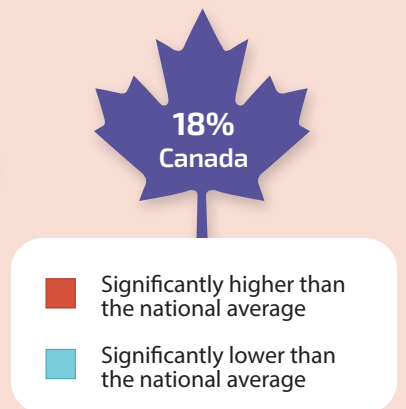
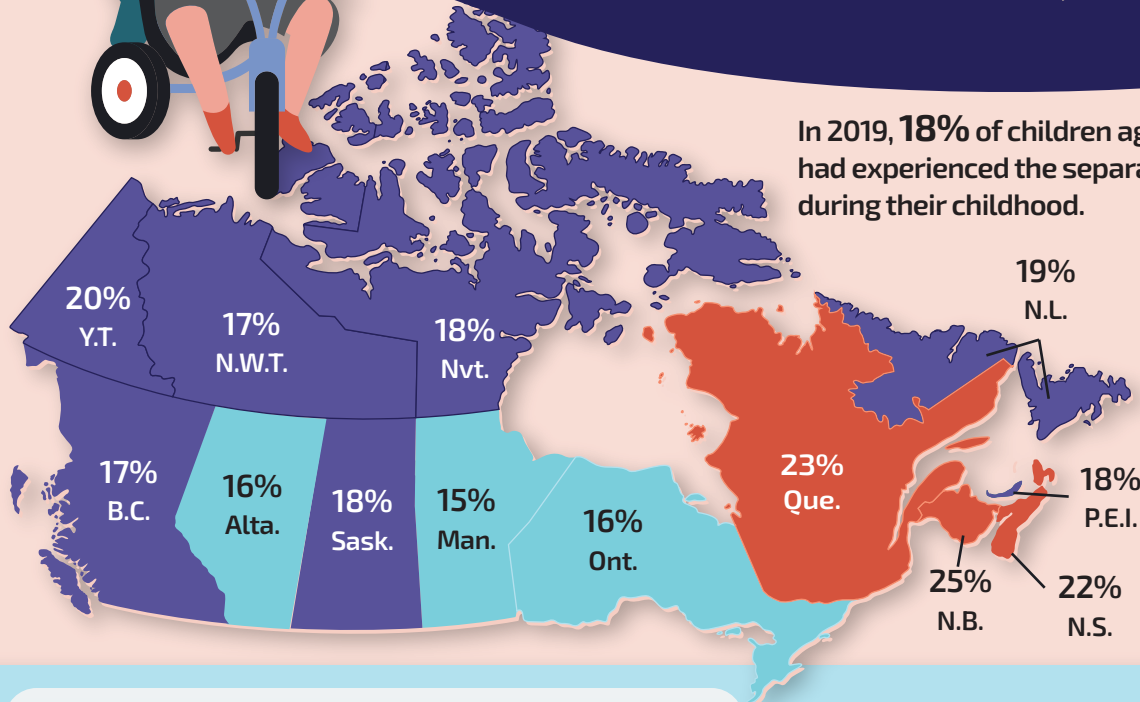


How many children in Canada have experienced the separation or divorce of their parents?

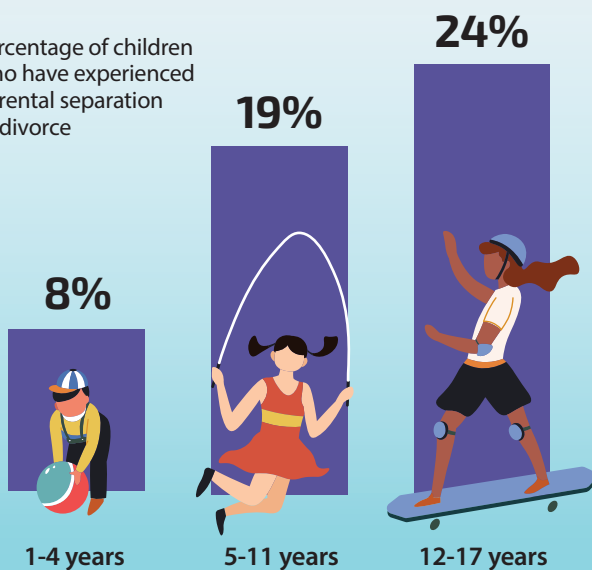
Results from the 2019 Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth

In 2019, **18%** of children aged 1 to 17 (**1,185,700 children**) had experienced the separation or divorce of their parents during their childhood.

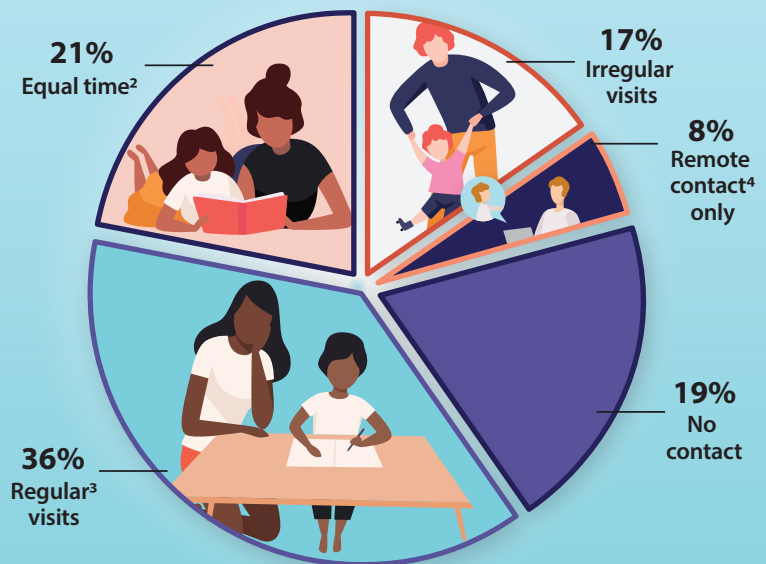


Older children were more likely to have experienced parental divorce or separation than younger children.

Percentage of children who have experienced parental separation or divorce



Most children who have experienced parental separation or divorce had some contact with their other parent.¹

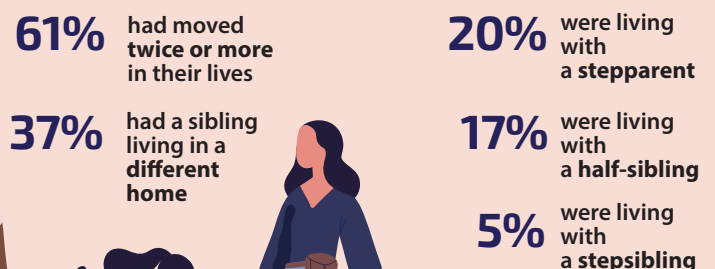


Did you know?

In 2019, **3%** of children aged 1 to 17 in Canada had experienced the **death of a parent or sibling during their childhood**.

In contrast, nearly a century earlier in 1921, **9%** of children aged 15 and under had at least one deceased parent, while **4%** had two deceased parents.

Among children who have experienced parental separation or divorce:



1. 'Other parent' refers to the child's other parent or guardian who is not a member of the household surveyed. © Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, as represented by the Minister of Industry, 2022
 2. Lives equally with both parents or guardians.
 3. For example, every week, every two weeks or every month,
 4. Remote contact refers to video calls or chats and contact by telephone, letter or email only.

Source: Statistics Canada, 2019 Canadian Health Survey on Children and Youth, 1921 Census of Canada, volume III, Catalogue no. 98-1921, table 31.