## Saving for postsecondary education, 2020 From February 4 to June 20, 2020, Statistics Canada

From February 4 to June 20, 2020, Statistics Canada conducted the Survey of Approaches to Educational Planning (SAEP) to understand how parents and guardians\* of children aged 0 to 17 were planning for their academic future after high school.



69% of children have savings set aside for postsecondary studies

Percentage of children with savings set aside for postsecondary studies, by region











Most common methods used to save\* for children's postsecondary studies

\*among children with savings set aside



account

70/0 Tax-Free
Savings
Account (TFSA)

**31**% of children did not have savings set aside for postsecondary studies

Top reasons why children's parents and guardians did not save







Will pay when the time comes



24%

Have other priorities

Parents and guardians will help with the costs of postsecondary education in other ways than through savings



Paying when the time comes





Providing free room and board at home or use of a car





Repaying some or all of a student loan





Helping in other ways, such as paying for supplies, books, expenses, bills, etc.

Child will pay when the time comes





guardians who were not saving said that they would save later.

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