

Canadians' attitudes towards national child care policy: Key results by region/selected cities

	1. Serious problem? * (%)	2. Government role? * (%)	3. National system? * (%)	4. Which is better? * (%)
Atlantic Region	Serious - very 41 - somewhat 46 Not serious - not very 9 - not at all 2	Important - very 49 - somewhat 40 Not important - not very 6 - not at all 5	Agree - strongly 49 - somewhat 34 Disagree - somewhat 6 - strongly 8	- Child care spaces 54 - \$1,200 allowance 34
Quebec **	Serious - very 17 - somewhat 45 Not serious - not very 25 - not at all 8	Important - very 46 - somewhat 38 Not important - not very 10 - not at all 5	Agree - strongly 42 - somewhat 36 Disagree - somewhat 10 - strongly 6	- Child care spaces 54 - \$1,200 allowance 32
Ontario	Serious - very 42 - somewhat 40 Not serious - not very 12 - not at all 4	Important - very 51 - somewhat 32 Not important - not very 7 - not at all 9	Agree - strongly 45 - somewhat 33 Disagree - somewhat 9 - strongly 10	- Child care spaces 51 - \$1,200 allowance 34
Manitoba & Saskatchewan	Serious - very 30 - somewhat 50 Not serious - not very 12 - not at all 4	Important - very 41 - somewhat 36 Not important - not very 10 - not at all 10	Agree - strongly 43 - somewhat 26 Disagree - somewhat 11 - strongly 11	- Child care spaces 50 - \$1,200 allowance 35
Alberta	Serious - very 34 - somewhat 43 Not serious - not very 14 - not at all 4	Important - very 45 - somewhat 33 Not important - not very 12 - not at all 9	Agree - strongly 38 - somewhat 33 Disagree - somewhat 10 - strongly 12	- Child care spaces 42 - \$1,200 allowance 42
British Columbia	Serious - very 43 - somewhat 39 Not serious - not very 10 - not at all 4	Important - very 42 - somewhat 37 Not important - not very 10 - not at all 10	Agree - strongly 41 - somewhat 31 Disagree - somewhat 13 - strongly 10	- Child care spaces 46 - \$1,200 allowance 36
Toronto	Serious - very 47 - somewhat 34 Not serious - not very 12 - not at all 3	Important - very 62 - somewhat 26 Not important - not very 4 - not at all 7	Agree - strongly 55 - somewhat 31 Disagree - somewhat 5 - strongly 6	- Child care spaces 55 - \$1,200 allowance 33
Vancouver	Serious - very 44 - somewhat 42 Not serious - not very 6 - not at all 4	Important - very 40 - somewhat 36 Not important - not very 14 - not at all 9	Agree - strongly 39 - somewhat 32 Disagree - somewhat 14 - strongly 9	- Child care spaces 45 - \$1,200 allowance 37

* Poll questions:

1. How serious a problem is the lack of affordable child care in Canada today?
2. How important a role should governments play in helping parents meet their child care needs?
3. Should the federal government create a national early learning and child care system, with the goal of providing affordable child care to all parents who need it?
4. Which plan is better: \$1,200 per year allowance for each child under age 6 or give funds to provinces to create child care spaces?

** Quebec is the only province to have an affordable early learning and child care program.