	6%	4%	9%

B10b. To confirm, did you have to wait longer than you wanted to get this child care arrangement?

Sample Size (Base: Has other child-care arrangements)	353	-	353	139	211	232	120
	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Yes, way longer wait	20%		20%	14%	23%	22%	15%
Somewhat longer	22%		22%	15%	27%	21%	23%
Wait was fine/Not longer	33%		33%	33%	33%	34%	31%
No wait at all	25%		25%	38%	17%	22%	32%
Net: Longer	41%		41%	29%	50%	43%	38%
Net: Wait is fine/ no wait	59%		59%	71%	50%	57%	62%

B10c. Did waiting for a child care space result in any of the following:

Sample Size (Base: Waited way or somewhat longer in B10b)	146	-	146	41	105	101	46
	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Delay a parent going back to work	29%		29%	26%	31%	24%	42%
Delay a parent going back to school	1%		1%		1%		2%
Cut work hours	23%		23%	46%	14%	18%	34%
Had to rely on a relative for child care	34%		34%	58%	25%	35%	32%
Had to make another arrangement while waiting	25%		25%	21%	27%	26%	23%
Other	5%		5%	1%	6%	7%	
No, none of these things	18%		18%	2%	24%	22%	9%

B11. All things considered, how is this current child care arrangement working for you?

Sample Size (Base: Has other child-care arrangements)	353	-	353	139	211	232	120
	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Works very well, I have no desire to seek an alternative	56%		56%	49%	61%	66%	37%
Fine	29%		29%	28%	30%	25%	37%
It's okay	12%		12%	17%	7%	7%	21%
Not working well at all, I would prefer a different arrangement	3%		3%	5%	2%	2%	4%

B12. Are there any problems or shortcomings you would highlight with this child care arrangement?

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Expensive/Cost	33%		33%	16%	45%	38%	24%
Not licensed	7%		7%	13%	3%	6%	8%
Quality of staff could be better	9%		9%	8%	10%	7%	14%
Far away/Not convenient	6%		6%	5%	7%	7%	5%
Difficult to accommodate with my/our schedule	8%		8%	10%	7%	7%	10%
Child does not like it	2%		2%	4%	1%	1%	5%
Lacks educational aspect	11%		11%	23%	4%	11%	13%
No "extra's" (outings or meals, etc.)	8%		8%	7%	9%	9%	5%
Other	8%		8%	8%	7%	8%	7%
No problems	40%		40%	49%	35%	38%	44%

B13. Agreement: If I could afford to, I'd rather stay home full-time until my kids go to grade school

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Strongly Agree	44%	63%	27%	37%	21%	23%	34%
Moderately Agree	24%	21%	26%	30%	23%	22%	32%
Moderately Disagree	15%	9%	20%	16%	23%	21%	19%
Strongly Disagree	18%	7%	27%	17%	34%	33%	15%
Net: Agree	67%	84%	53%	67%	43%	45%	67%
Net: Disagree	33%	16%	47%	33%	57%	55%	33%

B13. Agreement- Running a child care centre would be a super difficult job

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Strongly Agree	59%	55%	61%	66%	58%	65%	55%
Moderately Agree	30%	28%	33%	31%	34%	32%	34%
Moderately Disagree	9%	14%	5%	3%	6%	3%	8%
Strongly Disagree	2%	2%	1%	*%	2%	*%	3%
Net: Agree	89%	84%	94%	96%	92%	97%	89%
Net: Disagree	11%	16%	6%	4%	8%	3%	11%

B14a. Have your child care arrangements changed since COVID-19 pandemic-related restrictions began in early 2020?

	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
No, have not changed during the pandemic	45%	64%	29%	34%	26%	31%	25%
Yes, they did change temporarily but now back to before	28%	12%	43%	28%	52%	49%	30%
Yes, they changed and the new arrangements are still in place	26%	24%	28%	38%	22%	20%	45%
Net: Yes	55%	36%	71%	66%	74%	69%	75%

B14b. Was this change during the COVID-19 pandemic due to:

Sample Size (Base: Experienced change in B14a)	362	111	251	91	157	160	90
	Total	Child care Arrangements		Type of care		Hours per week	
		Parent at home	Other arrangements	Home based	Centre based	30+ Hours per week	Less than 30 hours per week
Job loss so parent(s) at home	11%	23%	6%	10%	4%	6%	6%
Parent(s) now working from home	27%	38%	22%	23%	22%	22%	22%
Parent now home to assist older kid(s) with remote learning	6%	14%	3%	3%	2%	1%	6%
Relative available/offered	9%	11%	8%	18%	2%	3%	17%
To save money	11%	21%	7%	6%	7%	4%	11%
Child care provider closed due to COVID-19/restrictions	53%	32%	62%	44%	74%	67%	54%
Concerned about COVID-19 in daycare setting	34%	39%	32%	37%	29%	32%	32%
Other reasons: _____	10%	13%	9%	9%	9%	11%	7%