



CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: MANITOBA

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 Manitoba 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, Manitoba

Type of child care arrangement	
Daycare centre, preschool, or childcare centre (CPE)	50.4
Care by a relative other than parent	36.9
Care by a non-relative in the child's home	X
Family child-care home	21.3
Before- or after-school program	3.1 E
Other child-care arrangement	3.6 E

Source: Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0005-01: Type of Child Care Arrangement, Household Population Aged 0 to 5 Years."
E: use with caution.
X: Suppressed to meet the confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.
Respondents selected all that applied, resulting in a sum that exceeds 100 percent.

Of Manitoba children under age six, about **49 percent** are parental care only.¹

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

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

Parent and/or guardian's reasons for using main child-care arrangement	
Location	53.0
Characteristics of the individual providing care	46.9
Affordable cost	38.6
Hours of operation	39.0
Only option available	30.4

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.

About **4 percent** of Manitoba children under age six are in parental care because the parent could not find another option.¹

Of **all** Manitoba children under age six (those in non-parental child care and those who are not), about **26 percent** are in centre-based care or preschool.²

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

1. Source: Statistics Canada, "Early Learning and Child Care for Children aged 0 to 5 years: A Provincial/Territorial Portrait," <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-626-x/11-626-x2019013-eng.htm>.
2. Calculations based on Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0004-01 & Table 42-10-0005-01: Early Learning and Child Care for Children aged 0 to 5 years: A Provincial/Territorial Portrait," <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/pub/11-626-x/11-626-x2019013-eng.htm>.