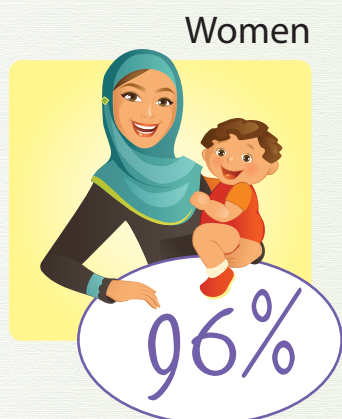


Child care workers and their employment during the COVID-19 pandemic

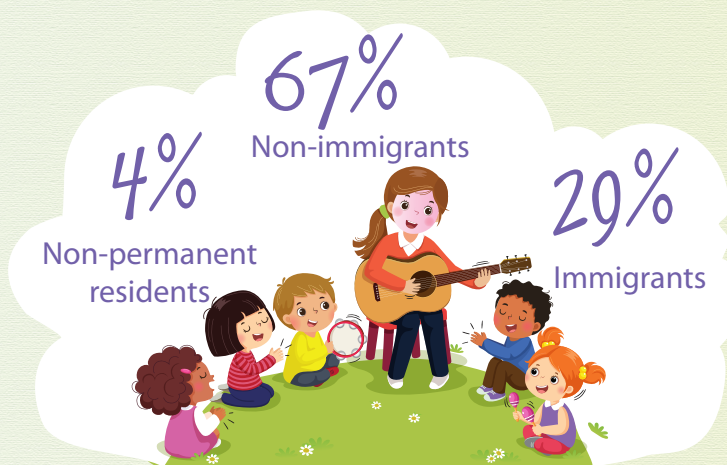
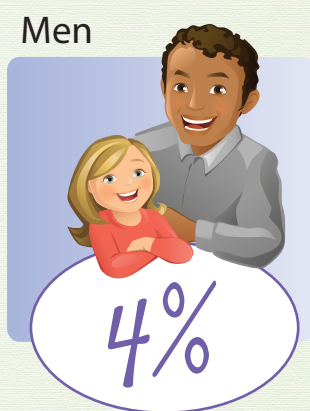


In 2019, nearly 302,000 individuals were employed as child care workers in Canada, making up **1.6%** of the total employed population.

Child care workers are predominantly women and close to one-third are immigrants or non-permanent residents.



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Home child care providers (39%) were more likely to belong to a population group designated as a visible minority than **early childhood educators and assistants (24%)**. Of all home child care providers, **one in five** were Filipino.

More than 7 in 10 child care workers had postsecondary education in 2016.



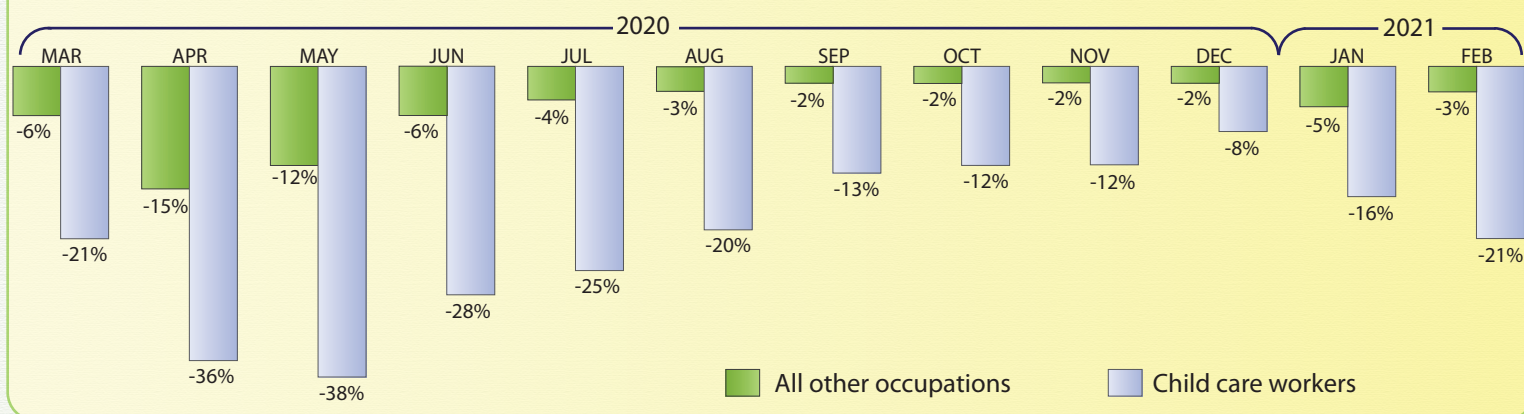
Early childhood educators and assistants were more likely to have education above the high school level (**79%**) than home child care providers (**53%**).

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, employment among child care workers has decreased.

Total employment fell by **6%** in March 2020. However, employment decreased more sharply among child care workers (**-21%**).

In February 2021, employment among child care workers was still **21%** lower than in February 2020, before the pandemic. In comparison, total employment in Canada decreased by **3%** over the same period.

Percentage change in employment compared with February 2020 (seasonally unadjusted)



Note: Child care workers include early childhood educators and assistants as well as home child care providers.

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