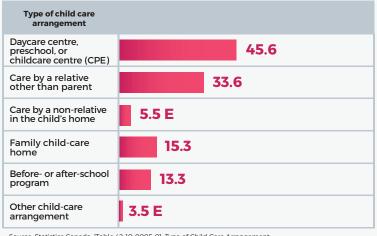


## CHILD CARE BY THE NUMBERS: ONTARIO

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 Ontario 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, Ontario

Of Ontario children under age six, about 46 percent are in parental care only.1

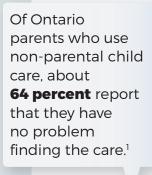


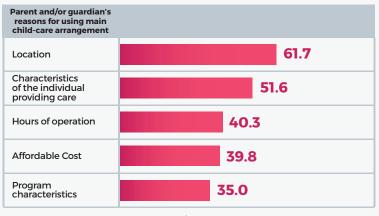
Source: Statistics Canada, "Table 42-10-0005-01: Type of Child Care Arrangement,

Household Population Aged 0 to 5 Years." E: use with caution

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, Ontario





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.

another option.1 Of all Ontario

children under

age six (those in

care and those

who are not),

non-parental child

about 24 percent

are in centre-based

care or preschool.<sup>2</sup>

Less than

3 percent of

Ontario children

under age six are

because the parent

in parental care

could not find

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



