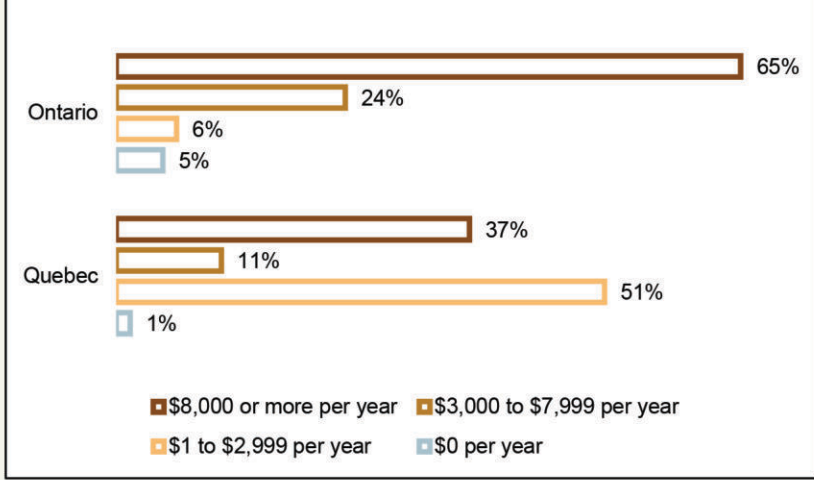


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Annual cost of child care

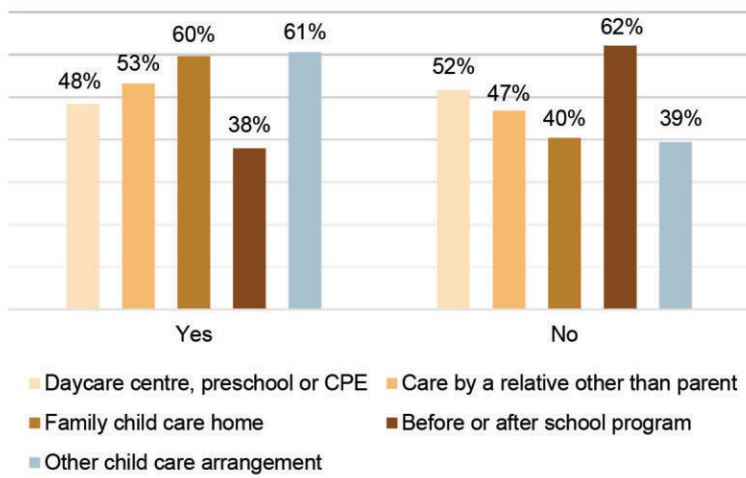


Parents and guardians have found themselves **overlooking features** that make a day care center high-quality due to their pricing. Some expressing that the cost is like paying twice their monthly rent. That is a huge **financial burden** on families as they have other responsibilities to take care of, such as bills, food, and savings for unexpected situations.

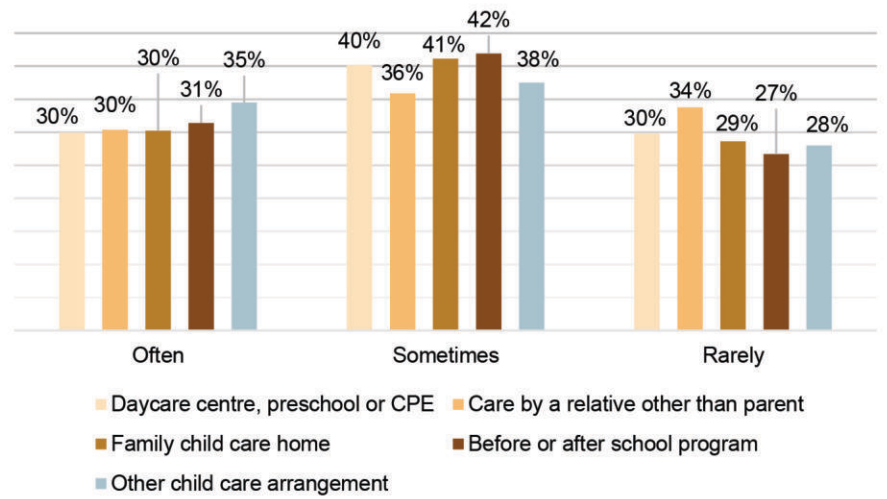
“Wow! My city is crazy! It’s 65 a day for infants here... North of Barrie. What the heck!”

– A reddit user responded (2022)

DIFFICULTY FINDING CHILD CARE BY CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENT



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“She has spent years trying to find inclusive childcare for one of her sons. But after being turned away time and time again, she’s realized it may never work out”

– A woman says to CBC News (Aalders, 2024)

“I’m a single dad. I don’t have parents; I don’t have a wife or girlfriend. It’s just me, my kid, and daycare”

– A father told Washington Post reporters (Bhattarai & Fowers, 2022)

RECOMMENDATIONS

Restart the National Longitudinal Survey of Children and Youth (NLSCY)



Modernize the Employment Insurance (EI) program to expand coverage to new parents, self-employed individuals and promote gender equity in parental leave.

Establish an independent authority to standardize and monitor quality of child care services in Canada.



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