

# Québec Study on Childcare Accessibility and Use 2026

## Reference Document

### Key terms used

Term	Definition
Regular childcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Generally every week, either full-time <b>or</b> part-time. Can be during the day, evening or weekend.</li><li>• Excludes occasional babysitting.</li></ul>
Childcare setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Physical location where a child is cared for. The childcare setting can be: the child's home, a daycare, a babysitter's home, a home childcare, a childcare centre (CPE), etc.</li><li>• Synonyms: childcare service, daycare, etc.</li></ul>
Main childcare setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Place where the child is cared for <b>the most hours</b> on a regular basis during a typical week.</li></ul>
Type of childcare setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 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. <b>The types of childcare settings are described at the back of this document.</b></li></ul>
Subsidized childcare setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setting that offers reduced-contribution spaces currently at a cost of \$9.65 per day before taxes.</li></ul>
Non-subsidized childcare setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Setting where the rate is set by the owner or the person in charge (e.g., \$35 per day).</li><li>• Fees are eligible for a <b>tax credit</b> for childcare expenses.</li></ul>
4-year-old kindergarten	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Preschool program offered full-time or part-time in certain public schools to children aged 4 on September 30, 2025.</li></ul>
Community drop-in daycare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Childcare offered by a community organization, usually for 3 to 4 hours, mainly to facilitate the participation of parents in the organization's activities.</li></ul>

## Types of childcare settings

Type of childcare setting	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	Facility or dedicated spaces	Several employees	Early childhood educators and assistants	Yes
Subsidized private daycare	Daycare, educational daycare, educational centre, preschool	Facility or dedicated spaces	Several employees	Early childhood educators and assistants	Yes
Non-subsidized private daycare	Educational daycare, educational centre, preschool, pre-kindergarten	Facility, dedicated spaces 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 <sup>1</sup>
Non-subsidized home childcare	Home daycare, home-based childcare	House or apartment	One person	Childcare provider	Yes <sup>1</sup>
Child's home	N.A.	Child's house or apartment	One person	In-home babysitter, nanny, relative, friend	It depends
Home of someone you know	N.A.	House or apartment	One person	Relative, neighbour, friend	It depends

N.A.: Not applicable.

1. Exception: Child who is looked after in his or her parent's home childcare.