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Québec Study on the Accessibility and Use of Childcare Services 2021

Key terms used

TERM	DEFINITION
REGULAR CHILDCARE	⇨ Generally every week, either full-time or part-time. Can be during the day, evening or weekend. ⇨ Excludes occasional babysitting.
CHILDCARE	⇨ Physical location where a child is cared for. The childcare can be: the child's home, a daycare, a babysitter's home, a home childcare, a childcare centre (CPE), etc. ⇨ Synonyms: childcare service, daycare, etc.
MAIN CHILDCARE	⇨ Place where a child is cared for **the most hours** on a regular basis during a typical week.
TYPE OF CHILDCARE	⇨ Seven types are used in this survey: 1) CPE; 2) subsidized private daycare; 3) non-subsidized private daycare; 4) subsidized home childcare; 5) non-subsidized home childcare; 6) the child's home; 7) the home of someone you know. **The types of childcare are described at the back of this document.**
SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE	⇨ Place that offers reduced-contribution spaces currently at a cost of $8.50 per day before tax.
NON-SUBSIDIZED CHILDCARE	⇨ Place whose rate is set by the owner or the person in charge (e.g., $25 per day). ⇨ The fees are eligible for a **tax credit** for childcare expenses.
4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN	⇨ Preschool program offered full-time or part-time in certain public schools to 4-year-old children since September 30, 2020.
COMMUNITY DROP-IN DAYCARE	⇨ Occasional childcare service offered by a community organization, usually for 3 to 4 hours, mainly to facilitate family involvement in the organization's activities.

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Types of childcare

TYPE OF CHILDCARE	MOST COMMON NAMES	PHYSICAL LOCATION	NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES OR PEOPLE IN CHARGE	WHO CARES FOR THE CHILDREN?	IS IT PAID CHILDCARE?
CPE	CPE, childcare centre	Establishment or reserved facilities	Several employees	Early childhood educators and assistants	Yes
SUBSIDIZED PRIVATE DAYCARE	Daycare, educational daycare, educational centre, pre-school academy	Establishment or reserved facilities	Several employees	Early childhood educators and assistants	Yes
NON-SUBSIDIZED PRIVATE DAYCARE	Educational daycare, educational centre, pre-school academy, preschool	Establishment, reserved facilities or private school (e.g., Vision or Montessori)	Several employees	Early childhood educators and assistants	Yes
SUBSIDIZED HOME CHILDCARE	Home daycare, home-based childcare, home "CPE"	House or apartment	One to two people (maximum)	Home childcare provider (HCP)	Yes[1]
NON-SUBSIDIZED HOME CHILDCARE	Home daycare, home-based childcare	House or apartment	One person	Childcare provider	Yes[1]
CHILD'S HOME	N.A.	Child's house or apartment	One person	Home babysitter, nanny, relatives, friends	It varies
HOME OF SOMEONE YOU KNOW	N.A.	House or apartment	One person	Family member, neighbour, friend	It varies

N.A.: Not applicable

1. Exception: Child cared for in his or her parent's childcare.