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Survey on Child Care in British Columbia for \$10aDay - March 19, 2015

The next question is about mothers with children under 5 years in British Columbia who are in the labour force. Compared to other Canadian provinces, do you think that British Columbia would rank in the top three, the middle four, or the bottom three when it comes to the proportion of mothers with children under 5 years who are currently in the labour force?

	British Columbia	Gender		Age			Region			Child
		Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Island	Rest of BC	Yes
Top three (1-3)	31%	32%	31%	34%	30%	30%	31%	32%	32%	32%
Middle four (4-7)	37%	36%	37%	39%	38%	33%	37%	31%	38%	36%
Bottom three (8-10)	12%	11%	13%	9%	13%	12%	13%	13%	7%	18%
Not sure	20%	22%	18%	17%	18%	24%	19%	23%	23%	13%

From what you have seen, read, heard or experienced about child care, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

		British Columbia	Gender		Age			Region			Child
			Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Island	Rest of BC	Yes
Most families would not need child care services if they reduced their expenses so that one parent could afford to stay at home.	Strongly agree	10%	11%	8%	10%	10%	9%	12%	10%	3%	9%
	Moderately agree	20%	20%	20%	14%	19%	25%	18%	22%	24%	19%
	Moderately disagree	30%	28%	33%	32%	30%	30%	30%	26%	35%	27%
	Strongly disagree	35%	37%	32%	36%	38%	31%	35%	38%	31%	45%
	Not sure	5%	4%	7%	8%	3%	6%	5%	6%	8%	1%
Grandparents could help with child care more, to reduce the cost for families.	Strongly agree	11%	9%	12%	14%	10%	9%	13%	7%	6%	10%
	Moderately agree	37%	35%	39%	38%	38%	34%	39%	34%	33%	39%
	Moderately disagree	32%	33%	31%	29%	31%	34%	27%	42%	39%	30%
	Strongly disagree	16%	19%	13%	12%	16%	19%	16%	14%	16%	18%
	Not sure	5%	4%	6%	7%	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%
Children who attend a quality child care program are better ready for school.	Strongly agree	34%	33%	34%	32%	36%	33%	35%	38%	27%	43%
	Moderately agree	41%	41%	42%	39%	41%	43%	43%	34%	40%	38%
	Moderately disagree	14%	16%	12%	16%	14%	13%	12%	16%	21%	14%
	Strongly disagree	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	6%	4%	2%
	Not sure	7%	5%	8%	10%	5%	6%	6%	7%	8%	2%
It costs a lot more to have children today than it did 40 years ago.	Strongly agree	63%	63%	63%	64%	63%	61%	66%	63%	51%	70%
	Moderately agree	24%	25%	23%	23%	25%	24%	21%	23%	34%	22%
	Moderately disagree	7%	6%	8%	2%	7%	9%	7%	6%	8%	6%
	Strongly disagree	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	0%
	Not sure	5%	5%	6%	10%	3%	4%	5%	5%	7%	2%
Child care is an important service to support working parents.	Strongly agree	60%	66%	52%	64%	60%	56%	60%	62%	56%	69%
	Moderately agree	30%	25%	34%	24%	30%	32%	28%	26%	35%	25%
	Moderately disagree	6%	5%	6%	4%	6%	7%	6%	6%	3%	5%
	Strongly disagree	2%	2%	3%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	0%
	Not sure	3%	2%	4%	5%	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%	0%
When child care is affordable and available to parents, more mothers are able to work and pay taxes.	Strongly agree	45%	47%	43%	51%	42%	44%	46%	50%	38%	54%
	Moderately agree	42%	39%	45%	38%	44%	42%	41%	36%	49%	39%
	Moderately disagree	6%	7%	6%	2%	8%	8%	6%	7%	8%	5%
	Strongly disagree	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	1%
	Not sure	4%	5%	4%	7%	4%	3%	4%	5%	5%	1%
Only families who can afford to have children should have them – if you have them you raise them.	Strongly agree	14%	15%	14%	15%	12%	16%	15%	11%	15%	13%
	Moderately agree	27%	25%	30%	26%	29%	25%	27%	28%	27%	26%
	Moderately disagree	26%	25%	26%	30%	26%	22%	26%	26%	26%	24%
	Strongly disagree	29%	31%	25%	22%	29%	33%	28%	31%	27%	34%
	Not sure	4%	4%	5%	7%	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%	3%
Canada is a caring country and we can do a better job together of taking care of all our young children	Strongly agree	44%	48%	40%	45%	45%	43%	46%	42%	40%	52%
	Moderately agree	37%	34%	42%	35%	39%	37%	35%	38%	43%	37%
	Moderately disagree	10%	9%	12%	8%	11%	11%	11%	9%	10%	8%
	Strongly disagree	3%	4%	2%	3%	2%	3%	3%	5%	1%	1%
	Not sure	5%	6%	5%	10%	3%	4%	4%	6%	7%	1%

From what you have seen, read, heard or experienced about child care in British Columbia specifically, do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

		British Columbia	Gender		Age			Region			Child
			Female	Male	18-34	35-54	55+	Metro Vancouver	Vancouver Island	Rest of BC	Yes
Child care in BC today can cost families as much as rent or a mortgage.	Strongly agree	45%	51%	38%	50%	51%	36%	46%	49%	40%	57%
	Moderately agree	37%	32%	42%	35%	35%	39%	38%	30%	38%	33%
	Moderately disagree	8%	5%	11%	4%	7%	11%	8%	11%	2%	7%
	Strongly disagree	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	0%	2%
	Not sure	9%	10%	8%	10%	5%	12%	6%	6%	20%	1%
Most families with young children in BC can take care of themselves, so government funding for child care should just be for poor families.	Strongly agree	7%	8%	5%	6%	7%	7%	7%	11%	6%	6%
	Moderately agree	23%	16%	30%	19%	23%	25%	24%	21%	20%	24%
	Moderately disagree	39%	39%	38%	40%	40%	37%	39%	38%	39%	35%
	Strongly disagree	27%	31%	23%	29%	27%	26%	27%	25%	27%	34%
	Not sure	5%	5%	4%	6%	3%	5%	4%	4%	8%	1%
The BC government should invest in building a child care system that is affordable for parents.	Strongly agree	41%	46%	36%	45%	44%	36%	43%	43%	36%	50%
	Moderately agree	40%	39%	40%	41%	40%	38%	38%	35%	48%	38%
	Moderately disagree	10%	7%	13%	5%	9%	15%	11%	12%	6%	8%
	Strongly disagree	6%	4%	8%	4%	5%	7%	6%	7%	5%	3%
	Not sure	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	3%	2%	5%	1%
Mothers in BC would have a better opportunity to work if they had access to affordable child care.	Strongly agree	45%	49%	39%	49%	43%	43%	45%	48%	40%	50%
	Moderately agree	42%	38%	46%	39%	45%	40%	41%	38%	47%	41%
	Moderately disagree	9%	8%	9%	8%	8%	10%	10%	8%	6%	5%
	Strongly disagree	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	4%	1%	2%
	Not sure	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	3%	2%	6%	1%
Having a proper child care system in BC would eliminate the need of parents to use unregulated facilities.	Strongly agree	42%	45%	37%	41%	37%	46%	44%	40%	35%	47%
	Moderately agree	35%	35%	35%	36%	43%	26%	35%	33%	35%	36%
	Moderately disagree	14%	8%	20%	13%	11%	17%	13%	17%	14%	12%
	Strongly disagree	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	6%	4%	8%	3%	3%
	Not sure	5%	6%	4%	7%	4%	6%	4%	2%	12%	1%