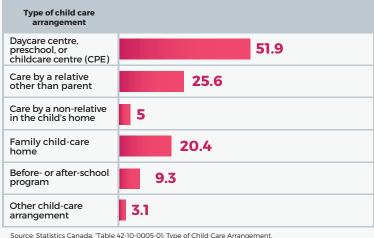


CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: CANADA

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 Canadian 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, Canada

Of Canadian children under age six, about **40 percent** are in parental care only.¹



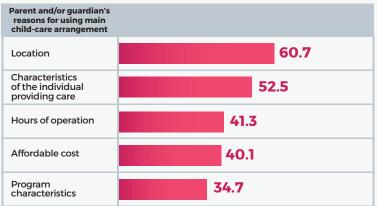
Source: Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0005-01: Type of Child Care Arrangement,
Household Population Aged 0 to 5 Years."
Respondents selected all that applied, resulting in a sum that exceeds 100 percent.

Less than **3 percent** of

Canadian children under age six are in parental care because the parent could not find another option.¹

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

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



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 all Canadian children under age six (those in non-parental child care and those who are not), about **32 percent** are in centre-based care or preschool.²

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

