



CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: NEW BRUNSWICK

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 New Brunswick 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, New Brunswick

Type of child care arrangement	
Daycare centre, preschool, or childcare centre (CPE)	60.9
Care by a relative other than parent	23.5
Care by a non-relative in the child's home	3.8 E
Family child-care home	19.7
Before- or after-school program	6.9 E
Other child-care arrangement	3.5 E

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

Of New Brunswick children under age six, about **39 percent** are in parental care only.¹

About **3 percent** of New Brunswick children under age six are in parental care because the parent could not find another option.¹

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

Parent and/or guardian's reasons for using main child-care arrangement	
Location	57.0
Characteristics of the individual providing care	51.1
Hours of operation	38.9
Program characteristics	35.2
Affordable Cost	34.3

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.

Of parents in New Brunswick who use non-parental care, **66 percent** report that they have no problem finding the care.¹

Of **all** New Brunswick children under age 6 (those in non-parental child care and those who are not) about **37 percent** are in centre-based care or preschool.²

New Brunswick 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>.