

Appendix: Childcare in British Columbia

This document is a not-for-publication appendix to Friesen et al (2025). It describes the results of our analysis of 2011 GSS data (Statistics Canada 2012) on childcare in Canada. Our primary interest is to describe childcare usage by parents of 5 year olds in British Columbia during this time period.

A summary of the main results is as follows:

- Roughly 40% of parents in our target group used childcare regularly.
- This usage rate was much lower than in Quebec, but only slightly less than in the rest of Canada (ROC).
- Of those that used childcare, a slight majority used private arrangements, while a substantial minority used after-school or before-school care.
- The fraction using before-school or after-school care appears to be lower than in ROC, but the results here are somewhat noisy.
- Usage of before-school or after-school care was much higher in Quebec than in either BC or ROC.
- In English Canada as a whole, childcare usage was:
 - positively associated with parent's education, income, and age.
 - positively associated with mother's labour supply.
 - higher for single-parent households.
 - lower for immigrants, visible minorities, speakers of a non-official language at home, and the religiously observant.

Additional details are provided below. Replication files for this analysis are available at <https://github.com/bvkrauth/fdk-gss>.

Data description

The 2011 GSS is a national survey of 22,435 households. Childcare information is available for the 4,756 of these households that had children age 0-14.

Each observation in the data set corresponds to a household. Weights are available at the person-level (WGHT_PER) and household level (WGHT_HSD) and represent the number of people/households in Canada the observation represents. Following Statistics Canada (2012), all analysis in this document uses person weights.

```
. sum WGHT_PER WGHT_HSD
```

Variable	Obs	Mean	Std. dev.	Min	Max
WGHT_PER	22,435	1263.857	1044.378	37.7916	11253.81
WGHT_HSD	22,435	595.7402	331.2683	28.8024	2815.637

The constructed childcare variables all start with “cc” and are aimed at replicating the tables on childcare in Statistics Canada (2012).

ccp	Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child
ccp_type	Type of child care for preschool-aged child
ccs	Used child care for at least one school aged child
ccs_type	Type of child care for school-aged child
cc0	Used child care for at age 0 child
cc0_type	Type of child care for age 0 child
cc1	Used child care for at age 1 child
cc1_type	Type of child care for age 1 child
cc2	Used child care for at age 2 child
cc2_type	Type of child care for age 2 child
cc3	Used child care for at age 3 child
cc3_type	Type of child care for age 3 child
cc4	Used child care for at age 4 child
cc4_type	Type of child care for age 4 child
cc5	Used child care for at age 5 child
cc5_type	Type of child care for age 5 child
cc6	Used child care for at age 6 child
cc6_type	Type of child care for age 6 child
cc7	Used child care for at age 7 child
cc7_type	Type of child care for age 7 child
cc8	Used child care for at age 8 child
cc8_type	Type of child care for age 8 child
cc9	Used child care for at age 9 child
cc9_type	Type of child care for age 9 child
cc10	Used child care for at age 10 child
cc10_type	Type of child care for age 10 child
cc11	Used child care for at age 11 child
cc11_type	Type of child care for age 11 child
cc12	Used child care for at age 12 child
cc12_type	Type of child care for age 12 child
cc13	Used child care for at age 13 child
cc13_type	Type of child care for age 13 child
cc14	Used child care for at age 14 child
cc14_type	Type of child care for age 14 child

The variable `ccp` identifies whether or not at least one preschool-age (0-4) child is receiving childcare. It is missing if there is no preschool-age child in the household.

```
. ta ccp
```

Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
-----+-----			
No	872	43.08	43.08
Yes, but not on a regular basis	104	5.14	48.22
Yes, on a regular basis	1,048	51.78	100.00
-----+-----			
Total	2,024	100.00	

The variable `ccp_type` identifies the type of childcare received by preschool-age children in the household. It is missing unless there is at least one preschool-age child receiving regular childcare.

```
. ta ccp_type
```

Type of child care for preschool-aged child	Freq.	Percent	Cum.
...a (licensed) home daycare?	297	28.34	28.34
...a daycare?	315	30.06	58.40
...a preschool/nursery School?	85	8.11	66.51
...a private arrangement (relative, nan	321	30.63	97.14
...another type of arrangement?	30	2.86	100.00
Total	1,048	100.00	

Similarly, the variable `ccs` identifies whether or not at least one school-age (5-14) child is receiving childcare, and the variable `ccs_type` identifies the type of childcare. Note that the coding of childcare types is different for school-age children versus preschool-age children.

```
. ta ccs_type ccs, missing
```

Type of child care for school-aged child	No	Yes, but	Yes, on a	.
Total				
...a private arrangem	0	0	551	0
...care by older brot	0	0	23	0
...a before or after	0	0	701	0
...another type of ar	0	0	51	0
.	2,066	254	0	18,789
Total	2,066	254	1,326	18,789

Finally, we have created similar variables for every age. Pick any age A (I will pick A = 5 in the examples below). Then `ccA` identifies whether or not at least one age A child is receiving childcare, and `ccA_type` identifies the type of childcare received.

```
. ta cc5_type cc5, missing
```

Type of child care	Used child care for at age 5 child
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for age 5 child	No	Yes, but	Yes, on a	.
Total				
-----+-----				
-				
...a private arrangem	0	0	123	0
123				
...care by older brot	0	0	1	0
1				
...a before or after	0	0	140	0
140				
...another type of ar	0	0	9	0
9				
.	229	33	0	21,900
22,162				
-----+-----				
-				
Total	229	33	273	21,900
22,435				

Replications of tables from Statistics Canada

We start by replicating tables on Canada-wide childcare usage from the Statistics Canada report (Statistics Canada 2012).

Table 12: Distribution of parents of preschool-aged children by use of child care arrangement, Canada, 2011

Used a child care arrangement for at least one preschool-aged child (number).

```
. table ccp [pw = WGHT_PER ] , stat(sumw)
```

	Sum of weights
-----+-----	
Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child	
No	1,377,884
Yes, but not on a regular basis	164,902
Yes, on a regular basis	1,533,469
Total	3,076,255

Used a child care arrangement for at least one preschool-aged child (percent).

```
. table ccp [pw = WGHT_PER ] , stat(percent)
```

	Percent
-----+-----	
Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child	
No	44.79
Yes, but not on a regular basis	5.36

Yes, on a regular basis		49.85
Total		100.00

Type of child care arrangement (number).

```
. table ccp_type [pw = WGHT_PER ] , stat(sumw)
```

		Sum of weights
Type of child care for preschool-aged child		
...a (licensed) home daycare?		466,547
...a daycare?		474,812
...a preschool/nursery School?		133,132
...a private arrangement (relative, nanny, etc.)?		410,868
...another type of arrangement?		48,109.4
Total		1,533,469

Type of child care arrangement (percent).

```
. table ccp_type [pw = WGHT_PER ] , stat(percent)
```

		Percent
Type of child care for preschool-aged child		
...a (licensed) home daycare?		30.42
...a daycare?		30.96
...a preschool/nursery School?		8.68
...a private arrangement (relative, nanny, etc.)?		26.79
...another type of arrangement?		3.14
Total		100.00

Table 14: Distribution of parents of school-aged children by use of child care arrangement, Canada, 2011

Used a child care arrangement for at least one school-aged child (number).

```
. table ccs [pw = WGHT_PER ] , stat(sumw)
```

		Sum of weights
Used child care for at least one school aged child		
No		2,970,327
Yes, but not on a regular basis		336,918
Yes, on a regular basis		1,677,426
Total		4,984,670

Used a child care arrangement for at least one school-aged child (percent).

```
. table ccs [pw = WGHT_PER ] , stat(percent)
```

	Percent
Used child care for at least one school aged child	
No	59.59
Yes, but not on a regular basis	6.76
Yes, on a regular basis	33.65
Total	100.00

Type of child care arrangement (number).

```
. table ccs_type [pw = WGHT_PER ] , stat(sumw)
```

	Sum of
weights	
Type of child care for school-aged child	
...a private arrangement (relative, nanny, etc.)?	
660,607	
...care by older brothers or sisters? (include birth, adopte	
34,370.7	
...a before or after school service?	
920,517	
...another type of arrangement?	
61,931	
Total	
1,677,426	

Type of child care arrangement (percent).

```
. table ccs_type [pw = WGHT_PER ] , stat(percent)
```

	Percent
Type of child care for school-aged child	
...a private arrangement (relative, nanny, etc.)?	39.38
...care by older brothers or sisters? (include birth, adopte	2.05
...a before or after school service?	54.88
...another type of arrangement?	3.69
Total	100.00

Childcare for BC five year olds

Our target population is BC families with five year olds. Unfortunately, there are only 56 such households in the data, 25 of whom use childcare. As a result we will supplement the direct analysis of our target population with analysis of similar and somewhat larger comparison groups.

Direct analysis of target population

Direct analysis of the target population indicates that 41% of BC families regularly used childcare for their five year old.

```
. svy: tabulate cc5 region , col percent nomarginals stubwidth(35)
format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
```

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
535		Population size =	
Number of PSUs =	535	Design df =	
755,991.24			
534			

Used child care for at age 5		Province		
child		BC	Quebec	ROC
No		55.6	34.6	46.0
Yes, but not on a regular basis		3.5	3.3	9.0
Yes, on a regular basis		40.9	62.1	45.1

Key: Column percentage

```
Pearson:
Uncorrected   chi2(4)          =   16.5726
Design-based  F(3.99, 2132.06) =   3.0413   P = 0.0164
```

This is much less than the 62% rate in Quebec and somewhat less than the 45% rate in the ROC (excluding BC and Quebec).

Among BC families using childcare for their 5 year old, about 56% used a private arrangement, and most of the rest (39 %) used before/after school care.

```
. svy: tabulate cc5_type region , col percent nomarginals stubwidth(35)
format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
```

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
273			

Number of PSUs = 273
365,394.35

Population size =

272

Design df =

Type of child care for age 5 child	Province		
	BC	Quebec	ROC
...a private arrangement (relati	55.6	36.7	45.4
...care by older brothers or sis	0.0	0.0	0.5
...a before or after school serv	38.6	59.3	52.5
...another type of arrangement?	5.8	4.0	1.6

Key: Column percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(6) = 6.6577
Design-based F(5.73, 1557.56) = 0.9329 P = 0.4672

Before/after school care was much more common in Quebec (59 %) and somewhat more common in the ROC (53 %) than in BC.

Other age groups

As indicated in the previous section, limited data are available on BC families with 5 year olds. As a result, we also look at slightly younger (preschool age) and slightly older (school age) children.

Preschool age

About 40% of BC families regularly used childcare for preschool-age children, similar to the estimated usage rate for five year olds:

```
. svy: tabulate ccp region , col percent nomarginals stubwidth(35)  
format(%6.1f)  
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
```

Number of strata = 1
2,024
Number of PSUs = 2,024
3,076,255

Number of obs =

Population size =

Design df =

2,023

Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child	Province		
	BC	Quebec	ROC
No	52.6	29.8	48.6
Yes, but not on a regular basis	7.8	2.6	5.8
Yes, on a regular basis	39.6	67.6	45.6

Key: Column percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected $\chi^2(4)$ = 81.3527
Design-based $F(3.99, 8079.98)$ = 13.9083 P = 0.0000

As with five year olds, this was much lower in BC than in Quebec (68 %) and slightly lower (46 %) than in ROC.

Among that used childcare, BC families were less likely to use daycare and more likely to use licensed home daycare or other private arrangements.

```
. svy: tabulate ccp_type region , col percent nomarginals stubwidth(35)
format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
```

```
Number of strata =      1                      Number of obs   =
1,048
Number of PSUs   = 1,048                      Population size =
1,533,469
                                           Design df       =
1,047
```

Type of child care for preschool-aged child	Province		
	BC	Quebec	ROC
...a (licensed) home daycare?	24.8	48.7	21.6
...a daycare?	20.7	35.6	30.4
...a preschool/nursery School?	11.8	4.6	10.3
...a private arrangement (relati	37.6	8.2	34.8
...another type of arrangement?	5.0	2.9	2.9

Key: Column percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected $\chi^2(8)$ = 131.3377
Design-based $F(7.99, 8363.07)$ = 12.3344 P = 0.0000

Six and seven year olds

Regular childcare usage rates for BC six year olds were similar to those for five year olds, while usage for seven year olds was slightly lower.

```
. svy: tabulate cc6 region , col percent nomarginals stubwidth(35)
format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
```

```
Number of strata =      1                      Number of obs   =
554
```

Number of PSUs = 554
740,882.79

Population size =

553

Design df =

Used child care for at age 6		Province		
child		BC	Quebec	ROC
No		49.0	35.7	49.1
Yes, but not on a regular basis		13.1	2.7	5.3
Yes, on a regular basis		38.0	61.6	45.7

Key: Column percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(4) = 19.9116

Design-based F(3.98, 2202.10) = 3.3344 P = 0.0100

```
. svy: tabulate cc7 region , col percent nomarginals stubwidth(35)
format(%6.1f)
```

(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
578

Number of obs =

Number of PSUs = 578
796,462.07

Population size =

577

Design df =

Used child care for at age 7		Province		
child		BC	Quebec	ROC
No		54.2	42.5	49.6
Yes, but not on a regular basis		10.5	2.0	10.1
Yes, on a regular basis		35.3	55.5	40.3

Key: Column percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(4) = 15.2762

Design-based F(3.93, 2266.65) = 2.6998 P = 0.0301

As with five year olds, these rates were much lower than Quebec and slightly lower than the ROC.

BC parents of six and seven year olds also seemed to rely more on private arrangements relative to before/after school care, though this is a little noisy.

```
. svy: tabulate cc6_type region , col percent nomarginals stubwidth(35)
format(%6.1f)
```

(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
279
Number of PSUs = 279
354,855.68
278

Number of obs =
Population size =
Design df =

Type of child care for age 6 child	Province		
	BC	Quebec	ROC
...a private arrangement (relati	45.3	5.4	49.6
...care by older brothers or sis	4.3	0.0	0.0
...a before or after school serv	50.4	94.6	50.4

Key: Column percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(4) = 56.6119
Design-based F(4.00, 1111.14)= 9.8629 P = 0.0000

. svy: tabulate cc7_type region , col percent nomarginals stubwidth(35)
format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
263
Number of PSUs = 263
341,979.68
262

Number of obs =
Population size =
Design df =

Type of child care for age 7 child	Province		
	BC	Quebec	ROC
...a private arrangement (relati	65.8	7.3	50.5
...care by older brothers or sis	0.0	0.0	1.9
...a before or after school serv	34.2	92.7	47.7

Key: Column percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(4) = 50.5342
Design-based F(3.91, 1023.63)= 8.0522 P = 0.0000

School age

The pattern of lower usage of before/after school care in BC is also observed in school-age children more generally, suggesting that access to such care was more limited in BC than elsewhere.

. svy: tabulate ccs_type region , col percent nomarginals stubwidth(35)
format(%6.1f)

(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
1,326			
Number of PSUs =	1,326	Population size =	
1,677,426			
		Design df =	
1,325			

Type of child care for school-aged child	Province		
	BC	Quebec	ROC
...a private arrangement (relati	54.2	13.6	49.3
...care by older brothers or sis	4.1	0.0	2.7
...a before or after school serv	40.1	81.0	44.8
...another type of arrangement?	1.6	5.5	3.2

Key: Column percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected	chi2(6)	=	181.3798	
Design-based	F(5.61, 7433.31)	=	19.6462	P = 0.0000

Who uses childcare?

Finally, we investigate the question of *who* tended to use different types of childcare among the parents of BC 5 year olds. The sample size for this target population is clearly too small for such an analysis, so we investigate this question for the full population of preschool-age and school-age children in all of Canada excluding Quebec. Quebec is a large province with distinct demographics and childcare institutions leading to unusually high rates of childcare utilization. As a result, it is not a good proxy for the childcare environment in BC.

Residential location

Province of residence

Although BC had a slightly lower childcare utilization rate than other provinces, it is not a significant outlier.

```
. svy : tabulate PRV ccp if PRV != 24 , row percent nomarginals cellwidth(20)
stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
```

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
1,654			
Number of PSUs =	1,654	Population size =	
2,369,286			
		Design df =	
1,653			

```

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Province of      |
residence of the |      Used child care for at least one preschool-aged
child
respondent.      |      No  Yes, but not on a re  Yes, on a
regular ba
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Newfoundland and Lab |      41.9      10.4
47.7
Prince Edward Island |      36.1      6.6
57.2
      Nova Scotia |      39.8      2.7
57.6
      New Brunswick |      38.3      2.2
59.5
      Ontario |      47.8      5.6
46.6
      Manitoba |      61.7      0.6
37.7
      Saskatchewan |      42.9      6.7
50.4
      Alberta |      52.3      7.9
39.8
      British Columbia |      52.6      7.8
39.6
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```

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

```

Uncorrected  chi2(16)      = 25.0015
Design-based  F(11.80, 19501.27)= 2.0448  P = 0.0179

```

```

. svy : tabulate PRV ccs if PRV != 24 , row percent nomarginals cellwidth(20)
stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)

```

```

Number of strata =      1      Number of obs      =
3,028
Number of PSUs   = 3,028      Population size =
3,898,819
Design df        =
3,027

```

```

-----
Province of      |
residence of the |      Used child care for at least one school aged
child
respondent.      |      No  Yes, but not on a re  Yes, on a
regular ba
-----+-----

```

```

-----
Newfoundland and Lab |      54.8      6.7
38.5

```

Prince Edward Island	49.1	6.0
44.9		
Nova Scotia	60.5	3.8
35.8		
New Brunswick	51.5	7.4
41.1		
Ontario	61.9	6.5
31.6		
Manitoba	70.9	4.2
24.9		
Saskatchewan	60.8	12.1
27.1		
Alberta	63.4	10.4
26.2		
British Columbia	61.9	9.1
29.0		

 Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(16) = 31.8406
 Design-based F(12.17, 36852.55)= 2.6502 P = 0.0014

Urban/rural residence

Urban (CMA) residents were more likely than rural residents to use childcare.

```
. svy : tabulate LUC_RST ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
```

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
1,654			
Number of PSUs =	1,654	Population size =	
2,369,286			
		Design df =	
1,653			

 Population centres | Used child care for at least one preschool-aged
 child
 indicator. | No Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a
 regular ba

Larger urban populat	48.6	5.7
45.7		
Rural areas and smal	52.9	8.7
38.5		
Prince Edward Island	36.1	6.6
57.2		

```

Pearson:
  Uncorrected      chi2(4)          =      7.0352
  Design-based    F(2.54, 4199.69)=      2.6289      P = 0.0583

. svy : tabulate LUC_RST ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)

```

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
3,028			
Number of PSUs =	3,028	Population size =	
3,898,819			
		Design df =	
3,027			

Population centres indicator. regular ba	Used child care for at least one school aged		
	No	Yes, but not on a re	Yes, on a
-----+-----			
Larger urban populat	60.5		7.3
32.2			
Rural areas and smal	69.9		8.9
21.2			
Prince Edward Island	49.1		6.0
44.9			

Pearson:

Uncorrected	chi2(4)	=	26.1658	
Design-based	F(2.84, 8589.13)	=	11.0176	P = 0.0000

Household composition

Childcare usage varied by household composition, but the relationship can be complex.

Household size

Number of children in household was negatively related to school-aged Childcare usage but had a nonmonotonic relationship with preschool-age childcare usage.

```
. svy : tabulate CHDINFTC ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
```

Number of strata = 1
 1,654
 Number of PSUs = 1,654
 2,369,286
 1,653

Number of obs =
 Population size =
 Design df =

Number of respondent's children living in household full-time regular ba		Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child		
		No	Yes, but not on a regular ba	Yes, on a regular ba
No children	38.3	55.5	6.2	
One child	44.0	50.3	5.7	
Two children	49.5	43.4	7.0	
Three children	38.9	57.3	3.9	
Four or more children	23.1	66.5	10.4	
Not stated	66.9	22.7	10.3	
Don't know	13.6	86.4	0.0	

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(12) = 32.2360
 Design-based F(10.47, 17309.54) = 2.3520 P = 0.0079

. svy : tabulate CHDINFTE ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
 cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
 3,028
 Number of PSUs = 3,028
 3,898,819
 3,027

Number of obs =
 Population size =
 Design df =

Number of respondent's children living in household full-time regular ba		Used child care for at least one school aged child		
		No	Yes, but not on a regular ba	Yes, on a regular ba

household full-time regular ba		No	Yes, but not on a re	Yes, on a
No children		61.6		7.2
One child		56.3		5.7
Two children		59.9		8.3
Three children		68.5		7.5
Four or more childre		74.5		7.5
Not stated		40.6		13.0
Don't know		100.0		0.0

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(12) = 50.6432
Design-based F(11.40, 34522.69)= 3.2411 P = 0.0002

Parental age

Older parents were more likely to use childcare for preschool-aged children, but the relationship for school-aged children is less clear.

```
. svy : tabulate AGEGR5 ccp if inrange(AGEGR5,4,7) & PRV != 24, row percent
nomarginals cellwidth(20) stubwid
> h(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
```

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
1,498		Population size =	
Number of PSUs =	1,498	Design df =	
2,145,777			
1,497			

Age group of the respondent (groups of 5).		No	Yes, but not on a re	Yes, on a
regular ba				
25 to 29		58.3		9.1

47.4	30 to 34	48.2	4.4
49.1	35 to 39	45.5	5.3
53.5	40 to 44	39.8	6.6

 Key: Row percentage

Pearson:
 Uncorrected chi2(6) = 34.7545
 Design-based F(5.87, 8789.61)= 4.1358 P = 0.0004

. svy : tabulate AGEGR5 ccs if inrange(AGEGR5,4,7) & PRV != 24, row percent
 nomarginals cellwidth(20) stubwidth
 > h(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
	2,285		
Number of PSUs =	2,285	Population size =	
	2,889,549		
		Design df =	
	2,284		

Age group of the respondent (groups of 5). regular ba		Used child care for at least one school aged child	No	Yes, but not on a re	Yes, on a
29.7	25 to 29	58.6		11.7	
37.4	30 to 34	58.3		4.3	
36.4	35 to 39	54.6		9.1	
31.0	40 to 44	62.4		6.6	

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:
 Uncorrected chi2(6) = 25.3831
 Design-based F(5.78, 13195.25)= 2.9283 P = 0.0083

Marital status

Partnered and married/common-law parents were less likely to use childcare than unpartnered and single/divorced/separated parents.

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. svy : tabulate partner ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
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Number of strata =      1                      Number of obs   =
1,654
Number of PSUs   = 1,654                      Population size =
2,369,286
                                           Design df       =
1,653
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Partner in          |          Used child care for at least one preschool-aged
child
household?          |          No  Yes, but not on a re  Yes, on a
regular ba
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No partner in househ |          44.8                      5.7
49.5
Partner in household |          49.7                      6.2
44.1
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Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

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Uncorrected  chi2(2)          =    1.5579
Design-based  F(1.98, 3266.40)=    0.4353      P = 0.6447
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. svy : tabulate partner ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
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Number of strata =      1                      Number of obs   =
3,028
Number of PSUs   = 3,028                      Population size =
3,898,819
                                           Design df       =
3,027
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Partner in          |          Used child care for at least one school aged
child
household?          |          No  Yes, but not on a re  Yes, on a
regular ba
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No partner in househ |          56.4                      6.7
36.9
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Partner in household	62.8	7.6
29.6		

 Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected	chi2(2)	=	7.5415	
Design-based	F(1.98, 5978.51)=	3.2077	P = 0.0411	

. svy : tabulate MARSTAT ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
 cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
1,654			
Number of PSUs =	1,654	Population size =	
2,369,286			
		Design df =	
1,653			

 Marital status of | Used child care for at least one preschool-aged
 child
 the respondent. | No Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a
 regular ba

Married	48.9	6.0
45.1		
Living common-law	56.2	7.2
36.6		
Widowed	0.0	0.0
100.0		
Separated	36.9	7.3
55.8		
Divorced	30.1	5.6
64.2		
Single (Never marrie	44.8	5.8
49.4		

 Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected	chi2(10)	=	11.0750	
Design-based	F(8.47, 14008.19)=	0.8240	P = 0.5874	

. svy : tabulate MARSTAT ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
 cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
3,028			
Number of PSUs =	3,028	Population size =	
3,898,819			

		Design df	=
3,027			

Marital status of		Used child care for at least one school aged	
child			
the respondent.		No	Yes, but not on a re
regular ba			Yes, on a
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Married		62.7	7.7
29.6			
Living common-law		64.4	6.6
29.0			
Widowed		47.4	0.0
52.6			
Separated		59.2	11.9
29.0			
Divorced		48.9	8.0
43.2			
Single (Never marrie		56.5	2.8
40.6			
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Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(10) = 22.1508
 Design-based F(9.17, 27768.83)= 2.1132 P = 0.0241

Economic factors

Childcare usage was higher in households with higher income and parental education, and is also positively associated with mother's labour supply.

Income

Higher-income households were generally more likely to use childcare.

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. svy : tabulate INCMHSDC ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
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Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
1,654			
Number of PSUs =	1,654	Population size =	
2,369,286			
		Design df =	
1,653			

Total household income. regular ba		Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child	
		No	Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a
-----+-----			
No income or loss		100.0	0.0
0.0			
Less than \$5,000		60.8	0.0
39.2			
\$5,000 to \$9,999		59.3	0.0
40.7			
\$10,000 to \$14,999		64.7	3.4
31.9			
\$15,000 to \$19,999		56.1	17.4
26.5			
\$20,000 to \$29,999		70.4	5.2
24.4			
\$30,000 to \$39,999		71.5	4.2
24.3			
\$40,000 to \$49,999		55.6	6.6
37.9			
\$50,000 to \$59,999		41.8	11.3
46.9			
\$60,000 to \$79,999		55.3	8.0
36.7			
\$80,000 to \$99,999		49.9	9.0
41.1			
\$100,000 to \$149,999		37.2	5.1
57.7			
\$150,000 or more		33.8	4.5
61.7			
Not stated		59.4	4.3
36.4			
Don't know		66.1	4.8
29.1			

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(28) = 126.1601
Design-based F(24.55, 40584.63)= 3.7085 P = 0.0000

. svy : tabulate INCMHSDC ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
3,028
Number of PSUs = 3,028
3,898,819
3,027
Number of obs =
Population size =
Design df =

Total household child income. regular ba		Used child care for at least one school aged		
		No	Yes, but not on a re	Yes, on a
-----+-----				
No income or loss		68.4		0.0
31.6				
Less than \$5,000		79.5		10.1
10.3				
\$5,000 to \$9,999		63.8		0.0
36.2				
\$10,000 to \$14,999		77.9		5.5
16.6				
\$15,000 to \$19,999		63.7		5.5
30.8				
\$20,000 to \$29,999		71.7		7.7
20.6				
\$30,000 to \$39,999		64.7		7.2
28.1				
\$40,000 to \$49,999		60.9		4.1
35.0				
\$50,000 to \$59,999		63.4		8.7
27.8				
\$60,000 to \$79,999		67.2		7.9
25.0				
\$80,000 to \$99,999		62.7		8.1
29.2				
\$100,000 to \$149,999		57.2		9.6
33.2				
\$150,000 or more		49.3		8.4
42.3				
Not stated		73.1		4.1
22.7				
Don't know		75.4		4.5
20.0				

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(28) = 93.6933
Design-based F(23.20, 70240.34)= 3.0050 P = 0.0000

Education

More educated households were generally more likely to use childcare.

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. svy : tabulate EDU5 ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals cellwidth(20)
stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
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Number of strata = 1
1,654

Number of obs =

Number of PSUs = 1,654
 2,369,286
 1,653

Population size =
 Design df =

Highest level of education obtained by the respondent - child		Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child	
5 gr regular ba		No	Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a
-----+-----			
Doctorate/masters/ba	40.8	5.4	
53.9			
Diploma/certificate	48.7	6.1	
45.2			
Some university/comm	50.7	6.7	
42.6			
High school diploma	58.9	5.6	
35.5			
Some secondary/eleme	74.4	6.7	
18.9			
Not stated	69.3	21.6	
9.1			
Don't know	49.3	47.6	
3.1			

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(12) = 95.6740
 Design-based F(10.73, 17735.93)= 5.7232 P = 0.0000

. svy : tabulate EDU5 ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals cellwidth(20)
 stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
 3,028
 Number of PSUs = 3,028
 3,898,819
 3,027

Number of obs =
 Population size =
 Design df =

Highest level of education obtained by the respondent - child		Used child care for at least one school aged child	
5 gr regular ba		No	Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a

-----+-----		

Doctorate/masters/ba	55.4	6.0
38.6		
Diploma/certificate	62.3	7.4
30.2		
Some university/comm	62.1	12.9
25.0		
High school diploma	70.6	8.2
21.2		
Some secondary/eleme	75.7	5.2
19.1		
Not stated	89.7	0.0
10.3		
Don't know	84.9	0.0
15.1		

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(12) = 90.0474
Design-based F(11.09, 33578.45)= 5.7961 P = 0.0000

Mother's employment

Mother's employment is also positively related to childcare usage.

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. svy : tabulate MAR_Q133 ccp if SEX == 2 & PRV != 24, row percent
nomarginals cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) for
> mat(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
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Number of strata = 1	Number of obs =
939	
Number of PSUs = 939	Population size =
1,207,967	
	Design df =
938	

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Did you have a job		
or were you		
self-employed at any	Used child care for at least one preschool-aged	
child		
time las	No Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a	
regular ba		
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Yes	31.3	6.7
62.0		
No	74.8	5.1
20.1		

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(2) = 176.7660
Design-based F(1.99, 1862.91)= 57.0006 P = 0.0000

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. svy : tabulate MAR_Q133 ccs if SEX == 2 & PRV != 24, row percent  
nomarginals cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) for  
> mat(%6.1f)  
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
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Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
1,719			
Number of PSUs =	1,719	Population size =	
2,006,938			
		Design df =	
1,718			

Did you have a job |
or were you |
self-employed at any | Used child care for at least one school aged
child
time las | No Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a
regular ba
-----+-----

 Yes | 53.5 7.3
39.2
 No | 76.9 5.4
17.7

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(2) = 83.1582
Design-based F(1.99, 3415.67)= 26.9772 P = 0.0000

Cultural factors

Immigrants, visible minorities, and speakers of a HL other than English or French were less likely to use childcare, as were the religiously observant.

Immigration

Immigrants were less likely to use childcare than the Canadian-born.

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. svy : tabulate BRTHCAN ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals  
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
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(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
1,654
Number of PSUs = 1,654
2,369,286
1,653

Number of obs =
Population size =
Design df =

Country of birth of child the respondent. regular ba		Used child care for at least one preschool-aged No Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a		
Canada		44.5	7.2	
Country outside Cana		61.0	3.5	
Not stated		42.9	14.3	
Don't know		90.2	0.0	

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(6) = 42.6488
Design-based F(4.28, 7080.94)= 3.8819 P = 0.0030

. svy : tabulate BRTHCAN ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
3,028
Number of PSUs = 3,028
3,898,819
3,027

Number of obs =
Population size =
Design df =

Country of birth of child the respondent. regular ba		Used child care for at least one school aged No Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a		
Canada		59.8	8.1	
Country outside Cana		67.1	6.4	

43.1	Not stated	49.5	7.4
6.3	Don't know	93.7	0.0

 Key: Row percentage

Pearson:
 Uncorrected chi2(6) = 19.6923
 Design-based F(4.43, 13403.83)= 2.1301 P = 0.0672

Visible minority status

Visible minorities were less likely to use childcare.

. svy : tabulate VISMINC ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
 cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
1,654		Population size =	
Number of PSUs =	1,654	Design df =	
2,369,286			
1,653			

Visible minority status of the respondent.	Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child	No	Yes, but not on a regular ba	Yes, on a regular ba
Visible minority		62.6	2.8	
34.5				
Not a visible minority		44.9	7.1	
47.9				
Not stated		50.1	10.0	
39.9				
Don't know		80.1	19.9	
0.0				

 Key: Row percentage

Pearson:
 Uncorrected chi2(6) = 44.7158
 Design-based F(5.65, 9339.70)= 4.7763 P = 0.0001

. svy : tabulate VISMINC ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
 cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)

(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
3,028
Number of PSUs = 3,028
3,898,819
3,027

Number of obs =
Population size =
Design df =

Visible minority status of the respondent.		Used child care for at least one school aged child		
		No	Yes, but not on a regular ba	Yes, on a
Visible minority		70.1	5.6	
24.3				
Not a visible minori		59.7	8.1	
32.3				
Not stated		65.9	3.6	
30.5				
Don't know		62.1	32.5	
5.4				

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(6) = 34.2307
Design-based F(5.04, 15249.53)= 3.9422 P = 0.0014

Home language

Speakers of a home language other than English or French were less likely to use childcare.

. svy : tabulate LANHSDC ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
1,654
Number of PSUs = 1,654
2,369,286
1,653

Number of obs =
Population size =
Design df =

Respondent's child	Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child
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household language. regular ba		No	Yes, but not on a re	Yes, on a
-----+-----				
48.0	English only	45.1		6.9
59.9	French only	27.0		13.1
30.4	Other language	66.6		3.0
49.4	Not stated	41.6		9.0

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(6) = 55.8116
Design-based F(5.54, 9154.68)= 5.8634 P = 0.0000

. svy : tabulate LANHSDC ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
3,028		Population size =	
Number of PSUs =	3,028	Design df =	
3,898,819			
3,027			

Respondent's child household language. regular ba		Used child care for at least one school aged	No	Yes, but not on a re	Yes, on a
-----+-----					
32.4	English only	59.0			8.5
32.7	French only	64.0			3.3
21.6	Other language	74.0			4.5
49.9	Not stated	46.5			3.6
0.0	Don't know	100.0			0.0

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(8) = 56.6259
Design-based F(7.52, 22764.99)= 5.4777 P = 0.0000

Religion

Religion matters, but not in an entirely straightforward way. Childcare usage was above average among Catholics, United Church and no-religion, and below average among Protestants and “other” religions.

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. svy : tabulate RELIG6C ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals  
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)  
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
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Number of strata =      1                      Number of obs   =  
1,654  
Number of PSUs   = 1,654                      Population size =  
2,369,286  
  
Design df       =  
1,653
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Religion of respondent - 6 categories. regular ba		Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child	
		No	Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a
-----+-----			

No religion		45.7	5.4
48.9			
Roman Catholic		42.0	7.0
51.0			
United Church		40.0	4.1
55.9			
Protestant		49.2	8.5
42.3			
Other		71.6	1.5
26.9			
Not stated		54.0	6.9
39.1			
Don't know		56.1	17.1
26.8			

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

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Uncorrected   chi2(12)      = 68.1639  
Design-based  F(11.37, 18798.41)= 4.3422    P = 0.0000
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. svy : tabulate RELIG6C ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals  
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)  
(running tabulate on estimation sample)
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Number of strata =      1                      Number of obs   =  
3,028
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Number of PSUs = 3,028
 3,898,819
 3,027

Population size =
 Design df =

Religion of respondent - 6 child categories.		Used child care for at least one school aged child		
		No	Yes, but not on a regular ba	Yes, on a regular ba
31.3	No religion	60.2	8.5	
33.6	Roman Catholic	60.7	5.7	
35.3	United Church	60.9	3.8	
27.8	Protestant	61.5	10.7	
25.5	Other	69.2	5.3	
35.4	Not stated	62.1	2.5	
26.5	Don't know	60.2	13.2	

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(12) = 36.9932
 Design-based F(11.49, 34766.10) = 2.2769 P = 0.0079

Religious attendance has a clear negative association with childcare usage.

. svy : tabulate RELIGATT ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
 cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
 1,654
 Number of PSUs = 1,654
 2,369,286
 1,653

Number of obs =
 Population size =
 Design df =

Religious attendance of the respondent.		Used child care for at least one preschool-aged child		
		No	Yes, but not on a regular ba	Yes, on a regular ba

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At least once a week	59.9	6.1
34.1		
At least once a mont	60.1	6.1
33.7		
A few times a year	45.2	3.1
51.7		
At least once a year	35.7	8.2
56.1		
Not at all	45.4	7.1
47.5		
Not stated	48.9	9.2
41.9		
Don't know	100.0	0.0
0.0		

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(12) = 50.7977
Design-based F(11.82, 19535.22)= 2.9631 P = 0.0004

. svy : tabulate RELIGATT ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
3,028			
Number of PSUs =	3,028	Population size =	
3,898,819			
		Design df =	
3,027			

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Religious attendance	Used child care for at least one school aged		
child			
of the respondent.	No	Yes, but not on a re	Yes, on a
regular ba			
-----+-----			

At least once a week	68.7	8.0	
23.3			
At least once a mont	60.6	5.1	
34.3			
A few times a year	60.1	7.6	
32.3			
At least once a year	58.0	9.6	
32.4			
Not at all	60.9	7.7	
31.4			
Not stated	58.8	4.9	
36.4			
Don't know	87.3	12.7	
0.0			

 Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(12) = 29.8499
 Design-based F(11.79, 35700.25)= 1.7922 P = 0.0447

Similar relationships hold with respect to religious participation and importance.

. svy : tabulate RLR_Q110 ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
 cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1 Number of obs =
 1,654
 Number of PSUs = 1,654 Population size =
 2,369,286
 Design df =
 1,653

 How important are |
 your religious or |
 spiritual beliefs to | Used child care for at least one preschool-aged
 child
 the | No Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a
 regular ba

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 ...very important? | 59.8 6.6
 33.6
 ...somewhat importan | 44.4 4.4
 51.3
 ...not very importan | 42.9 5.5
 51.7
 ...not at all import | 43.3 9.0
 47.7
 Not stated | 47.3 9.0
 43.7
 Don't know | 72.2 13.5
 14.3

 Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(10) = 54.5449
 Design-based F(9.63, 15915.63)= 3.7199 P = 0.0001

. svy : tabulate RLR_Q110 ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
 cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
 3,028
 Number of PSUs = 3,028
 3,898,819
 3,027

Number of obs =
 Population size =
 Design df =

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How important are |
your religious or |
spiritual beliefs to |      Used child care for at least one school aged
child
the |      No Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a
regular ba
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...very important? |      66.6      6.9
26.5
...somewhat importan |      61.2      7.5
31.3
...not very importan |      56.3      7.9
35.8
...not at all import |      57.4      8.0
34.6
      Not stated |      61.7      4.5
33.7
      Don't know |      63.1     26.0
10.9
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Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(10) = 36.2498
 Design-based F(9.44, 28560.17)= 2.6988 P = 0.0033

. svy : tabulate RLR_Q120 ccp if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
 cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
 (running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata = 1
 1,654
 Number of PSUs = 1,654
 2,369,286
 1,653

Number of obs =
 Population size =
 Design df =

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In the past 12 |
months, how often |
did you practice |      Used child care for at least one preschool-aged
child
religious |      No Yes, but not on a re Yes, on a
regular ba

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At least once a week	55.7	6.8
37.5		
At least once a mont	54.2	3.8
42.0		
A few times a year?	39.9	3.0
57.0		
At least once a year	44.2	14.6
41.2		
Not at all?	43.9	6.0
50.0		
Not stated	45.3	8.6
46.1		
Don't know	36.5	52.0
11.6		

Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected chi2(12) = 57.8910
Design-based F(11.33, 18728.71)= 3.3235 P = 0.0001

. svy : tabulate RLR_Q120 ccs if PRV != 24, row percent nomarginals
cellwidth(20) stubwidth(20) format(%6.1f)
(running tabulate on estimation sample)

Number of strata =	1	Number of obs =	
3,028			
Number of PSUs =	3,028	Population size =	
3,898,819			
		Design df =	
3,027			

In the past 12 months, how often did you practice religious regular ba		Used child care for at least one school aged child	
	No	Yes, but not on a re	Yes, on a

At least once a week	65.8	7.6
26.6		
At least once a mont	64.7	7.5
27.8		
A few times a year?	59.2	7.0
33.8		
At least once a year	57.0	7.2
35.8		
Not at all?	57.6	7.4
35.0		
Not stated	50.8	12.0
37.2		

11.7	Don't know	68.7	19.6
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 Key: Row percentage

Pearson:

Uncorrected	chi2(12)	=	29.4329	
Design-based	F(11.17, 33818.16)	=	1.6550	P = 0.0757

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