

CANADIAN CHILDCARE STATISTICS

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These statistics give an overview of the lives of children in Canada with respect to childcare and family arrangements.

- 77.9% of parents of young children, when offered the choice between having one parent stay home to care for their child(ren) or placing them with a competent caregiver, chose the former.¹
- As of 2002-2003, 54% of Canadian children were in some type of non-parental child care.²
- As of 2002-2003, 52% of children in child care were full time (30+ hours per week).³
- As of 2001, 1% of all Canadian grandparents live with their grandchildren without either of the child's parents involved.⁴

Endnotes

¹ Institute of Marriage and Family Canada (2006). *Canadians Make Choices on Childcare*. Canadian Family Views, No. 1. Retrieved January 7, 2009 from http://www.imfcanada.org/article_files/CanadiansMakeChoicesAboutChildcare.pdf

² Bushnik, T. (2006). *Childcare in Canada*. Ottawa: Minister of Industry. Retrieved January 7, 2009 from <http://www.statcan.ca/english/research/89-599-MIE/89-599-MIE2006003.pdf>

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.