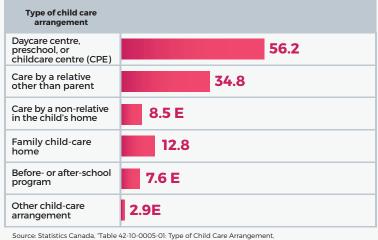


CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: BRITISH COLUMBIA

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 BC 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, BC

Of BC children under age six, about 42 percent are in parental care only.1



About **5 percent** of BC children under age six are in parental care because the parent could not find another option.1

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, BC



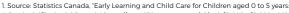


Of all BC children under age six (those in nonparental child care and those who are not), about **32 percent** are in centre-based care or preschool.2

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.

BC 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.

