

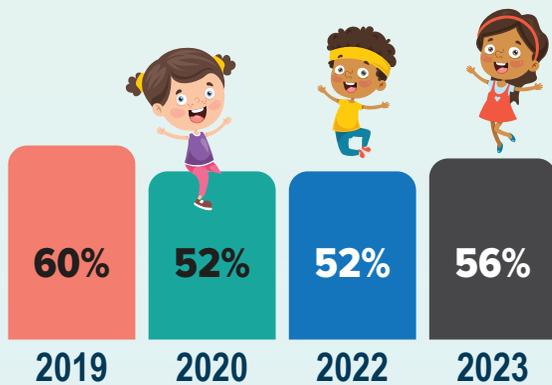


# Child care arrangements

## FOR CHILDREN 0 TO 5 YEARS, 2023

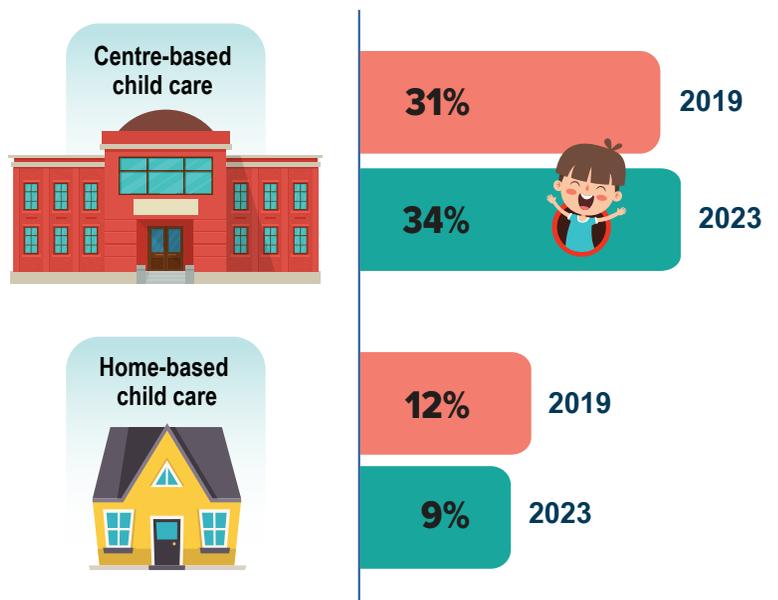
In 2023, just over half (56%) of children 0 to 5 years were in child care, up from 52% in 2022, but lower than in 2019 before the COVID-19 pandemic (60%).

Proportion of children 0 to 5 years in a licensed or unlicensed child care arrangement, Canada<sup>1</sup>



Participation in centre-based child care surpassed pre-pandemic levels, but home-based child care was still lower than in 2019.

Proportion of children 0 to 5 years in a child care arrangement, by type, Canada



Over a quarter (26%) of children who were not in child care were on a waitlist, up from 19% in 2022.

Proportion of children 0 to 5 years not in a child care arrangement and on a waitlist, Canada excluding the territories



Parental expenses for child care decreased from 2022 to 2023



Average monthly parental expenses in current dollars for their main full-time child care arrangement, children 0 to 5 years, Canada excluding the territories

1. Data for the territories were not collected in 2022.

Note: Statistics Canada surveys on early learning and child care collect data on parental expenses for children in all licensed and unlicensed child care, not only child care services under the Canada-wide Early Learning and Child Care system, which is in various stages of implementation across the provinces and territories.

Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Survey on Early Learning and Child Care, 2023, Survey on Early Learning and Child Care Arrangements, 2023.