UNDERSTANDING EMPLOYED PARENTS CHILD CARE NEEDS

JUNE 2021
BACKGROUND
The research conducted by Morning Consult on behalf of the Bipartisan Policy Center seeks to understand how work settings are changing for employed parents and how that impacts child care demands. Specific research objectives included:

1. Understand current and future work and child care arrangements
2. The impact of COVID-19 on children’s social-emotional and behavioral health
3. Use of financial supports for child care, including federal tax credits
4. Future preferences for child care and pre-k

AUDIENCE
Survey respondents were screened on having a child at home under the age of 5 and to have all members of the household currently employed.

For simplicity, throughout the report, this audience is referenced as ‘parents.’

METHODOLOGY
The survey was conducted from May 20-31, 2021 among a national sample of 800 parents with children under the age of 5 who are currently employed, and if they are married/partnered, their spouse/partner is also employed. The interviews were conducted online. Quotas for age and gender were used to guide collection with quota values being determined from the most recently available census data concerning age, gender, presence and age of children, employment status, and marital status (e.g., the April 2021 Current Population Survey). Results from the full survey have a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.
PARENT SURVEY SERIES

BPC and Morning Consult have conducted a series of parent surveys to understand parents’ need and preferences for child care.

A majority of parents (58%) say their employer currently allows them to work a portion of their week remotely, and a majority are taking advantage of that option by working in a hybrid environment (43%) or remotely full-time (38%).

Parents with a higher income level ($100k+ 68%), who live in an urban community (73%), are salaried (70%), and those who have administrative job (78%) are more likely to be able to work a portion of the week remotely.

On the other hand, parents with a lower income level (under $50k, 44%), who live in a rural community (38%), have an hourly job (38%), and have a trade/skill job (33%) are less likely to be able to work a portion of their week remotely.

Parents are divided on their preferred work situation: 37% say on-site full time, 31% hybrid, and 29% remotely full-time.

Parents are most likely to prefer the work situation they are currently in; among those currently working remotely full-time, 72% say this is their preferred work situation, among those currently working in the office full-time, 54% say this is their preferred work situation, and among those currently in a hybrid model, 62% say this is their preferred work situation.

How far in advance parents are aware of their work schedule significantly differs across demographic groups.

Parents with a higher education level and income level are more likely to have a fixed work schedule: 45% of parents with less than a college degree and 46% of parents with an income under $50k are aware of their schedule 2 weeks in advance or less.

Black parents are more likely than parents of other racial and ethnic groups to be aware of their work schedule 2 weeks in advance or less (41% of Black parents aware of their works schedule 2 weeks in advance or less).

Awareness of work schedule differs significantly across job classifications. Service workers (49%) and trade and skilled workers (40%) are most likely to be aware of their work schedule 2 weeks in advance or less.
Three in five parents (58%) say their employer allows them to work a portion of the work week remotely.

Does your employer currently allow you to work any portion of the work week remotely?

- Yes: 58%
- No: 42%

Which of the following best describes your current work situation?

- Work in a hybrid environment: 43%
- Work remotely full-time: 38%
- Work onsite or in the office full-time: 15%
- Gig worker: 2%
- Other, please specify: 2%
Parents with a higher income are more likely to say their employer allows them to work a portion of the week remotely. Additionally, urban parents (73%) are more likely suburban (55%) and rural parents (38%) to be able to work remotely.

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Among those who are able to work part of the week remotely, parents with an income under $50k are more likely to work remotely full-time, while higher income earners are more likely to be in a hybrid model.

Which of the following best describes your current work situation?

**INDICATED EMPLOYER ALLOWS THEM TO WORK PART OF WORK WEEK REMOTELY, N=466**

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*small n size, Hispanic n=48, Black n=41, Other n=48
Among two adult households, 54% say their spouse or partner’s employer currently allows them to work a portion of the week remotely.

Does your spouse or partner’s employer currently allow them to work any portion of the work week remotely?

TWO ADULT HOUSEHOLD*, N=655

- Yes: 54%
- No: 46%

Which of the following best describes your spouse or partner’s current work situation?

INDICATED SPOUSE/PARTNER’S EMPLOYER ALLOWS THEM TO WORK PART OF WORK WEEK REMOTELY, N=351

- Work in a hybrid environment: 44%
- Work remotely full-time: 38%
- Work onsite or in the office full-time: 17%
- Gig worker: 0%
- Other, please specify: 1%

*Parents indicated they are married or partnered
Parents are divided on their preferred work situation: 37% say on-site full-time, 31% hybrid, and 29% remotely full-time.

Thinking ahead, which of the following best describes your preferred work situation?
Parents with an income under $50k are more likely to prefer working remotely full-time.

Thinking ahead, which of the following best describes your preferred work situation?

- Work remotely full-time
- Work in a 'hybrid' environment, both remotely and on-site.
- Work on-site or in the office full-time
- Gig worker
- Other, please specify

Parents with children under 5

- Gender: Male
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  - Income: 50k-100k: 28%
  - Income: 100k+: 27%
- Gender: Female
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- Hispanic
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  - Income: 50k-100k: 35%
  - Income: 100k+: 35%
- Suburban
  - Income: Under 50k: 35%
  - Income: 50k-100k: 35%
  - Income: 100k+: 35%
- Rural
  - Income: Under 50k: 46%
  - Income: 50k-100k: 46%
  - Income: 100k+: 46%
A majority of parents say their preferred work situation is their current work arrangement.

Thinking ahead, which of the following best describes your preferred work situation?

- Work remotely full-time
- Work in a ‘hybrid’ environment, both remotely and on-site.
- Work on-site or in the office full-time
- Gig worker
- Other, please specify

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When asked how far in advance parents are aware of their work schedule, parents with a higher education level are more likely to have a fixed work schedule; 45% of parents with less than a college degree are aware of their schedule 2 weeks in advance or less.

Thinking about your work hours, how far in advance are you aware of your work schedule, or do you have a fixed work schedule?
The same holds true across income level- parents with a lower income level are more likely to be aware of their work schedule 2 weeks in advance or less.

Thinking about your work hours, how far in advance are you aware of your work schedule, or do you have a fixed work schedule?
Black parents are more likely than parents of other racial and ethnic groups to be aware of their work schedule 2 weeks in advance or less.

Thinking about your work hours, how far in advance are you aware of your work schedule, or do you have a fixed work schedule?
Suburban parents (49%) are more likely than urban (44%) and rural parents (32%) to say they have a fixed work schedule. 

Thinking about your work hours, how far in advance are you aware of your work schedule, or do you have a fixed work schedule?

% Aware of schedule 2 weeks in advance or less: 34%, 23%, 33%

Community: Urban  Community: Suburban  Community: Rural

Less than a week in advance  1 week in advance  2 weeks in advance  3 weeks in advance  4-7 weeks in advance  8-12 weeks in advance  I have a fixed work schedule  I am an 'on-call' worker  I make my own schedule

5%  8%  10%  6%  5%  4%  1%  12%  12%
Half of service workers (49%) are aware of their work schedule 2 weeks in advance or less.

Thinking about your work hours, how far in advance are you aware of your work schedule, or do you have a fixed work schedule?

% Aware of schedule 2 weeks in advance or less: 49%, 40%, 22%, 25%, 23%

Less than a week in advance: 12%, 24%
1 week in advance: 13%, 23%
2 weeks in advance: 14%, 24%
3 weeks in advance: 15%
4-7 weeks in advance: 18%
8-12 weeks in advance: 25%
I have a fixed work schedule: 22%
I am an 'on-call' worker: 29%
I make my own schedule: 14%
AGENDA

WORK ARRANGEMENTS

CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

FINANCIAL SUPPORTS FOR CHILD CARE

CHILD CARE CLOSURES

CHILD CARE AND PRE-K PREFERENCES

RESPONDENT PROFILE
Child Care Arrangements

1. Over a quarter of parents (29%) currently need a child care arrangement outside of traditional work hours, and they need care outside of traditional work hours in the evening (49% need care from 6pm-8pm).
   - Hispanic (35%) and Black (38%) parents are more likely to need child care outside of traditional work hours.
   - Urban parents (37%) are more likely than suburban (23%) and rural (26%) parents to need care outside of traditional work hours.
   - Across job classifications, 44% of health care professionals need child care outside of traditional work hours.

2. Among parents who need child care during traditional work hours, 27% have been relying on relatives, and 23% have been using a child care center.
   - 23% report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
   - Women, parents with a lower income level, parents of color, and suburban adults are more likely to rely on relatives to provide care during traditional hours.
   - Service (34%) and administrative workers (32%) are more likely than other types of workers to currently use parent-provided care.

3. Relatives have also been the primary care provider for 27% of parents during non-traditional work hours.
   - 38% report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children in non-traditional work hours.
   - Parents with a lower income level are more likely to rely on relatives to provide care during non-traditional work hours (41% parents with income under $50k).

4. Half (47%) of parents say the maximum amount their household can afford to pay per child per week for child care is less than $200.
Over a quarter of parents (29%) currently need a child care arrangement outside of traditional work hours.

A child-care arrangement can include centers, home-based child care, pre-K, relatives, parents, etc. In a typical week, does your family need a child care arrangement for your children under 5 so that you (or both you and your spouse/partner) can work during the following hours?

- **During traditional work hours (8am-6pm)**
  - Yes: 74%
  - No: 26%

- **Outside of traditional work hours (6pm-8am)**
  - Yes: 29%
  - No: 71%
Parents with a higher level of education are more likely to need child care during traditional work hours.

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Across job classifications, 44% of health care professionals need child care outside of traditional work hours.

A child-care arrangement can include centers, home-based child care, pre-k, relatives, parents, etc. In a typical week, does your family need a child care arrangement for your children under 5 so that you (or both you and your spouse/partner) can work during the following hours?

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Among those who need care outside of traditional work hours, they are most likely to need care in the evening 6pm-8pm (49%).

You mentioned that in a typical week, your family needs a child care arrangement for your children under 5 outside of the traditional 8am-6pm work hours in order to work. Which of the following hours do you require a child care arrangement? Please select all that apply.

**NEED CHILD CARE OUTSIDE TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=229**

- **6pm to 8pm**: Selected 49%, Not Selected 51%
- **8pm to 10pm**: Selected 39%, Not Selected 61%
- **6am to 8am**: Selected 32%, Not Selected 68%
- **10pm to 12am**: Selected 25%, Not Selected 75%
- **12am to 2am**: Selected 23%, Not Selected 77%
- **4am to 6am**: Selected 18%, Not Selected 82%
- **2am to 4am**: Selected 16%, Not Selected 84%
Among parents who need child care during traditional work hours, 27% have been relying on relatives, and 23% have been using a child care center.

What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under 5 during traditional 8am-6pm work hours?

**CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS**

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=595**

- Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle): 27%
- Child care center: 23%
- Family child care home (home-based provider): 12%
- Part-day preschool or pre-K: 10%
- My spouse/partner provides care for our child: 8%
- I provide care for my child: 8%
- My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child: 7%
- Non-relative friend or neighbor: 5%
- Other, please specify: 0%

23% report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
Women are more likely than men to say relatives are currently providing care for their child (32% vs. 18%).

What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under 5 during traditional 8am-6pm work hours?

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=595**

- **Child care center**: Gender: Male 24%, Gender: Female 22%
- **Family child care home (home-based provider)**: Gender: Male 10%, Gender: Female 14%
- **Part-day preschool or pre-K**: Gender: Male 10%, Gender: Female 10%
- **Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)**: Gender: Male 18%, Gender: Female 32%
- **I provide care for my child**: Gender: Male 6%, Gender: Female 11%
- **My spouse/partner provides care for our child**: Gender: Male 4%, Gender: Female 14%
- **My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child**: Gender: Male 5%, Gender: Female 10%
- **Non-relative friend or neighbor**: Gender: Male 3%, Gender: Female 6%

35% Men 15% Women report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
Parents with an income under $100k are more likely to use relatives as their primary child care provider during traditional work hours.

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=595**

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20% Income Under 50k, 22% Income 50k-100k, 26% Income 100k+ report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
In comparison to parents of color, white parents are more likely to be using a child care center and less likely to be relying on relatives for their primary child care provider.

What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under 5 during traditional 8am-6pm work hours?

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=595**

- **Child care center**: 24% White, 13% Hispanic, 25% Black, 24% Other
- **Family child care home (home-based provider)**: 13% White, 4% Hispanic, 14% Black, 4% Other
- **Part-day preschool or pre-K**: 10% White, 6% Hispanic, 10% Black, 6% Other
- **Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)**: 24% White, 35% Hispanic, 35% Black, 34% Other
- **I provide care for my child**: 2% White, 8% Hispanic, 8% Black, 8% Other
- **My spouse/partner provides care for our child**: 4% White, 4% Hispanic, 9% Black, 13% Other
- **My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child**: 6% White, 6% Hispanic, 12% Black, 16% Other
- **Non-relative friend or neighbor**: 5% White, 4% Hispanic, 4% Black, 4% Other

23% White, 31% Hispanic, 24% Black, 22% other ethnicity report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
Urban parents (34%) are more likely than suburban (18%) and rural parents (13%) to be using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children during traditional hours.

What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under 5 during traditional 8am-6pm work hours?

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=595**

- **Child care center**: 16% Urban, 26% Suburban, 29% Rural
- **Family child care home (home-based provider)**: 12% Urban, 17% Suburban, 17% Rural
- **Part-day preschool or pre-K**: 12% Urban, 9% Suburban, 9% Rural
- **Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)**: 22% Urban, 24% Suburban, 31% Rural
- **I provide care for my child**: 11% Urban, 8% Suburban, 11% Rural
- **My spouse/partner provides care for our child**: 14% Urban, 5% Suburban, 4% Rural
- **My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child**: 5% Urban, 9% Suburban, 8% Rural
- **Non-relative friend or neighbor**: 5% Urban, 4% Suburban, 7% Rural

34% Urban, 18% Suburban, 13% Rural report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
Current care providers differ significantly across parents’ job classifications. Service (34%) and administrative workers (32%) are more likely than other types of workers to currently use parent-provided care.

What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under 5 during traditional 8am-6pm work hours?

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=595**

- **Child care center**: 27%
- **Family child care home (home-based provider)**: 28%
- **Part-day preschool or pre-K**: 22%
- **Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)**: 31%
- **I provide care for my child**: 25%
- **My spouse/partner provides care for our child**: 25%
- **My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child**: 28%
- **Non-relative friend or neighbor**: 24%

34% Service Workers, 32% Administrative Workers, 22% Trade and Skilled Workers, 15% Health Care Workers, 21% Other Professionals report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
Relatives have also been the primary care provider for 27% of parents during non-traditional work hours.

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=229**

- Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle): 27%
- I provide care for my child: 15%
- My spouse/partner provides care for our child: 13%
- Family child care home (home-based provider): 11%
- Child care center: 11%
- My spouse/partner alternates providing care for our child: 10%
- Part-day preschool or pre-K: 8%
- Non-relative friend or neighbor: 4%
- Other, please specify: 0%

38% report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
Women are more likely than men to say relatives are currently providing care for their child during non-traditional hours (36% vs. 16%).

What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under age 5 outside of traditional 8am-6pm work hours?

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=229**

- **Child care center**
  - Gender: Male: 12%
  - Gender: Female: 10%

- **Family child care home (home-based provider)**
  - Gender: Male: 9%
  - Gender: Female: 14%

- **Part-day preschool or pre-K**
  - Gender: Male: 9%
  - Gender: Female: 8%

- **Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)**
  - Gender: Male: 16%
  - Gender: Female: 36%

- **I provide care for my child**
  - Gender: Male: 12%
  - Gender: Female: 18%

- **My spouse/partner provides care for our child**
  - Gender: Male: 7%
  - Gender: Female: 20%

- **My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child**
  - Gender: Male: 8%
  - Gender: Female: 12%

- **Non-relative friend or neighbor**
  - Gender: Male: 4%
  - Gender: Female: 5%

**44% Men 33% Women** report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
Parents with a lower income level are more likely to rely on relatives to provide care during non-traditional work hours.

What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under age 5 outside of traditional 8am-6pm work hours?

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=229**

- **Child care center**: Income: Under 50k 7%, Income: 50k-100k 12%, Income: 100k+ 12%
- **Family child care home (home-based provider)**: Income: Under 50k 9%, Income: 50k-100k 12%, Income: 100k+ 13%
- **Part-day preschool or pre-K**: Income: Under 50k 4%, Income: 50k-100k 9%, Income: 100k+ 11%
- **Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)**: Income: Under 50k 20%, Income: 50k-100k 25%, Income: 100k+ 20%
- **I provide care for my child**: Income: Under 50k 15%, Income: 50k-100k 20%, Income: 100k+ 12%
- **My spouse/partner provides care for our child**: Income: Under 50k 9%, Income: 50k-100k 13%, Income: 100k+ 16%
- **My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child**: Income: Under 50k 6%, Income: 50k-100k 9%, Income: 100k+ 13%
- **Non-relative friend or neighbor**: Income: Under 50k 1%, Income: 50k-100k 6%, Income: 100k+ 6%

30% Income Under 50k, 38% Income 50k-100k, 45% Income 100k+ report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
Parents in suburban and rural communities are more likely to rely on their relatives to provide care during non-traditional hours, while urban parents are more likely to rely on parent-provided care.

What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under age 5 outside of traditional 8am-6pm work hours?

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=229**

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44% Urban, 36% Suburban, 26% Rural report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
Parents with hourly pay are more likely to rely on relatives to provide care outside of traditional work hours, while salaried parents are more likely to use parent-provided care.

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=229**

- **Child care center**: 10% Employed + Salaried, 13% Employed+ Hourly
- **Family child care home (home-based provider)**: 9% Employed + Salaried, 12% Employed+ Hourly
- **Part-day preschool or pre-K**: 9% Employed + Salaried, 7% Employed+ Hourly
- **Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)**: 21% Employed + Salaried, 38% Employed+ Hourly
- **I provide care for my child**: 10% Employed + Salaried, 19% Employed+ Hourly
- **My spouse/partner provides care for our child**: 8% Employed + Salaried, 17% Employed+ Hourly
- **My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child**: 6% Employed + Salaried, 11% Employed+ Hourly
- **Non-relative friend or neighbor**: 2% Employed + Salaried, 8% Employed+ Hourly

47% Salaried, 24% Hourly report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.
The type of child care used outside of traditional work hours varies across parents job classification.

What has been your primary child care arrangement for your children under age 5 outside of traditional 8am-6pm work hours?

**NEEDS CHILD CARE DURING NON-TRADITIONAL WORK HOURS, N=229**

- **Child care center**: 4% Service Worker, 3% Family child care home (home-based provider), 12% Part-day preschool or pre-K, 16% Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle), 23% I provide care for my child, 17% My spouse/partner provides care for our child, 15% My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child, 12% Non-relative friend or neighbor.

- **Family child care home (home-based provider)**: 7% Service Worker, 7% Part-day preschool or pre-K, 14% Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle), 24% I provide care for my child, 15% My spouse/partner provides care for our child, 15% My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child, 14% Non-relative friend or neighbor.

- **Part-day preschool or pre-K**: 8% Service Worker, 8% Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle), 11% I provide care for my child, 14% My spouse/partner provides care for our child, 14% My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child, 12% Non-relative friend or neighbor.

- **Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)**: 11% Service Worker, 8% Part-day preschool or pre-K, 14% Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle), 24% I provide care for my child, 15% My spouse/partner provides care for our child, 15% My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child, 14% Non-relative friend or neighbor.

- **I provide care for my child**: 7% Service Worker, 7% Part-day preschool or pre-K, 11% Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle), 23% I provide care for my child, 21% My spouse/partner provides care for our child, 21% My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child, 14% Non-relative friend or neighbor.

- **My spouse/partner provides care for our child**: 5% Service Worker, 5% Part-day preschool or pre-K, 14% Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle), 17% I provide care for my child, 15% My spouse/partner provides care for our child, 15% My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child, 14% Non-relative friend or neighbor.

- **My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child**: 5% Service Worker, 5% Part-day preschool or pre-K, 14% Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle), 17% I provide care for my child, 15% My spouse/partner provides care for our child, 15% My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child, 14% Non-relative friend or neighbor.

- **Non-relative friend or neighbor**: 4% Service Worker, 3% Part-day preschool or pre-K, 8% Relatives (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle), 7% I provide care for my child, 5% My spouse/partner provides care for our child, 5% My spouse/partner alternate providing care for our child, 5% Non-relative friend or neighbor.

*39% Service Workers, 42% Administrative Workers, 22% Health Care Workers, 48% Other Professionals report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children.*

*small n size, service worker n=46, health care workers n=37, other professionals n=34, trade workers not included n=16*
Half (47%) of parents say the maximum amount their household can afford to pay per child per week for child care is less than $200.

What is the maximum amount you or your household can afford to pay per child for child care each week?
Three in five parents with an income under $50k say the max amount they can afford to pay per child for child care each week is less than $200.

What is the maximum amount you or your household can afford to pay per child for child care each week?
Service and trade workers are more likely than parents of other job classifications to say the max amount they can afford for child care is less than $200 per week per child.

What is the maximum amount you or your household can afford to pay per child for child care each week?

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Parents who are married/partnered can afford more for child care each week compared to single parent households.

What is the maximum amount you or your household can afford to pay per child for child care each week?

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A majority of parents (57%) say child care responsibilities have impacted their ability to work over the past month.

In the past month, how frequently, if at all, has child care responsibilities impacted your ability to work or perform work-related tasks?
Three quarters of parents (73%) who say child care impacted their ability to work say they have missed over 8 hours in the last month due to child care responsibilities.

You have indicated that child care responsibilities have impacted your ability to work or perform work-related tasks. In the last month, how many work hours have you missed due to child care responsibilities?

CHILD CARE IMPACTED ABILITY TO WORK, N=661
Parents with an income under $50k are more likely than parents of other income levels to have been impacted by child care responsibilities over the past month.

You have indicated that child care responsibilities have impacted your ability to work or perform work-related tasks. In the last month, how many work hours have you missed due to child care responsibilities?

**CHILD CARE IMPACTED ABILITY TO WORK, N=661**

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Nearly half (45%) of parents who need child care during non-traditional hours have missed 9+ work hours over the past month due to child care responsibilities.

You have indicated that child care responsibilities have impacted your ability to work or perform work-related tasks. In the last month, how many work hours have you missed due to child care responsibilities?

**CHILD CARE IMPACTED ABILITY TO WORK, N=661**

- **Parents with Children Under 5**
  - Hours lost: 0: 7%
  - Hours lost: 1-3: 20%
  - Hours lost: 4-8: 39%
  - Hours lost: 9-16: 19%
  - Hours lost: 17+: 15%

- **Service Worker, Retail Sales, Laborers and Helpers**
  - Hours lost: 0: 7%
  - Hours lost: 1-3: 14%
  - Hours lost: 4-8: 41%
  - Hours lost: 9-16: 16%
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- **Trade and Skilled Workers***
  - Hours lost: 0: 1%
  - Hours lost: 1-3: 24%
  - Hours lost: 4-8: 31%
  - Hours lost: 9-16: 29%
  - Hours lost: 17+: 14%

- **Administrative Workers, Office Professionals, and Executive/Senior Level Managers**
  - Hours lost: 0: 7%
  - Hours lost: 1-3: 22%
  - Hours lost: 4-8: 42%
  - Hours lost: 9-16: 16%
  - Hours lost: 17+: 13%

- **Health Care and Medical Professionals, Lab Technicians, and Pharmacists**
  - Hours lost: 0: 10%
  - Hours lost: 1-3: 12%
  - Hours lost: 4-8: 38%
  - Hours lost: 9-16: 23%
  - Hours lost: 17+: 17%

- **Other Professionals**
  - Hours lost: 0: 5%
  - Hours lost: 1-3: 23%
  - Hours lost: 4-8: 34%
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  - Hours lost: 17+: 15%

- **Work Remotely Full Time**
  - Hours lost: 0: 9%
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- **Need Care During Traditional Hours**
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- **Need Care During Non Traditional Hours**
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  - Hours lost: 1-3: 14%
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*small n size, n=42 trade and skill workers
Children’s Social Emotional and Behavioral Health

1. Two-thirds of parents say their children’s overall development has negatively changed over the past month in one of the tested ways, including a quarter of parents say in the past month they have seen their children’s daily eating habits (24%), ability to follow rules (24%), and amount of sleep nightly (23%) change negatively.
   - 8% say their child has been suspended or expelled from child care because of behavioral or disciplinary issues.
   - Across the tested behaviors, urban parents are more likely than suburban and rural parents to say their children’s overall development has negatively changed over the past month. And, urban parents (14%) are more likely than suburban (3%) or rural parents (8%) to say their child has been suspended or expelled from child care.

2. Three quarters of parents (76%) would be interested in a social and emotional health consultation if made available by their primary child care arrangement.
   - Parents with a higher education and income level are more likely to express strong interest in a social and emotional health consultation.
   - Urban parents (57%) are more likely than suburban (29%) and rural (24%) parents to express strong interest in this type of consultation.
A quarter of parents say in the past month they have seen their children’s daily eating habits (24%), ability to follow rules (24%), and amount of sleep nightly (23%) change negatively.

Thinking about the past month, which of the following aspects of your children's overall development has negatively changed? Please select all that apply.

- Daily eating habits: 24%
- Ability to follow rules: 24%
- Amount of sleep nightly: 23%
- Daily physical activity: 18%
- Attention span: 18%
- Ability to regulate emotions: 18%
- Daily levels of stress and anxiety: 17%
- Communication skills: 14%
- None of the above: 34%
Higher income parents are slightly more likely to say their children’s amount of sleep, attention span, and communication skills have negatively changed over the past month.

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Eight (8%) percent of parents say their child has been suspended or expelled from child care because of behavioral or disciplinary issues.

Has your child under age 5 ever been suspended or expelled from child care because of behavioral or disciplinary issues?
Urban parents (14%) are more likely than suburban (3%) or rural parents (8%) to say their child has been suspended or expelled from child care.

Has your child under age 5 ever been suspended or expelled from child care because of behavioral or disciplinary issues?

- Parents with children under 5: 8%
- Community: Urban: 14%
- Community: Suburban: 3%
- Community: Rural: 8%
- 4-Region: Northeast: 10%
- 4-Region: Midwest: 5%
- 4-Region: South: 6%
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Three quarters of parents (76%) would be interested in a social and emotional health consultation if made available by their primary child care arrangement.

Social and emotional health consultants promote healthy growth in young children’s social and emotional development by guiding and supporting the caregivers and parents in the child’s life to recognize, understand, and support social and emotional development. How interested, if at all, would you be in a social and emotional health consultation if it was made available to you by your primary child care arrangement?
Parents with a higher education and income level are more likely to express strong interest in a social and emotional health consultation.

How interested, if at all, would you be in a social and emotional health consultation if it was made available to you by your primary child care arrangement?

Parents with children under 5

- Gender: Male
  - Very interested: 38%
  - Somewhat interested: 38%
  - Not too interested: 10%
  - Not interested at all: 8%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 5%

- Gender: Female
  - Very interested: 45%
  - Somewhat interested: 36%
  - Not too interested: 10%
  - Not interested at all: 9%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 7%

- Age: 18-34
  - Very interested: 33%
  - Somewhat interested: 40%
  - Not too interested: 11%
  - Not interested at all: 10%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 5%

- Age: 35-44
  - Very interested: 44%
  - Somewhat interested: 36%
  - Not too interested: 9%
  - Not interested at all: 6%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 5%

- Age: 45+
  - Very interested: 34%
  - Somewhat interested: 42%
  - Not too interested: 8%
  - Not interested at all: 9%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 8%

- Edu: < College
  - Very interested: 26%
  - Somewhat interested: 41%
  - Not too interested: 13%
  - Not interested at all: 11%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 8%

- Edu: Bachelors degree
  - Very interested: 43%
  - Somewhat interested: 37%
  - Not too interested: 9%
  - Not interested at all: 6%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 5%

- Edu: Post-grad
  - Very interested: 49%
  - Somewhat interested: 36%
  - Not too interested: 9%
  - Not interested at all: 6%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 6%

- Income: Under $50k
  - Very interested: 31%
  - Somewhat interested: 32%
  - Not too interested: 14%
  - Not interested at all: 14%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 9%

- Income: $50k-$100k
  - Very interested: 36%
  - Somewhat interested: 42%
  - Not too interested: 9%
  - Not interested at all: 8%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 5%

- Income: $100k+
  - Very interested: 45%
  - Somewhat interested: 38%
  - Not too interested: 8%
  - Not interested at all: 5%
  - Don't know/No opinion: 4%
Urban parents (57%) are more likely than suburban (29%) and rural (24%) parents to express strong interest in this type of consultation.

How interested, if at all, would you be in a social and emotional health consultation if it was made available to you by your primary child care arrangement?

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Parents in the Northeast (46%) and West (43%) region are more likely to express strong interest compared to parents in the Midwest (31%) and South (31%) region.
WORK ARRANGEMENTS

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RESPONDENT PROFILE
KEY FINDINGS

Financial Supports for Child Care

1. Adults are more likely to say that they have received federal tax credit for their child care expenses than say they have received help from grandparents or other family members
   - A majority (80%) of parents say they have not received help paying for child care from grandparents or other family members.
   - Parents are split on whether they have (42%) or have not (51%) received a federal tax credit for their child care expenses.

2. There is a lack of awareness among parents around the type of federal financial support they can receive for child care.
   - Among parents that have not received federal credit for their child care expenses, a plurality say it is because they were not aware that they could (24%).
   - Parents are divided on whether or not they say they are (52%) or not aware (48%) that they can claim more of their child care expenses on their 2021 taxes.

3. Parents are divided on their preferences around how they would want to receive financial support, but clear on the cadence.
   - Parents are divided on whether they would most prefer to receive financial support for their child care expenses via tax refunds (39%) or both government subsidies and tax refunds (39%).
   - Two thirds (66%) of parents who would prefer to receive financial support for their child care expenses say they would prefer periodic reimbursement (monthly) throughout the year.
A majority (80%) of parents say they have not received help paying for child care from grandparents or other family members.

Have you received help paying for child care from grandparents or other family members?
Urban parents (26%) are more likely than suburban (16%) and rural (17%) parents to say they received help paying for their child care from grandparents or other family members.

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Parents are split on whether they have (42%) or have not (51%) received a federal tax credit for their child care expenses.

Have you ever received a federal tax credit for your child care expenses?
Low income parents (58%) are more likely than middle (48%) and high (50%) income parents to say they have not received a federal tax credit for their child care expenses.

### FINANCIAL SUPPORTS FOR CHILD CARE

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Black parents are more likely than parents of other ethnicities to say they have received federal tax credit for their child care expenses.
Among parents that have not received federal credit for their child care expenses, a plurality say it is because they were not aware that they could (24%).

You mentioned that you have not received federal credit for your child care expenses. Which of the following best describes why?

**Have not received federal tax credit for child care, N=407**

- I was not aware that I could: 24%
- I did not have child care expenses: 17%
- I did not need federal credit support: 15%
- I did not qualify based on my income: 11%
- My child care expenses did not qualify for the credit: 11%
- I did not think I would receive any benefit from reporting my expenses: 10%
- It was too complicated: 7%
- Don’t know/No opinion: 5%

Low income parents (28%) are more likely than middle (22%) and high income (22%) parents to say that they were not aware that they could.

Low income parents (31%) are also more likely than middle (15%) and high income (9%) parents to say that they did not have child care expenses.
Parents are divided on whether or not they say they are (52%) or are not aware (48%) that they can claim more of their child care expenses on their 2021 taxes.

Are you aware that you can claim more of your child care expenses on your 2021 taxes?

Yes 52%
No 48%
High income parents (57%) are more likely than middle (50%) and low (47%) income parents to say that they are aware they can claim more of their child care expenses on their 2021 taxes.

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Parents are divided on whether they would most prefer to receive financial support for their child care expenses via tax refunds (39%) or both government subsidies and tax refunds (39%).

Which of the following ways would you most prefer to receive financial support for your child care expenses?
Middle income parents (43%) are more likely than low income (34%) and high income (37%) parents to say they would most prefer receive financial support for their child care expenses via a tax refund.

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Other parents of color (52%) are more likely than white, Hispanic and Black parents to say they would most prefer to receive financial support for their child care expenses via both government subsidies and tax refunds.

Which of the following ways would you most prefer to receive financial support for your child care expenses?

- **Tax refund**
  - Ethnicity: White: 38%
  - Ethnicity: Hispanic: 43%
  - Ethnicity: Black: 40%
  - Ethnicity: Other: 43%

- **Both government subsidy and tax refund**
  - Ethnicity: White: 38%
  - Ethnicity: Hispanic: 35%
  - Ethnicity: Black: 45%
  - Ethnicity: Other: 52%

- **Government subsidy (sometimes called voucher or certificate)**
  - Ethnicity: White: 11%
  - Ethnicity: Hispanic: 7%
  - Ethnicity: Black: 13%
  - Ethnicity: Other: 1%

- **I do not want/need to receive support for child care**
  - Ethnicity: White: 13%
  - Ethnicity: Hispanic: 5%
  - Ethnicity: Black: 9%
  - Ethnicity: Other: 7%
Two thirds (66%) of parents who would prefer to receive financial support for their child care expenses say they would prefer periodic reimbursement (monthly) throughout the year.

And, which of the following types of child care reimbursement would best enable you to pay for the child care you need throughout the year?

**WOULD PREFER TO RECEIVE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR CHILD CARE EXPENSES, N=706**

- **66%**: Periodic reimbursement (monthly) throughout the year
- **31%**: Reimbursement at the end of the year
- **3%**: I do not want/need to receive support for child care

And, 31% of parents who would prefer to receive financial support for their child care expenses say they would prefer reimbursement at the end of the year.
Child Care Closures

1. For a quarter of parents, child care arrangements have not shifted since prior to the pandemic.
   - A plurality (28%) of parents say that they used a child care center prior to the pandemic for their youngest child.
   - And, 26% report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children prior to the pandemic.

2. A plurality of adults say that there are no restrictions on the operating status of their child care provider, but operating status varies across demographic groups.
   - Twenty nine percent of parents who say they were using formal child care prior to the pandemic say that their child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity.
   - However, current operating status varies across parents of different income levels, community types and regions.

3. Public schools will likely open either entirely in-person or using a hybrid model.
   - To the best of their knowledge, parents say that the public schools in their region will open either entirely in-person learning (38%) or a hybrid of online and in-person (33%).
   - Notably, public school opening formats vary across regions. Half of parents in the Midwest region (49%) say that public schools will reopen entirely in-person learning, compared to the Northeast (32%), South (37%) and West (30%) regions.
A plurality (28%) of parents say that they used a child care center prior to the pandemic for their youngest child.

Which of the following best describe the primary child care arrangement you used prior to the pandemic for your youngest child?

- Child Care Center: 28%
- Relative (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle): 19%
- I provided care for my child: 11%
- Family Child Care Home: 10%
- My spouse/partner provided care for our child: 8%
- Part-day Pre-K Program: 8%
- My spouse/partner and I alternated providing care for our child: 7%
- Non-relative friend or neighbor: 4%
- Head Start Program: 3%
- Non-live-in nanny or nanny share: 2%
- Other, please specify: 2%

19% of parents say they relied on a relative (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle) for their primary child care arrangement for their youngest child prior to the pandemic.

26% report using parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children prior to the pandemic.
High income parents (38%) are more likely than middle (26%) and low (17%) income parents to say they used a child care center prior to the pandemic for their youngest child.

Which of the following best describe the primary child care arrangement you used prior to the pandemic for your youngest child?

Low income parents are more likely than middle and high income parents to say they relied on a relative or provided care for their youngest child themselves prior to the pandemic.
Urban parents (14%) are less likely than suburban (22%) and rural (19%) parents to say they relied on a relative as the primary child care arrangement for their youngest child prior to the pandemic.

Which of the following best describe the primary child care arrangement you used prior to the pandemic for your youngest child?
A plurality of parents currently use the same child care arrangement for their youngest child as they did prior to the pandemic.

**Child Care Arrangement Prior to the Pandemic**

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*Current child care arrangement used during traditional work hours comes from BPC11, other arrangements not included due to small sample size.*
A plurality of parents who say they were using formal child care prior to the pandemic say that their child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity.

Thinking about the primary child care arrangement for your youngest child prior to the pandemic, what best describes their current operating status?

**USING FORMAL CHILD CARE PRIOR TO PANDEMIC, N=386**

- Child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity: 29%
- Child care provider is open with limited hours: 19%
- Child care provider is open but has limited spaces: 16%
- Child care provider closed temporarily with plans to re-open: 15%
- Child care provider has closed permanently: 10%
- Child care provider is open but only has spaces reserved for children of essential workers: 5%
- Unsure: 5%
CHILD CARE CLOSURES

However, low income parents (30%) are almost twice as likely as middle (18%) and high (16%) income parents to say that their child care provider is open with limited hours.

Thinking about the primary child care arrangement for your youngest child prior to the pandemic, what best describes their current operating status?

**USING FORMAL CHILD CARE PRIOR TO PANDEMIC, N=386**

- **Child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity**
  - **Income: Under 50k**: 36%
  - **Income: 50k-100k**: 30%
  - **Income: 100k+**: 27%

- **Child care provider is open with limited hours**
  - **Income: Under 50k**: 20%
  - **Income: 50k-100k**: 18%
  - **Income: 100k+**: 16%

- **Child care provider is open but has limited spaces**
  - **Income: Under 50k**: 16%
  - **Income: 50k-100k**: 18%
  - **Income: 100k+**: 16%

- **Child care provider has closed permanently**
  - **Income: Under 50k**: 6%
  - **Income: 50k-100k**: 10%
  - **Income: 100k+**: 12%

- **Child care provider closed temporarily with plans to re-open**
  - **Income: Under 50k**: 6%
  - **Income: 50k-100k**: 15%
  - **Income: 100k+**: 18%

- **Child care provider is open but only has spaces reserved for children of essential workers**
  - **Income: Under 50k**: 4%
  - **Income: 50k-100k**: 6%
  - **Income: 100k+**: 6%

- **Unsure**
  - **Income: Under 50k**: 2%
  - **Income: 50k-100k**: 5%
  - **Income: 100k+**: 14%

Low income parents are also less likely than middle and high income parents to say that their child care provider has closed permanently or temporarily with plans to reopen.
Low income parents (20%) are less likely than middle (27%) and high income parents (36%) to say their child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity.

Thinking about the primary child care arrangement for your youngest child prior to the pandemic, what best describes their current operating status?

**USING FORMAL CHILD CARE PRIOR TO PANDEMIC, N=386**

- **Child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity**
  - Income: Under 50k: 20%
  - Income: 50k-100k: 27%
  - Income: 100k+: 36%
- **Child care provider is open with limited hours**
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- **Child care provider has closed permanently**
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  - Income: 100k+: 12%
- **Child care provider closed temporarily with plans to re-open**
  - Income: Under 50k: 6%
  - Income: 50k-100k: 15%
  - Income: 100k+: 18%
- **Child care provider is open but only has spaces reserved for children of essential workers**
  - Income: Under 50k: 4%
  - Income: 50k-100k: 6%
  - Income: 100k+: 6%
- **Unsure**
  - Income: Under 50k: 2%
  - Income: 50k-100k: 5%
  - Income: 100k+: 14%

Low income parents are also 5-7 times more likely than middle and high income parents to say they are unsure of the current operating status of their primary child care arrangement for their youngest child prior to the pandemic, perhaps indicating a lack of current use.
CHILD CARE CLOSURES

Rural parents who say they were using formal child care prior to the pandemic say (44%) are more likely than suburban (34%) and urban (18%) parents to say their child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity.

Thinking about the primary child care arrangement for your youngest child prior to the pandemic, what best describes their current operating status?

USING FORMAL CHILD CARE PRIOR TO PANDEMIC, N=386

- Child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity
  - Community: Urban: 18%
  - Community: Suburban: 24%
  - Community: Rural: 44%
- Child care provider is open with limited hours
  - Community: Urban: 15%
  - Community: Suburban: 18%
  - Community: Rural: 19%
- Child care provider is open but has limited spaces
  - Community: Urban: 13%
  - Community: Suburban: 16%
  - Community: Rural: 21%
- Child care provider closed temporarily with plans to re-open
  - Community: Urban: 5%
  - Community: Suburban: 13%
  - Community: Rural: 13%
- Child care provider has closed permanently
  - Community: Urban: 3%
  - Community: Suburban: 7%
  - Community: Rural: 16%
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  - Community: Suburban: 6%
  - Community: Rural: 6%
- Unsure
  - Community: Urban: 3%
  - Community: Suburban: 6%
  - Community: Rural: 11%

Urban parents are more likely than suburban and rural parents to say that their child care provider is open with limited hours, closed temporarily with plans to re-open, or has closed permanently.
Parents using formal child care prior to the pandemic are more likely to say their child care provider is open without any changes to hours or capacity if they live in the Midwest compared to other regions.

Thinking about the primary child care arrangement for your youngest child prior to the pandemic, what best describes their current operating status?

**USING FORMAL CHILD CARE PRIOR TO PANDEMIC, N=386**

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Parents using formal child care prior to the pandemic in the West region are more likely than parents in other regions to say their child care provider closed temporarily with plans to reopen or permanently.
To the best of their knowledge, parents say that the public schools in their region will open either entirely in-person learning (38%) or a hybrid of online and in-person (33%).

To the best of your knowledge, how will public schools in your region open in the fall?

- Entirely online learning: 9%
- A hybrid of online and in-person: 33%
- Entirely in-person learning: 38%
- Decision has not been made yet: 10%
- Don't know/Not sure: 10%
Half of parents in the Midwest region (49%) say that public schools will reopen entirely in-person learning, compared to the Northeast (32%), South (37%) and West (30%) regions.

To the best of your knowledge, how will public schools in your region open in the fall?

Parents in the West (43%) are more likely than parents in other regions to say that public schools in their region will open as a hybrid of online and in-person learning.
Child Care and Pre-K Preferences

1. If finances were not a concern to their household, 71% of parents would prefer to stay home to care for their child. Among parents who would prefer to stay at home to care for their child, half (52%) would need additional financial support of $2000+ a month.
   - Parents with higher education and income levels are less likely than parents with lower education and income levels to say they would prefer to stay home to care for their child if finances were not a concern to their household.

2. If child care were free for their family, a plurality of parents (30%) say that they would prefer the child care arrangement they currently use.
   - Regardless of their current child care arrangement, parents are also likely to say they would most prefer a child care center—specifically those currently using preschool (28%) and relatives (25%).
   - If child care were free to their family, a plurality of parents who need care during traditional (34%) and non-traditional (31%) hours say they would most prefer a child care center.

3. Parents are interested in public pre-k as a child care option.
   - A majority (71%) of parents say if free pre-k were available to their family during the typical work day, they would choose to send their child.
   - Three quarters of parents (73%) say that if public pre-k were co-located in a child care program that offered longer hours of care, it would be a better option for their family.

4. A strong majority of parents agree with the statements that working parents deserve access to high quality child care (92%) and that expanding government support would be beneficial for parents and children (88%).
If finances were not a concern to their household, 71% of parents would prefer to stay home to care for their child.

If finances were not a concern to your household, would you prefer to stay home to care for your child?

- Yes: 71%
- No: 23%
- Don't know/No opinion: 6%
Younger parents are more likely than older parents to say they would prefer to stay home to care for their child.

If finances were not a concern to your household, would you prefer to stay home to care for your child?

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Parents with higher education and income levels are less likely than parents with lower education and income levels to say they would prefer to stay home to care for their child if finances were not a concern to their household.

If finances were not a concern to your household, would you prefer to stay home to care for your child?

Parents with children under 5

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Among parents who would prefer to stay at home to care for their child, half (52%) would need additional financial support of $2000+ a month.

If you were to stay home to care for your child instead of working, how much additional monthly financial support would your household need to afford your expenses?

**WOULD PREFER TO STAY HOME TO CARE FOR CHILD, N=571**

- Additional Support: $0-$499 (15%)
- Additional Support: $500-$999 (15%)
- Additional Support: $1000-$1999 (17%)
- Additional Support: $2000-$2999 (24%)
- Additional Support: $3000+ (28%)
Parents with a higher level of education and income need more additional monthly financial support.

If you were to stay home to care for your child instead of working, how much additional monthly financial support would your household need to afford your expenses?

**WOULD PREFER TO STAY HOME TO CARE FOR CHILD, N=571**

Parents with Children Under 5

- Additional Support: $0-$499
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A plurality of parents (30%) say that if child care were free to their family, they would most prefer a child care center.

If child care were free for your family, what type of child care arrangement would you most prefer?

- **Child Care Center**: 30%
- **Part-day Pre-K Program**: 14%
- **Family Child Care Home**: 11%
- **I provided care for my child**: 10%
- **Relative (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle)**: 10%
- **Head Start Program**: 9%
- **My spouse/partner provided care for our child**: 7%
- **My spouse/partner and I alternated providing care for our child**: 7%
- **Non-live-in nanny or nanny share**: 2%
- **Non-relative friend or neighbor**: 1%
- **Other, please specify**: 0%
If child care were free for their family, a plurality of parents say that they would prefer the child care arrangement they currently use.

If child care were free for your family, what type of child care arrangement would you most prefer?

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Regardless of their current child care arrangement, parents are also likely to say they would most prefer a child care center—specifically those currently using preschool (28%) and relatives (25%).

*Current child care arrangement used during traditional work hours comes from BPC11, other arrangements not included due to small sample size.
If child care were free to their family, a plurality of parents who need care during traditional (34%) and non-traditional (31%) hours say they would most prefer a child care center.

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18% need care during traditional hours, 20% need care during non traditional hours would prefer parent-provided care arrangements to care for their children if child care were free.
If child care were to cost less than $100 a week, a plurality of parents (32%) would most prefer a child care center.

If child care costs were less than $100 per week, what type of child care arrangement would you most prefer?

- Child Care Center: 32%
- Part-day Pre-K Program: 14%
- Relative (e.g. grandparent, aunt/uncle): 11%
- Family Child Care Home: 11%
- Head Start Program: 9%
- I provided care for my child: 8%
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A majority (71%) of parents say if free pre-k were available to their family during the typical work day, they would choose to send their child.

Many public pre-k programs operate at times aligned to a K-12 school day, which is shorter than a typical work day for most parents. If free pre-k were available to your family during these times, would you choose to send your child?

- **71%**
- **14%**
- **16%**

Urban parents (76%) are more likely than suburban (68%) and rural parents (67%) to say they would choose to send their child if pre-k were available to their family during the typical work day.
Parents in the West (78%) and Northeast (74%) regions are more likely than parents in the Midwest (66%) and South (69%) regions to say they would choose to send their child.

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Three quarters of parents (73%) say that if public pre-k were co-located in a child care program that offered longer hours of care, it would be a better option for their family.

Urban parents (77%) are more likely than suburban (71%) and rural parents (68%) to say this would be a better option for their family.
Parents in the Northeast (79%) region are more likely than parents in other regions to if free public pre-k were co-located in a child care program that offered longer hours of care, it would be a better option for their family.

If free public pre-k were co-located in a child care program that offered longer hours of care, would this be a better option for your family?
A strong majority of parents agree with the statements that working parents deserve access to high quality child care (92%) and that expanding government support would be beneficial for parents and children (88%).

Do you agree or disagree with the following statements:

**Total Agree**

- **Strongly agree**: 65%
- **Somewhat agree**: 27%
- **Don't know/No opinion**: 4%
- **Somewhat disagree**: 30%
- **Strongly disagree**: 5%

**Total**: 92%

**Expanding government support to make quality child care affordable for low- and middle-income working families would be beneficial for both parents and their children.**

**Total**: 88%

Agreement remains high across all demographic groups.
WORK ARRANGEMENTS

CHILD CARE ARRANGEMENTS

CHILDREN’S SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

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CHILD CARE CLOSURES

CHILD CARE AND PRE-K PREFERENCES

RESPONDENT PROFILE
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Family Demographics

How many children under the age of 18 do you have?

1: 26%
2: 44%
3: 22%
4: 6%
5 or more: 2%

Age of children

Has child under 1: 10%
Has child age 1: 25%
Has child age 2: 26%
Has child age 3: 25%
Has child age 4: 15%
### Employment Demographics

#### Which of the following categories best describes your current job?

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