



CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

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 parents in Newfoundland and Labrador 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, NL

Type of child care arrangement	Percentage
Daycare centre, preschool, or childcare centre (CPE)	42.7
Care by a relative other than parent	38.0
Care by a non-relative in the child's home	5.8 E
Family child-care home	24.2
Before- or after-school program	4.5 E
Other child-care arrangement	X

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

The majority of NL children under age six will receive no benefit from funds designated for centre-based spaces.¹

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 confidentiality requirements of the Statistics Act.
 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, NL

Parent and/or guardian's reasons for using main child-care arrangement	Percentage
Characteristics of the individual providing care	58.6
Location	54.3
Affordable Cost	46.8
Hours of operation	38.9
Recommendation or own research	27.7

Of NL parents who use non-parental child care, about **67 percent** report that they have no problem finding the care.¹

Of **all** NL children under age six (those in non-parental child care and those who are not), about **25 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.

Newfoundland and Labrador 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>.