

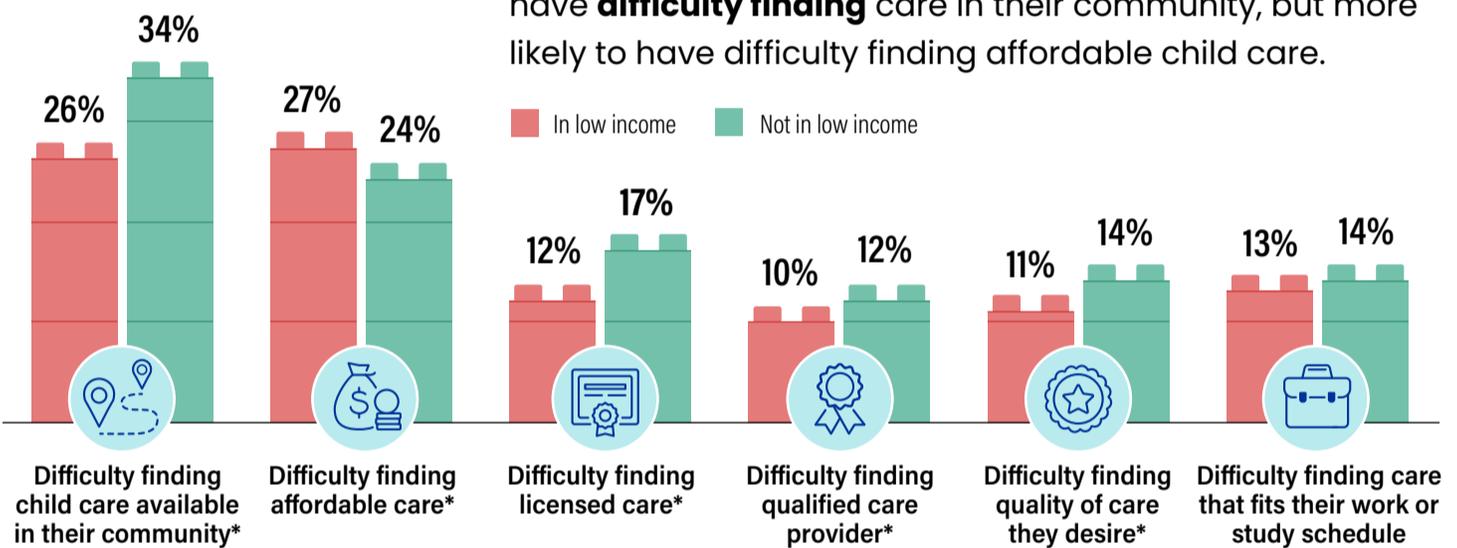
CHILD CARE USE by low-income families

IN CANADA, 2023



In 2023, **41% of children five and under** in low-income families attended a formal or informal type of child care, compared with **60% of children** in families not in low income.

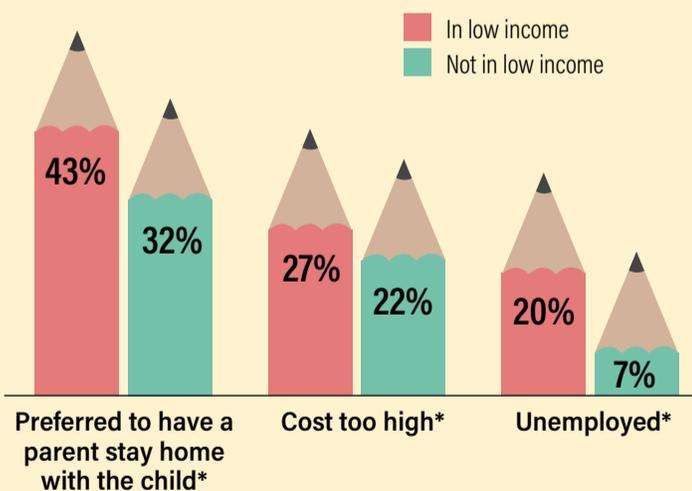
Parents of children living in low income were less likely to have **difficulty finding** care in their community, but more likely to have difficulty finding affordable child care.



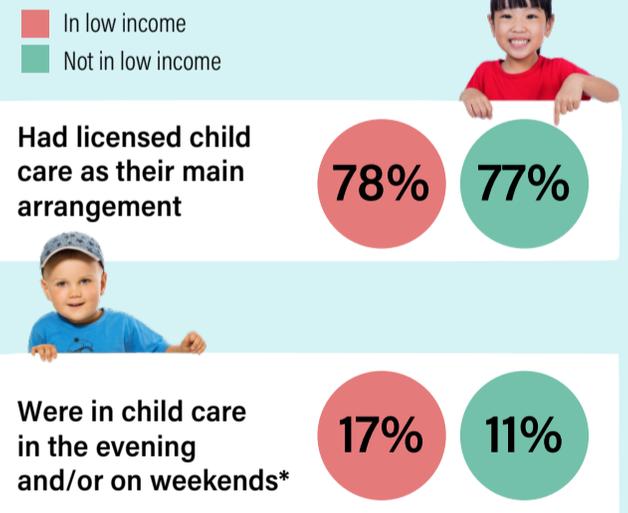
Among children living in low income who were not in child care, **4 in 10** were not in child care because their parent chose to stay at home with them.



Reason why parents did not use child care



Among children in child care...



About **6 in 10 children** in child care attended a daycare centre, preschool or centre de la petite enfance (CPE), regardless of whether they were living in low income.

*In these categories, the difference between parents/children in low income and not in low income is statistically significant, meaning that the probability of the difference occurring by chance is less than 5%.

Note: Low-income status was determined using the low-income threshold for 2022, based on family size and before-tax family income adjusted for 2022 constant dollars.

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