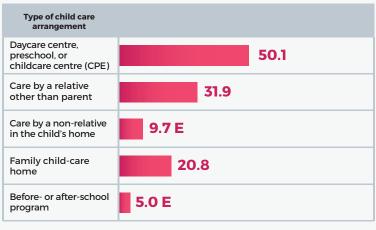


## CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: ALBERTA

Child-care policies should be equitable for all families, regardless of the type of care they choose. Universal child-care systems fail to recognize the diverse care needs of Alberta parents and their reasons for the type of care they choose.

> Type of child-care arrangement among children in non-parental child care, household population aged 0 to 5 years, Alberta

Of Alberta children under age six. about 46 percent are in parental care only.1



The majority of Alberta children under age six will receive no benefit from funds designated for centre-based spaces.

Of **all** Alberta

children under

age six (those in

care and those

non-parental child

who are not), about

27 percent are in

centre-based care

or preschool.<sup>2</sup>

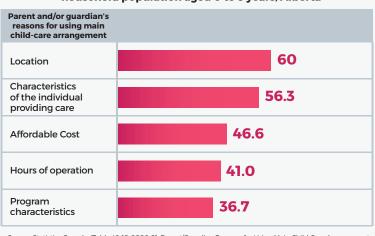
Source: Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0005-01: Type of Child Care Arrangement, Household Population Aged 0 to 5 years

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Respondents selected all that applied, resulting in a sum that exceeds 100 percent

Top five reasons for using main child-care arrangement, household population aged 0 to 5 years, Alberta

Of parents in Alberta who use non-parental child care, about **64 percent** report that they have no problem finding the care.1



Source: Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0006-01: Parent/Guardian Reasons for Using Main Child Care Arrangement, Household Population Aged 0 to 5 Years. Respondents selected all main reasons from twelve options

Alberta should take a neutral, evidence-based approach and respect the diversity of care that parents use.



A Provincial/Territorial Portrait," https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-626-x/11-626-x2019013-eng.htm.