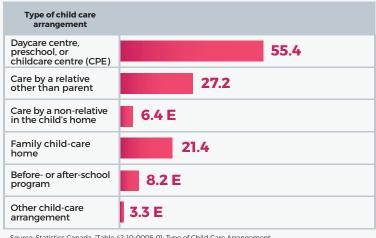


CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: NOVA SCOTIA

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 Nova Scotia 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, Nova Scotia

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



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

Source: Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0005-01: Type of Child Care Arrangement,

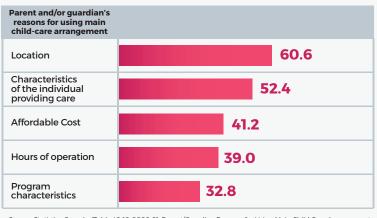
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Respondents selected all that applied, resulting in a sum that exceeds 100 percent.

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

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

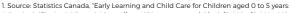


Of all Nova Scotia children under age six (those in non-parental child care and those who are not), about **34 percent** are in centre-based care or preschool.²

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.

Nova Scotia 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.

