



Early Learning and Child Care Surveys

Use of child care for children aged 0 to 12

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Overview

- Description of surveys
- Findings/results for children 0 to 12 years of age
- Accessing the data
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Early learning and child care surveys ⁽¹⁾



- Two surveys for parents/guardians that ask about the child care arrangements for a selected child 12 and under
 - Sample selected from Canada Child Benefit (CCB)
- Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care Plan
 - Federal government \$30 billion investment over five years to reduce child care costs by 2026
- Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements (SELCCA)
 - Children less than 6 years old
 - Collected three times (2019, 2020, 2022)
- Survey on Before and After School Care in Canada (SBASCC)
 - Children aged 4 to 12, in school
 - Collected for the first time in 2022



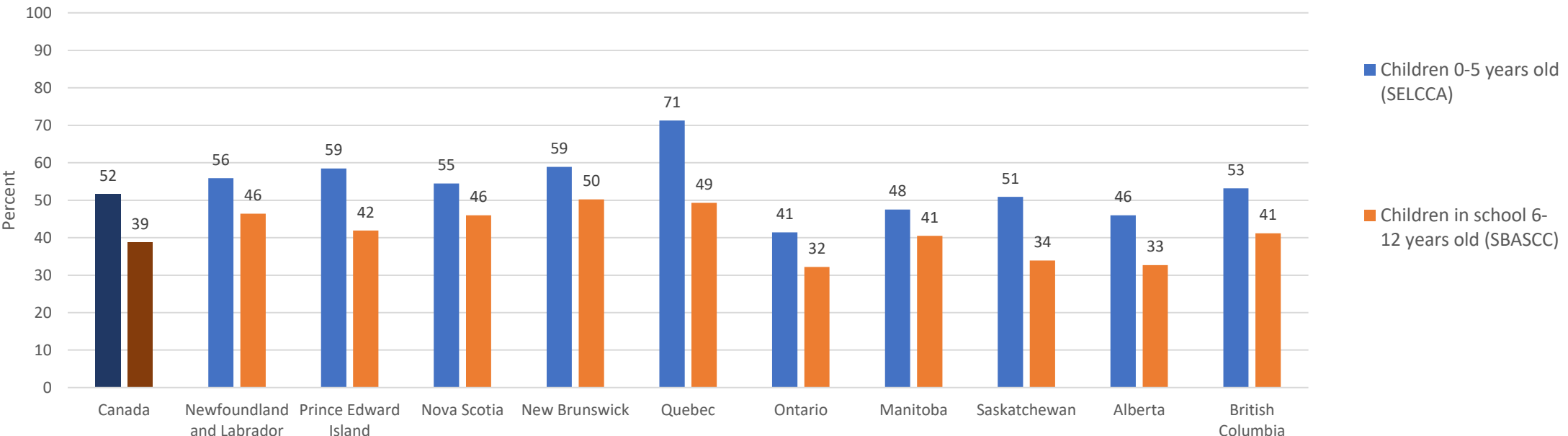
Early learning and child care surveys ⁽²⁾

	Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements (SELCCA)	Survey on Before and After School Care in Canada (SBASCC)
2022 collection period	January 24 th to February 18 th	May 30 th to July 15 th
Approx. 3-month reference period	November 2021 to January 2022	March to May 2022
Sample size	20 000 (provinces) 11 590 respondents	15 000 (provinces) 6 185 respondents
Universe	Children aged 0 to 5 years old	Children aged 4 to 12 years old who are in school
Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - What proportion of parents/guardians use child care? - What type of child care do they use and why? - What are the barriers to accessing child care? - Why do some families not use any child care? - How much does it cost? 	



Higher percentage of children in child care in Quebec and the Atlantic provinces compared to Ontario and the other provinces

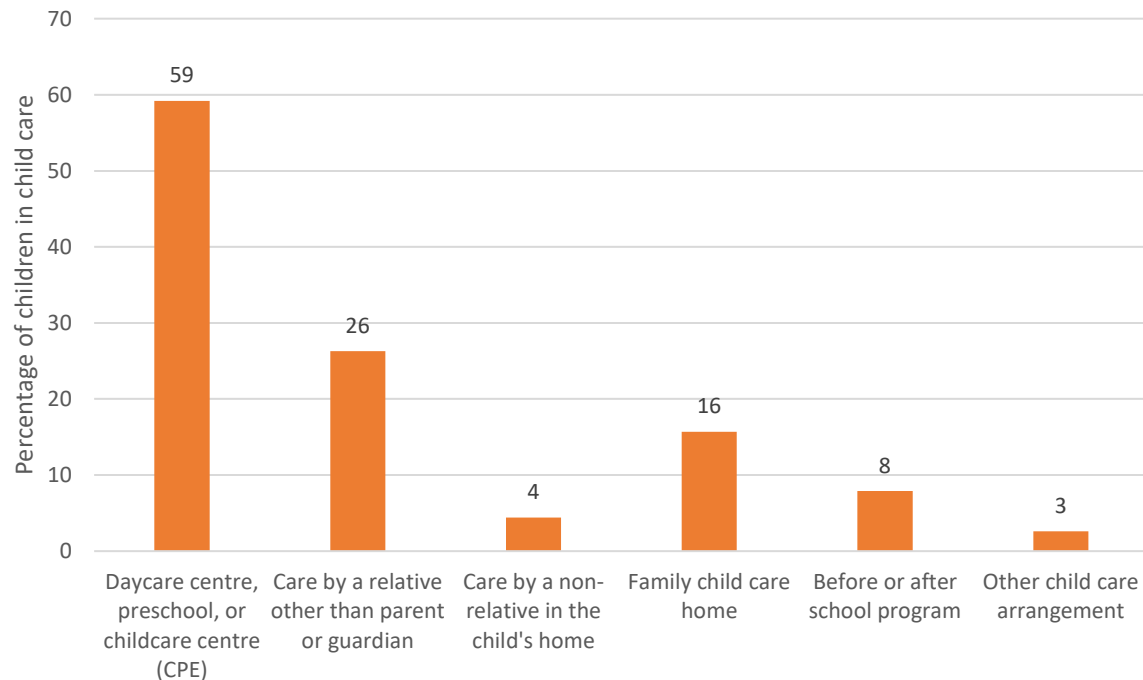
Use of child care, children aged 0 to 12 years, Canada and the provinces, 2022



Source: Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements, 2022, and Survey on Before and After School Care in Canada, 2022

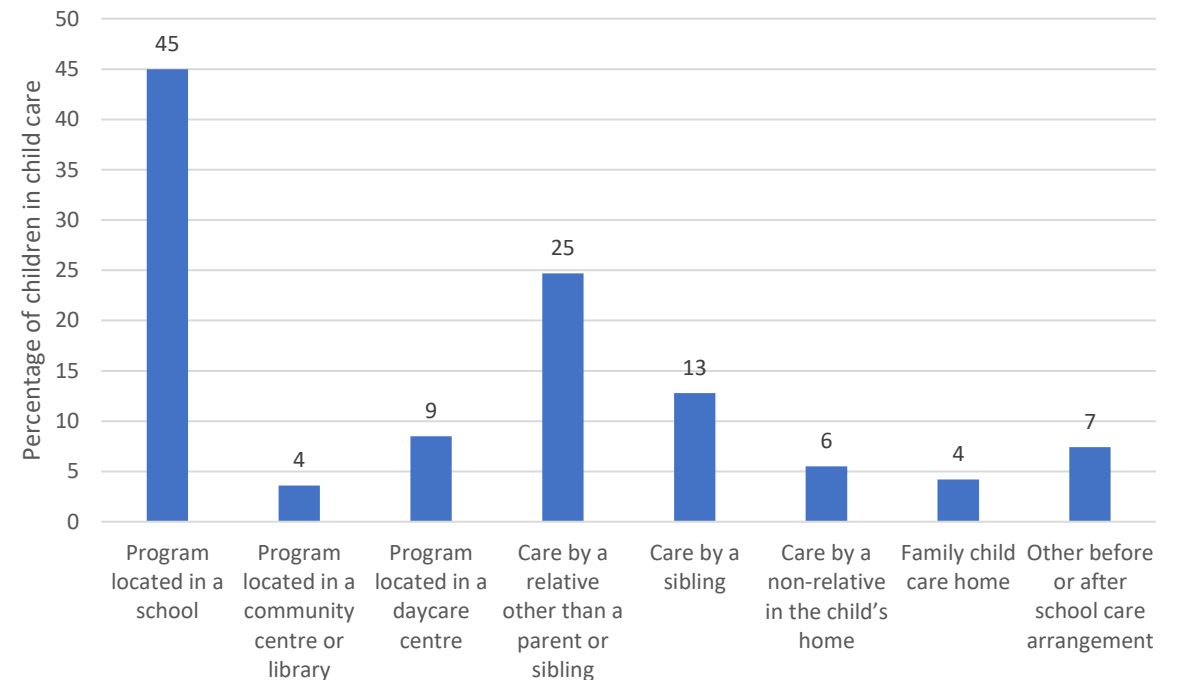
Younger kids more likely to be in formal care like a daycare centre or home-based care compared with older kids

Type of child care arrangement, children in child care aged 0-5 years, Canada, 2022



Source: Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements, 2022

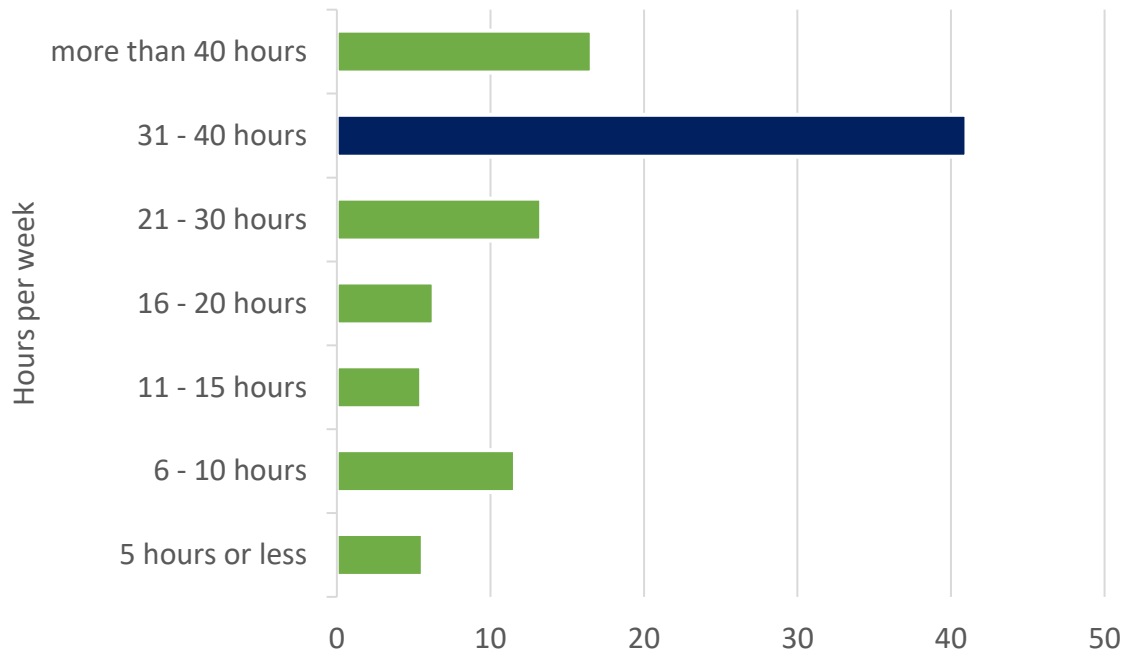
Type of before/after school care arrangement, children in school and in child care aged 6-12 years, Canada, 2022



Source: Survey on Before and After School Care in Canada, 2022

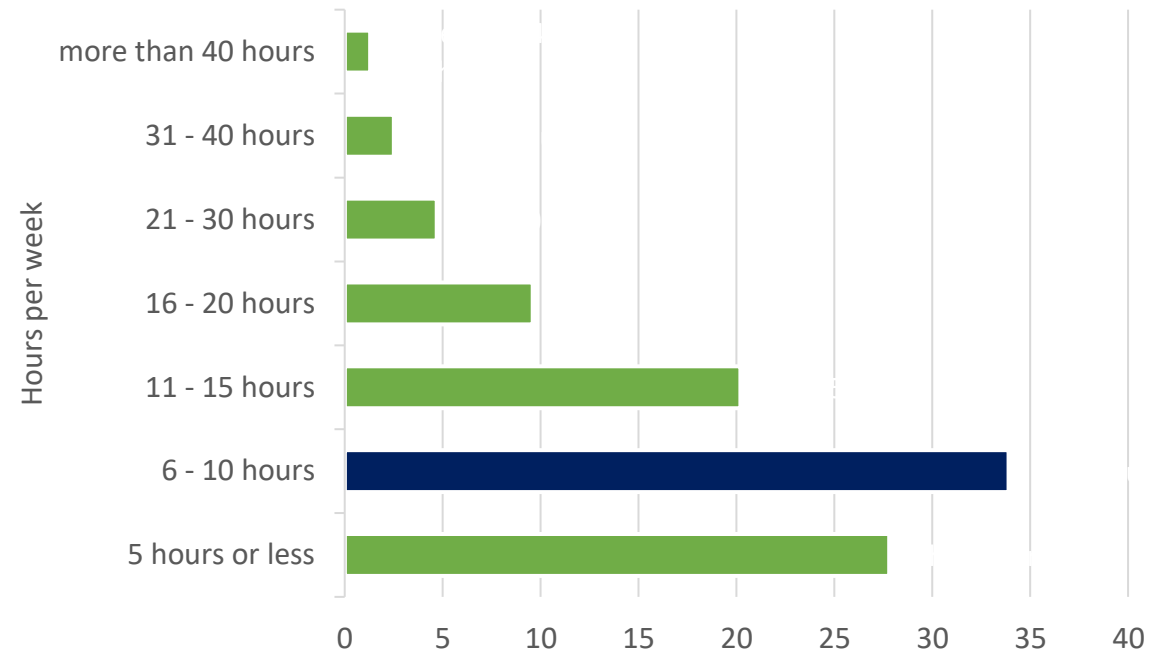
Younger children are in more hours of child care per week

Number of hours spent in child care per week, children in child care aged 0-5 years, Canada, 2022



Source: Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements, 2022

Number of hours spent in child care per week, children in school and in child care aged 6-12 years, Canada, 2022



Source: Survey on Before and After School Care in Canada, 2022





Most common reasons for choosing main care arrangement differed by child's age

Children in child care aged 0-5 years

- **Location** – 52%
- Care provider is trustworthy, warm, nurturing – 49%
- **Affordable cost** – 37%
- Licensed/accredited care – 36%
- Qualifications of care provider – 35%
- **Hours of operation** – 35%

Children in child care aged 6-12 years

- **Location** – 64%
- **Affordable cost** – 43%
- **Hours of operation** – 38%
- Characteristics of the individual providing care – 28%
- To keep all children in the family in the same arrangement – 25%

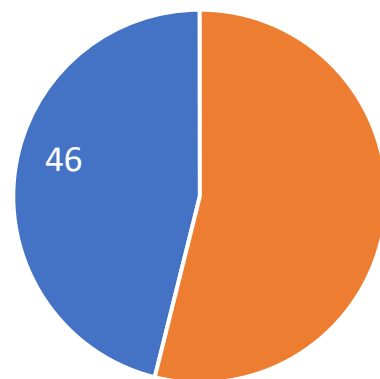
Parents and guardians of older and younger children encountered similar difficulties when looking for child care

Children aged 0-5 years

Difficulty finding....

- Child care available in your community – 56%
- Affordable child care – 51%
- Subsidized child care spaces or spaces eligible for child care fee subsidy – 31%
- Child care that fits your family's work or study schedules – 30%

Did parents/guardians have difficulty finding child care?



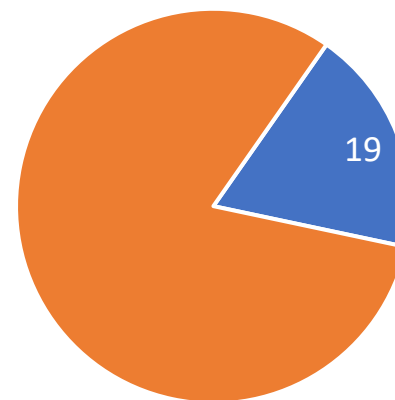
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Children in school aged 6-12 years

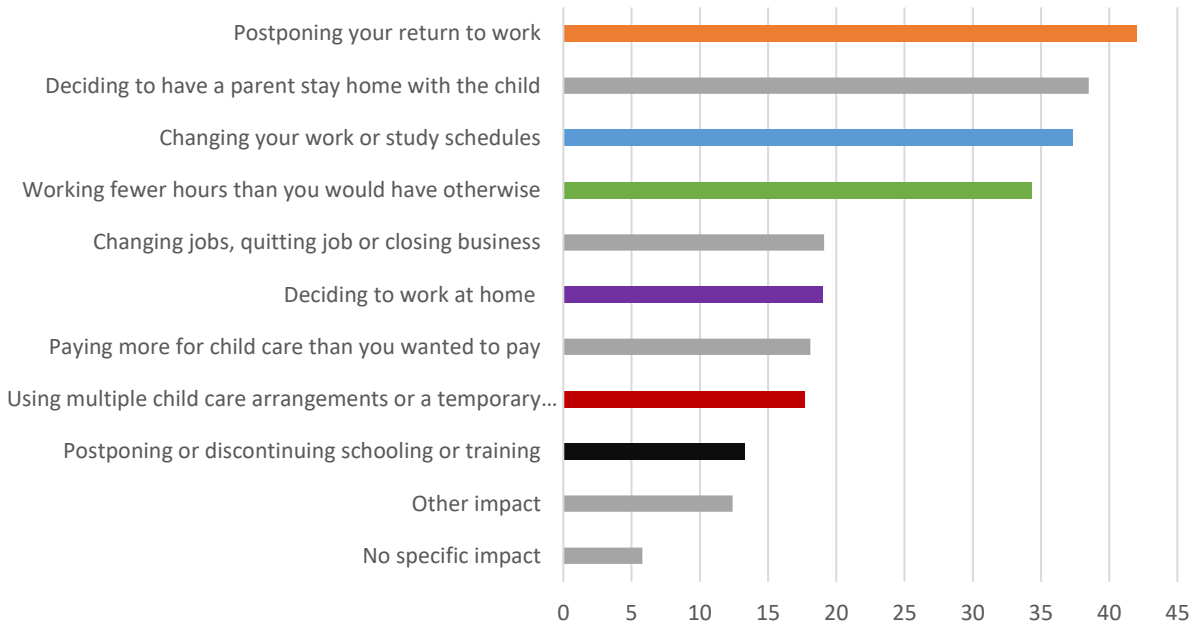
Difficulty finding....

- Child care available in your community – 60%
- Affordable child care – 55%
- Child care that fits your work or study schedule – 40%



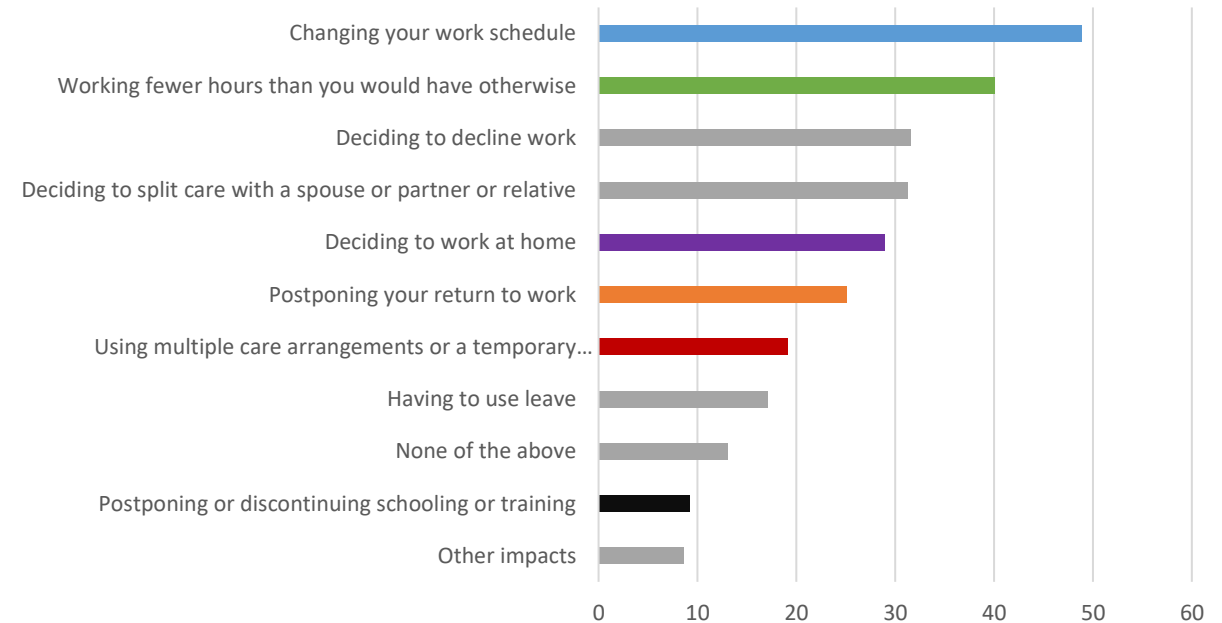
For those not using child care, 53% of parents/guardians of younger children and 13% of older children had difficulty finding it

Consequences of having difficulty finding child care, parents/guardians of children aged 0-5 years **not in child care**, Canada, 2022



Source: Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements, 2022

Consequences of having difficulty finding child care, parents/guardians of children in school aged 6-12 years **not in child care**, Canada, 2022



Source: Survey on Before and After School Care in Canada, 2022

Approximately half of children weren't in any child care arrangement for a variety of reasons

Children not in child care aged 0-5 years

- Prefer to have parent stay at home with the child – 38%
- Maternity, paternity or parental leave – 27%
- The cost of child care is too high – 25%
- I feel it is unsafe during the COVID-19 pandemic – 20%

Children in school and not in child care, aged 6-12 years

- Prefer to adjust work or study schedules to accommodate care needs – 27%
- Parent or guardian stays at home with child or cares for child while working at home – 26%
- Child can stay home alone or with a sibling – 26%
- The cost of before/after school care is too high – 22%



Accessing the data

- *Daily* articles
 - [The Daily — Survey on Before and After School Care in Canada, 2022 \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/95-008-x/2022001/article/00001-eng.htm)
 - [The Daily — Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements, 2022 \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/95-008-x/2022001/article/00002-eng.htm)
- Data tables & Public Use Microdata Files
 - SBASCC: [Data \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/95-008-x/2022001/article/00001-eng.htm)
 - SELCCA: [Data \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/95-008-x/2022001/article/00002-eng.htm)
- Infographics
 - [Before and after school care in Canada, 2022 \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/95-008-x/2022001/article/00001-eng.htm)
 - [Child care arrangements for children aged 0 to 5 years, 2020 \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/95-008-x/2022001/article/00002-eng.htm)
- ELCC information hub
 - [Early Learning and Child Care Information Hub \(statcan.gc.ca\)](https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/95-008-x/2022001/article/00002-eng.htm)



Age group

0 to 5 years

4 to 12 years

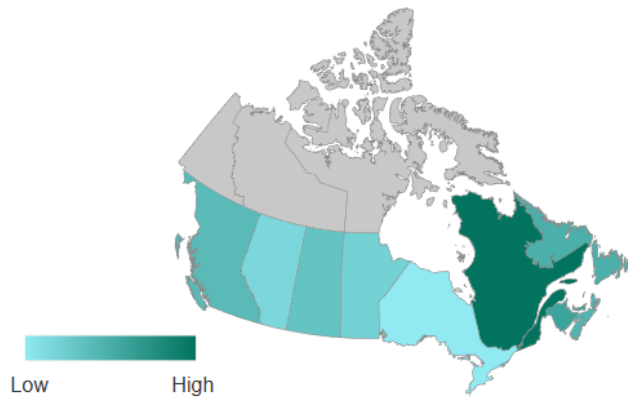
Year

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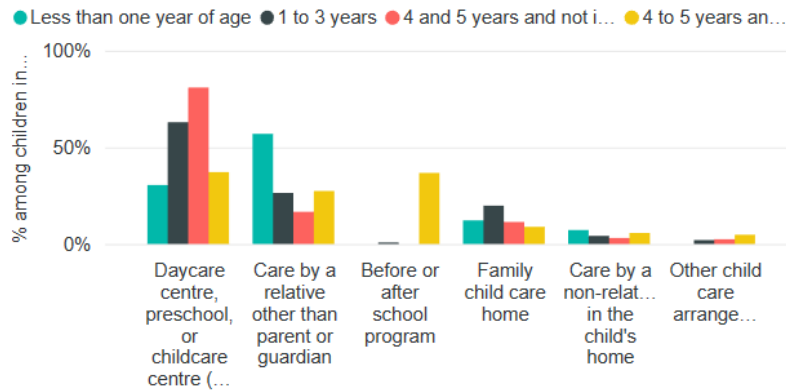
Geography

Canada, excluding the territories

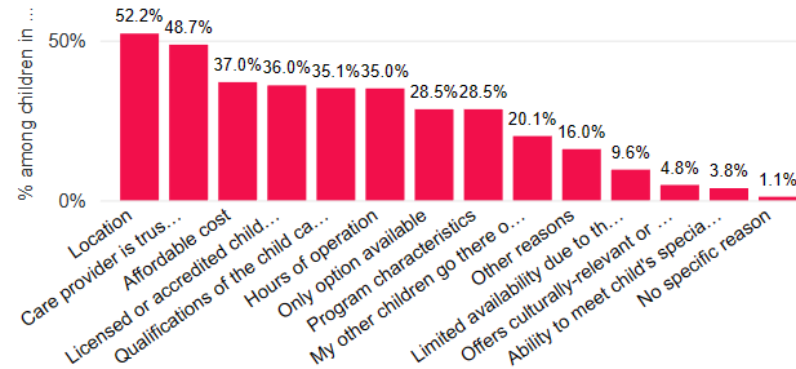
Use of early learning and child care arrangements, children aged 0 to 5 years



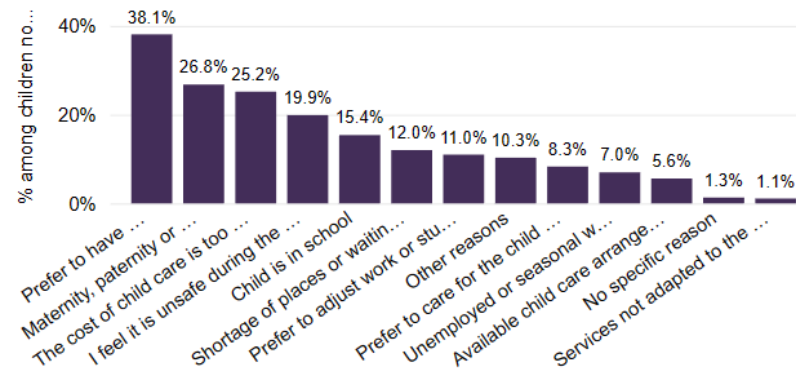
Type of child care arrangement by age group



Parent and guardian reasons for using main child care arrangement, children aged 0 to 5 years



Reasons for not using any child care arrangement among those not using care, children aged 0 to 5 years





Looking ahead

- Canadian Survey on Early Learning and Child Care (CSELCC)
 - Larger sample – more detailed analysis
 - Parent/guardian labour market activities
 - Work-life balance
 - More detailed demographic information
 - Family composition
 - Ethnocultural data
- SELCCA-Children with Long-Term Conditions and Disabilities
- Data on parental expenses: report/tables to be released later in 2023





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