



CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: SASKATCHEWAN

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 Saskatchewan 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, SK

Type of child care arrangement	Percentage
Daycare centre, preschool, or childcare centre (CPE)	48.3
Care by a relative other than parent	30.5
Care by a non-relative in the child's home	F
Family child-care home	27.6
Before- or after-school program	4.0 E
Other child-care arrangement	X

Of Saskatchewan children under age six, about **47 percent** are in parental care only.¹

The majority of Saskatchewan 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, Household Population Aged 0 to 5 Years."
 E: use with caution.
 F: Too unreliable to be published.
 X: Suppressed to meet the 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, SK

Parent and/or guardian's reasons for using main child-care arrangement	Percentage
Characteristics of the individual providing care	56.1
Location	51.5
Affordable Cost	42.6
Hours of operation	35.5
Program characteristics	29.5

Of parents in Saskatchewan who use non-parental child care, about **62 percent** report that they have no problem finding the care.¹

Of **all** Saskatchewan 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.

Saskatchewan 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>.