

# DID YOU KNOW?

BC Parent Voices | Fast Facts #1

Know and share the facts. **THINK** about the facts.  
Vote for child care on **May 17, 2005.**

## In British Columbia:

- ✓ Number of children from birth to 12 years — **601,700** [in 2001]
- ✓ Number of children under the age of 13 who are cared for by someone other than their parents — approximately **250,000**
- ✓ Number of single parent families — **168,420** [2001 census]
- ✓ Number of mothers in the paid labour force with children from birth to 12 years — **388,900** [2001]
- ✓ The majority of BC mothers in the paid labour force were mothers:
  - with the youngest child under 2 years — **67.4%**
  - with the youngest child 3 to 5 years — **73.5%**
  - with youngest child 6 to 15 years — **78.7%**[2003]
- ✓ “The decline in real hourly earnings has pushed more people into the labour market [in Canada]. This is especially so for families with children.”  
[Vanier Institute of the Family, *Living on the Edge*, 2003]
- ✓ Number of licensed child care spaces — approximately **77,058** [in 2003]
- ✓ Percent of children that can access a licensed child care space — approximately **12%**
- ✓ Percentage of household income that an average family in British Columbia must pay for regulated child care — **20%**.



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