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# Summary

## Results from data exploration

All data comes from waves 1 and 2 of the HILDA survey and are weighted using the population weights to represent population averages, unless otherwise noted.

About 60 per cent of unemployed and employed mothers with at least one child less than 15 years old either used or had thought about using child care in the last 12 months, so she (and her partner) could (both) undertake paid employment. Of those mothers currently not in the labour force, i.e. mothers not employed or unemployed, about 15 to 35 per cent reported they did, depending on the survey data year and level of labour market attachment.

There are three types of mothers with at least one child less than 15 years old: mothers who are not in the labour force or ‘stay at home moms’ (about 40 per cent), part-time working mothers (about 35 per cent), and full-time working mothers (about 20 per cent).

The fraction of mothers working full-time is lowest when the age of the youngest child is less than 3 years. When the age of the youngest child increases, so does the fraction of mothers working full-time. The fraction of women working part-time is also lowest when the youngest child is less than 3 years. The fraction increases when the age of the youngest child increases and peaks when the age of the youngest child is between 5 and 9 years old, after which it drops off. The fraction of women not in the labour force is highest when the age of the youngest child is less than 3 years and consistently declines when the age of the youngest child increases.

About 20 per cent of mothers with at least one child less than 15 years old have more than two children in total. About 20 per cent of mothers with at least one child less than 15 years old have both pre-school-aged children (defined as less than 5 years old) and school-aged children (defined as 5 years or older).

Just over 40 per cent of mothers with at least one school-aged child that live in households where both caregivers (typically the parents) work, use no child care for school-aged children. Slightly less than 40 per cent uses exactly one type of care, and about 20 per cent uses two or more types of care. The most common types of care for school-aged children are care involving relatives and out of hours care at the child’s school. If more than one type of care is used it usually involves additional care by siblings or friends and neighbours.

Mothers with at least one pre-school-aged child that live in households where both caregivers (typically the parents) work, do not use child care for pre-school-aged children in 20 to 30 per cent of cases, for HILDA data waves 1 and 2, respectively. The majority of families use one type of care, but about 20 per cent of families use two or more types of care for pre-school-aged children. The most common types of care for pre-school-aged children are private or community long day care, family day care and care using relatives. If more than one type of care is used it almost always include care by a relative living elsewhere.

Child care for non-employment related purposes is only collected in HILDA from wave 2 onwards. It measures child care use for any reason when the mother (or her partner) is not at work. The majority of mothers do not use child care for non-employment related purposes. This fraction constitutes over 60 per cent in the case of care for pre-school-aged children and

over 70 per cent in the case of school-aged children. The other mothers do use child care for non-employment related purposes. If mothers use child care for non-employment related purposes they mostly use one type of care that involves siblings, relatives or friends.

The most time intense forms of care for school-aged children when (both) parents work, measured by the number of hours per week if used, are care by a paid sitter or nanny, out of hours care elsewhere (i.e. not at the child's school), family day care and care by a relative living elsewhere. On average, when used, about 9 to 13 hours per week is used.

Types of care that rely on members in the household (e.g. siblings) or the extended family (e.g. a relative living elsewhere), almost never lead to expenditures after any regular child care benefit that the household may receive has been deducted, i.e. "family" care is "free" care. Other forms of care not involving the family such as out of hours care (at the child's school or elsewhere), family day care, or a paid sitter or nanny, almost always lead to a positive weekly expenditure even after any regular child care benefit that the household may receive has been deducted.

The most time intense forms of care for pre-school-aged children when (both) parents work, measured by the number of hours per week if used, are care at a long day care centre at the workplace, care by a paid sitter or nanny, family day care, and care at a private or community long day care centre. On average, when used, about 10 to 30 hours per week is used which reflects roughly a doubling of the number of hours used compared to care for school-aged children.

Child care use for non-employment related purposes, if used, is less time intense with usage ranging between 2 to 12 hours per week. Since the overwhelming majority of non-employment related child care involves siblings or other relatives, most of this care does not lead to any weekly expenditure net of any regular child care benefit that the household may receive. However, if other forms of care are used they lead to similar expenditures as do the same forms of care for employment purposes.

When grouping the level of difficulty experienced for a variety of aspects related to child care, we find that for all aspects a majority of respondents report no to low levels of difficulty. The aspects, 12 in total, range from finding care for the hours you need to finding a place the child is happy with. The different aspects can broadly be grouped in difficulties related to quality of care, affordability of care, and accessibility of care.

Finding care for a sick child and the costs of child care are the two aspects with the highest reported level of difficulties. Finding a child care place where the child is happy is the aspect with the lowest level of difficulty encountered. When split by labour force status we found that unemployed mothers consistently report the highest levels of difficulty encountered. In contrast, part-time working mothers consistently reported the lowest levels of difficulty. When split by family status we found that partnered women consistently reported lower levels of difficulty than single mothers.

About an equal number of aspects improved (5) as worsened (6) from wave 1 to wave 2, albeit that the overall picture between the two waves is one that is very stable, i.e. the differences are very small. Even though on average the reported levels of difficulty are almost the same in the two waves, large number of mothers move up or down a level of difficulty. Because approximately equal proportions move up and down an approximately equal number of points, the average hardly changes over time.

Mothers who report higher levels of difficulty agree more with various statements that imply that combining work, family, and parenting responsibilities poses strains, i.e. makes them feel they miss out on activities or opportunities both at work and at home, and in general makes their time spent at work or at home less enjoyable. When it comes to agreement with various statements that imply that combining work, family, and parenting responsibilities have gains, we find that there is no such relationship. Regardless of the level of difficulty reported, agreement with these statements is very constant.

There is no relationship between the reported level of difficulty and social attitudes (e.g. the desirability of mothers working, the role of fathers, or the appropriateness of all day child care for children under three). Social attitudes only differ between those who used or thought about using child care so both parents could undertake paid work, and those who did not. Conditional on using or having thought about using child care social attitudes don't differ by the level of difficulty reported for various aspects of child care.

The individual aspects for which the level of difficulty is reported are very much related to each other. Correlation coefficients range from 0.3 to 0.8. When grouping the various aspects into quality, accessibility, and affordability we find that quality and accessibility in particular are two sides of the same coin. About 46 per cent of respondents report no, or low levels of difficulty with affordability, quality or accessibility. About 16 per cent report only affordability to be a problem and a further 6 per cent has a problem with only accessibility or quality. About 15 per cent has a problem with 2 out of 3, and the remaining 15 per cent or so has a problem with all three. Mothers with young children are least likely to report no problems at all and are most likely to report a problem with all three.

Of all full-time working mothers with at least one child less than 15 years old about 50 per cent would like to work fewer hours, and only 3 per cent would like to work more hours. Of those mothers who work part-time because of child-caring or other family reasons, about 25 per cent would like to work more hours and only 10 per cent report they would like to work fewer hours. The 25 per cent of mothers who work part-time for child-caring reasons that report they would like to work more hours could be interpreted as (a lack of) child care preventing these mothers from increasing their work hours.

Direct evidence of child care being a barrier to entry in the labour market is obtained from unemployed mothers currently looking for work. For mothers looking for part-time employment, the unsuitability of hours is the main obstacle. For mothers looking for full-time work the main obstacles are skills mismatches and age discrimination. Difficulties in finding child care are only reported to be a problem in wave 1 and not wave 2, indicating there is no strong direct evidence of child care acting as a barrier to entry.

When asked, 40 to 50 per cent of mothers currently not working or looking for a job report that they would like a job *assuming that suitable child care arrangements could be found*. This implies that would suitable child care be readily available the pool of job seeking mothers would be much larger. However, it leaves unanswered what the respondent considers to be suitable. All that is revealed is that currently there is a mismatch between what these mothers consider suitable and what is currently available. When asked for the reason why the mothers who answered they would like a job are not actively looking for a job, more than 50 per cent respond that they prefer to look after the children. About 10 per cent lists other child care reasons. Together, these two reasons dominate other reasons for not actively looking for a job such as having an illness or injury, studying or training, or (perceived) poor job prospects.

## Results from economic modelling

Mothers born in non-English speaking countries report higher level of difficulties related to child care than Australian born mothers. The only exceptions are finding care for a sick child, the costs of child care, juggling multiple child care arrangements, and finding care in the right location. For these aspects country of birth does not play a role.

Mothers of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent report higher levels of difficulty in finding the right person to take care of their child(ren). This aspect of child care is the only aspect where we find Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent to be play a statistically significant role.

In general, highest levels of difficulty are reported for New South Wales and the ACT, although for specific aspects of child care some individual States report higher levels. These State differences can be due to actual differences in child care provisions, but can also be driven by differences in expectations or demanded level and quality of child care provisions.

We found no statistically significant differences in reported difficulties between single and partnered mothers with the exception of finding care for a sick child, which is harder to organize being a single parent with only one, rather than two, informal family network.

Level of remoteness is important to understanding reported difficulties with the costs of child care. From both the statistical description and the economic modelling it becomes clear that costs are a problem for mothers in major cities. For other aspects of child care the level of remoteness does not play a statistically significant role.

Mothers who have irregular working hours report higher levels of difficulties for all aspects of child care except in finding care for a sick child, the costs of child care, and finding care in the centre of choice. Particularly getting care for the hours needed and juggling multiple child care arrangements are problematic.

Overall, we find that it is those mothers who are more likely to use or think about using child care are also the ones who are more likely to report lower levels of difficulty.

For school-aged children, mothers born in non-English speaking countries are less likely to use formal or informal care, as opposed to family care. Formal care includes out of hours care (at school or somewhere else), family day care, or a paid sitter or nanny. Informal care includes care by a friend or neighbour, either in the home of the child or the home of the friend or neighbour. Family care is care provided by a family member, i.e. the child's siblings or other relatives.

Mothers living in cities are more likely to use formal care for school-aged children than mothers that live outside major cities, which is consistent with the higher level of difficulty reported by mothers living in major cities when asked about the difficulty with the costs of child care.

Mothers in South Australia and the ACT are most likely to use formal care for school-aged children. For the ACT this higher incidence of formal care does not lead to a reduction in family care, which is also highest in the ACT, closely followed by the Northern Territory and Tasmania.

Partnered mothers are less likely to use formal care for school-aged children than single mothers. Higher educated mothers are more likely to use formal care, but also informal care. Full-time working mothers are more likely to use formal and family care for school-aged children than part-time working mothers and mothers working irregular hours are more likely to use informal care, but not family care.

For pre-school-aged children we find that mothers who are born overseas are less likely to use family care. Mothers who are born overseas in a non-English speaking country are also less likely to use formal care for pre-school-aged children.

State differences are much less pronounced in using care for pre-school-aged children than for school-aged children. The same holds true for family composition and level of remoteness. Higher educated women are more likely to use formal care for pre-school-aged children, just as they were more likely to use formal care for school-aged children.

# Introduction

This report contains a detailed statistical overview of the information related to child care collected in the survey of Household Income and Labour Dynamics in Australia (HILDA). The HILDA survey collects a wide range of information on child care use. For those who have used child care, or who thought about using child care, to facilitate paid employment the HILDA survey also collects information on the difficulties encountered. It collects these experiences for a range of aspects, ranging from the costs of child care to finding a place where the child is happy.

This report consists of two main parts. In the first part we give a very detailed description of the available data in HILDA that relate to child care. In particular it sheds light on the reported difficulties encountered regarding various aspects of child care, and the actual use of various forms of care available. Special attention is given to the relation between child care usage and reported difficulties, and the role of the work/family balance and attitudes towards social standards (e.g. if mothers should work at all or if it is okay for very young children to be in long day care).

The second aim of this report, and what constitutes the second part of the report, is to capture the findings from the statistical overview through economic modelling. This helps to better understand the role of family characteristics and other relevant factors in issues related to child care.



# General statistical overview and description of data

The data used in this report comes from the HILDA survey. We use data from both waves that are currently available. HILDA collects various detailed household and individual information for roughly 7,000 households (and about 14,000 individuals). We limit our overview to households with (dependent) children and do not seek to give a broader picture of the survey.

Many, if not all questions related to child care, are only asked of households in which at least one child 14 years or younger is present (i.e. under 15). The questions on child care usage and difficulties related to child care are asked at the household level, not the individual level. We assign the household responses to all individuals (e.g. the mother) in the household. Implicitly we thus assume that every member of the household would have responded in exactly the same manner to the same questions.

## Labour force status of mothers

We have roughly 2,300 mothers in wave 1 and just over 2,000 mothers in wave 2, living in a household with at least one child 14 or under present. Of course, not all these households use child care<sup>1</sup>, but when asked if they did use or thought about using child care in the previous 12 months so (both) caretakers could undertake (paid) work, overall about 45 per cent responded that they did (Table 1 below). Both employed mothers and mothers looking for work, report that they used or thought about using child care in roughly 60 per cent of cases in wave 1. This fraction of 60 per cent is not only the same regardless if the mother is working or looking for work, it is also the same for both full-time and part-time working mothers. This is less so the case in wave 2, in particular for the unemployed. In wave 2 a lower fraction of unemployed mothers had either used or thought about using child care so (both) caregivers could undertake (paid) employment.

**Table 1: For each labour force status of the mother, the fraction that reported they used or thought about using child care so (both) caretakers could undertake (paid) work**

	Wave 1	Wave 2
<b>Mother's labour force status</b>	(%)	(%)
Employed full-time (FT)	57.7	60.4
Employed part-time (PT)	61.3	59.6
Unemployed-looking for full-time work	58.9	45.2
Unemployed-looking for part-time work	61.1	52.1
Not in the labour force -marginally attached (MA)	34.4	24.8
Not in the labour force -not marginally attached (NMA)	20.1	16.8
Average over all labour force statuses	46.5	43.7
<i>Number of observation</i>	<i>1,104</i>	<i>941</i>

The above table does not take into account the relative sizes, or predominance, of the various labour force statuses. Table 2 below therefore summarizes the response to the question if they used or thought about using child care so (both) caregivers could undertake work, split by the

<sup>1</sup> The respondent was shown a card and asked if they used, or had thought about using, any of the following types of care: 1) Family day care, long day care, or any other care at a child care centre 2) Out of hours or vacation care 3) Someone paid to come to your home to care for the child 4) Someone paid to care for the child at their home 5) A friend, relative or neighbour caring for the child for free or for payment in kind.

labour force status of the mother. This reveals the predominance of the labour force statuses. From table 2, with respect to the labour force status of all mothers with children 14 or under, we see that there are broadly speaking three types of mothers: employed full-time, employed part-time, and not in the labour force. Across waves this picture does not change. Working mothers outweigh non-working mothers, but not by that much.

**Table 2: Labour force status by used/thought about using non-parental<sup>2</sup> child care**

Used or thought about using child care so (both) caretakers could undertake (paid) work	Wave 1			Wave 2		
	No (‘did not use’)	Yes (‘did use’)	Total	No (‘did not use’)	Yes (‘did use’)	Total
<b>Mother’s labour force status</b>	(percentage)			(percentage)		
Employed FT	16.3	25.8	20.7	14.3	28.2	20.4
Employed PT	25.6	46.6	35.4	25.7	48.9	35.8
Unemployed-looking for FT work	1.1	1.7	1.4	2.0	2.1	2.0
Unemployed-looking for PT work	1.4	2.6	1.9	2.0	2.8	2.4
Not in the labour force-MA	22.9	13.8	18.6	20.2	8.6	15.1
Not in the labour force -NMA	32.8	9.5	22.0	35.8	9.4	24.3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	<i>1,209</i>	<i>1,104</i>	<i>2,313</i>	<i>1,130</i>	<i>941</i>	<i>2,071</i>

Table 3 below gives more detail on the labour force status of mothers split by the age of the youngest child. Not surprisingly, Table 3 shows that employment rates are highest when the youngest child is older. Conversely, employment rates are lowest when the youngest child is younger. Part-time employment is less frequent when the youngest child is very young. It then becomes more frequent when the child grows older and peaks when the youngest child is school-aged but attends the first few grades (i.e. when the youngest child is between the ages of 5 and 9). As the age of the youngest child increases further we see that part-time employment again becomes less frequent. In contrast, there is a gradual increase in the full-time employment rate with the age of the youngest child increasing.

<sup>2</sup> Non-parental child care is child care that is not provided by either of the parents or caregivers. For ease of notation we group all care in parental care (i.e. care that is provided by ‘me or my partner’) and non-parental care. This non-parental care includes family day care, long day care, any other care at a child care centre, out of hours care at school or elsewhere, a friend, relative or neighbour or a paid sitter or nanny.

**Table 3: Mother's labour force status by age of the youngest child**

	Age of youngest child				Total
	0 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	
<b>Wave 1</b>					
	(percentage)				
Employed FT	10.3	15.1	24.6	33.5	20.8
Employed PT	27.7	37.9	41.8	37.0	35.3
Unemployed-looking for FT work	1.0	1.7	1.9	1.2	1.4
Unemployed-looking for PT work	3.1	0.7	1.6	1.5	1.9
Not in the labour force -MA	22.7	22.3	16.4	13.7	18.6
Not in the labour force -NMA	35.3	22.4	13.7	13.2	22.0
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations.</i>	753	313	682	566	2,314
<b>Wave 2</b>					
	(percentage)				
Employed FT	10.3	17.1	23.6	33.7	20.4
Employed PT	27.4	34.4	43.7	39.9	35.8
Unemployed-looking for FT work	1.6	1.4	3.0	2.0	2.0
Unemployed-looking for PT work	2.7	4.0	1.7	1.6	2.4
Not in the labour force -MA	18.1	18.4	13.6	10.4	15.1
Not in the labour force -NMA	40.1	24.7	14.4	12.5	24.3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	654	314	620	483	2,071

## Distribution of pre-school and school-aged children

Information on using, or thinking about using, is asked to all households with at least one child aged 14 or under present. Detailed information on the actual usage of child care is only asked to households with children 14 or under present *and when (both) caregivers in the household are employed*. For the second wave of data, a special section is devoted to child care usage while either caregiver is not at work (so called non-employment related care). Furthermore, the data on child care usage is subdivided into care for school-aged children during term, for school-aged children during holidays, and for pre-school-aged children. It is therefore necessary to obtain a picture of the distribution of the number of families with (both) caregivers employed and their distribution of school-aged and pre-school-aged children. Because of the construction of the survey we do not observe the presence of school-aged children for all households so we define school-aged to be 5 and up and pre-schoolers to be 4 and below<sup>3</sup>. Table 4 below indicates, for each wave and for all-work and not-all-work households separately, the number of households with only pre-school, only school-aged, or both pre-school and school-aged children. We make the distinction all-work and not-all-work households because the questions on actual child care usage are only asked when (both)

<sup>3</sup> In reality the cut-off for school-aged is not uniformly 5 across Australia, but it is a fairly close approximation. For VIC and the ACT it's 5 turning 6 by April 30. For WA it's 5 turning 6 by June 30. For NSW it's 5 turning 6 by July 31. For QLD it's 5 turning 6 by December 31. For SA and NT it's 5 and 6 months by January 1. For TAS it's 5 turning 6 by January 1 (source: *theKey*, Department of Defence, Issue 2, April/May 2003). Only when both caretakers work is it explicitly asked if any or all of the children go to school. We use this response when available. Only when we do not directly have this information we use age 5 and up as school-aged and 4 or under as pre-school-aged.

caregivers work. This distinction includes lone mothers. If a lone mother works she is an all-work household. If she does not work she is a not-all-work household.

**Table 4: Percentage of households with school-aged and pre-school-aged children for all-work households and not-all-work households**

	Wave 1			Wave 2		
	All parent(s) employed			All parent(s) employed		
	No	Yes	Total	No	Yes	Total
<b>Presence of children</b>						
Pre-school children	31.5	18.8	24.6	35.8	19.0	26.6
School-aged children	39.5	60.8	51.1	34.7	61.9	49.6
Both	29.0	20.4	24.3	29.5	19.1	23.8
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	<i>1,005</i>	<i>1,309</i>	<i>2,314</i>	<i>866</i>	<i>1,205</i>	<i>2,071</i>

In wave 1 (wave 2) we have about 1,300 (1,200) mothers that live in households in which both caregivers are employed, representing a slight majority of households. When looking at all mothers with at least one child 14 or under we see that roughly 25 per cent has only pre-school-aged children, about half have only school-aged children and the remaining 25 per cent have both pre-school and school-aged children. Table 5 below looks at all households and displays the predominance of the different family types, when we exclusively determine family type by the number of children in different age categories (i.e. we group together couple and single parent families).

**Table 5a: Distribution of the number of children by age-group: Wave 1**

Number of children aged 0 to 4 ('pre-school-aged')	Number of children aged 5 to 14 ('school-aged')				Total (row %)
	None	One	Two	Three+	
	(percentage)				
None	0.0	24.3	19.8	8.9	53.0
One	16.5	10.5	4.7	2.3	33.9
Two	7.6	2.6	0.8	0.7	11.7
Three+	0.8	0.3	0.2	0.0	1.3
Total (column %)	24.9	37.7	25.5	12.0	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	<i>550</i>	<i>844</i>	<i>631</i>	<i>289</i>	<i>2,314</i>

**Table 5b: Distribution of the number of children by age-group: Wave 2**

Number of children aged 0 to 4 ('pre-school-aged')	Number of children aged 5 to 14 ('school-aged')				Total (row %)
	None	One	Two	Three+	
	(percentage)				
None	0.0	23.1	19.2	8.3	50.6
One	16.8	10.5	4.7	2.5	34.5
Two	9.2	2.4	0.8	0.5	12.9
Three+	1.1	0.5	0.2	0.1	2.0
Total (column %)	27.1	36.5	25.0	11.4	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	<i>498</i>	<i>731</i>	<i>586</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>2,071</i>

From Tables 5a and 5b we see that most families have one child 5 or up (i.e. 'school-aged') and no children under 5 (i.e. 'pre-school-aged'), but there is a fair mix of different combinations. Few families have more than three children in total.

## Care for school-aged children during term, when (both) caregivers work

As mentioned above, actual child care usage is only recorded for those households in which both caregivers work, and is divided up into care for school-aged children and pre-school-aged children. We first focus on care during term for the school-aged children and on care for pre-school-aged children, but exclude care during holidays.

The different types of care used during semester, for school-aged children, are the following:

<b>Forms of <i>employment related</i> child care for school-aged children</b>	'Family'	'Informal'	'Formal'
The child's brother or sister	X		
Child looks after self	X		
Child comes to my (or my partner's) workplace		X	
Out of hours care at child's school			X
Out of hours care elsewhere			X
A relative who lives with us	X		
A relative who lives elsewhere	X		
A friend or neighbour coming to our home		X	
A friend or neighbour in their home		X	
A paid sitter or nanny			X
Family day care			X

## Number of child care types used (school-aged)

The specific child care arrangement of a family can consist of any combination of the above types of care. To get a better insight in the prevalence of multiple child care arrangements we first simply count the number of care types used. We split the number of child care types used by the number of school-aged children in the household to see if there is any noticeable difference with respect to family size as one could expect families with more children to use more types of care.

**Table 6a: Cross-tabulation of the number of child care types used for employment purposes by the number of school-aged children (only for households where (both) caregivers work): Wave 1**

Number of child care types used	Number of children aged 5 to 14 (“school-aged”)				
	None	One	Two	Three+	Total
	(percentage)				
None	0.0	42.2	52.2	44.5	45.8
One	54.6	43.3	29.5	28.3	36.3
Two	45.4	12.2	13.9	19.7	14.1
Three	0.0	2.3	4.1	5.1	3.3
Four+	0.0	0.0	0.4	2.5	0.5
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	5*	508	401	168	1,082

**Table 6b: Cross-tabulation of the number of child care types used for employment purposes by the number of school-aged children (only for households where (both) caregivers work): Wave 2**

Number of child care types used	Number of children aged 5 to 14 (“school-aged”)				
	None	One	Two	Three+	Total
	(percentage)				
None	0.0	47.4	39.2	37.6	42.9
One	100.0	39.4	40.8	32.3	39.3
Two	0.0	9.5	15.6	24.0	13.6
Three	0.0	3.0	3.5	5.4	3.5
Four+	0.0	0.6	0.9	0.8	0.8
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	4*	457	359	157	977

In Table 6a we see that about 46 per cent of households are not using child care, but that almost 18 per cent uses 2 forms or more. Few families use 3 or more forms of care (about 4 per cent). In wave 2 (Table 6b) the pattern is similar with most households using no child care (43 per cent), followed closely by 1 form (40 per cent) and 2 forms (about 14 per cent). In both waves, those who report using only one form of care depend predominantly on a relative, the child himself or on out of hours care at the child’s school. Those using two types of care typically use care by siblings and care by the child himself, or a relative, out of hours care at the child’s school or friends and neighbours<sup>4</sup>. There is a modest relationship that indicates that more (school-aged) children means more types of (school-aged) child care are being used. A tiny fraction of households report using child care for a school-aged child during term but have no children age 5 and up\*.

\* Because being “school-aged” or “pre-school-aged” does not correspond 1-to-1 with attending or not attending school it is possible for families to report using school-aged or pre-school-aged care without having children in the corresponding age range.

<sup>4</sup> The details regarding the distribution of specific combinations of care for school-aged children during term are found in Table A1 (wave 1) and Table A2 (wave 2) in the appendix.

## Care for pre-school-aged children, when (both) caregivers work

The different types of child care used for pre-school-aged children, are the following:

<b>Forms of <i>employment related</i> child care for pre-school-aged children</b>	'Family'	'Informal'	'Formal'
The child's brother or sister	X		
A relative who lives with us	X		
A relative who lives elsewhere	X		
A friend or neighbour coming to our home		X	
A friend or neighbour in their home		X	
A paid sitter or nanny			X
Family day care			X
Long day care centre at workplace			X
Private or community long day care centre			X
Kindergarten / pre-school			X

### Number of child care types used (pre-school-aged)

In wave 1 the most popular number of different care arrangements used is 1 (about 57 per cent), followed by using no care (about 20 per cent). About 23 per cent use 2 or more types of care (Table 7a below). For wave 1, those households that report using only one form of care mainly use private or community long day care, family day care, and relatives<sup>5</sup>. Relying on siblings is rare, and the child looking after himself is not a category for pre-school-aged children. Those who use 2 forms of care in wave 1 mostly rely on a relative living elsewhere and private or community long day care, or family day care. For wave 2 too, those households using only 1 type of care use mostly private or community long day care, family day care, and relatives. Again, for those using two forms the most common combinations all include a relative living elsewhere.

Table 7a: Cross-tabulation of the number of child care types used for employment purposes by the number of pre-school-aged children (only for households where (both) caregivers work): Wave 1

Number of child care types used	Number of children aged 0 to 4 ("pre-school-aged")				
	None	One	Two	Three+	Total
	(percentage)				
None	0.0	20.5	26.4	23.7	20.4
One	74.6	58.3	48.0	28.4	56.9
Two	25.4	17.9	19.5	12.0	18.6
Three	0.0	3.1	5.2	30.7	3.7
Four+	0.0	0.3	0.9	5.2	0.4
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	35*	348	112	8	503

<sup>5</sup> The details regarding the distribution of specific combinations of care for pre-school-aged children are found in Table A3 (wave 1) and Table A4 (wave 2) in the appendix.



Table 7b: Cross-tabulation of the number of child care types used for employment purposes by the number of pre-school-aged children (only for households where (both) caregivers work): Wave 2

Number of child care types used	Number of children aged 0 to 4 (“pre-school-aged”)				
	None	One	Two	Three+	Total
	(percentage)				
None	0.0	0.0	18.4	19.0	30.5
One	1.0	65.7	54.4	49.1	48.4
Two	2.0	20.4	23.9	23.2	9.9
Three	3.0	13.9	2.8	7.9	6.2
Four+	4.0	0.0	0.6	0.8	5.1
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	20*	343	112	18	493

## Non-employment related care

For wave 2 only, the HILDA survey collected information regarding child care use when (either partner is) not working, that is while at least one of the caregivers is not at work or not working at all. Non-employment related care also captures child care use to facilitate study, exercise, or any other reason such as job search activities or training, but also shopping.

The different types of care used, when either partner is not working (i.e. non-employment related care) are the following:

Forms of non-employment related child care	'Family'	'Informal'	'Formal'
The child's brother or sister	X		
A relative who lives with us	X		
A relative who lives elsewhere	X		
A friend or neighbour coming to our home		X	
A friend or neighbour in their home		X	
A paid sitter or nanny			X
Family day care			X
Private or community long day care centre			X
Kindergarten / pre-school			X

Although the majority of families do not use care for non-employment related purposes a significant proportion of households use a form of child care when (either partner is) not working. Non-employment related care is used in about 25 per cent of cases for school-aged children and in about 37 per cent of cases for pre-school-aged children, as evident from Table 8 below.

There is no clear relationship between the use of non-employment related care and the number of children in the household. However, families with only one school-aged or pre-school-aged child, respectively, do not use non-employment related care in the same proportion as do families with more than one school-aged or pre-school-aged child, respectively. The bulk of non-employment related care is provided by siblings, relatives, and friends. This holds both for care for school-aged children as well as for pre-school-aged children<sup>6</sup>.

<sup>6</sup> A detailed distribution of particular combinations of non-employment related care types is given in tables A5 (school-aged children) and A6 (pre-school-aged children) in the appendix.

## Number of child care types used (pre-school and school-aged)

**Table 8: Cross-tabulation of the number of child care types used for non-employment related purposes by the number of (school-aged/pre-school-aged) children (Wave 2 only)**

Number of child care types used		“Pre-school-aged” children				
		Number of children aged between 0 and 4				
		None	One	Two	Three+	Total
		(percentage)				
None		57.1	66.3	56.8	54.1	63.2
One		33.3	25.1	36.0	27.8	28.2
Two		9.6	6.8	6.2	9.9	6.9
Three		0.0	1.5	0.5	8.2	1.5
Four+		0.0	0.3	0.5	0.0	0.3
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>		24*	659	250	39	972
Number of child care types used		“School-aged” children				
		Number of children aged between 5 and 14				
		None	One	Two	Three+	Total
		(percentage)				
None		0	66.5	84.2	84.5	74.5
One		1.0	33.5	13.8	11.9	17.1
Two		2.0	0.0	1.6	3.3	6.4
Three		3.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	2.1
Four+		4.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
Total		100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>		8*	713	573	251	1,545

\* Because being “school-aged” or “pre-school-aged” does not correspond 1-to-1 with attending or not attending school it is possible for families to report using school-aged or pre-school-aged care without having children in the corresponding age range.

## **Intensity of child care use and costs: Care for school-aged children during term when (both) caretaker(s) work**

Of the different types of child care parents can use, we observe their use of it, how many hours a week and at what cost. We observe these per type of care, but aggregated over all the children in the household. We do not have all this information for all choices however. For instance, only hours of care by a sibling is reported, but not costs. For the remaining types of care we have complete information. In wave 1 (Table 9), we see that those who report using a particular type of care do so for at least one hour a week (i.e. the number of households reporting positive hours is very close and often identical to the number of households reporting they use that type of care). In terms of popularity, and ignoring care by the parent, the child looking after himself is the most commonly used type of child care (212 instances), closely followed by care by a relative living elsewhere (184 instances). In terms of intensity, measured by the mean number of hours of a particular type of care used, the paid sitter or nanny is the most intense with a mean of almost 13 hours a week. Other hour-intense forms of child care are out of hours care elsewhere (i.e. not at school), family day care, and care by a relative living elsewhere, all with about 9 to 12 hours per week on average.

When it comes to costs per week, which is collected per type of care but aggregated over all the children and measured after any regular child care benefit (if received) has been deducted, we see that only a portion of the households that actually use various forms of care have positive (net) expenditures. This portion varies by the type of care and ranges between 0 (i.e. “free” care) and 100 per cent (i.e. always leads to a net expenditure). In particular for types of care that involve the (extended) family this is striking. One can claim that the child taking care of himself or the child that is cared for by a relative (either in-house or living elsewhere), does not lead to a (net) expenditure on child care. This may not come as a surprise as families often help each other without the exchange of money. Having said that, out of hours care at school, if used, almost always comes with an average (net) expenditure of about \$22 per week and is roughly increased by 50 per cent to about \$32 per week on average if the out of hours care is not at the child’s school. Family day care, if used, also almost always leads to a (net) expenditure, which is on average about \$27 a week.

The most time intensive form of care (a paid sitter or nanny) is also the most money intensive form with an average weekly (net) cost of about \$66-\$75, followed by out of hours care elsewhere (i.e. not at the child’s school) at about \$32 a week. For the other forms of care only a small proportion of those using that type of care actually have positive (net) costs. We report the mean average weekly expenditure over all users, as well as the average weekly expenditures for only those who actually face positive costs.

One would not expect to see dramatic changes across the two waves if one assumes child care arrangements of families to be relatively stable. In particular families who have found an arrangement that works will most likely continue that arrangement. Indeed, the picture for wave 2 is very similar to that for wave 1. Average weekly (net) expenditure on child care is still highest for care by a paid sitter or nanny (although somewhat lower compared to wave 1), followed by out of hours care elsewhere (i.e. not at the child’s school), which is much higher than in wave 1. This may of course be simply caused by different (high expenditure) users, rather than an increase in the costs of out of hours care.

Table 9: Child care usage, hours and costs for school-aged children during school term when both parents work. Waves 1 and 2

	Child's brother or sister	Child looks after self	Child comes to my workplace	Out of hours care at child's school	Out of hours care elsewhere	A relative that lives with us	A relative who lives elsewhere	A friend or neighbour coming to our home	A friend or neighbour at their home	A paid sitter or nanny	Family day care
<b>WAVE 1</b>											
Number of mothers using it	101	212	18	111	30	15	184	18	84	18	28
Number with positive reported hours	98	199	18	110	30	15	181	17	81	18	27
mean weekly hours (if user)	7.57	9.40	6.72	8.74	10.80	8.00	9.15	7.65	6.32	12.89	11.52
St.dev of weekly hours (if user)	6.64	11.66	7.61	10.27	10.77	5.32	9.47	8.49	5.54	11.46	11.55
Number with positive reported costs		2	1	104	30	0	8	7	14	16	25
mean weekly costs ( <i>all</i> users)	(\$)	0.09	0.89	21.29	32.37	..	1.32	9.82	5.32	66.61	25.85
mean weekly costs (if positive costs)	(\$)	8.50	16.00	22.52	32.37	..	29.88	23.86	30.79	74.94	27.92
St.dev of weekly costs (if positive costs)	(\$)	2.12	..	20.34	27.68	..	19.61	19.20	20.29	109.74	27.51
<b>WAVE 2</b>											
Number of mothers using it	102	140	35	132	40	18	188	24	100	24	29
Number with positive reported hours	97	132	33	127	40	18	182	23	98	23	28
mean weekly hours (if user)	7.41	6.64	7.12	7.45	10.00	13.00	9.03	6.87	5.84	12.78	12.07
St.dev of weekly hours (if user)	6.14	9.64	7.39	6.79	7.86	10.58	15.16	8.32	5.63	13.70	9.90
Number with positive reported costs		2	1	120	36	1	18	8	16	23	26
mean weekly costs ( <i>all</i> users)	(\$)	0.27	3.03	23.64	43.80	1.11	3.76	12.70	5.67	64	20.14
mean weekly costs (if positive costs)	(\$)	18.00	100.00	25.02	48.67	20.00	38.06	36.50	34.75	64.00	21.69
St.dev of weekly costs (if positive costs)	(\$)	16.97	..	22.85	53.85	..	46.38	33.11	20.18	84.83	17.18

## **Intensity of child care use and costs:**

### **Care for pre-school-aged children when (both) caretaker(s) work**

The HILDA sample has fewer mothers with a pre-school-aged child (under age 5) than mothers with school-aged children (ages 5 and up). This is also reflected in the smaller absolute number of households which report using a particular form of pre-school-aged care. There is an almost 1-to-1 match between the available forms of care for pre-school-aged and school-aged children, but the child caring for himself and out of hours care at school (or elsewhere) are logically not options for pre-schoolers. Again, care by a relative living elsewhere is the most dominant type of pre-school care (ignoring care by the parent) with 163 instances. Family day care and private or community day care are popular choices too. Those households using a particular form of care, all do so for at least 1 hour a week. In terms of the numbers of hours the various types of care differ a lot. The most 'time intense', measured by the average weekly hours of care used, is a long day care centre at the workplace with an average of nearly 30 hours per week. This high number of hours is probably a reflection of the desirability of this form of care (no extra transport costs and close proximity to the child while at work) or may be disproportionately used by full-time working mothers. Other forms of care that are used for a large number of hours (if used) are care by a paid sitter or nanny, family day care, private or community long day care, and to a lesser extent care by a relative living elsewhere. The average weekly hours of pre-school care are higher than the average weekly hours of care for school-aged children, but this is to be expected as the time spent in school doubles as child care.

Except when depending on a relative or friend, care for pre-school-aged children leads to a positive (net) expenditure on child care. The average weekly expenditures are also much higher than for school-aged children, but this is also a reflection of the higher intensity at which pre-school care is used. The average hours used per week are about 2 to 3 times as high, and so are the weekly (net) expenditures. The most cost intense form of care for pre-school-aged children are a paid sitter or nanny and private or community long day care centres. Care by a relative living elsewhere is expensive when paid for, but the vast majority of households that do use a relative to care for their pre-schooler(s) do so free of charge. We report the mean average weekly expenditure over all users, as well as the average weekly expenditures for only those who actually face positive costs.

The pattern in wave 2 is very similar to that of wave 1. Again care by a relative living elsewhere is the most dominant type of care for pre-school-aged children, with family day care and private or community long day care centres following closely. One noticeable difference is that the mean average weekly hours of care provided by a relative living elsewhere is lower than in wave 1. A paid sitter or nanny and the various forms of (long) day care centres are all used about equal numbers of hours per week (if used). The average weekly (net) expenditure on pre-school care is very similar in both waves.

Table 10: Child care usage, hours and costs for pre-school-aged children when both parents work. Waves 1 and 2.

	Child's brother or sister	A relative that lives with us	A relative who lives elsewhere	A friend or neighbour coming to our home	A friend or neighbour at their home	A paid sitter or nanny	Family day care	Long day care centre at workplace	private or community long day care centre	kindergarten/pre-school
<b>WAVE 1</b>										
Number of mothers using it	3	8	163	6	29	20	103	22	125	72
Number with positive reported hours	3	8	157	6	29	20	102	22	124	71
Mean weekly hours (if user)	11.67	13.13	17.82	4.50	11.52	24.30	24.96	29.18	23.15	17.42
St.dev of weekly hours (if user)	11.59	13.43	16.07	3.67	12.24	18.58	17.03	18.17	13.26	13.87
Number with positive reported costs		0	15	2	13	20	96	20	121	61
mean weekly costs ( <i>all</i> users)	(\$)	..	8.95	7.50	26.52	160.10	48.98	79.50	75.80	29.07
mean weekly costs (if positive costs)	(\$)	..	93.67	22.50	59.15	160.10	52.04	87.45	77.68	33.84
St.dev of weekly costs (if positive costs)	(\$)	..	116.53	3.54	44.78	131.53	47.94	53.67	58.44	30.05
<b>WAVE 2</b>										
Number of mothers using it	4	10	159	10	38	28	101	39	113	72
Number with positive reported hours	4	10	152	7	37	28	101	39	112	70
mean weekly hours (if user)	5.25	24.80	13.65	8.14	9.62	22.79	24.62	23.74	24.65	16.10
St.dev of weekly hours (if user)	4.43	17.94	12.79	9.69	7.65	16.06	18.04	15.01	16.48	11.19
Number with positive reported costs		2	13	2	14	26	95	38	111	61
mean weekly costs ( <i>all</i> users)	(\$)	6.00	4.51	3.71	14.59	121.97	49.04	62.59	81.58	41.18
mean weekly costs (if positive costs)	(\$)	30.00	52.69	13.00	38.57	131.35	52.14	64.24	82.31	47.26
St.dev of weekly costs (if positive costs)	(\$)	28.28	46.57	4.24	27.18	117.89	48.12	65.45	75.81	56.58

## **Intensity of child care use and costs: Non-employment related child care for school-aged and pre-school-aged children**

Non-employment related care, or child care use when (either partner is) not at work, is recorded only for wave 2. In the case of couples this means one or both partners are not at work. In the case of a lone parent, it reduces to the mother being at work or not. Non-employment related care also captures child care use to facilitate study, exercise, or any other reason such as job search activities or training, but also shopping. The overall comparability and stability between waves in the discussion thus far indicates that, with some caution, a similar picture would have had emerged for wave 1 if the survey design had been accommodating. A first glance of Table 11 reveals that non-employment related care is not uncommon for school-aged children. We already knew that from table 8 that showed 25 per cent of mothers used some form of non-employment related care for school-aged children. The most popular types involve a relative, a sibling, a friend, or a neighbour. The hours intensity, compared to employment related care, is much lower. Weekly expenditures are subsequently lower too. The most frequently used forms are also the ones with the lowest costs intensity, measured by the fraction of people that actually have positive (net) expenditures. The (long) day care centre options and the paid sitter or nanny still imply positive (net) expenditures if used.

Non-employment related care for pre-school-aged children is used much more often, relative to non-employment related care for school-aged children. From table 8 we know that about 37 per cent of mothers use some form of non-employment related care for pre-school-aged children, compared to 25 per cent of mothers who use non-employment related care for school-aged children. Again, care by a relative living elsewhere is the most dominant form. The hours-intensity, relative to *employment related* care for pre-school-aged children (Table 10), is much lower. The same is true for care for school-aged children when comparing *non-employment related* care (Table 11) and *employment related* care (Table 9). This is also reflected in the average weekly (net) expenditures on non-employment related care that are much lower than the average weekly (net) expenditures on employment related care.



Table 11. Child care usage, hours and costs for school-aged children during school term, and pre-school-aged children, when either parent is not working. **Wave 2 only.**

	Child's brother or sister	A relative that lives with us	A relative who lives elsewhere	A friend or neighbour coming to our home	A friend or neighbour at their home	A paid sitter or nanny	Family day care	Private/Community day care centre	Kindergarten/pre-school
<b>WAVE 2 school-aged</b>									
Number of mothers using it	70	8	142	27	48	27	10	21	5
Number with positive reported hours	66	8	138	27	47	27	10	18	5
mean weekly hours (if user)	4.02	5.13	4.93	3.56	4.19	3.41	10.10	7.50	10.60
St.dev of weekly hours (if user)	8.75	4.55	7.02	3.89	6.93	2.99	9.94	4.31	4.34
Number with positive reported costs	4	0	6	6	1	27	9	14	3
mean weekly costs ( <i>all</i> users) (\$)	0.35	..	0.31	4.04	0.64	19.67	26.20	14.61	6.80
mean weekly costs (if positive costs) (\$)	5.75	..	7.17	18.17	30.00	19.67	29.11	18.79	11.33
St.dev of weekly costs (if positive costs) (\$)	2.99	..	3.37	9.60	..	27.60	43.73	14.21	8.02
<b>WAVE 2 pre-school-aged</b>									
Number of mothers using it	18	13	156	31	31	29	55	68	72
Number with positive reported hours	18	13	155	29	30	28	55	68	72
mean weekly hours (if user)	3.39	3.46	5.63	2.14	2.90	4.57	12.18	11.10	12.31
St.dev of weekly hours (if user)	2.85	2.33	9.61	1.85	2.23	5.94	10.85	9.62	7.75
Number with positive reported costs	2	0	3	5	1	26	48	63	66
mean weekly costs ( <i>all</i> users) (\$)	2.83	..	0.21	2.34	0.50	22.64	16.78	25.51	26.97
mean weekly costs (if positive costs) (\$)	25.50	..	11.00	13.60	15.00	24.38	19.23	27.35	29.42
St.dev of weekly costs (if positive costs) (\$)	31.82	..	7.94	4.72	..	54.89	24.78	27.42	23.22

## Difficulties related to various aspects of child care

The HILDA survey collects various information regarding the difficulty that caregivers have recently experienced in relation to child care. Specifically, it asks how much of a difficulty the following 11 aspects have been (in the last 12 months):

- Finding good quality child care
- Finding the right person to take care of the child
- Getting the hours of care needed
- Finding care for a sick child
- Finding care during school holidays
- The cost of child care
- Juggling multiple child care arrangements
- Finding care for a difficult or special needs child
- Finding a place at the child care centre of choice
- Finding a child care centre in the right location
- Finding care the children are happy with

The respondents answer with a score between 0 (no problem) and 10 (very much a problem). The question is asked to all households with at least one child 14 or under present, and who have responded positively to the question if they used, or thought about using, any of the following forms of child care so (both) could undertake paid work:

- Family day care, long day care, any other care at a child care centre
- Out of hours or vacation care
- Someone paid to come to your home to care for the child
- Someone paid to care for the child at their home
- A friend, relative or neighbour caring for the child for free or for payment in kind

Regarding actually using, or thinking about using, various forms of child care to facilitate paid employment, we know from Table 1 that roughly 45 per cent of the mothers in each wave indicated that the household had indeed done just that in the preceding 12 months.

## Difficulties by labour force status

Table 12 below displays, for the different labour force statuses, the percent of people who reported each of 11 difficulty aspects to be a minor problem (a difficulty score ranging from 0 to 3), a medium problem (a difficulty score ranging from 4 to 6), or a major problem (a difficulty score ranging from 7 to 10). This recoding of the score that ranges from 0 to 10 into three categories distils the key features of the data and allows a single snapshot of the reported difficulties<sup>7</sup>. Households do not respond to every question with a valid score between 0 and 10. This occurs most frequently for households reporting on finding care for a difficult or special needs child, where the respondent often responds with “don’t know”. As a result of the different number of ‘don’t know’ answers for each difficulty aspect, the number of observations for each difficulty aspect differs.

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<sup>7</sup> Tables A7 through A17 (wave 1) and A7b through A17b (wave 2), as well as Tables A18 through A28 (by labour force status) in the appendix provide the full breakdown of the reported difficulty scores for each of the difficulty aspects.

**Table 12: Distribution (in %) of difficulty scores (re-grouped) by labour force status**

	Wave 1					Wave 2				
	Employed FT	Employed PT	Unemp'/ attached	NILF/not attached	Total	Employed FT	Employed PT	Unemp'/ attached	NILF/not attached	Total
<b>Finding good child care</b>	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Low (0-3)	69.2	71.1	53.4	58.2	66.3	69.7	73.7	52.5	61.2	68.6
Medium (4-6)	9.2	13.1	13.0	17.0	12.4	10.8	10.1	16.4	11.1	11.2
High (7-10)	21.6	15.9	33.7	24.9	21.3	19.5	16.2	31.1	27.7	20.2
<i>Number of observations.</i>	263	505	169	86	1,023	258	448	94	72	872
<b>Finding the right person to take care of my child</b>										
Low (0-3)	64.8	70.0	52.0	56.2	64.2	67.1	70.9	42.2	62.8	65.2
Medium (4-6)	10.8	10.7	16.0	17.0	12.3	11.6	10.9	20.4	12.6	12.5
High (7-10)	24.5	19.2	32.0	26.8	23.5	21.3	18.3	37.4	24.6	22.3
<i>Number of observations</i>	269	512	166	89	1,036	258	453	100	73	884
<b>Getting care of the hours you need</b>										
Low (0-3)	62.0	68.0	55.8	53.9	63.0	60.2	68.6	47.7	54.3	62.0
Medium (4-6)	11.3	14.8	18.3	16.0	14.6	15.0	13.2	23.8	24.1	16.2
High (7-10)	26.8	17.2	25.8	30.0	22.4	24.8	18.2	28.5	21.6	21.8
<i>Number of observations</i>	275	513	168	89	1,045	263	466	101	73	903
<b>Getting care for a sick child</b>										
Low (0-3)	47.2	53.4	49.4	51.3	50.9	47.1	51.4	49.3	58.5	50.4
Medium (4-6)	14.3	12.6	9.7	13.3	12.6	14.1	13.0	6.0	15.7	12.7
High (7-10)	38.5	34.1	40.9	35.4	36.5	38.9	35.6	44.8	25.9	36.9
<i>Number of observations</i>	257	489	148	73	967	239	393	80	60	772
<b>Finding care during school holidays</b>										
Low (0-3)	68.8	69.8	69.7	74.1	69.9	66.0	64.5	58.4	79.5	65.4
Medium (4-6)	14.8	12.1	10.2	9.2	12.3	15.0	15.8	12.0	15.2	15.1
High (7-10)	16.4	18.1	20.1	16.7	17.9	19.0	19.8	29.7	5.3	19.5
<i>Number of observations</i>	244	457	134	69	904	243	376	69	48	736
<b>The cost of child care</b>										
Low (0-3)	50.3	55.1	46.4	54.5	52.3	50.0	54.2	38.0	56.5	51.0
Medium (4-6)	22.2	23.1	21.0	17.8	22.0	21.3	21.8	25.6	13.1	21.4
High (7-10)	27.5	21.8	32.6	27.7	25.7	28.7	24.0	36.4	30.4	27.6
<i>Number of observations</i>	266	499	158	86	1,009	259	442	97	68	866
<b>Juggling multiple child care arrangements</b>										
Low (0-3)	67.1	67.3	59.3	62.8	65.5	63.0	65.6	41.7	67.5	62.1
Medium (4-6)	14.9	15.2	14.8	12.9	14.8	18.1	16.2	25.4	12.0	17.5
High (7-10)	18.1	17.6	26.0	24.3	19.7	18.9	18.2	32.8	20.5	20.5
<i>Number of observations.</i>	216	425	129	67	837	190	346	72	54	662
<b>Finding care for a special needs child</b>										
Low (0-3)	91.2	87.9	76.0	79.0	85.4	80.8	72.7	59.4	87.5	74.6
Medium (4-6)	1.4	3.9	7.9	2.1	3.9	0.0	5.2	4.1	0.0	2.8
High (7-10)	7.5	8.2	16.1	18.9	10.7	19.2	22.1	36.5	12.6	22.5
<i>Number of observations.</i>	121	249	91	50	511	64	94	26	19	203
<b>Finding a place at the child care centre of your choice</b>										
Low (0-3)	68.1	71.7	54.2	57.5	66.1	70.0	68.1	51.7	64.6	66.0
Medium (4-6)	8.0	11.2	11.4	12.5	10.5	9.9	8.9	9.1	6.7	9.0
High (7-10)	24.0	17.2	34.4	30.1	23.4	20.2	23.0	39.2	28.7	25.1
<i>Number of observations</i>	221	433	154	77	885	203	350	83	60	696
<b>Finding a child care centre in the right location</b>										
Low (0-3)	73.8	76.3	66.7	60.1	72.3	73.7	73.5	55.7	70.2	70.7
Medium (4-6)	5.6	6.9	11.6	16.7	8.4	11.0	8.5	11.3	9.0	9.7
High (7-10)	20.6	16.8	21.7	23.3	19.3	15.3	18.0	33.0	20.8	19.7
<i>Number of observations</i>	226	445	156	82	909	209	361	88	62	720
<b>Finding care my child(ren) is/are happy with</b>										
Low (0-3)	70.9	77.5	61.8	65.3	72.0	72.0	75.1	55.4	75.6	71.5
Medium (4-6)	15.0	11.1	17.2	19.8	14.0	15.3	11.2	21.2	6.5	13.3
High (7-10)	14.1	11.3	21.0	14.9	14.1	12.8	13.7	23.4	17.9	15.2
<i>Number of observations</i>	259	503	163	85	1,010	255	440	98	67	860

When looking at the overall score card for each of the different difficulty aspects –the columns for the total in Table 12- we see that even for the two aspects with the lowest fraction reporting no or low levels of difficulties this still represents a majority of responses. These two aspects, finding care for a sick child and the costs of child care, not only have the lowest fraction of reporting no difficulty, they also have the highest fraction of reporting a difficulty score of 7 or higher on a scale from 0 to 10. Getting care for a sick child tops the scale with 36 per cent reporting it to be a severe difficulty. About 25 per cent of mothers report the costs of child care to be an aspect that ranks as a severe difficulty.

On the upswing, finding a child care centre in the right location and finding a child care place that the child is happy with is reported in over 70 per cent of cases not to be a problem.

By breaking the difficulty score from 0 to 10 in three subgroups, we are also able to see which difficulties experience a stark divide, or polarization. This sheds a different light on the difficulty in finding care in the right location where over 70 per cent reports no difficulties, but at the same time about 20 per cent reports severe difficulties. In general, for all the different difficulty aspects, we find that the group reporting moderate levels of difficulties is always the smallest group<sup>8</sup>.

The one aspect where this is most striking is the care for a difficult or special needs child. While 85 per cent of the responses indicate there is no problem, about 10 per cent reports it to be a severe problem in wave 1, and as much as 20 per cent in wave 2. However, in our opinion the response to this question related to finding care for a difficult or special needs child should be interpreted with considerable caution as a large number of these household do not report to have a child with a permanent condition that could warrant a non-standard child care arrangement. This seems to be a lesser concern in wave 2 where more respondents answer with ‘don’t know’.

When further splitting the results by the labour force status of the mother the above patterns still hold, except for obvious cases such as the reported difficulty for care during school holidays by stay-at home mothers (i.e. mothers who are ‘not in the labour force’ or NILF). Perhaps the most interesting finding from splitting the response by the labour force status of the mother is that, consistently, mothers who are currently unemployed report the highest levels of severe difficulties (a score of 7 or up) and the lowest levels of no difficulties (a score of 3 or below). This can simply be the result of a process where mothers who don’t have difficulties are the ones that already have found a solution to their child care and work balance. In contrast, the unemployed mothers, who have not yet found a satisfactory solution, are facing more difficulties and report a higher score. It can also be the result of a type of ‘justification’ bias where unemployed mothers report difficulties with child care to be more severe as a subconscious justification for not yet having found a job. Finally, it could also simply be the case that difficulties with respect to child care is more severe for women with particular characteristics which happen to be concentrated in the pool of the unemployed. However, the fact remains that the raw numbers indicate that it is the mothers who are unemployed who are facing the highest level of difficulties.

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<sup>8</sup> Technically this could also be due to the fact that ‘low’ and ‘high’ represent 4 difficulty score levels each, whereas the ‘medium’ group only represents 3 difficulty score levels. However, in most cases this can not be what is driving the relative polarized perceived difficulties.

## Difficulties by personal characteristics

To better understand the role personal characteristics play with respect to reported difficulties we split the responses by the age of the youngest child, by the number of dependent children, by the region of residence and by family status. Family status here just indicates if the mother is a lone parent or in a couple relationship (either married or defacto). The results are presented in Tables 13 and 14.

When it comes to **finding good quality care** (Table 13), we see that families with younger children encounter the most difficulties. Households with only one child do too, but this may also reflect more demanding households with higher expectations for their (single) child. It may also reflect that single child families are still building their families and having only one child then disproportionately captures families with (very) young children, for which we also find they report more difficulties. Although we have very few observations for households in remote areas, they report above average difficulties in finding good quality care.

**Finding the right person** (table 13) to take care of the child is again an issue for mothers with very young children. The fraction reporting a high level of difficulty is about one and a half as high when the youngest child is between the ages of 0 and 2, than when the youngest child is 10 or older. Families not living in a major city and families with 2 children, tend to report the lowest levels of difficulty in finding the right person to take care of their child.

When it comes to **getting the hours you need** (table 13), this is clearly a problem for mothers with infants (up to one year) and toddlers (aged between 3 and 4). It is also a problem in remote areas and major cities. Again, families with two dependent children report the lowest relative level of difficulties.

Some difficulties appear to be school related. For instance **finding care for a sick child** (table 13) is a problem for households with children between 5 and 14. When it comes to the level of remoteness, finding care for a sick child appears to be a big city issue.

The **costs** (table 13) are rated a problem more often for families with younger children. The reported level of difficulty with respect to costs is very similar for families with different number of children, but highest for families with three or more children. When looking at the level of remoteness, it stands out that costs are particularly an issue in the major cities.

**Table 13 Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered by selected family characteristics: Wave 1&2 averaged**

	Age of youngest child				No. of dependent children			Region of residence			Relationship		
	0 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	1	2	3+	Major city	Inner region	Outer region	Single	Partnered	All
<b>Finding good quality child care</b>													
Low (0-3)	60.4	71.7	70.6	74.1	63.3	70.6	68.7	66.6	69.1	67.5	63.2	69.6	67.4
Medium (4-6)	13.6	9.7	12.7	8.1	12.4	11.1	12.2	12.1	12.8	7.8	12.7	11.4	11.8
High (7-10)	26.0	18.6	16.7	17.8	24.3	18.2	19.2	21.3	18.1	24.7	24.2	19.1	20.8
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>340</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>298</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>335</i>	<i>404</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>540</i>	<i>292</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>310</i>	<i>644</i>	<i>954</i>
<b>Finding the right person to take care of my child</b>													
Low (0-3)	58.5	69.8	66.7	70.5	62.8	67.8	62.3	62.7	68.3	66.8	59.2	67.5	64.7
Medium (4-6)	12.7	10.7	14.2	10.2	10.1	13.4	14.7	13.3	11.5	9.7	12.2	12.5	12.4
High (7-10)	28.9	19.5	19.2	19.3	27.1	18.9	23.0	24.1	20.3	23.5	28.7	20.1	22.9
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>303</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>341</i>	<i>411</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>547</i>	<i>297</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>313</i>	<i>654</i>	<i>966</i>
<b>Getting care of the hours you need</b>													
Low (0-3)	57.0	64.5	65.8	68.2	60.1	65.9	60.5	60.5	66.2	64.8	57.7	64.9	62.5
Medium (4-6)	16.8	14.7	15.1	12.9	15.3	15.9	14.7	17.1	13.1	11.7	15.6	15.3	15.4
High (7-10)	26.2	20.8	19.1	18.9	24.6	18.3	24.8	22.5	20.7	23.6	26.7	19.8	22.1
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>349</i>	<i>190</i>	<i>307</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>345</i>	<i>416</i>	<i>219</i>	<i>554</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>315</i>	<i>665</i>	<i>979</i>
<b>Getting care for a sick child</b>													
Low (0-3)	54.5	52.9	45.3	49.2	49.2	52.9	49.0	48.9	54.3	51.3	44.4	53.8	50.7
Medium (4-6)	11.2	11.4	14.5	14.4	13.5	14.0	8.8	13.2	11.5	12.4	11.7	13.2	12.7
High (7-10)	34.3	35.8	40.2	36.4	37.4	33.1	42.3	37.8	34.2	36.3	43.9	33.0	36.7
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>298</i>	<i>168</i>	<i>285</i>	<i>119</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>384</i>	<i>196</i>	<i>499</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>286</i>	<i>596</i>	<i>880</i>
<b>Finding care during school holidays</b>													
Low (0-3)	71.9	73.8	61.5	65.8	72.1	67.8	61.3	67.6	67.9	68.3	63.5	69.9	67.8
Medium (4-6)	10.8	10.6	16.6	16.2	12.8	14.7	12.8	12.7	15.3	14.1	14.4	13.2	13.6
High (7-10)	17.3	15.6	21.9	18.0	15.1	17.5	25.9	19.7	16.8	17.6	22.0	16.9	18.7
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>233</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>131</i>	<i>265</i>	<i>366</i>	<i>198</i>	<i>467</i>	<i>256</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>558</i>	<i>829</i>
<b>The cost of child care</b>													
Low (0-3)	45.5	49.7	55.8	63.9	52.7	51.4	50.3	47.6	57.2	60.7	50.8	52.1	51.6
Medium (4-6)	24.4	24.9	17.7	17.3	22.1	21.3	21.6	23.8	20.2	13.4	21.0	22.0	21.7
High (7-10)	30.0	25.4	26.6	18.8	25.2	27.3	28.2	28.6	22.7	25.8	28.2	25.9	26.7
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>333</i>	<i>191</i>	<i>294</i>	<i>121</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>404</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>539</i>	<i>286</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>304</i>	<i>639</i>	<i>943</i>

**Juggling different child care arrangements** (table 14, below) is, not surprisingly, rated more often a difficulty by families with 3 or more children. It is relatively less of a problem in outer regional areas and most often cited a problem for families where the youngest child is under 10.

**Finding care for a difficult or special needs child** (table 14, below) is most often a problem in outer regional areas and in families with 3 or more children. As mentioned before, it should be noted that a relatively small fraction of people do answer this question and many respond with “don’t know”. Of those that do respond, many respond that there is no problem at all while a quick cross check revealed that there where no children with a long term disability of special need in those households. It is therefore wise to interpret this category with caution.

For both **finding care in the centre of choice** and **finding a child care centre in the right location** (table 14) we observe that the younger the youngest child in the household, the more of a problem these two aspects are. Families with 2 children report these to be a problem least often.

**Finding care the child is happy with** (table 14) with seems to be unrelated to any of the cross tabulated categories of age of the youngest child, level of remoteness or the number of children. On average about 30 per cent of the respondents rate this as a problem.

Table 14 Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered by selected family characteristics: Wave 1&2 averaged

	Age of youngest child				No. of dependent children			Region of residence			Relationship status		All
	0 to 2	3 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	1	2	3+	major city	inner region	outer region	Single	Partnered	
	<b>Juggling multiple child care arrangements</b>												
Low (0-3)	63.0	62.4	62.5	72.7	71.0	65.3	52.6	62.9	63.9	69.2	58.5	66.6	63.9
Medium (4-6)	15.0	16.8	17.7	13.9	14.5	15.7	18.7	16.1	17.2	13.2	15.5	16.4	16.1
High (7-10)	22.1	20.8	19.8	13.4	14.5	19.0	28.8	21.0	18.9	17.6	26.0	17.1	20.1
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>253</i>	<i>158</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>93</i>	<i>210</i>	<i>362</i>	<i>192</i>	<i>439</i>	<i>226</i>	<i>96</i>	<i>241</i>	<i>519</i>	<i>760</i>
<b>Finding care for a special needs child</b>													
Low (0-3)	85.6	85.7	76.1	83.0	84.9	85.1	71.9	83.2	81.0	78.9	73.8	87.6	82.1
Medium (4-6)	2.6	3.0	5.1	2.9	3.4	4.1	2.8	4.1	3.4	1.4	4.1	3.2	3.6
High (7-10)	11.8	11.3	18.9	14.1	11.7	10.8	25.3	12.6	15.6	19.8	22.1	9.2	14.4
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>138</i>	<i>113</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>255</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>271</i>	<i>423</i>
<b>Finding a place at the child care centre of your choice</b>													
Low (0-3)	55.7	65.8	77.4	75.9	62.8	69.6	65.3	64.8	67.4	70.2	64.2	67.0	66.0
Medium (4-6)	10.5	11.1	8.3	8.5	8.8	10.7	10.0	9.9	11.5	5.1	12.4	8.5	9.8
High (7-10)	33.8	23.1	14.4	15.6	28.4	19.7	24.8	25.4	21.1	24.7	23.4	24.6	24.2
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>172</i>	<i>234</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>287</i>	<i>335</i>	<i>180</i>	<i>465</i>	<i>239</i>	<i>98</i>	<i>268</i>	<i>535</i>	<i>802</i>
<b>Finding a child care centre in the right location</b>													
Low (0-3)	63.8	72.4	79.3	78.6	68.6	76.3	68.0	70.9	71.8	74.5	70.9	71.8	71.5
Medium (4-6)	9.0	10.7	8.4	6.9	8.4	9.7	8.9	9.0	10.8	4.6	10.4	8.3	9.0
High (7-10)	27.2	16.9	12.3	14.5	23.0	14.0	23.1	20.2	17.4	20.9	18.7	19.9	19.5
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>311</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>341</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>477</i>	<i>246</i>	<i>102</i>	<i>275</i>	<i>551</i>	<i>90</i>
<b>Finding care my child(ren) is/are happy with</b>													
Low (0-3)	71.4	75.4	71.0	68.5	71.5	73.8	68.3	70.6	75.7	68.3	66.5	74.3	71.7
Medium (4-6)	14.9	13.0	12.7	13.4	11.8	13.8	16.6	14.9	11.4	12.3	14.8	13.1	13.7
High (7-10)	13.8	11.7	16.3	18.0	16.7	12.4	15.1	14.6	12.8	19.4	18.7	12.6	14.6
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>331</i>	<i>186</i>	<i>296</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>324</i>	<i>403</i>	<i>215</i>	<i>531</i>	<i>290</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>301</i>	<i>641</i>	<i>941</i>

## Trends in difficulties

The findings for wave 2 are broadly consistent with the results from wave 1 and hence tables 13 and 14 were the averages of both waves. To get an insight in the trend we compare wave 1 and 2 by the fraction in which various aspects are reported to be a problem (as measured by a difficulty score of 5 or higher). We see that 5 aspects have “improved” and the remaining 6 aspects are all reported to be a problem more often in wave 2. It should be bore in mind that the number of ‘don’t know’ responses to the question related to the level of difficulty in finding care for a difficult or special needs child differed substantially between waves, as previously noted. This also affected the ‘trend’. When discussing Table 15 it will be clearer what forces drive the trends.

**Table 14a: Percent of households giving a difficulty rating of 5 and up in wave 1 and 2 for various difficulty aspects.**

	WAVE 1	WAVE 2
	(%)	(%)
Finding good quality child care	31.1	28.7
Finding the right person	33.0	30.1
Finding care my child(ren) is/are happy with	26.1	25.7
Finding a place at child care centre of choice	31.3	31.8
Juggling multiple child care arrangements	32.0	33.1
Finding care for a difficult/special needs child	13.9	25.1
Getting care for the hours you need	32.7	33.8
Getting care for a sick child	46.9	46.2
Finding care during school holidays	27.5	31.3
Finding a centre in the right location	25.9	26.6
The cost of child care	43.7	42.9

This snapshot of the trend in Table 14a does not take into account the longitudinal aspect of the HILDA data. Since we have two waves we can compare reported levels of difficulties in the two consecutive waves.

We are able to match about 2,000 mothers with at least one child 14 or under across both waves. For these mothers, we can then investigate the trends in difficulty scores<sup>9</sup>. Because the score values range between 0 (no problem at all) and 10 (very much a problem) we summarize the info in a table where we report the number of mothers reporting a higher score, a lower score, and the same score in wave 2 as they do in wave 1. Because changes in personal circumstances (e.g. children entering or leaving the household or the household moving to a different neighbourhood) may have an effect on the reported level of difficulty, we restrict the sample to mothers that have the same number of dependent children across waves and who have also the same level of remoteness across waves. For observations for which we have a reported score in both waves, we compute the mean increase or decrease expressed in difficulty points (i.e. a number that has to lie between 1 and 10).

<sup>9</sup> We do a full analysis in a series of simple matrices where the rows represent the difficulty score reported in wave 1 and the columns represent the difficulty score reported in wave 2 (Appendix Tables A29 – A60 for separate subgroups, with a summary in tables A61-A64). Here we limit ourselves to a condensed description of the findings.



**Table 15 Trends in difficulty for various aspects of child care.**

	Number of observations	Mean change in difficulty	Number of observations	Mean change in difficulty
	<b>finding good quality</b>		<b>Juggling multiple CC</b>	
No information in wave 1 and 2	730		847	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	163		164	
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	214		252	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	177	3.3	131	3.6
Valid scores in both waves, identical	178		124	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	188	3.7	132	3.8
Total	1650		1650	
	<b>finding right person</b>		<b>Special needs CC</b>	
No information in wave 1 and 2	713		1181	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	171		81	
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	222		303	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	166	3.5	12	3.6
Valid scores in both waves, identical	191		62	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	187	3.7	11	2.8
Total	1650		1650	
	<b>Getting hours needed</b>		<b>Centre of choice</b>	
No information in wave 1 and 2	708		846	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	169		155	
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	211		248	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	179	3.8	112	4.0
Valid scores in both waves, identical	185		166	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	198	3.8	123	4.4
Total	1650		1650	
	<b>Care for sick child</b>		<b>CC in right location</b>	
No information in wave 1 and 2	763		820	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	173		159	
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	248		253	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	181	4.0	115	3.5
Valid scores in both waves, identical	138		167	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	147	4.2	136	3.9
Total	1650		1650	
	<b>Care during holidays</b>		<b>Centre that child likes</b>	
No information in wave 1 and 2	784		724	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	179		177	
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	241		224	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	139	4.0	164	3.6
Valid scores in both waves, identical	190		210	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	117	3.8	151	3.4
Total	1650		1650	
	<b>Costs of child care</b>			
No information in wave 1 and 2	734			
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	168			
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	214			
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	195	3.6		
Valid scores in both waves, identical	151			
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	188	3.7		
Total	1650			

When comparing waves 1 and 2, the fraction of households reporting various aspects to be a problem was fairly constant (Table 14a). Five aspects showed an improvement, but six aspects showed an increase in the fraction of people reporting it to be a problem. The one aspect for which this was most striking was care for a difficult or special needs child. Table 15 gives a deeper understanding of the reason why.

When looking at the number of households for which we observe a valid difficulty score in only one of two waves, we see that in almost all cases these are balanced out, meaning approximately equal numbers have a score in wave 1 but not 2, and vice versa. This is not the case for the score related to difficulty in finding care for a difficult or special needs child. For this particular aspect we have many more reported scores in wave 1 than we do in wave 2. When looking at only those households for which we have a reported score in both waves, we see that the overwhelming majority does not change their difficulty rating. The observed difference between waves 1 and 2 related to difficulty in finding care for a difficult or special needs child thus seems to be caused by a compositional effect, rather than an underlying structural effect.

We further observe that in general there is substantial amount of churning, as measured by the number of households moving up or down a score, and the mean value of this move expressed in difficulty points. From the direct wave 1 and 2 comparison we already knew that in aggregate the reported levels of difficulty we very similar, but with Table 15 we now know that underneath that apparent inertia there is quite some movement. We see that approximately equal numbers of households report a higher score in wave 2 as there are households reporting a lower score in wave 2. Furthermore, the mean change in the reported difficulty score is the same for households reporting a higher score as it is for households reporting a lower score<sup>10</sup>. These two facts together then imply that the overall levels of difficulty, such as displayed in Table 14a, are relatively constant over time.

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<sup>10</sup> From the analysis in the appendix, tables A61-A64, we can see that the only exceptions are those households in outer regions when it comes to difficulty in finding the right person and getting the hours needed, where people report bigger average increases in difficulty than average decreases in difficulty. The same holds true for households with 3 or more children for finding the right person and the costs of child care, and for households in inner regions or with one child when it comes to finding a place in the centre of choice.

<sup>12</sup> There are 11 different difficulty aspects related to child care. Due to a large number of 'don't know' responses to the question regarding difficulty finding care for a difficult or special needs child this aspect has been omitted from the economic modelling following. Because it is important to maintain a direct relationship between the statistical overview and the economic modelling we have omitted this one difficulty aspect here as well.

## Inter-connectivity of different problem areas, the role of attitudes, and the strain of balancing work and family

In summary, we find mothers who are unemployed on average reported the highest levels of difficulty across almost every aspect of child care. Furthermore, employed mothers who work part-time reported lower difficulty scores than full-time employed mothers. Lone parents, on average, reported greater difficulties than coupled mothers. This section will explore the relationship between the difficulties encountered and various aspects of the balance between work and family.

The HILDA survey asks respondents in work about their experience in balancing work and family. We have classified the various questions into four broad categories: work-family gains, work-family strains, work-parenting gains and work-parenting strains. The table below specifies the questions in each of the four groups. Respondents are asked to rate the level of agreement where a higher score means they agree more.

Work-family strains and gains (score 1-7 ; 1 strongly disagree, 7 strongly agree)	
<b>Work family gains</b>	Having both work and family responsibilities makes me a more well-rounded person
	Having both work and family responsibilities gives my life more variety
	Managing work and family responsibilities well makes me feel competent
<b>Work family strains</b>	Because of my family responsibilities, I have to turn down work activities or opportunities
	Because of family responsibilities, the time I spend working is less enjoyable
	Because of the requirements of my job, I miss out on home or family activities that I would prefer to participate in
	Because of the requirements of my job, family time is less enjoyable and more pressured
<b>Work parenting gains</b>	Work has a positive effect on my children
	Working helps me to better appreciate the time I spend with my children
	The fact that I am working makes me a better parent
<b>Work parenting strains</b>	I worry about what goes on with my children while I am at work
	Working leaves me with too little time or energy to be the kind of parent I want to be
	Working causes me to miss out on some of the rewarding aspects of being a parent

For each of the four main groups we compute the average over each of the scores for the subgroups. This then gives us a score for each of the four main gains/strains categories. A low score implies disagreement with the statements, a high score implies agreement. Work-family gain can be interpreted loosely as ‘combining work and family has benefits’. Work-family strain can be interpreted as ‘combining work and family makes me miss out’. Similar for parenting, the work-parenting gain can be loosely interpreted as ‘work is good for me and my family’ and the work-parenting strain can be loosely interpreted as ‘work makes me miss out as a parent’.

### Difficulties and work-family gains and strains

Table 16 cross tabulates for each of the three re-grouped difficulty levels (i.e. low, medium and high) the average work-family and work-parenting gains and strains. We split the results for each of the different difficulty aspects. Because the questions related to the experiences of balancing work and family (i.e. the gains and strains) are only asked to respondents in work, the results apply only to those mothers in work.

**Table 16: Mean scores of work-family/parenting gains and strains by level of difficulty**  
(larger values mean respondent agrees more there are gains/strains)

	Wave 1				Wave 2			
	Work Family gain	Work Family strain	Work parenting gain	Work Parenting strain	Work Family gain	Work family strain	Work parenting gain	Work Parenting strain
<b>Finding good quality child care</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.7	4.5	3.8	5.3	3.8	4.5	3.9
Medium (4-6)	5.1	3.9	4.4	4.1	5.0	3.9	4.3	4.3
High (7-10)	5.4	4.1	4.6	4.7	5.1	3.9	4.6	4.3
<b>Finding the right person to take care of the child</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.7	4.5	3.8	5.3	3.8	4.5	3.9
Medium (4-6)	5.4	4.0	4.5	4.2	5.2	3.9	4.5	4.1
High (7-10)	5.4	4.1	4.7	4.5	5.0	3.9	4.5	4.4
<b>Getting the hours of care needed</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.7	4.5	3.8	5.3	3.8	4.5	3.9
Medium (4-6)	5.2	4.1	4.4	4.1	5.0	3.7	4.3	3.9
High (7-10)	5.5	4.1	4.8	4.3	5.1	4.0	4.5	4.2
<b>Finding care for a sick child</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.6	4.5	3.6	5.3	3.6	4.6	3.8
Medium (4-6)	5.4	3.9	4.6	4.0	5.1	3.9	4.6	3.9
High (7-10)	5.4	4.1	4.5	4.4	5.1	4.0	4.4	4.4
<b>Finding care during school holidays</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.7	4.5	3.8	5.3	3.8	4.5	3.9
Medium (4-6)	5.3	4.0	4.5	4.5	5.2	4.0	4.5	4.4
High (7-10)	5.5	4.2	4.5	4.5	5.0	3.9	4.2	4.4
<b>The cost of child care</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.4	3.7	4.6	3.7	5.3	3.7	4.6	3.7
Medium (4-6)	5.3	3.8	4.7	3.9	5.2	3.9	4.5	4.0
High (7-10)	5.3	4.0	4.4	4.6	5.0	4.0	4.2	4.6
<b>Juggling multiple child care arrangements</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.7	4.5	3.8	5.3	3.7	4.5	3.9
Medium (4-6)	5.3	4.0	4.6	4.1	5.2	4.2	4.7	4.2
High (7-10)	5.4	4.0	4.7	4.4	5.1	3.9	4.4	4.3
<b>Finding care for a special needs child</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.7	4.4	3.8	5.2	3.8	4.5	4.1
Medium (4-6)	5.2	4.0	4.3	4.1	5.0	3.7	4.4	4.0
High (7-10)	5.5	3.9	4.7	4.4	5.0	4.2	4.5	4.5
<b>Finding a place at the child care centre of choice</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.8	4.5	3.8	5.3	3.8	4.5	3.9
Medium (4-6)	5.1	3.7	4.3	4.2	5.0	3.8	4.4	4.4
High (7-10)	5.4	4.0	4.7	4.5	5.2	3.9	4.4	4.1
<b>Finding a child care centre in the right location</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.7	4.5	3.8	5.3	3.8	4.5	4.0
Medium (4-6)	5.2	3.9	4.5	4.3	5.2	3.7	4.4	4.1
High (7-10)	5.5	4.1	4.6	4.5	5.1	3.7	4.5	4.1
<b>Finding care the children are happy with</b>								
Low (0-3)	5.3	3.7	4.6	3.7	5.3	3.7	4.5	3.9
Medium (4-6)	5.2	4.1	4.2	4.6	5.2	4.0	4.6	4.3
High (7-10)	5.4	4.1	4.5	4.7	4.9	4.0	4.4	4.5

Across all levels of difficulty and across all aspects of child care, the gains clearly outstrip the strains. By that we mean that the average score for the gains are higher than the scores for the strains, thus respondents agree more strongly there are gains from work than they agree that there are strains from work.

As it turns out, those who report the highest levels of difficulty for each of the various aspects of child care, also agree most with the work-family and work-parenting strains, i.e. loosely speaking that work makes them miss out as a person and as a parent. This can imply that those who face the highest levels of difficulty are the ones that are having the most difficulty in combining work and family. As a result of a not so smooth or satisfying solution to their work and family nexus -keeping in mind that all those in Table 16 are indeed in work- then also implies they feel they are missing out or not being the parent they want to be. Alternatively, it can also mean that those who report higher levels of difficulty are having a less positive outlook on life in general and hence also agree more strongly with negatively phrased statements. However, if the latter was indeed the case one would also expect that those who report high levels of difficulty also disagree more strongly to positively phrased statements. Evidence for that is much weaker.

While there is a clear pattern or link between higher levels of difficulty and stronger agreement with statements that indicate combining family and work, and parenting and work poses strains, we do not find such a relationship for the gains of combining work, family and parenting. Across the different levels of difficulty (low, medium, and high) agreement with statement indicating that combining work, family and parenting has gains is almost identical. There is much more variation in agreeing there are strains than there is in agreeing there are gains.

## **Difficulties and social attitudes**

In Table 17 we look at the role of social values and attitudes towards work and family in relation to the level of difficulty encountered. This time we classify a difficulty score of 5 and up as 'substantial' and a score below 5 as 'no problem', rather than having three levels of difficulty. The questions about attitudes and values are asked to all respondents (in a self completion part of the survey) regardless of their employment status. We thus have a wider sample than in Table 16. Each statement, as appears in the column headings of Table 17, is rated by a score where 1 indicates strong disagreement with the statement and 7 implies strong agreement with the statement. The first line of scores (the shaded row) reports the mean scores for each of the value/attitude statements for those who answered 'no' to the question if they used or thought about using child care. For those who answered 'yes' to the question if they used or thought about using child care we report the mean agreement scores for those who reported an aspect to be a substantial problem, and for those who reported this aspect not to be a problem. Thus, for each of the different difficulty aspects we separate the response to the value/attitude statement for those who report a problem with this aspect, and those who don't. This will then give us an insight if there is any relation between values/attitudes and reported levels of difficulties.

The most interesting finding from Table 17 is that there is surprisingly little variation in agreement scores when split according to those reporting a particular difficulty aspect a substantial problem or not. The only real variation comes from comparing the first shaded line of the table with the rest. The first line contains the average agreement scores for each of the attitude/value statements for those who did not answer the difficulty questions. These difficulty questions were only asked to those who had either used child care or thought about using child care in the past 12 months so (both) caregivers could undertake (paid) work. Those who answered 'no' tend to be more socially conservative, as most strongly displayed when looking at the statements 'mothers who don't need the money shouldn't work' and 'it is better if the man works and the woman cares (for the home and the children)'. The statements that emphasize equality or praise the role of parents are the ones that meet the highest approval ratings. Extreme positions of gender segmentations and placing children under 3 in all day care 5 days a week meet the strongest level of rejection.

**Table 17: Mean score of agreement (1=strongly disagree, 7=strongly agree) with statements regarding social attitudes by level of difficulty**

	In order to be happy in life it is important to have a paying job	I would enjoy having a job even if I did not need the money	Many working mothers seem to care more about being successful at work than meeting the needs of their children	Many working fathers seem to care more about being successful at work than meeting the needs of their children	If both partners in a couple work, they should share equally in the housework and care of children	Whatever career a woman may have, her most important role in life is still that of being a mother	Whatever career a man may have, his most important role in life is still that of being a father	Mothers who don't really need money shouldn't work	Children do just as well with if the mother earns the money and the father cares for the home and children	It is much better for everyone involved if the man earns the money and the woman cares for the home and children	As long as the care is good, under 3s can be placed in all day care 5 days/week	Working mothers can establish as good a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work for pay	Working fathers can establish as good a relationship with his children as a mother who does not work for pay	A father should be as heavily involved in the care of his children as the mother
<i>Answered 'NO' to the question if they used or thought about using care so (both) caregivers could undertake paid work</i>														
<i>"Not using care"</i>	4.6	4.5	3.7	4.0	6.3	6.2	6.0	3.9	5.1	3.8	2.8	4.1	4.5	5.8
<i>Answered 'YES' to the question if they used or thought about using care so (both) caregivers could undertake paid work</i>														
<b>Finding good quality child care</b>														
No problem	4.7	4.8	3.0	3.9	6.4	5.9	5.8	3.2	5.6	2.9	3.3	4.9	5.0	6.0
Substantial	4.9	4.9	3.0	4.0	6.3	5.9	5.6	3.1	5.4	2.9	3.1	4.6	4.8	5.8
<b>Finding the right person to take care of the child</b>														
No problem	4.7	4.7	3.0	3.8	6.3	5.9	5.7	3.2	5.6	2.9	3.2	4.8	4.9	6.0
Substantial	4.8	5.0	2.9	4.0	6.4	5.9	5.7	3.1	5.4	3.0	3.2	4.7	4.8	5.8
<b>Getting the hours of care needed</b>														
No problem	4.7	4.7	3.0	3.8	6.3	5.9	5.8	3.2	5.6	3.0	3.3	4.8	4.9	5.9
Substantial	4.8	4.9	3.0	4.0	6.4	5.8	5.7	3.2	5.5	2.8	3.1	4.7	4.8	5.9
<b>Finding care for a sick child</b>														
No problem	4.6	4.7	3.1	3.8	6.4	5.9	5.8	3.3	5.6	3.1	3.2	4.8	4.9	6.0
Substantial	4.8	4.8	2.9	4.1	6.4	5.8	5.6	3.0	5.5	2.8	3.3	4.8	4.9	5.9
<b>Finding care during school holidays</b>														
No problem	4.7	4.7	3.0	3.8	6.3	5.9	5.7	3.2	5.6	3.0	3.2	4.8	4.8	5.9
Substantial	4.9	4.9	3.0	4.4	6.3	5.9	5.7	3.1	5.5	3.0	3.4	4.8	5.0	5.9
<b>The cost of child care</b>														
No problem	4.7	4.7	3.1	4.0	6.3	5.8	5.7	3.2	5.6	3.0	3.1	4.8	4.8	6.0
Substantial	4.8	4.8	2.9	3.9	6.4	5.9	5.7	3.2	5.5	2.9	3.3	4.8	4.9	5.9
<b>Juggling multiple child care arrangements</b>														
No problem	4.7	4.7	3.0	3.9	6.4	5.9	5.7	3.2	5.5	2.9	3.2	4.8	4.9	5.9
Substantial	4.8	4.9	2.8	4.0	6.3	5.8	5.7	3.0	5.5	2.8	3.2	4.8	4.9	5.8
<b>Finding a place at the child care centre of choice</b>														
No problem	4.7	4.8	3.0	4.0	6.4	5.9	5.7	3.2	5.5	2.9	3.3	4.9	4.9	5.9
Substantial	4.8	4.8	3.0	3.9	6.3	5.8	5.7	3.1	5.6	3.1	3.1	4.6	4.7	5.9
<b>Finding a child care centre in the right location</b>														
No problem	4.7	4.8	3.0	4.0	6.4	5.9	5.7	3.2	5.6	3.0	3.3	4.8	4.9	5.9
Substantial	4.9	4.8	2.9	3.9	6.4	5.9	5.8	3.1	5.5	2.9	3.0	4.7	4.8	5.8
<b>Finding care the children are happy with</b>														
No problem	4.7	4.8	3.0	3.8	6.3	5.9	5.8	3.2	5.6	2.9	3.3	4.9	5.0	6.0
Substantial	4.9	4.8	2.9	4.1	6.4	5.8	5.6	3.3	5.4	3.1	3.0	4.4	4.6	5.8

## **Child care use, labour force status and social attitudes**

Next we look at the relationship between attitudes and values and the use of child care (Table 18). Since we only observe child care usage for households in which (both) caregivers work it is important to see if there are large differences between attitudes and values in all-work households versus households that have one or both caregivers not employed. Again we see that in all-work households the socially conservative attitude and value statements (e.g. mother shouldn't work if there is no financial need) have a lower level of agreement, and on average the all-work households differ, on a scale from 1 to 7, about 0.5 points in their averaged response from households in where not all caregivers work. Only on the statement that many fathers seem to care more about being successful than meeting the needs of their children do the two groups agree.

When further split by the actual use of child care we see that the disagreement with socially conservative statements is even stronger when using a form of formal child care. Child care here is grouped into three broad categories, being formal care, informal care and family care. Formal care contains forms of care such as out of hours care at the child's school or elsewhere, a paid sitter or nanny, family or community day care, or a private/workplace long day care centre. Informal care consists of care by a relative or neighbour in either their home or the home of the child. Finally, family care is care by a relative, either living in the household or somewhere else, or care by the child's sibling(s).

When comparing the three broad types of care we see that the attitudes do differ between those who use it and those who don't, but much less for informal and family care than is the case for formal care. Of course this is perfectly consistent with a world in which people's attitudes and values coincide with their choices regarding their work and family balance. It can be expected that those in work, whether they use child care or not, rate working an important and valuable aspect of their lives. A case in point is that those who are unemployed and looking for a full-time job agree most with the statement that in order to be happy in life it is important to have a paying job.

**Table 18: Mean score of agreement (1=strongly disagree, 7=strongly agree) with statements regarding social attitudes by labour force status and types of employment related child care used**

	In order to be happy in life it is important to have a paying job	I would enjoy having a job even if I did not need the money	Many working mothers seem to care more about being successful at work than meeting the needs of their children	Many working fathers seem to care more about being successful at work than meeting the needs of their children	If both partners in a couple work, they should share equally in the housework and care of children	Whatever career a woman may have, her most important role in life is still that of being a mother	Whatever career a man may have, his most important role in life is still that of being a father	Mothers who don't really need money shouldn't work	Children do just as well with if the mother earns the money and the father cares for the home and children	It is much better for everyone involved if the man earns the money and the woman cares for the home and children	As long as the care is good, under 3s can be placed in all day care 5 days/week	Working mothers can establish as good a relationship with her children as a mother who does not work for pay	Working fathers can establish as good a relationship with his children as a mother who does not work for pay	A father should be as heavily involved in the care of his children as the mother
<b>All parent(s) in household are working</b>														
No	4.5	4.4	3.6	4.0	6.4	6.2	5.9	3.9	5.1	3.8	2.7	4.0	4.4	5.8
Yes	4.8	4.8	3.1	4.0	6.3	5.9	5.8	3.3	5.5	3.1	3.2	4.8	4.9	5.9
<b>If all parent(s) work, the types of employment related child care used</b>														
<b>Formal child care (out of hours at school/elsewhere, paid sitter/nanny, family/community/long day care centre)</b>														
Not used	4.8	4.7	3.2	4.0	6.3	6.0	5.9	3.4	5.4	3.2	3.1	4.7	4.9	5.9
Used	4.9	4.9	2.9	3.8	6.3	5.7	5.6	3.1	5.6	2.7	3.4	5.0	5.0	5.9
<b>Informal child care (a friend or neighbour in their home or coming to our home)</b>														
Not used	4.8	4.8	3.1	4.0	6.3	5.9	5.8	3.3	5.5	3.1	3.2	4.7	4.9	5.9
Used	4.7	4.8	3.1	3.9	6.3	5.9	5.7	3.0	5.6	3.0	3.4	5.2	5.3	6.0
<b>Family child care (a relative that lives with us/elsewhere, the child's sibling)</b>														
Not used	4.8	4.7	3.2	4.0	6.3	5.9	5.7	3.4	5.5	3.1	3.2	4.7	4.9	5.9
Used	4.8	4.8	3.0	3.9	6.3	6.0	5.8	3.2	5.5	3.0	3.2	4.9	5.0	5.9
<b>By labour force status</b>														
Employed full-time	5.0	4.8	2.9	3.9	6.4	5.8	5.6	3.2	5.5	2.9	3.9	5.2	5.2	6.1
Employed part-time	4.7	4.7	3.2	4.0	6.2	6.0	5.9	3.4	5.5	3.2	2.8	4.6	4.8	5.8
Unemployed –looking for FT	5.9	5.3	3.8	3.8	6.3	6.1	6.0	2.7	4.7	3.4	3.0	4.0	4.0	5.6
Unemployed –looking for PT	4.7	5.0	3.4	4.4	6.3	6.0	5.7	3.8	5.3	3.5	3.0	4.3	4.2	6.0
Not in the labour force														
- marginally attached	4.8	4.6	3.6	4.0	6.5	6.3	6.1	3.8	5.3	3.7	3.0	4.2	4.5	5.9
- not marginally attached	4.2	4.1	3.8	3.9	6.4	6.1	5.9	4.2	5.0	3.9	2.5	3.7	4.2	5.7
All	4.7	4.6	3.3	4.0	6.3	6.0	5.9	3.6	5.3	3.4	3.0	4.4	4.7	5.9



## Measuring how related various difficulties are

Focussing on the difficulty aspects, and putting aside for a moment the attitudes, values and the experience of balancing work and family, it is important to realize that each of the difficulties should not be seen in isolation. In fact, many of the difficulties related to child care are very much related to each other. One measure that quickly captures the extend of this, is the correlation coefficient. By design it lies between  $-1$  and  $+1$  where a negative coefficient implies two aspects are related but go in opposite direction, whereas a positive coefficient implies they move up and down in conjunction with one another. The closer the coefficient is to zero, the less related the difficulty aspects are.

From Table 19 we see that, as can be expected, the coefficients are all positive but also very large. For instance, finding the right person is almost synonymous with finding good quality care. So are finding a place at the child care centre of choice and finding a centre in the right location. Only difficulty with the costs of child care or finding care for a sick child seem to be relatively unrelated to the other aspects when compared to the size of the other correlation coefficients.

**Table 19: Measuring how related various difficulties are. Average for wave 1 & 2.**

	Finding good quality child care	Finding the right person	Finding care my child(ren) is/are happy with	Finding a place at the child care centre of your choice	Juggling multiple child care arrangements	Getting care for the hours you need	Getting care for a sick child	Finding care during school holidays	Finding a child care centre in the right location	The cost of child care
<b>Wave 1&amp;2 average</b>	<b>Pair-wise correlation</b>									
Finding good quality child care	1									
Finding the right person	0.8	1								
Finding care my child(ren) is/are happy with	0.6	0.6	1							
Finding a place at child care centre of choice	0.6	0.5	0.5	1						
Juggling multiple child care arrangements	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	1					
Getting care for the hours you need	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	1				
Getting care for a sick child	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4	1			
Finding care during school holidays	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	1		
Finding a centre in the right location	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	1	
The cost of child care	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3	1
<b>Difficulty score</b>	<b>Percentage distribution of difficulty score</b>									
Low (0-3)	67.4	64.7	71.7	66.0	63.9	62.5	50.7	67.8	71.5	51.6
Medium (4-6)	11.8	12.4	13.7	9.8	16.1	15.4	12.7	13.6	9.0	21.7
High (7-10)	20.8	22.9	14.6	24.2	20.1	22.1	36.7	18.7	19.5	26.7
<i>Number of observations.</i>	954	966	941	802	760	979	880	829	825	943

## Grouping difficulties in quality, affordability and accessibility problems

Given that various difficulty aspects are so closely related we group the responses into three aggregated aspects<sup>12</sup>; quality, affordability and accessibility. This classification is not a perfect fit of course, and accessibility could also be thought of as a measure of flexibility.

**Table 19a: Re-grouping of the questions regarding the level of difficulty for various aspects of child care**

<b>“DIFFICULTY WITH...” QUESTIONS</b> (0=not a problem at all, 10=very much a problem)		
<i>Quality</i>	Right person	Finding the right person to take care of your child
	Good quality	Finding good quality child care
	Centre of choice	Finding a place at the centre of your choice
	Child happy	Finding care your (child is/children are) happy with
<i>Accessibility</i>	Right hours	Getting care for the hours you need
	Sick child	Finding care for a sick child
	School holidays	Finding care during school holidays
	Right location	Finding a child care centre in the right location
	Juggling	Juggling multiple child care arrangements
<i>Affordability</i>	Cost	The cost of child care

The difficulty response for each of the three main aggregated aspects is the mean of the difficulty scores of all its sub-aspects. It can be interpreted as the level of difficulty they perceive in that aggregated aspect. This measure too will be at least 0 (i.e. no problem) and at most 10 (i.e. very much a problem). Table 20 displays the same correlation coefficients as in Table 19, but only for the three aggregated aspects and separate for each wave. It also displays, for each of the three main difficulty groups, the fraction of women reporting it to be no problem (‘low’), somewhat of a problem (‘medium’) or a severe problem (‘high’). In terms of correlation, quality and accessibility are clearly strongly related.

In terms of each individual aspect of child care, the percentage of mothers reporting “high” or “medium” scores were highest for “finding care for a sick child” and “cost of child care”. When we regroup difficulties in three main categories the costs of course still remains the aspect with the highest reported level of problems. The high correlation coefficients across the difficulty aspects suggests there could be a group having no problems and another group reporting a high difficulty score for all three aspects. The combinations of responses over three broad aspects would help to identify the group, who report the most difficulty in relation to child care.

**Table 20: Correlations between the three broad aspects**

Broad Aspect	Pair-wise correlation					
	Wave 1			Wave 2		
	Quality	Accessibility	Affordability	Quality	Accessibility	Affordability
Quality	1			1		
Accessibility	0.8	1		0.8	1	
Affordability	0.5	0.5	1	0.5	0.6	1
Difficulty Score	Percentage distribution of difficulty score					
Low (0-3)	64.7	61.1	52.3	66.2	58.3	51.0
Medium (4-6)	18.9	24.5	22.0	18.3	24.7	21.4
High (7-10)	16.4	14.4	25.7	15.4	17.0	27.6
<i>No. of obs.</i>	<i>1,062</i>	<i>1,066</i>	<i>1,009</i>	<i>908</i>	<i>912</i>	<i>866</i>

Table 21 looks at all the different combinations of difficulties across the three aspects of child care. To do so we recode the difficulty score that ranges from 0 to 10 into ‘no problem’, i.e. a score below 5, and a ‘problem’ otherwise. Looking at the predominance of the different combinations we can immediately see that slightly more than half of mothers report a problem in at least one aspect (about 54 per cent). There are a large number of mothers who report only the cost to be a problem, about 16 per cent, but an equal proportion has a problem with all three aspects. Very few report a problem with quality or accessibility *only*, or a problem with only two out of three aspects

**Table 21: Predominance of different broad aspect combinations**

Three aspect combinations	Wave 1	Wave 2
	(%)	(%)
No problem	46.7	46.2
Quality only (Q)	3.1	2.8
Accessibility only (AC)	3.0	4.6
Affordability only (AF)	16.9	16.0
Both Q&AC	6.0	5.8
Both Q&AF	4.1	3.7
Both AC &AF	4.9	5.4
AC&AF&Q	15.3	15.5
Total	100%	100%

Finally, table 22 breaks down this predominance of different difficulty combinations by the age of the youngest child. Mothers with their youngest child aged between 3 and 4 report costs to be their only concern in about 22 percent of cases. Apart for mothers with a youngest child between 3 and 4 we see that roughly equal proportions report a problem with costs only or with all three broad aspects. Mothers with young children (between 0 and 2) are least likely to report no difficulties, and most likely to have a problem with all three categories.

Table 22: Predominance of different broad aspect combinations by age of the youngest child. Average of waves 1 and 2

	Age of youngest child				Total
	0-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	
<b>Problem combinations</b>	(percentage)				
No problem	40.3	44.7	50.8	57.5	46.5
Quality only (Q)	3.8	3.6	1.8	2.3	3.0
Accessibility only (AC)	3.3	2.9	5.2	3.7	3.8
Affordability only (AF)	16.0	21.9	15.6	11.3	16.4
Both Q&AC	6.9	5.0	4.6	7.1	5.9
Both Q&AF	6.2	3.6	2.4	1.4	3.9
Both AC &AF	4.8	6.2	5.7	3.1	5.1
AC&AF&Q	18.8	12.1	14.0	13.6	15.4
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

## Child care and barriers to entry

To determine the extent that the lack of child care or the difficulty of balancing work and family acts as a barrier to entry to the labour market for mothers, it is useful to understand the desired hours of work for mothers who are currently working. Although not a barrier to entry it gives an insight into the possible existence of a secondary type of barrier to move from part-time to full-time employment.

We split the sample into full-time working mothers and part-time working mothers. We further subdivide part-time working mothers by the reason they work part-time. It can be for child caring reasons, for other family reasons, or for employment related reasons. Other family reasons mean that they are taking care of disabled or elderly relatives, or have other personal or family responsibilities. Employment related reasons capture things such as not being able to find full-time work, going to school or college, or being involved in voluntary work. Child caring reasons simply mean they work part-time because they combine part-time work with care for their children. This does not necessarily imply it is because of unavailability or other difficulties with respect to child care. However, since we also observe if they prefer to work fewer or more hours-taking into account the effect it would have on their income- there is an indication of the impact of accessibility.

### Barriers to work more hours

**Table 23: Desired workload by employment status (waves 1 and 2 combined)**

	Full-time	Part-time for:			Total
		Child-caring reason	Other family reason	Employment related reason	
		(percentage)			
Fewer hours than you do now	49.5	10.0	10.2	7.5	24.1
About the same hours	47.7	65.2	64.9	51.0	56.7
More hours than you do now	2.8	24.8	24.9	41.5	19.3
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	913	1,214	70	390	2,587

Overall, almost 20 per cent of mothers report that they would like to work more hours than they currently do, versus 25 per cent that report they would like to work fewer hours (last column of Table 23). Among those mothers who work part-time for child care reasons about 65 per cent is content with the number of hours they work but about 25 per cent would like to work *more* hours. This finding would support the existence of a secondary type of stumbling block that does not act as a barrier to entry but as a barrier to move from part-time to full-time employment<sup>13</sup>. Full-time working mothers themselves are content with the number of hours they currently work in about 48 per cent of cases, but half the full-time working mothers report that they would like to work fewer hours.

<sup>13</sup> It should be pointed out that we do not consider how many hours more or less the respondent would like to work. Since a proportion of part-time employed mothers who report a desire for an increase in the number of hours worked would still be working part-time after realizing their desired number of hours the notion of the barrier to move from part-time to full-time employment is being maximized.

## Barriers to entry

In addition to the indirect evidence about the role of child care as a barrier to increase labour supply obtained from mothers who are already employed, we can obtain direct evidence from unemployed mothers who have been looking for work anytime during the last four weeks. Table 24 (below) lists the main difficulty getting a job while looking for work. The interviewer prompts for (i.e. reads out loud) several possible reasons or potential hurdles. However, the reasons ‘family responsibilities’, ‘finding child care’, and ‘discrimination against migrant or ethnic groups’ are probed for but not prompted. This is an important difference. Although our sample sizes are very small, it is very clear that for mothers looking for part-time employment the unsuitability of the hours is the main obstacle. For those looking for full-time work it is a skills mismatch or age discrimination. Difficulty in finding child care is a problem too, but only in wave 1. Hence, there does not appear to be any strong direct evidence of child care being a barrier to entry in the labour market. Two caveats apply here.

First, we only look at unemployed mothers seeking work in the last four weeks and have only few observations. Second, for part-time mothers one could also interpret hours being unsuitable as partly being caused by a lack of child care to accommodate the job with unsuitable hours.

**Table 24: Barriers to entry for unemployed mothers who have been looking for work anytime during the last four weeks. Listed is the *main difficulty* in getting a job.**

Main difficulty in getting job	Wave 1		Wave 2	
	Looking for FT work	Looking for PT work	Looking for FT work	Looking for PT work
<b>(Prompted, i.e. read aloud)</b>				
Own ill health or disability	4.1	4.3	3.2	10.3
Employers thought you were too young/old	11.3	5.3	12.2	4.2
Hours were unsuitable	5.4	18.0	5.4	18.8
Transport problems or it was too far to travel	3.0	11.5	12.6	4.4
Did not have the required education/training/skills	25.8	3.4	8.6	7.9
Did not have enough work experience	12.5	9.6	25.8	6.1
Language difficulties	4.5	1.8	2.3	0.0
No jobs in your line of work	5.2	12.4	3.8	13.9
Too many applicants for the available jobs	9.0	4.6	9.7	11.6
Just no jobs at all	3.5	5.3	6.6	13.8
<b>(The following were probed for, not prompted)</b>				
Difficulties in finding child care	11.5	11.9	3.3	0.0
Other family responsibilities	2.6	6.3	2.6	2.5
Discrimination against migrant/ethnic groups	1.6	0.0	0.0	2.1
Other difficulties (specify)	0.0	5.6	3.9	4.4
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	42	57	48	45

The first group of mothers were working mothers, and unemployed mothers who had actively searched for a job in the last four weeks. The final group of mothers are those who are currently not in paid employment but who have not actively looked for work in the last four weeks. Table 25 clearly demonstrates that the main activity of mothers who are currently not working and have not looked for a job in the last four weeks, had been undertaking home duties and looking after the children. Very few have not been looking for work because of educational commitments or because of a disability or illness.

Table 25: Main activity since last looked for a job or worked

	Wave 1		Wave 2	
	Single	Partnered	Single	Partnered
	(percentage)		(percentage)	
Not asked	3.9	2.5	0.0	0.0
Retired/voluntarily inactive	0.3	0.3	0.8	0.4
Home duties/child care	83.4	91.5	86.9	94.8
Study/went to school, TAFE or university	6.0	3.0	8.8	2.1
Own illness, injury or disability	2.0	1.1	1.4	1.2
Looking after ill or disabled person	1.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Travel/on holiday/leisure activities	2.2	0.4	0.7	0.2
Working in an unpaid voluntary job	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.6
Other activity (specify)	3.9	2.5	0.8	0.4
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%
<i>Number of observations</i>	185	662	156	562

Table 25 reveals very little information. The question is how many of those currently active in home duties and child care desire a job. The HILDA data asks respondents currently not employed who have not looked for work in the last four weeks if they would like a job, even if they are not looking for work now, *assuming that suitable child care arrangements could be found*. The conditionality of a suitable arrangement is of importance, but raises the question what the respondent considers to be suitable. For some suitable might mean high quality, close to home child care at no cost. For others it means a safe place at reasonable costs somewhat easy to get to. Putting the issue of what is suitable aside, Table 26 (below) shows the proportion of mothers responding they would like a job, wouldn't like a job or if they would like a job depending on a broader set of issues. We report these for each of the main activities undertaken since the respondent last worked or looked for a job.

## Desirability of a job

For the purpose of assessing child care as a barrier to entry in the labour market, the relevant group of mothers to consider consists of those mothers who's main activities are home duties and caring for children. Fortunately this captures the vast majority of all mothers currently not employed who have not actively looked for work in the last four weeks (Table 26).

Table 26 shows us that, among those mothers who's main activity is home duties/child care, more than half the women in wave 2 and over 40 per cent of the women in wave 1 would not be interested in a job, even if suitable child care would be available. However, this also implies that the other mothers *would* like a job if suitable child care would be available. This would be direct evidence that a lack of suitable child care is a barrier to entry. If suitable child care were to be available the pool of women looking for a job would be much larger. However, they are currently not actively looking for work and hence their case is not as compelling as the responses by unemployed mothers who are actively looking for work. It also leaves unanswered exactly what the respondent deems suitable child care.

**Table 26: Cross tabulation of main activity and the desirability of a job (assuming suitable child care arrangements could be found) for mothers who are currently not employed and who have not looked for work in the last four weeks**

	Would like a job (%)				No. of obs.
	Don't know	Yes	Maybe / it depends	No	
<b>Main activity</b>	<b>Wave 1</b>				
	(row percentage)				
Retired/voluntarily inactive	-	22.6	48.5	28.9	3
Home duties/child care	1.2	47.2	8.2	43.4	763
Study/went to school, TAFE or Uni	-	72.2	6.5	21.2	32
Own illness, injury or disability	-	62.0	0.0	38.1	12
Looking after ill/disabled person	-	52.0	18.6	29.4	5
Working in unpaid voluntary job	-	53.3	0.0	46.7	6
Other activity	-	45.0	34.4	20.6	4
Total	1.1	48.3	8.3	42.2	825
	<b>Wave 2</b>				
	(row percentage)				
Retired/voluntarily inactive	-	27.8	12.8	59.3	4
Home duties/child care	1.0	40.0	5.5	53.5	662
Study/went to school, TAFE or Uni	-	54.2	3.5	42.3	26
Own illness, injury or disability	-	33.3	14.8	51.9	13
Looking after ill/disabled person	-	58.4	0.0	41.6	6
Travel/on holiday/leisure	-	100.0	0.0	0.0	2
Working in unpaid voluntary job	-	49.6	0.0	50.4	5
Total	1.0.8	39.7	6.4	53.1	718

So far we have looked at employed mothers and the mismatch between realised and desired hours of work (Table 23). We have also looked at unemployed mothers looking for work and their reported main obstacle in finding work (Table 24). In Table 26 we looked at how many mothers currently not working and not actively looking would like a job assuming a suitable child care arrangement could be found. To close the circle we cross tabulate the main reason for stopping work (if previously employed) and the main reason for currently not looking for a job (Table 27).

## Reasons for not looking for a job

We see that for those women who stopped working to have or look after the children, more than a third would like a job given a suitable child care arrangement could be found. Yet the reason they are not looking for a job is because they prefer to look after the children.

Across all the different reasons to stop working, preferring to look after the children is the predominant reason for not actively looking for a job. A natural question that arises is why it is that many mothers indicate they are not looking for work because they prefer to look after their children, yet indicate they would like a job assuming suitable child care arrangements could be found. The only consistent explanation would be that, in the opinion of the mothers, this suitable child care arrangement is not available and when given the choice between looking after the children and the current available child care options the choice is made in favour of the former.



Table 27: A cross tabulation of the reason for stopping work (if previously employed) and the reason for not actively looking for a job. All non-employed mothers currently not looking for a job

<b>Wave 1</b>										
	<b>would like a job</b>									
	<b>Main reason not looking for work</b>									
	<b>Don't want a job</b>	<i>Have a job to go to</i>	<i>Studying/school</i>	<i>Own illness or injury</i>	<i>Personal reasons</i>	<i>Prefer to look after the children</i>	<i>Other child care reasons</i>	<i>Other family reasons</i>	<i>Poor job prospects</i>	<b>Total no. of obs.</b>
	(row percentage)									
Never in paid employment	45.7	0.0	1.4	2.9	2.9	40.0	7.1	0.0	0.0	70
To have children/child care	50.8	1.4	0.8	1.0	5.7	31.4	5.3	1.6	2.0	506
Employment related reason	24.7	0.7	5.6	2.1	15.5	35.9	9.2	3.5	2.8	142
Other personal reason	41.9	0.0	7.0	6.2	11.6	18.6	7.0	3.9	3.9	129
Total (number of observations)	378	8	22	18	68	262	54	18	19	847
Total (column percentage)	44.6	0.9	2.6	2.1	8.0	30.9	6.4	2.1	2.2	100%
<b>Wave 2</b>										
	<b>would like a job</b>									
	<b>Main reason not looking for work</b>									
	<b>Don't want a job</b>	<i>Have a job to go to</i>	<i>Studying/school</i>	<i>Own illness or injury</i>	<i>Personal reasons</i>	<i>Prefer to look after the children</i>	<i>Other child care reasons</i>	<i>Other family reasons</i>	<i>Poor job prospects</i>	<b>Total no. of obs.</b>
	(row percentage)									
Never in paid employment	59.5	0.0	2.2	2.7	8.7	18.9	5.4	1.1	1.6	185
To have children/child care	57.9	0.0	2.3	1.2	2.3	30.8	3.2	1.4	0.9	347
Employment related reason	37.0	0.0	2.0	3.0	11.0	37.0	1.0	5.0	4.0	100
Other personal reason	45.9	0.0	3.5	5.9	5.9	28.2	3.5	3.5	3.5	85
Total (number of observations)	387	0	17	17	40	203	25	15	13	717
Total (column percentage)	54.0	0	2.4	2.4	5.6	28.3	3.5	2.1	1.8	100%

# Economic modelling & Results<sup>14</sup>

## Difficulties for various aspects of child care

In this section, we aim to tease out which family characteristics and other factors are the main determinants for the reported level of difficulty encountered by parents who used or thought of using child care to be able to undertake (paid) work.

The first approach treats each difficulty independent of the others. We regroup the level of difficulty that takes a value between 0 and 10 into three groups, being ‘low’ (a difficulty score ranging from 0 to 3), ‘medium’ (a score ranging from 4 to 6) and ‘high’ (a score ranging from 7 to 10). The ordered probit model is a natural choice of model when there is a clear ranking of the variable of interest but there only a few classes or possible answers. In this case the level of difficulty is either low, medium, or high. The coefficients that the model estimates tell us if a particular personal characteristic makes you more likely to have higher levels of difficulty (when the coefficient is positive) or more likely to have lower levels of difficulty (when the coefficient is negative)<sup>15</sup>.

Table E1a and E1b report the estimated coefficients, or the effects of different personal characteristics, for the 10 different difficulties<sup>16</sup>. The estimated coefficients which are statistically significant at the 10 per cent level of confidence are highlighted in bold. We report the coefficient estimates and p-values<sup>17</sup>. The smaller the p-value the more precisely estimated (significant) is the coefficient. The choice of a 10 per cent significance level is arbitrary, albeit a reasonable standard one<sup>18</sup>. Before discussing our findings we just note that not all households with at least one child 14 or under responded with a score between 0 and 10 for the various difficulties. This raises the concern that those who responded, or who didn’t respond for that matter, are a select group of people. We account for this possible ‘selection’ problem using standard techniques. The extent and relevance of the presence of selection is captured in the table by a single coefficient<sup>19</sup>.

We limit ourselves first to the set of 5 different types of difficulty in Table E1a. These difficulties are finding good quality care, finding the right person, getting the hours needed, finding care for a sick child, and finding care during school holidays. We see that country of birth and ethnicity are found having an impact on the level of difficulty for all 5 difficulties, except finding care for a sick child. (See Table 129 for a description of the dependent and explanatory variables used).

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<sup>14</sup> For the descriptive part thus far we have weighted our observations using the HILDA population weights to represent population averages. In contrast, all the economic models are estimated using unweighted data.

<sup>15</sup> Although not correct, it is easiest to think of the ordered probit as a simple linear (or OLS) regression where the left hand side variable is the difficulty score. The higher the score, the bigger is the problem.

<sup>16</sup> The question related to finding care for a difficult or special needs child has been omitted from the model analysis due to the limited number of valid responses.

<sup>17</sup> The p-value can be interpreted, popularly speaking that is, as the probability that the estimated coefficient is in fact zero, i.e. the probability that the personal characteristic in question actually plays no role in explaining the level of difficulty.

<sup>18</sup> All standard errors are corrected for clustering on the household identifier. Clustering groups observations by a group identifier, in this case the household identifier, and accounts for the fact that the observations for the group (in this case the responses in wave 1 and 2), could be related.

<sup>19</sup> We estimate an ordered probit model with selection. A separate probit model for responding or not is specified and estimated simultaneously with the ordered probit for the difficulty level. The reported ‘Rho’ in tables E1a and E1b reports the correlation between the two error terms of the selection probit and the ordered probit equations.

Table E1a: Ordered probit estimates for the difficulty score. We regroup the difficulty score in three groups: low (0-3), medium (4-6) or high (7-10).

	Good quality		Right person		Right hours		Sick child		School holidays	
	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value
<b>Country of birth &amp; indigenous status</b>										
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	0.084	0.630	<b>0.295</b>	<b>0.087</b>	0.010	0.954	0.209	0.250	0.019	0.917
English speaking country (excl. Australia)	<b>-0.199</b>	<b>0.068</b>	-0.102	0.345	-0.139	0.169	0.180	0.080	-0.039	0.701
Non-English speaking country	<b>0.356</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.416</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.253</b>	<b>0.011</b>	0.168	0.132	<b>0.392</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>State of residence</b>										
Victoria	<b>-0.153</b>	<b>0.068</b>	<b>-0.181</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>-0.128</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>-0.239</b>	<b>0.005</b>	-0.003	0.973
Queensland	-0.026	0.758	-0.016	0.848	<b>-0.148</b>	<b>0.071</b>	-0.051	0.556	<b>-0.190</b>	<b>0.028</b>
South Australia	<b>-0.257</b>	<b>0.041</b>	<b>-0.264</b>	<b>0.035</b>	<b>-0.305</b>	<b>0.012</b>	-0.051	0.678	-0.061	0.600
Western Australia	0.059	0.618	-0.038	0.752	-0.001	0.990	-0.068	0.598	0.160	0.207
Australian Capital Territory	0.226	0.281	0.252	0.225	-0.077	0.716	-0.227	0.406	0.254	0.297
Northern Territory/Tasmania	-0.230	0.168	<b>-0.327</b>	<b>0.045</b>	-0.213	0.166	-0.084	0.584	<b>-0.359</b>	<b>0.025</b>
<b>Regional status</b>										
Inner region	-0.015	0.844	-0.051	0.506	-0.037	0.613	-0.065	0.402	0.078	0.301
Outer region	0.051	0.612	-0.032	0.754	0.054	0.579	-0.075	0.463	0.097	0.345
<b>Family details</b>										
Partnered	-0.002	0.984	-0.076	0.363	-0.026	0.742	<b>-0.228</b>	<b>0.009</b>	-0.021	0.806
Partner missing flag	0.028	0.833	0.029	0.818	0.021	0.863	0.168	0.211	0.076	0.548
Youngest aged 0-2	-0.036	0.812	-0.031	0.834	-0.104	0.458	-0.102	0.448	<b>-0.438</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Youngest aged 3-4	-0.213	0.180	-0.226	0.138	<b>-0.248</b>	<b>0.093</b>	-0.059	0.690	<b>-0.537</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Youngest aged 5-9	-0.122	0.269	-0.094	0.390	-0.146	0.153	0.086	0.425	<b>-0.167</b>	<b>0.076</b>
Number of children 0-14	-0.027	0.489	0.031	0.391	0.031	0.369	<b>0.063</b>	<b>0.094</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>0.006</b>
<b>Educational attainment</b>										
Postgraduate	-0.083	0.487	0.060	0.605	0.010	0.931	<b>0.270</b>	<b>0.022</b>	<b>-0.295</b>	<b>0.016</b>
Bachelor/diploma	-0.045	0.623	0.026	0.770	0.020	0.814	<b>0.201</b>	<b>0.026</b>	<b>-0.154</b>	<b>0.073</b>
Advanced certificate	0.079	0.461	0.097	0.360	0.033	0.749	0.125	0.247	0.020	0.847
Certificates	-0.019	0.851	-0.064	0.523	-0.026	0.791	0.012	0.906	0.032	0.752
Completed year 12	0.043	0.710	0.137	0.216	0.023	0.836	0.130	0.265	-0.029	0.792
<b>Employment details</b>										
Employed part-time	-0.039	0.632	-0.078	0.327	<b>-0.199</b>	<b>0.010</b>	-0.081	0.311	0.081	0.293
Unemployed/NILF attached	<b>0.548</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.470</b>	<b>0.007</b>	<b>0.448</b>	<b>0.008</b>	0.015	0.939	<b>0.582</b>	<b>0.001</b>
NILF-not attached	<b>0.432</b>	<b>0.070</b>	0.361	0.120	<b>0.520</b>	<b>0.020</b>	-0.101	0.694	<b>0.487</b>	<b>0.041</b>
Partner employed part-time	-0.032	0.839	0.098	0.528	0.161	0.287	-0.248	0.107	0.264	0.112
Partner unemployed/NILF	-0.103	0.590	0.051	0.773	-0.230	0.200	-0.290	0.153	-0.065	0.724
Regular non-day shift	0.169	0.339	0.254	0.116	<b>0.322</b>	<b>0.039</b>	-0.176	0.312	0.058	0.763
Irregular time	<b>0.224</b>	<b>0.011</b>	<b>0.199</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>0.464</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.043	0.637	<b>0.266</b>	<b>0.001</b>
Flexi-work	-0.078	0.442	-0.074	0.461	0.008	0.935	-0.076	0.439	-0.015	0.878
Parental leave	-0.109	0.204	<b>-0.176</b>	<b>0.035</b>	-0.094	0.239	-0.039	0.637	-0.042	0.594
Family income	-0.135	0.116	<b>-0.188</b>	<b>0.026</b>	<b>-0.177</b>	<b>0.030</b>	-0.115	0.179	-0.071	0.335
<b>Self-rated health and parenting</b>										
Health ratings	0.009	0.778	0.030	0.318	0.019	0.518	<b>0.057</b>	<b>0.067</b>	-0.034	0.271
Parenting-feel trapped	0.017	0.404	0.015	0.446	0.009	0.641	<b>0.059</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>0.058</b>	<b>0.004</b>
Parenting-more work	-0.004	0.857	0.001	0.960	0.026	0.215	-0.007	0.743	-0.015	0.473
Wave 2	-0.046	0.474	-0.006	0.924	0.007	0.905	0.072	0.268	<b>0.147</b>	<b>0.017</b>
Rho(error, selection error)	<b>-0.406</b>	<b>0.004</b>	<b>-0.422</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>-0.439</b>	<b>0.001</b>	-0.150	0.358	<b>-0.652</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Percent accurately predicted	65.47%		63.22%		58.98%		54.29%		53.38%	
Number of observations	1,735		1,754		1,782		1,595		1,508	

Mothers with an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander heritage (ATSI) face more difficulty in finding the right person to care for the child(ren), as indicated by the positive coefficient and the p-value that is smaller than 0.10. The coefficient is always positive, but only significant in finding the right person, prompting us to believe that this is the only area in which they differ from the rest of the mothers.

Similarly, mothers who were born overseas in a country where the main language was not English (a non-English speaking country, or 'NESC') report (significantly) higher levels of difficulty than Australian born mothers in all 5 areas except finding care for a sick child. On the other hand, families where mothers were born overseas in an English speaking country (ESC) only differ from Australian-born mothers in finding good quality care, where they report lower difficulty scores.

In general, most of the coefficients on the State dummies are negative. These effects are expressed as 'differences from New South Wales', our omitted category<sup>20</sup>. These negative coefficients imply that levels of difficulty encountered by parents in New South Wales are higher in all 5 aspects of child care compared to parents residing in the other States. The only exceptions are the ACT/NT coefficients for finding good quality care, finding the right person, and care during school holidays. This holds true for WA as well, except for finding the right person. In these cases mothers in the ACT/NT and WA report the highest levels of difficulty. It is useful to reiterate the point made in the statistical description section of the report that we can not pinpoint why there would be State level differences. It can mean that mothers have higher expectations so that equal levels of child care provision still lead to differences in reported difficulty levels, or it could indeed be the case that the child care provisions in NSW (and in some cases the ACT/NT and WA) are indeed below those in the other States.

There appears to be no difference in perceived levels of difficulty between partnered and lone parent mothers, other than finding care for a sick child. This makes intuitive sense as a sick child is especially stressful for (working) lone parents. Having a partner in a situation like that simply expands the options to deal with a sick child, even in an indirect way by having a two family support networks to rely on (e.g. grandparents or aunts and uncles).

Higher levels of education imply higher levels of difficulty, but only significantly so in finding care for a sick child. In contrast, finding good quality care and finding care during school holidays is less of a problem for higher educated mothers, but only significantly so in the latter case.

Employment status is interesting. Relative to full-time working mothers (the omitted category) we find that part-time working mothers report lower levels of difficulty finding care for the hours they need. Non-working mothers report higher levels of difficulty than full-time employed mothers for all 5 difficulty aspects, except for finding care for a sick child. An important caveat applies here, and that is that the employment variables and the difficulty level could be the outcome of a single underlying process. Those part-time working mothers are the ones that have managed to find the hours they need for instance, while non-working mothers are those who have not yet reconciled their work and family balance. It is not surprising then that they report higher levels of difficulty. In this sense it is better to interpret these estimated coefficients as correlations, rather than pure causal effects<sup>21</sup>. One variable that can be expected to be less affected by this is the variables indicating if the mother works irregular hours. These mothers report higher levels of difficulty in finding care for the hours they need, which makes intuitive sense, but also in finding

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<sup>20</sup> The choice of NSW is an arbitrary one. We could also have left out Victoria or any of the other States. The resulting conclusions would not be any different.

<sup>21</sup> We tried to correct for the endogeneity of the employment related variables by using only observations from wave 2 and instrument for the employment related variables by the one period lagged values. This did reduce the significance levels but the results did not change in a qualitative sense.

the right person to take care of the child, finding good quality child care and finding care during school holidays.

Family income plays a role in reducing the level of difficulty in finding the right person or the right hours, although all income coefficients have a negative sign, implying wealthier families have, all things equal, lower levels of reported difficulties. The self reported health variable, which rates overall health in general from on a scale of from 1 to 5, with 1 being excellent and 5 being poor, only plays a significant role in finding care for a sick child. The higher the mother's own health score, i.e. the poorer her health, the higher is the reported level of difficulty in finding care for a sick child.

As a final point related to table E1a it should be noted that the one coefficient that captures the degree to which those who did respond stand out from those who did not respond, shows us that those who are most likely to respond are those who are most likely to report a low level of difficulty: it is the satisfied people who responded<sup>22</sup>. This means that when looking at the difficulty responses at face value, they are in fact under reporting the true level of difficulties.

The results for the next set of 5 types of difficulty are presented in Table E1b. These difficulties are the cost of child care, juggling multiple child care arrangements, finding care in the centre of choice, finding care in the right location, and finding a place where the child is happy with. Mothers born overseas report lower levels of difficulty than Australian born mothers when they came from an English speaking country, in particular regarding costs, finding a place in the centre of choice and finding care in the right location. Mothers born in non-English speaking countries however, report higher levels of difficulty, but only significantly so for finding a place in the centre of choice and a place where the child is happy with.

Differences across States/Territories are very similar as was the case with the other types of difficulties. Again, almost all coefficients, which represent the effect relative to living in NSW -the omitted category- have a negative sign. This implies that the biggest problems are reported in NSW, but only second to the ACT which is characterized by positive coefficients. Only on the issue regarding costs do the Northern Territory and Tasmania stand out as reporting the highest level of difficulty.

In terms of costs, this is the only place where level of remoteness plays a significant role across the range of possible difficulties. The negative signs for living in an inner region or outer region here reflect that it is the omitted category –living in a city- is related to the highest level of difficulty with the costs of child care. It is also more of an issue for families with children 9 years old and under, especially where the youngest child is between 0 and 2. Only when it comes to juggling multiple types of care or finding a place where the child is happy do we find that having more children increases the reported level of difficulty.

With respect to educational attainment we find no support for it to play any role in any of the 5 types of difficulty in Table E1b. The employment related variables do reveal some interesting, albeit not surprising results. Working irregular hours and working in a job that has flexible workplace practices in place for instance, have almost identical but opposite effects with respect to the difficulty of juggling child care arrangements.

For those who answered the difficulty questions versus those who did not we again find evidence that those who are most likely to have answered (i.e. those used or thought about using child care) are also the households who were most likely to report low levels of difficulty.

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<sup>22</sup> The 'rho' in table E1a captures the correlation between the two error terms of the selection probit and the ordered probit. A positive correlation indicates that a high probability of selection, i.e. answering, corresponds to a high probability of reporting a high level of difficulty. We find the opposite is in fact the case.

Table E1b: Ordered probit estimates for the difficulty score of various aspects of child care

	Cost		Juggling		Centre of choice		Right location		Child happy	
	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value
<b>Country of birth &amp; indigenous status</b>										
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	0.029	0.874	0.178	0.340	-0.229	0.242	-0.236	0.243	0.111	0.522
English speaking country (excl. Australia)	<b>-0.198</b>	<b>0.046</b>	-0.150	0.221	<b>-0.269</b>	<b>0.027</b>	<b>-0.291</b>	<b>0.017</b>	-0.021	0.852
Non-English speaking country	0.170	0.108	0.144	0.245	<b>0.204</b>	<b>0.073</b>	0.118	0.330	<b>0.335</b>	<b>0.002</b>
<b>State of residence</b>										
Victoria	<b>-0.303</b>	<b>0.000</b>	-0.116	0.199	-0.150	0.120	-0.036	0.707	<b>-0.161</b>	<b>0.055</b>
Queensland	<b>-0.227</b>	<b>0.005</b>	-0.138	0.151	<b>-0.163</b>	<b>0.074</b>	-0.099	0.287	<b>-0.149</b>	<b>0.086</b>
South Australia	<b>-0.358</b>	<b>0.005</b>	-0.220	0.121	<b>-0.234</b>	<b>0.088</b>	-0.142	0.320	<b>-0.283</b>	<b>0.027</b>
Western Australia	<b>-0.199</b>	<b>0.088</b>	0.011	0.941	-0.174	0.210	0.082	0.552	0.037	0.769
Australian Capital Territory	0.059	0.795	0.347	0.308	0.117	0.633	0.285	0.276	0.282	0.213
Northern Territory/Tasmania	0.079	0.598	-0.061	0.712	-0.295	0.091	-0.085	0.623	-0.077	0.625
<b>Regional status</b>										
Inner region	<b>-0.236</b>	<b>0.002</b>	0.022	0.809	0.000	0.996	-0.032	0.727	-0.062	0.457
Outer region	<b>-0.271</b>	<b>0.005</b>	-0.144	0.228	0.088	0.443	0.114	0.320	0.110	0.287
<b>Family details</b>										
Partnered	0.008	0.916	-0.097	0.301	0.118	0.181	0.073	0.418	-0.059	0.492
Partner missing flag	<b>0.203</b>	<b>0.094</b>	-0.042	0.781	<b>0.356</b>	<b>0.013</b>	0.053	0.729	0.139	0.299
Youngest aged 0-2	<b>0.313</b>	<b>0.024</b>	-0.157	0.238	0.016	0.929	-0.117	0.509	<b>-0.546</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Youngest aged 3-4	0.242	0.109	-0.155	0.312	-0.183	0.324	<b>-0.320</b>	<b>0.093</b>	<b>-0.578</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Youngest aged 5-9	<b>0.194</b>	<b>0.071</b>	-0.025	0.830	<b>-0.310</b>	<b>0.010</b>	<b>-0.367</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>-0.278</b>	<b>0.009</b>
Number of children 0-14	0.025	0.483	<b>0.202</b>	<b>0.000</b>	-0.017	0.696	0.030	0.475	<b>0.069</b>	<b>0.063</b>
<b>Educational attainment</b>										
Postgraduate	-0.072	0.531	-0.099	0.441	-0.066	0.600	-0.099	0.441	0.026	0.825
Bachelor/diploma	0.052	0.529	-0.145	0.130	-0.093	0.326	-0.062	0.524	0.021	0.811
Advanced certificate	0.154	0.140	-0.064	0.586	0.128	0.280	-0.044	0.715	0.034	0.758
Certificates	-0.052	0.591	-0.068	0.548	0.002	0.982	-0.189	0.107	-0.056	0.581
Completed year 12	-0.049	0.653	-0.185	0.145	-0.081	0.522	-0.126	0.333	-0.063	0.595
<b>Employment details</b>										
Employed part-time	<b>-0.166</b>	<b>0.031</b>	-0.077	0.383	-0.139	0.137	-0.059	0.523	-0.053	0.517
Unemployed/NILF attached	-0.009	0.960	0.173	0.388	<b>0.501</b>	<b>0.006</b>	<b>0.413</b>	<b>0.038</b>	<b>0.470</b>	<b>0.009</b>
NILF-not attached	-0.206	0.384	0.021	0.937	0.326	0.216	0.337	0.226	<b>0.458</b>	<b>0.064</b>
Partner employed part-time	-0.023	0.882	0.080	0.621	0.001	0.996	0.116	0.484	0.138	0.371
Partner unemployed/NILF	0.133	0.443	-0.022	0.920	0.128	0.505	0.169	0.347	0.192	0.282
Regular non-day shift	-0.174	0.317	-0.052	0.783	0.135	0.469	-0.011	0.960	0.229	0.180
Irregular time	-0.002	0.984	<b>0.215</b>	<b>0.026</b>	0.339	0.000	<b>0.166</b>	<b>0.091</b>	<b>0.217</b>	<b>0.014</b>
Flexi-work	-0.101	0.293	<b>-0.251</b>	<b>0.023</b>	-0.055	0.622	-0.032	0.785	-0.104	0.319
Parental leave	-0.091	0.251	-0.039	0.659	<b>-0.179</b>	<b>0.055</b>	-0.148	0.119	-0.136	0.112
Family income	-0.075	0.360	-0.112	0.180	0.003	0.976	-0.093	0.323	<b>-0.169</b>	<b>0.075</b>
<b>Self-rating health and parenting</b>										
Health ratings	<b>0.060</b>	<b>0.037</b>	0.007	0.848	0.051	0.125	0.011	0.737	-0.002	0.953
Parenting-feel trapped	<b>0.046</b>	<b>0.017</b>	0.036	0.102	<b>0.053</b>	<b>0.020</b>	0.020	0.375	0.033	0.109
Parenting-more work	0.007	0.743	-0.007	0.748	-0.027	0.269	-0.012	0.632	0.029	0.187
Wave 2	0.030	0.618	0.075	0.295	0.021	0.773	0.041	0.579	0.080	0.211
Rho(error, selection error)	-0.196	0.170	<b>-0.437</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>-0.519</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.450</b>	<b>0.004</b>	<b>-0.491</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Percent accurately predicted	53.42 %		60.80 %		61.96 %		67.11 %		69.67 %	
Number of observations	1,713		1,375		1,446		1,493		1,711	

## Accounting for the strong correlation between the different difficulties

As was clear from the descriptive statistical analysis the levels of difficulty encountered are strongly linked to each other. One would expect that, as finding good quality child care and finding care in the centre of choice are one and the same if one assumes parents want what is best for their children. We thus benefit from estimating them together, rather than separately. To do so we need to regroup into at most 3 categories. We use the same grouping as we used in the statistical description. Affordability is a renaming of the difficulty with the costs of child care. Quality includes difficulty in finding good quality child care, finding the right person, finding a place in the centre of choice, and finding a place the child is happy with. Accessibility includes finding care for the hours you need (i.e. the right hours), finding care for a sick child, finding care during school holidays and juggling multiple care arrangements.

The findings for the grouped difficulties are very similar to the findings for the individual difficulty aspects. The key additional information from table E1c is that quality and accessibility are really two sides of the same coin, as is indicated by an estimated correlation coefficient of 0.87. Other combinations of the regrouped difficulty categories are closely related as well, as is evident from lower but still high correlations of above 0.5. Similar to the analysis for the individual difficulty aspects we again find that it is contented mothers for which we observe the difficulty scores. The correlation coefficients that capture the degree to which those who did respond stand out from those who did not respond, are negative indicating that those who are most likely to respond are those who are most likely to report a low level of difficulty. This holds true for quality and affordability, but is absent in the case for affordability<sup>23</sup>, just as it was when affordability was analysed in isolation.

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<sup>23</sup> The correlation between the error for the selection equation (equation 4) and the other three equations (quality, accessibility and affordability) is negative, but not significant in the case of affordability.

Table E1c: Estimating difficulties in three main groups simultaneously (a multivariate probit with selection)

	Quality		Accessibility		Affordability		Selection	
	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value	Coef.	P-value
<b>Country of birth &amp; indigenous status</b>								
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	0.08	0.68	-0.08	0.71	0.02	0.92	0.00	0.97
English speaking country (excl.	-0.18	0.11	-0.06	0.57	<b>-0.28</b>	<b>0.01</b>	0.05	0.51
Non-English speaking country	<b>0.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.20</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>-0.26</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>State of residence</b>								
Victoria	<b>-0.16</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>-0.34</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.01	0.93
Queensland	-0.13	0.15	-0.14	0.13	<b>-0.24</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.17</b>	<b>0.01</b>
South Australia	<b>-0.33</b>	<b>0.02</b>	-0.14	0.27	<b>-0.40</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.00	0.98
Western Australia	0.05	0.66	0.01	0.94	<b>-0.25</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0.02</b>
Australian Capital Territory	0.16	0.46	0.03	0.91	-0.01	0.97	0.00	0.98
Northern Territory/Tasmania	<b>-0.37</b>	<b>0.05</b>	-0.19	0.29	0.19	0.24	0.21	0.11
<b>Region of residence</b>								
Inner region	-0.07	0.40	-0.09	0.29	<b>-0.30</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.16</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Outer region	-0.01	0.94	-0.07	0.53	<b>-0.33</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.18</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Family details</b>								
Partnered	0.04	0.63	-0.03	0.75	0.01	0.91	<b>-0.39</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Partner missing flag	0.16	0.22	0.00	0.98	0.15	0.27	<b>-0.16</b>	<b>0.08</b>
Youngest aged 0-2	<b>-0.29</b>	<b>0.05</b>	<b>-0.30</b>	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>1.32</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Youngest aged 3-4	<b>-0.52</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.28</b>	<b>0.09</b>	<b>1.46</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Youngest aged 5-9	<b>-0.36</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>-0.26</b>	<b>0.02</b>	0.16	0.17	<b>0.75</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Number of children 0-14	0.06	0.12	<b>0.11</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.01	0.77	<b>-0.07</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Educational attainment</b>								
Postgraduate	-0.06	0.61	-0.03	0.81	0.00	1.00	<b>0.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Bachelor/diploma	-0.08	0.39	-0.09	0.35	0.07	0.47	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Advanced certificate	0.09	0.44	0.01	0.95	0.18	0.14	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Certificates	-0.04	0.72	0.00	0.97	-0.03	0.76	0.10	0.16
Completed year 12	0.02	0.84	-0.04	0.74	0.02	0.89	0.00	0.97
<b>Labour force status</b>								
Employed part-time	-0.02	0.80	-0.03	0.73	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0.02</b>	<b>-0.20</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Unempl'd/NILF attached	<b>0.69</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.38</b>	<b>0.05</b>	-0.28	0.17	<b>-1.14</b>	<b>0.00</b>
NILF-not marginally attached	<b>0.72</b>	<b>0.00</b>	0.42	0.11	-0.43	0.12	<b>-1.71</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Partner's labour force status</b>								
Employed part-time	-0.13	0.46	-0.09	0.60	-0.09	0.61	<b>-0.30</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Unemployed/NILF	0.16	0.41	0.00	1.00	0.18	0.33	<b>-0.35</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>Work characteristics</b>								
Regular non-day shift	0.15	0.40	0.19	0.31	-0.23	0.22	<b>-0.53</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Irregular time	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.01</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.02</b>	0.00	0.96	<b>-0.23</b>	<b>0.00</b>
Flexi-work	-0.04	0.71	-0.04	0.73	<b>-0.22</b>	<b>0.04</b>	-0.05	0.55
Parental leave	<b>-0.17</b>	<b>0.05</b>	-0.09	0.32	-0.09	0.29	<b>0.18</b>	<b>0.01</b>
Family income	-0.09	0.33	<b>-0.23</b>	<b>0.01</b>	-0.10	0.24	-0.04	0.49
<b>Self-rating health and parenting</b>								
No SCQ								
Health ratings	0.01	0.65	-0.03	0.39	0.05	0.11	-0.02	0.29
Parenting-feel trapped	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.09</b>	0.02	0.28	<b>0.04</b>	<b>0.04</b>	0.01	0.52
Parenting-more work	0.00	0.90	0.02	0.37	0.02	0.46	0.02	0.15
Wave 2	0.03	0.60	0.06	0.34	-0.03	0.66	<b>-0.10</b>	<b>0.04</b>
R(01,02)	<b>0.87</b>	<b>0.00</b>			R(01	<b>-0.65</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
R(01,03)	<b>0.48</b>	<b>0.00</b>			R(02	<b>-0.44</b>	<b>0.00</b>	
R(02,03)	<b>0.59</b>	<b>0.00</b>			R(03	-0.06	0.71	
Number of observations	3887							



## Types of child care used

In analysing the different types of child care we group the available types of care into 3 groups, being family care, formal care and informal care. Formal care contains out of hours care at the child's school or elsewhere, a paid sitter or nanny, family or community day care, or a private/workplace long day care centre. Informal care consists of care by a relative or neighbour in either their home or the home of the child. Finally, family care is any care by a relative, either living in the household or somewhere else, or care by the child's sibling(s). We also investigate which families use what particular combinations of care. For that purpose we further group family and informal care into a single 'non-formal' category. With two groups we can have 4 possible combinations as an outcome, being no care, only formal care, only non-formal care, or both formal and non-formal care.

It is important to point out that the analysis on child care usage is conditional on both caregivers being employed and applies to child care use for employment purposes. This means that it has to be kept in mind that the findings apply strictly speaking only to those families already in work. We estimate all models separately for care for school-aged children and for pre-school-aged children.

### Child care for school-aged children (when (both) caregivers work)

Table E2 contains our findings for the three broad types of child care. Each type is estimated separately. Unlike the difficulty categories that were highly correlated (i.e. meaning that having a problem with one implied having a problem with the other) we find that this is much less the case for the different forms of care. We did estimate all three types simultaneously as we did for the difficulty questions, but the results were almost identical and no real gains were made from the more complicated model.

In Table E2 the estimated coefficients are now displayed as marginal effects. The marginal effects express the effect of a particular personal or household characteristic on the outcome (e.g. using formal care) in probability points. For instance, the value of -0.054 for being born in a non-English speaking country, means the probability of using formal care is 5.4 percentage points lower than for an Australian born mother (first column in Table E2).

Starting with the mother's country of birth we find that mothers born overseas in a non-English speaking country are less likely to use formal or informal care. Mothers living in inner or outer regions, i.e. not in cities, also are significantly less likely to use formal care, to the order of about 10 percentage points. For the use of informal or family care we find no impact.

This is not the case for the State variables. All States, except WA, have a positive value for the formal care specification, meaning that mothers in States other than NSW are more likely to use formal care. SA and the ACT stand out with almost a 20 percentage point increase over NSW. For QLD this higher usage of formal care is somewhat offset by a lower usage of family care, unlike the case for the ACT where mothers are also more likely to use family care in addition to the higher usage rates of formal care. A final point to make about the States is that family care is most likely to be used in the Northern Territory and/or Tasmania, apart from the ACT.

Table E2: Probit marginal effect estimates of the three main groups of child care for school-aged children

	Formal care		Informal care		Family care	
	Marginal Effect	P-value	Marginal Effect	P-value	Marginal Effect	P-value
<b>Country of birth &amp; indigenous status</b>						
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	0.027	0.678	0.005	0.915	0.043	0.547
English speaking country (excl. Australia)	0.024	0.458	-0.005	0.820	-0.017	0.677
Non-English speaking country	<b>-0.054</b>	<b>0.009</b>	<b>-0.029</b>	<b>0.098</b>	0.021	0.592
<b>Region of region</b>						
Inner region	<b>-0.080</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.000	0.995	0.001	0.962
Outer region	<b>-0.115</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.033	0.182	-0.049	0.191
<b>State of residence</b>						
Victoria	0.022	0.372	-0.010	0.537	0.002	0.958
Queensland	<b>0.067</b>	<b>0.024</b>	-0.006	0.770	<b>-0.072</b>	<b>0.030</b>
South Australia	<b>0.188</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.010	0.710	-0.046	0.341
Western Australia	-0.025	0.476	0.020	0.430	-0.054	0.231
Australian Capital Territory	<b>0.227</b>	<b>0.005</b>	-0.003	0.928	<b>0.215</b>	<b>0.001</b>
Northern Territory/Tasmania	0.007	0.910	-0.035	0.311	<b>0.171</b>	<b>0.055</b>
<b>Family details</b>						
Partner missing flag	0.030	0.538	<b>-0.054</b>	<b>0.003</b>	-0.032	0.553
Partnered	<b>-0.091</b>	<b>0.004</b>	0.002	0.926	-0.038	0.337
No. of children aged 0-4	0.033	0.371	-0.048	0.167	-0.001	0.993
No. of children aged 5-9	0.005	0.777	0.009	0.501	0.014	0.618
No. of children aged 10-14	<b>-0.034</b>	<b>0.008</b>	0.007	0.482	<b>0.049</b>	<b>0.006</b>
No. of children aged 15-18	<b>-0.051</b>	<b>0.013</b>	<b>-0.068</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.080</b>	<b>0.001</b>
Youngest aged 0-2	<b>0.172</b>	<b>0.071</b>	0.147	0.120	-0.016	0.880
Youngest aged 3-4	<b>0.207</b>	<b>0.017</b>	0.084	0.234	0.001	0.988
Youngest aged 5-9	<b>0.169</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.033	0.170	-0.001	0.975
<b>Educational attainment</b>						
Postgraduate	<b>0.106</b>	<b>0.016</b>	<b>0.071</b>	<b>0.047</b>	0.060	0.232
Bachelor/diploma	<b>0.047</b>	<b>0.090</b>	<b>0.041</b>	<b>0.052</b>	-0.005	0.882
Advanced certificate	-0.007	0.814	-0.022	0.302	<b>0.084</b>	<b>0.055</b>
Certificates	0.011	0.711	0.014	0.542	-0.001	0.975
Completed year 12	0.008	0.802	0.026	0.351	-0.014	0.742
<b>Employment details</b>						
Full-time employed	<b>0.046</b>	<b>0.016</b>	0.008	0.596	<b>0.101</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Partner's full-time	0.025	0.318	-0.036	0.123	-0.007	0.874
Regular non-day shift	<b>-0.074</b>	<b>0.001</b>	0.004	0.886	-0.040	0.451
Irregular time	-0.023	0.219	<b>0.029</b>	<b>0.089</b>	-0.009	0.732
Parental leave	<b>0.040</b>	<b>0.032</b>	0.010	0.493	<b>0.087</b>	<b>0.001</b>
Flexible work	-0.003	0.896	0.010	0.531	-0.026	0.420
Family income	-6.E-05	0.742	2.E-05	0.910	-2.E-04	0.501
<b>Self-rating health and parenting</b>						
No self-completion questionnaire	0.015	0.725	<b>0.123</b>	<b>0.027</b>	0.088	0.145
Health ratings	-0.004	0.654	<b>0.013</b>	<b>0.061</b>	0.003	0.839
Work-parenting gains	<b>0.038</b>	<b>0.017</b>	<b>0.026</b>	<b>0.049</b>	<b>0.052</b>	<b>0.032</b>
Work-parenting strains	0.019	0.277	<b>0.028</b>	<b>0.056</b>	<b>0.056</b>	<b>0.028</b>
Wave 2 dummy	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.033</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>0.063</b>	0.001	0.957
Pseudo R-squared	0.195		0.071		0.052	
Number of observations	2,071		2,071		2,071	

With regards to the family makeup we see that partnered mothers are less likely to use formal care than non-partnered or lone mothers, by about 10 percentage points. The child variables show us that the more older children you have the less likely you are to use formal care and more likely to use family care. This makes intuitive sense since older siblings can facilitate family care arrangements. When there are younger children present in addition to the school-aged children, the use of formal care is more likely.

Educational attainment plays an important role, unlike what we've seen from the analysis regarding the difficulty reported on various aspects. When it comes to actual use of care we see that higher educated mothers use more formal care, but also more informal care. This increased use, much like the case for mothers in the ACT, does not seem to lead to reduced use of family care.

The employment characteristics show us that full-time working mothers rely more often on formal and family care than do part-time working mothers. Another interesting finding is that those working regular evening shifts are less likely to use formal care and mothers with irregular hours tend to rely more often on informal care, but not family care. This is probably a reflection of non-standard working time schedules being harder to combine with existing (formal) child care options than are standard full-time or part-time jobs with regular fixed hours.

The role of attitudes shows that mothers find solutions that coincide with their beliefs. For instance, those mothers who agree more strongly with statements that say combining work and family has gains, are also more likely to use any type of care. But only those who agree more strongly with statements that combining work and family has strains are more likely to use informal and family care. It could be that mothers who use family care are more likely to feel the pressure of combining work and family, whereas mothers who use formal care share can share some of this pressure. It could also be that mothers who use formal child care are less inclined to feel they miss out by combining work and family than do mothers who use family or informal care.

## **Child care for pre-school-aged children (when (both) caregivers work)**

When we focus our attention on care for pre-school-aged children (Table E3) we find that being born overseas reduces the probability of using family care, at about 10 to 20 percentage points. A possible reason for that could be that all, or part of the extended, family has remained overseas, thereby reducing the number of relatives that can be called upon. For pre-school-aged care we find that foreign born mothers from non-English speaking countries are less likely to use formal care, as is the case with care for school-aged children.

Apart from strong State effects for QLD and WA with respect to family care, there seems to be little difference between the States when it comes to child care usage for pre-school-aged children. Family details too, have less explanatory power in helping understand who uses child care. When the child is very young, formal care is less likely to be used, and the number of older children reduces the probability of using family care. Note that care in Table E3 applies to care for pre-school-aged children. Where we previously found that older children increase the probability of using family care for school-aged children, we find that the opposite is the case with care for pre-school-aged children. This implies that siblings are not used to look after pre-school-aged children, which makes intuitive sense given that these older siblings have to go to school themselves.

Highly educated mothers stand out again when it comes to using formal care, with an about 18 percentage points higher probability of using it. The work characteristics display a similar picture for pre-school-aged care as is the case for school-aged care. Working a regular non-day shift is even more strongly connected to not using formal care. The trade off between formal and informal care is well illustrated for mothers with irregular working hours.

Those mothers who agree more strongly with the notion that balancing work and parenting is accompanied with gains and/or with strains are those mothers who are more likely to use formal care for their pre-school-aged child(ren).

Overall, for both care for school-aged children as well as for care for pre-school-aged children, the models are best able to describe who uses formal care, in particular in the case of care for school-aged children. The use of family care and informal care are harder to grasp and do not seem to be captured well by the characteristics that we include. This is partly due to the fact that much of the use of family and informal care depends on circumstances that are hard to measure for modellers, such as how close your relatives live or if the grandparents have retired already and can assist. It also depends on people's social networks, which are hard to measure.

Table E3: Probit marginal effect estimates of the three main groups of child care for pre-school-aged children

	Formal care		Informal care		Family care	
	Coef.	P> z	Coef.	P> z	Coef.	P> z
<b>Country of birth &amp; indigenous status</b>						
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander origin	0.124	0.331	-0.031	0.300	-0.052	0.716
English speaking country (excl. Australia)	0.077	0.238	-0.006	0.808	<b>-0.120</b>	<b>0.018</b>
Non-English speaking country	<b>-0.128</b>	<b>0.049</b>	0.000	0.995	<b>-0.188</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>Region of region</b>						
Inner region	-0.002	0.970	0.012	0.568	-0.062	0.142
Outer region	-0.104	0.112	0.028	0.384	-0.069	0.189
<b>State of residence</b>						
Victoria	-0.063	0.216	0.002	0.939	-0.004	0.927
Queensland	0.077	0.164	-0.023	0.230	<b>-0.153</b>	<b>0.000</b>
South Australia	-0.088	0.296	-0.021	0.449	0.002	0.977
Western Australia	-0.030	0.695	-0.007	0.821	<b>-0.139</b>	<b>0.016</b>
Australian Capital Territory	-0.168	0.109	-0.009	0.792	-0.001	0.987
Northern Territory/Tasmania	-0.066	0.743	.	.	-0.170	0.227
<b>Family details</b>						
Partner missing flag	-0.001	0.987	-0.039	0.051	-0.037	0.621
Partnered	<b>-0.106</b>	<b>0.047</b>	0.017	0.436	0.037	0.481
No. of children aged 0-2	0.070	0.332	-0.040	0.248	-0.079	0.296
No. of children aged 3-4	0.065	0.118	-0.013	0.425	-0.034	0.355
No. of children aged 5-9	-0.019	0.485	<b>0.019</b>	<b>0.100</b>	<b>-0.059</b>	<b>0.032</b>
No. of children aged 10-14	-0.037	0.347	0.000	0.987	<b>-0.089</b>	<b>0.021</b>
No. of children aged 15-18	-0.044	0.602	-0.026	0.545	0.053	0.508
Youngest aged 0-2	<b>-0.206</b>	<b>0.019</b>	0.047	0.227	0.061	0.502
<b>Educational attainment</b>						
Postgraduate	<b>0.183</b>	<b>0.003</b>	-0.027	0.207	-0.095	0.127
Bachelor/diploma	0.076	0.170	-0.020	0.309	0.011	0.829
Advanced certificate	<b>0.124</b>	<b>0.054</b>	<b>-0.059</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.032	0.651
Certificates	0.081	0.213	<b>-0.048</b>	<b>0.002</b>	-0.019	0.752
Completed year 12	-0.036	0.611	-0.003	0.896	-0.056	0.312
<b>Employment details</b>						
Full-time employed	<b>0.080</b>	<b>0.060</b>	-0.011	0.521	-0.024	0.557
Partner's full-time	-0.013	0.827	-0.037	0.254	0.002	0.974
Regular non-day shift	<b>-0.391</b>	<b>0.000</b>	-0.015	0.611	-0.023	0.743
Irregular time	<b>-0.097</b>	<b>0.032</b>	<b>0.053</b>	<b>0.027</b>	0.022	0.581
Parental leave	0.051	0.284	0.027	0.139	0.053	0.192
Flexible work	-0.020	0.703	0.019	0.399	0.037	0.429
Family income	0.001	0.285	-2.E-05	0.937	-2.E-04	0.702
<b>Self-rating health and parenting</b>						
No self-completion questionnaire	0.069	0.420	0.011	0.786	<b>0.157</b>	<b>0.072</b>
Health ratings	0.005	0.816	-0.002	0.843	0.015	0.470
Work-parenting gains	<b>0.096</b>	<b>0.012</b>	0.004	0.801	0.030	0.391
Work-parenting strains	<b>0.128</b>	<b>0.001</b>	-0.020	0.209	0.062	0.118
Wave 2 dummy	-0.008	0.786	<b>0.044</b>	<b>0.004</b>	0.007	0.809
Pseudo R-squared	0.116		0.071		0.052	
Number of observations	914		903		914	

## **Using particular combinations of family, formal and informal care (when (both) caregivers work)**

In order to obtain an insight on using particular combinations of care (Table E4) we group the three broad groups further into two groups. We combine informal and family care into non-formal care. The reason for doing so is twofold.

Firstly, both informal and family care are overwhelmingly provided at no or very little out of pocket costs, as opposed to formal care. We say out of pocket because the respondents in the HILDA survey are asked about costs after any child care benefits they may receive have been deducted, i.e. a zero cost does not imply free child care.

Secondly, given that there are only 4 possible care combinations, being no care, formal care only, non-formal care only, or both formal and non-formal care, we can display the marginal effects for each possible combination<sup>24</sup>. This then leads to an intuitive interpretation of Table E4 where for each personal or family characteristic one can see which care combination is less likely and which care combination is more likely to be used. For instance, living in SA makes you more likely to use both formal and non-formal care, or formal care only (by about 8 to 11 percentage points) while it decreases the probability of using non-formal care only or no care at all (by of almost 10 percentage points).

Rather than addressing formal and non-formal care it is perhaps interesting to look at who are more or less likely to use any child care. For school-aged children for instance we see that the non-users are partnered and live outside of the major cities. Factors such as education or living in the ACT have earlier been shown to significantly increase the use of formal care and hence reduce the probability of using no care at all. Table E5 displays the equivalent for care of pre-school-aged children.

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<sup>24</sup> Recall that the marginal effects express the effect of a particular characteristic in probability points. Since you have to be using one of the 4 possible combinations the marginal effects always sum to zero. An increase in the probability of using one combination, must come at the expense of the the probability of using the other possible combinations.

Table E4: Biprobit analysis of Formal care and Family/Informal care: Marginal effect estimates at the variable means on the four possible combination outcomes of care types for school-aged children

	Formal and Informal/Family care		Formal care only		Informal/Family only		Used None	
	Coef.	P> z	Coef.	P> z	Coef.	P> z	Coef.	P> z
<b>Country of birth &amp; indigenous status</b>								
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	0.011	0.696	0.011	0.792	0.002	0.979	-0.024	0.732
English speaking country (excl.	0.005	0.715	0.017	0.410	-0.033	0.386	0.011	0.795
Non-English speaking country	<b>-0.023</b>	<b>0.010</b>	<b>-0.032</b>	<b>0.016</b>	0.021	0.600	0.034	0.383
<b>Region of residence</b>								
Inner region	<b>-0.034</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.051</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.048</b>	<b>0.088</b>	0.036	0.225
Outer region	<b>-0.049</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.066</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.022	0.572	<b>0.093</b>	<b>0.017</b>
<b>State of residence</b>								
Victoria	0.012	0.302	0.018	0.246	-0.017	0.594	-0.013	0.688
Queensland	<b>0.022</b>	<b>0.094</b>	<b>0.054</b>	<b>0.007</b>	<b>-0.081</b>	<b>0.012</b>	0.005	0.897
South Australia	<b>0.077</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.117</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.096</b>	<b>0.027</b>	<b>-0.098</b>	<b>0.037</b>
Western Australia	-0.009	0.537	-0.006	0.806	-0.019	0.678	0.034	0.465
Australian Capital Territory	<b>0.177</b>	<b>0.001</b>	0.068	0.111	0.028	0.702	<b>-0.273</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Northern Territory/Tasmania	0.020	0.563	-0.018	0.558	0.135	0.143	<b>-0.137</b>	<b>0.089</b>
<b>Family details</b>								
Partner missing flag	0.005	0.824	0.026	0.426	-0.060	0.244	0.030	0.614
Partnered	<b>-0.044</b>	<b>0.006</b>	<b>-0.048</b>	<b>0.010</b>	0.011	0.752	<b>0.081</b>	<b>0.037</b>
Number of children 0-4	0.006	0.757	0.018	0.437	-0.039	0.504	0.016	0.796
Number of children 5-9	0.006	0.423	-0.001	0.908	0.028	0.325	-0.032	0.216
Number of children 10-14	-0.010	0.120	<b>-0.028</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>0.060</b>	<b>0.001</b>	-0.022	0.238
Number of children 15-18	-0.015	0.096	<b>-0.034</b>	<b>0.008</b>	<b>0.060</b>	<b>0.012</b>	-0.011	0.652
Youngest aged 0-2	<b>0.099</b>	<b>0.078</b>	<b>0.102</b>	<b>0.099</b>	-0.052	0.573	-0.149	0.108
Youngest aged 3-4	<b>0.125</b>	<b>0.017</b>	<b>0.134</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>-0.082</b>	<b>0.276</b>	<b>-0.178</b>	<b>0.019</b>
Youngest aged 5-9	<b>0.071</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.098</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.071</b>	<b>0.093</b>	<b>-0.098</b>	<b>0.020</b>
<b>Educational attainment</b>								
Postgraduate	<b>0.071</b>	<b>0.006</b>	<b>0.047</b>	<b>0.062</b>	0.025	0.595	<b>-0.143</b>	<b>0.002</b>
Bachelor/diploma	<b>0.027</b>	<b>0.058</b>	0.023	0.159	0.013	0.697	<b>-0.063</b>	<b>0.077</b>
Advanced certificate	0.004	0.767	-0.013	0.426	0.065	0.139	-0.055	0.174
Certificates	0.009	0.545	0.008	0.658	0.004	0.909	-0.022	0.596
Completed year 12	0.007	0.641	0.004	0.850	0.012	0.777	-0.023	0.594
<b>Work characteristics</b>								
Full-time employed	<b>0.033</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.012	0.294	<b>0.071</b>	<b>0.008</b>	<b>-0.116</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Partner's full-time employed	0.007	0.561	0.015	0.317	-0.027	0.492	0.005	0.900
Regular non-day shift	<b>-0.034</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.043</b>	<b>0.003</b>	-0.012	0.819	0.088	0.117
Irregular time	-0.009	0.313	-0.015	0.198	0.020	0.461	0.004	0.890
Flexi-work	<b>0.024</b>	<b>0.003</b>	0.012	0.318	<b>0.059</b>	<b>0.024</b>	<b>-0.095</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Parental leave	-0.003	0.746	0.002	0.878	-0.020	0.520	0.022	0.489
Family income	-3.E-05	0.721	3.E-06	0.982	-1.E-04	0.648	2.E-04	0.584
<b>Self-rating health and parenting</b>								
No self-completion questionnaire	0.023	0.327	-0.013	0.534	<b>0.121</b>	<b>0.035</b>	<b>-0.131</b>	<b>0.015</b>
Health ratings	0.000	0.972	-0.005	0.435	<b>0.015</b>	<b>0.257</b>	-0.011	0.424
Work parenting gains	<b>0.026</b>	<b>0.001</b>	0.015	0.134	<b>0.046</b>	<b>0.050</b>	<b>-0.087</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Work parenting constrains	<b>0.018</b>	<b>0.035</b>	-0.002	0.847	<b>0.073</b>	<b>0.003</b>	<b>-0.089</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Wave 2 dummy	<b>0.017</b>	<b>0.002</b>	<b>0.018</b>	<b>0.019</b>	0.004	0.830	<b>-0.039</b>	<b>0.040</b>
Number of obs	1,994							

Table E5: Biprobit analysis of Formal care and Family/Informal care: Marginal effect estimates at the variable means on the four possible combination outcomes of care types for pre-school-aged children

	Formal and Informal/Family care		Formal care only		Informal/Family only		Used None	
	Coef.	P> z	Coef.	P> z	Coef.	P> z	Coef.	P> z
<b>Country of birth &amp; indigenous status</b>								
Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander	0.006	0.954	0.117	0.457	-0.071	0.379	-0.052	0.512
English speaking country (excl. Non-English speaking country)	-0.052	0.141	<b>0.129</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>-0.083</b>	<b>0.005</b>	0.006	0.901
	<b>-0.131</b>	<b>0.000</b>	0.001	0.982	-0.056	0.132	<b>0.185</b>	<b>0.000</b>
<b>Region of residence</b>								
Inner region	-0.034	0.225	0.032	0.421	-0.025	0.353	0.028	0.409
Outer region	<b>-0.069</b>	<b>0.023</b>	-0.038	0.500	0.010	0.803	<b>0.097</b>	<b>0.041</b>
<b>State of residence</b>								
Victoria	-0.021	0.486	-0.041	0.351	0.027	0.411	0.035	0.317
Queensland	<b>-0.052</b>	<b>0.088</b>	<b>0.129</b>	<b>0.010</b>	<b>-0.086</b>	<b>0.003</b>	0.009	0.830
South Australia	-0.024	0.632	-0.064	0.314	0.043	0.393	0.045	0.493
Western Australia	<b>-0.089</b>	<b>0.004</b>	0.060	0.426	-0.060	0.157	0.089	0.103
Australian Capital Territory	-0.046	0.424	-0.121	0.103	0.085	0.208	0.082	0.337
Northern Territory/Tasmania	<b>-0.129</b>	<b>0.002</b>	0.067	0.763	-0.098	0.352	0.160	0.189
<b>Family details</b>								
Partner missing flag	-0.029	0.547	0.025	0.738	-0.020	0.677	0.024	0.698
Partnered	-0.012	0.737	<b>-0.093</b>	<b>0.073</b>	<b>0.060</b>	<b>0.058</b>	0.045	0.201
Number of children 0-2	-0.019	0.720	0.086	0.155	-0.061	0.157	-0.006	0.908
Number of children 3-4	0.000	0.999	<b>0.064</b>	<b>0.065</b>	<b>-0.045</b>	<b>0.070</b>	-0.020	0.492
Number of children 5-9	<b>-0.031</b>	<b>0.084</b>	0.013	0.609	-0.011	0.528	0.029	0.128
Number of children 10-14	<b>-0.055</b>	<b>0.022</b>	0.018	0.605	-0.016	0.497	<b>0.054</b>	<b>0.046</b>
Number of children 15-18	-0.010	0.853	-0.036	0.627	0.024	0.643	0.022	0.712
Youngest aged 0-2	-0.027	0.670	<b>-0.177</b>	<b>0.024</b>	<b>0.117</b>	<b>0.024</b>	0.086	0.170
<b>Educational attainment</b>								
Postgraduate	-0.006	0.892	<b>0.191</b>	<b>0.004</b>	<b>-0.112</b>	<b>0.001</b>	<b>-0.073</b>	<b>0.070</b>
Bachelor/diploma	0.036	0.312	0.043	0.392	-0.028	0.407	-0.050	0.155
Advanced certificate	0.043	0.412	0.080	0.197	-0.054	0.144	-0.069	0.102
Certificates	-0.008	0.848	0.091	0.152	-0.058	0.120	-0.025	0.554
Completed year 12	-0.030	0.407	-0.005	0.940	-0.001	0.982	0.036	0.453
<b>Work characteristics</b>								
Full-time employed	0.019	0.507	0.062	0.116	-0.041	0.112	-0.040	0.160
Partner's full-time employed	-0.026	0.506	0.012	0.829	-0.009	0.811	0.024	0.550
Regular non-day shift	<b>-0.136</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>-0.248</b>	<b>0.000</b>	<b>0.122</b>	<b>0.025</b>	<b>0.262</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Irregular time	-0.011	0.675	<b>-0.086</b>	<b>0.018</b>	<b>0.062</b>	<b>0.028</b>	0.036	0.264
Flexi-work	<b>0.054</b>	<b>0.037</b>	-0.003	0.942	0.008	0.773	<b>-0.059</b>	<b>0.063</b>
Parental leave	0.029	0.342	-0.052	0.260	0.037	0.211	-0.015	0.694
Family income	9.E-05	0.764	4.E-04	0.343	-3.E-04	0.364	-2.E-04	0.467
<b>Self-rating health and parenting</b>								
No self-completion questionnaire	<b>0.125</b>	<b>0.067</b>	-0.061	0.403	0.030	0.612	<b>-0.094</b>	<b>0.039</b>
Health ratings	0.011	0.413	-0.007	0.725	0.005	0.685	-0.010	0.513
Work parenting gains	<b>0.053</b>	<b>0.027</b>	0.045	0.173	-0.027	0.247	<b>-0.071</b>	<b>0.008</b>
Work parenting constrains	<b>0.077</b>	<b>0.005</b>	0.052	0.165	-0.035	0.159	<b>-0.094</b>	<b>0.000</b>
Wave 2 dummy	0.020	0.315	-0.029	0.278	0.021	0.255	-0.012	0.562
Number of obs								



# LEGEND

Child care related variables; difficulty type and child care type classification

<b>Variable name</b>	<b>Description</b> (0=not at all, 10=very much problem)
<b>Difficulty with questions</b>	
<i>Quality</i>	Right person Finding the right person to take care of your child
	Good quality Finding good quality child care
	Centre of choice Finding a place at the centre of your choice
	Child happy Finding care your (child is/children are) happy with
<i>Flexibility</i>	Right hours Getting care for the hours you need
	Sick child Finding care for a sick child
	School holidays Finding care during school holidays
	Right location Finding a child care centre in the right location
<i>Juggling</i>	Juggling Juggling multiple child care arrangements
<i>Costs</i>	Cost The cost of child care
<b>Types of child care used</b>	
<i>Family care</i>	Child's brother/sister The child's brother or sister
	Child looks after self Child looks after self (school-aged)
	Parents' work place Child comes to parents' work place (school-aged)
	Relative lives with us Relative who lives with us
	Relative lives elsewhere Relative who lives with elsewhere
<i>Informal care</i>	Friend/neighbour: our home A friend or neighbour coming to our home
	Friend/neighbour: their home A friend or neighbour in their home
<i>Formal care</i>	Paid sitter/nanny A paid sitter or nanny
	Family day care Family day care
	Child's school: out of hours Out of hours care at child's school (school-aged)
	Out of hours care elsewhere Out of hours care elsewhere (school-aged)
	Long day care at work place Long day care centre at workplace (pre-school-aged)
	Kindergarten/pre-school Kindergarten/pre-school (pre-school-aged)
	Private/community long day care Private or community long day care centre (pre-school-aged)
<b>Child care type combinations</b>	
	Used none Did not use any type of child care (the omitted category)
	Family care only Used family care only
	Informal care only Used informal care only
	Formal care only Used formal care only
	Family & informal care Used family care and informal care
	Family & formal care Used family care and formal care
	Informal & formal care Used informal care and formal care
	Family & informal & formal care Used family care and formal care and informal care

Notes: "school-aged" and "pre-school-aged" indicate types of child care applicable to "school-aged children only" and "pre-school-aged children only" respectively.

## Explanatory variables

### Variable name

### Variable description

#### *Wave 2 dummy*

Wave 2 indicator

#### *Country of birth and ethnicity*

ATSI

Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander or South Sea Islander

ESC

Immigrant born in one of the main English-speaking countries

NESC

Immigrant born in another country

Australian

Australian born (the omitted category)

*Immigrant*

*ESC/NESC*

#### *Region of residence*

City

The main capital cities (the omitted category)

Inner region

Inner region

Outer region

Outer region and beyond

#### *State of residence*

NSW

New South Wales (the omitted category)

VIC

Victoria

QLD

Queensland

SA

South Australia

WA

Western Australia

NT/TAS

Northern Territory/Tasmania

ACT

Australian Capital Territory

*State -other*

*ACT/NT/TAS/QLD/SA*

#### *Relationship status*

Married

Legally married (the omitted category)

Partner missing

Husband or partner details are missing

De-facto

De facto

Separated

Separated

Divorced

Divorced

Single/widowed

Single/widowed

*Partnered*

*Legally married/de-facto indicator ("partnered")*

#### **Children details**

No. children 0-2

Number of children aged between 0 and 2

No. children 3-5

Number of children aged between 3 and 5

No. children 10-14

Number of children aged between 10 and 14

*No. children 6-14*

*Number of children aged between 6 and 14*

*Children 0-14*

*Number of children aged between 0 and 14*

No. children 15-18

Number of children aged between 3 and 5

Youngest child

Age of youngest child (0-14)

Youngest aged 0-2

Youngest dependent child aged 0-2

Youngest aged 3-5

Youngest dependent child aged 3-5

Youngest aged 6-9

Youngest dependent child aged 6-9

Youngest aged 10-14

Youngest dependent child aged 10-14

(Notes: variables in non-bold italics are those which are used in child-care type combination or in some other regressions instead of more detailed variables due to the relative small sample sizes.)

## ***Explanatory variables – CONT'D***

<b>Variable name</b>	<b>Variable description</b>
<b><i>Educational attainments</i></b>	
Postgraduate	Postgraduate
Bachelor	Bachelor or diploma
Adv. certificates	Advanced certificates
Certificates	Certificates
Year 12	Completed high school
Other	Year 11 or less or details are undetermined (the omitted category)
<i>Bachelor-higher</i>	<i>Bachelor or diploma or postgraduate</i>
<i>Certificate-all</i>	<i>Advanced certificates/certificates</i>
<b><i>Labour force status</i></b>	
Full-time	Employed full-time (the omitted category)
Part-time	Employed part-time
NILF-not attach	Not in the labour force, not marginally attached
Unemp./attach	Unemployed or not in labour force and marginally attached
<b><i>Partner's employment details</i></b>	
Ptnr employed	Partner is employed (the omitted category)
Ptnr not working	Partner is not employed
Ptnr hours worked	Partner's daily hours worked (weekly divided by 5)
<b>Work characteristics</b>	
Hours worked	Usual daily hours worked
<b><i>Work schedules</i></b>	
Rday shift	Regular day shift (the omitted category)
Rnday shift	Regular non day shift
Irregular time	Irregular work schedules
Flexible work	Able to get flexible work arrangement
<b>Family income</b>	Family income (excludes mother's earned income)
<b>Variables from the self-completion questionnaires</b>	
No SCQ	Did not complete the self-completion questionnaires
Health ratings	Health self-rating (1=excellent, 5=poor)
<b>Parenting</b>	(1=strongly disagree, 7=strongly agree)
Prnt-feel tired	Parenting: feel tired from meeting children's needs
Prnt-feel trapped	Parenting: feel trapped by family responsibilities
Prnt-hard	Parenting: Parenting is harder than expected
Prnt-more work	Parenting: Parenting is more work than pleasure
<b>Parenting and work</b>	(1=strongly disagree, 7=strongly agree)
Pawk-well-rounded	Parenting and work: Having both work and family responsibilities makes me more well-rounded
Pawk-less enjoyable	Parenting and work: Because of my job, family time is less enjoyable
Pawk-worried	Parenting and work: I worry about what goes on with my children while at work

# APPENDIX

Table A1. Frequency of all reported combinations of child care used (Wave 1 / school-aged / when working). NOTE: These frequencies do not correspond 1-to-1 with those used in the main text. ‘Me and my partner’ is considered a form of care in this frequency table, unlike in the body of the report. Also, ‘other 1’ and ‘other 2’ are options in Table A1. Furthermore, these frequencies are based on a schooling age of 6 years and up, not 5 years and up, as is the case in the main body of the report.

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<b>Me</b>	Me or my partner
<b>Bs</b>	Child's brother or sister
<b>Sf</b>	Child looks after self
<b>Wp</b>	Child comes to my workplace
<b>Os</b>	Out of hours care at child's school
<b>Oe</b>	Out of hours care elsewhere
<b>Ru</b>	A relative that lives with us
<b>Re</b>	A relative who lives elsewhere
<b>Fo</b>	A friend or neighbour coming to our home
<b>Ft</b>	A friend or neighbour at their home
<b>Ps</b>	A paid sitter or nanny
<b>Fd</b>	Family day care
<b>Op</b>	Other parent not living in the household/expartner
<b>Np</b>	Not applicable/boarding school
<b>o1</b>	Other 1
<b>o2</b>	Other 2

Use (1) or not use (0) the various child care arrangements for school-aged children during school term (Q7). Mothers with a child 6 or over ONLY.  
When (both partners are) working

	<b>me</b>	<b>bs</b>	<b>sf</b>	<b>wp</b>	<b>os</b>	<b>oe</b>	<b>ru</b>	<b>re</b>	<b>fo</b>	<b>ft</b>	<b>ps</b>	<b>fd</b>	<b>op</b>	<b>np</b>	<b>o1</b>	<b>o2</b>	Number of mothers	Within group percentage
Use none	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	100
Use 1 form of care	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	421	61.91
(ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	11.03
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	9.71
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	5.44
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	2.65
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	2.21
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1.76
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	11	1.62
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.88
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0.88
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0.74
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0.59
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0.44
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.15
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Use 2 forms of care	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	19.91
(ranked to popularity)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	33	14.6
	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	9.29
	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	5.75
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	12	5.31
	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	5.31
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4.42
	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	4.42
	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3.54
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	3.1
	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	2.65
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5	2.21
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.77
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.33
	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.33
	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.33
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0.88
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0.88
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0.88
	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.88
	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.88
	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.88
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.44
	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.44
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.44
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.44

s u b - T o t a l                      226                      100

Use 3 forms of care	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	10.42
(ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	8.33
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	8.33
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	6.25
	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6.25
	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6.25
	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.17

0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.17
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.17
1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.17
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.17
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2.08
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2.08
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2.08
1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2.08
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.08

s u b - T o t a l                      48                      100

Use 4 forms of care  
(ranked to popularity)

1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	16.67
1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	16.67
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	8.33
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	8.33
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	8.33
0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8.33
0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8.33
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8.33
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	8.33
1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8.33

s u b - T o t a l                      12                      100

Use 5 forms of care  
(ranked to popularity)

1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	50
1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	50

s u b - T o t a l                      2                      100

Table A2. Frequency of all reported combinations of child care used (Wave 2 / school-aged / when working). NOTE: 'Me and my partner' is not considered a form of care in wave 2, consistent with the body of the report. The categories 'other 1' and 'other 2' are options in Table A2. Furthermore, these frequencies are based on a schooling age of 6 years and up, not 5 years and up, as is the case in the main body of the report.

LEGEND

- bs** Child's brother or sister
- sf** Child looks after self
- wp** Child comes to my workplace
- os** Out of hours care at child's school
- oe** Out of hours care elsewhere
- ru** A relative that lives with us
- re** A relative who lives elsewhere
- fo** A friend or neighbour coming to our home
- ft** A friend or neighbour at their home
- ps** A paid sitter or nanny
- fd** Family day care
- op** Other parent not living in the household/expartner
- br** Not applicable/boarding school
- o1** Other 1
- o2** Other 2

"me" and "np" are no longer categories  
 "me" (Me or my partner) has been eliminated in wave 2  
 "np" has been recoded "br" in wave 2 but remains the same.

Use (1) or not use (0) the various child care arrangements for school-aged children during school term (Q7). Mothers with a child 6 or over ONLY

When (both partners are) working

	<b>bs</b>	<b>sf</b>	<b>wp</b>	<b>os</b>	<b>oe</b>	<b>ru</b>	<b>re</b>	<b>fo</b>	<b>ft</b>	<b>ps</b>	<b>fd</b>	<b>op</b>	<b>br</b>	<b>o1</b>	<b>o2</b>	Number of mothers	Within group percentage
Use none	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	396	100
	s u b - T o t a l														396	100	
Use 1 form of care	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	88	23.66
(ranked to popularity)	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53	14.25
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48	12.9
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	10.75
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	39	10.48
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	9.41
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	5.38
	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	2.96
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	2.69
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	2.42

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8	2.15
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	1.88
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3	0.81
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.27

s u b - T o t a l                      372                      100

Use 2 forms of care  
(ranked to popularity)

1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	19.58
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	7.69
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	6.99
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	6.29
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	6.29
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4.2
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4.2
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	4.2
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3.5
0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3.5
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.8
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2.8
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.1
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.1
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.1
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1.4
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.4
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.4
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1.4
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.4
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.4
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.4
0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.4
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0.7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.7
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.7
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.7
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.7
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.7
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.7
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.7
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.7
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.7
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.7

s u b - T o t a l                      143                      100

Use 3 forms of care  
(ranked to popularity)

0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	18.18
0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	9.09
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	6.06
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6.06
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6.06



0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3.03
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3.03
1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03
1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3.03

s u b - T o t a l                      33                      100

Use 4 forms of care (ranked to popularity)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	20
	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20

s u b - T o t a l                      5                      100

Use 5 forms of care (ranked to popularity)	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	50
	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	50

s u b - T o t a l                      2                      100

Use 7 forms of care (ranked to popularity)	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	100
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s u b - T o t a l                      1                      100

Table A3: Frequency of all reported combinations of child care used (Wave 1 / pre-school-aged / when working). NOTE: These frequencies do not correspond 1-to-1 with those used in the main text. ‘Me and my partner’ is considered a form of care in this frequency table, unlike in the body of the report. Also, ‘other 1’ and ‘other 2’ are options in Table A3. Furthermore, these frequencies are based on a pre-school age of 5 years and below, not 4 years and below, as is the case in the main body of the report.

LEGEND

- Me** Me or my partner
- Bs** Child's brother or sister
- Ru** A relative that lives with us
- Re** A relative who lives elsewhere
- Fo** A friend or neighbour coming to our home
- Ft** A friend or neighbour at their home
- Ps** A paid sitter or nanny
- Fd** Family day care
- Wp** Long day care centre at workplace
- Pd** private or community long day care centre
- Kp** kindergarten/pre-school
- Op** Other parent not living in the household/expartner
- o1** Other 1
- o2** Other 2

Use (1) or not use (0) the various pre-school child care arrangements (Q10)  
 Mothers with a child 6 or under ONLY.  
 When (both partners are) working

	<b>me</b>	<b>bs</b>	<b>ru</b>	<b>re</b>	<b>fo</b>	<b>ft</b>	<b>ps</b>	<b>fd</b>	<b>wp</b>	<b>pd</b>	<b>kp</b>	<b>op</b>	<b>o1</b>	<b>o2</b>	Number of mothers	Within group percentage
Use none	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	100
	s u b - T o t a l													76	100	
Use 1 form of care	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	91	29.93
(ranked to popularity)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	63	20.72
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	19.08
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	12.83
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14	4.61
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12	3.95
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.63
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1.97
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5	1.64
	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1.32
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.66
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.33
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.33
	s u b - T o t a l													304	100	
Use 2 forms of care	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17	12.98
(ranked to popularity)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	11.45
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	10.69

1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	14	10.69
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	9.16
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	11	8.4
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	7.63
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7	5.34
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	4.58
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1.53
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.53
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.53
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.53
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.76
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.76
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.76
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.76
1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.76
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.76

s u b - T o t a l                      131                      100

Use 3 forms of care  
(ranked to popularity)

1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6	14.63
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	14.63
1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	9.76
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	4.88
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	4.88
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.88
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4.88
1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.88
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	4.88
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.44
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.44
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2.44
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2.44
0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.44
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2.44
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2.44
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2.44
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.44
1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.44
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.44

	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2.44
	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.44
	s u b - T o t a l														41	100

Use 4 forms of care (ranked to popularity)	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	57.14
	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	14.29
	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	14.29
	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	14.29
	s u b - T o t a l														7	100

Use 5 forms of care (ranked to popularity)	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25
	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	25
	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25
	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25
	s u b - T o t a l														4	100

Table A4: Frequency of all reported combinations of child care used (Wave 2 / pre-school-aged / when working) NOTE: ‘Me and my partner’ is not considered a form of care in wave 2, consistent with the body of the report. The categories ‘other 1’ and ‘other 2’ are options in Table A4. Furthermore, these frequencies are based on a pre-school age of 5 years and below, not 4 years and below, as is the case in the main body of the report.

LEGEND

- bs Child's brother or sister
- ru A relative that lives with us
- re A relative who lives elsewhere
- fo A friend or neighbour coming to our home
- ft A friend or neighbour at their home
- ps A paid sitter or nanny
- fd Family day care
- wp Long day care centre at workplce
- pd private or community long day care centre
- kp kindergarten/pre-school
- op Other parent not living in the household/expartner
- o1 Other 1
- o2 Other 2

"me" (Me or my partner) has been eliminated in wave 2

Use (1) or not use (0) the various pre-school child care arrangements (Q10)  
 Mothers with a child 6 or under ONLY  
 When (both partners are) working

	bs	ru	re	fo	ft	ps	fd	wp	pd	kp	op	o1	o2	Number of mothers	Within group percentage
Use none	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	157	100
s u b - T o t a l														157	100
Use 1 form of care	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	56	24.89
(ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56	24.89
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	20.44
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	18	8
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.89
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.89
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	4.89
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10	4.44
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1.33
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0.89
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.44
s u b - T o t a l														225	100
Use 2 forms of care	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	18	17.48
(ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	11.65

0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	10	9.71
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	5.83
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	4.85
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	4.85
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	3.88
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	3.88
0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3.88
0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3.88
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	2.91
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	3	2.91
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	2.91
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	1.94
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	1.94
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.94
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1.94
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1.94
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1.94
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0.97
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.97
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.97
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.97
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.97
0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.97
0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.97
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0.97
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.97
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0.97

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Use 3 forms of care (ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	3	17.65
	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	11.76
	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	11.76
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	5.88
	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5.88
	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	5.88
	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	5.88
	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5.88
	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5.88
	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5.88
	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5.88
	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5.88
	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.88

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Use 4 forms of care (ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25
	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	25
	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	25
	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	25

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Table A5: Frequency of all reported combinations of child care used (Wave 2 / school-aged / when either partner not working). NOTE: The categories ‘other 1’ and ‘other 2’ are options in Table A5, but not in the main body of the text. Furthermore, these frequencies are based on a schooling age of 6 years and up, not 5 years and up, as is the case in the main body of the report.

LEGEND

- Bs** Child's brother or sister
- Ru** A relative that lives with us
- Re** A relative who lives elsewhere
- Fo** A friend or neighbour coming to our home
- Ft** A friend or neighbour at their home
- Ps** A paid sitter or nanny
- Fd** Family day care
- Pd** Private/Community day care centre
- Kp** Kindergarten/pre-school
- o1** Other 1
- o2** Other 2

Use (1) or not use (0) the various child care arrangements.  
 School-aged children during school term (Q13def)  
 When (either partner is) *not* working. Mothers with a child 6 or over ONLY

	<b>bs</b>	<b>ru</b>	<b>re</b>	<b>fo</b>	<b>ft</b>	<b>ps</b>	<b>fd</b>	<b>pd</b>	<b>kp</b>	<b>o1</b>	<b>o2</b>	Number of mothers	Within group percentage
Use none	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,218	100
Use 1 form of care (ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	95	41.48
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	21.83
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	8.73
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	17	7.42
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	15	6.55
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9	3.93
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	3.49
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	3.06
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	2.18
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	1.31
s u b - T o t a l												229	100
Use 2 forms of care (ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	23.26
	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	18.6
	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	13.95
	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	11.63
	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6.98
	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.65
	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	4.65
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	2.33
	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2.33





Table A6: Frequency of all reported combinations of child care used (Wave 2 / pre-school-aged / when either partner not working). NOTE: The categories 'other 1' and 'other 2' are options in Table A6, but not in the main body of the text. Furthermore, these frequencies are based on a pre-school age of 5 years and below, not 4 years and below, as is the case in the main body of the report.

LEGEND

- Bs** Child's brother or sister
- Ru** A relative that lives with us
- Re** A relative who lives elsewhere
- Fo** A friend or neighbour coming to our home
- Ft** A friend or neighbour at their home
- Ps** A paid sitter or nanny
- Fd** Family day care
- Pd** Private or community long day care centre
- Kp** kindergarten/pre-school
- o1** Other 1
- o2** Other 2

Use (1) or not use (0) the various child care arrangements.  
 Pre-school-aged children (Q13abc). Mothers with a child 6 or under ONLY  
 When (either partner is) *not* working

	<b>bs</b>	<b>ru</b>	<b>re</b>	<b>fo</b>	<b>ft</b>	<b>ps</b>	<b>fd</b>	<b>pd</b>	<b>kp</b>	<b>o1</b>	<b>o2</b>	Number of mothers	Within group percentage
Use none	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	716	100
Use 1 form of care (ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	98	34.27
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	45	15.73
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	42	14.69
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	35	12.24
	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	16	5.59
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	14	4.9
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	3.85
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	3.5
	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	2.8
	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2.1
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.35
			S	u	b	-	T	o	t	a	l	286	100
Use 2 forms of care (ranked to popularity)	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	11	16.18
	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7	10.29
	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6	8.82
	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	8.82
	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	7.35
	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	7.35
	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	5.88
	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4	5.88
	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4.41
	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	2.94

0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	2.94
0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.94
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2.94
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1.47
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1.47
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.47
0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.47
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1.47
0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1.47
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1.47
1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.47
1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1.47

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Use 3 forms of care  
(ranked to popularity)

0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	17.65
0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	5.88
0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	5.88
0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5.88
0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5.88
0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	5.88
0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	5.88
0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.88
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	5.88
0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	5.88
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	5.88
0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	5.88
0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5.88
0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5.88

S u b - T o t a l 17 100

Use 4 forms of care  
(ranked to popularity)

0	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	66.67
1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	33.33

S u b - T o t a l 3 100

Use 5 forms of care  
(ranked to popularity)

0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	100
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S u b - T o t a l 1 100



Table A7: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1; Finding good quality child care

	Mother with youngest child between the ages of						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
dont know	81 7.34	19 7.66	14 5.38	8 4.35	31 8.56	9 18	38 6.17	31 9.01	11 8.4	2 13.33	25 7.25	38 8.19	19 6.4
not a problem at all	473 42.84	85 34.27	108 41.54	86 46.74	170 46.96	24 48	273 44.32	135 39.24	59 45.04	7 46.67	138 40	199 42.89	137 46.13
1	79 7.16	15 6.05	24 9.23	13 7.07	23 6.35	4 8	34 5.52	33 9.59	12 9.16	0 0	29 8.41	33 7.11	17 5.72
2	83 7.52	20 8.06	22 8.46	15 8.15	25 6.91	1 2	50 8.12	28 8.14	4 3.05	1 6.67	20 5.8	39 8.41	24 8.08
3	49 4.44	17 6.85	9 3.46	4 2.17	18 4.97	1 2	31 5.03	14 4.07	4 3.05	0 0	15 4.35	19 4.09	15 5.05
4	27 2.45	9 3.63	6 2.31	6 3.26	6 1.66	0 0	10 1.62	13 3.78	4 3.05	0 0	5 1.45	16 3.45	6 2.02
5	60 5.43	13 5.24	15 5.77	11 5.98	19 5.25	2 4	38 6.17	17 4.94	4 3.05	1 6.67	24 6.96	22 4.74	14 4.71
6	35 3.17	8 3.23	8 3.08	5 2.72	13 3.59	1 2	21 3.41	11 3.2	2 1.53	1 6.67	10 2.9	18 3.88	7 2.36
7	58 5.25	18 7.26	13 5	9 4.89	16 4.42	2 4	34 5.52	16 4.65	7 5.34	1 6.67	23 6.67	23 4.96	12 4.04
8	72 6.52	22 8.87	21 8.08	15 8.15	13 3.59	1 2	44 7.14	20 5.81	8 6.11	0 0	28 8.12	20 4.31	24 8.08
9	32 2.90	4 1.61	11 4.23	4 2.17	9 2.49	4 8	19 3.08	7 2.03	6 4.58	0 0	10 2.9	14 3.02	8 2.69
very much a problem	55 4.98	18 7.26	9 3.46	8 4.35	19 5.25	1 2	24 3.9	19 5.52	10 7.63	2 13.33	18 5.22	23 4.96	14 4.71
Total	1,104 100	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100
Q4A Finding good quality childcare													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	711 69.50	146 63.76	169 68.70	124 70.45	242 73.11	30 73.17	398 68.86	223 71.25	83 69.17	8 61.54	207 64.69	306 71.83	199 71.58
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	312 30.50	83 36.24	77 31.30	52 29.55	89 26.89	11 26.83	180 31.14	90 28.75	37 30.83	5 38.46	113 35.31	120 28.17	79 28.42
Total (percentage)	1023 100	229 100	246 100	176 100	331 100	41 100	578 100	313 100	120 100	13 100	320 100	426 100	278 100

Table A8. Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; Finding the right person to take care of the child

	Q4B Finding the right person to take care of my child							Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	Mother with youngest child between the ages of						major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
		0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14								
dont know	68 6.16	12 4.84	16 6.15	8 4.35	24 6.63	8 16	28 4.55	29 8.43	11 8.4	1 6.67	21 6.09	32 6.9	16 5.39	
not a problem at all	461 41.76	87 35.08	108 41.54	75 40.76	168 46.41	23 46	266 43.18	134 38.95	54 41.22	8 53.33	143 41.45	193 41.59	126 42.42	
1	88 7.97	17 6.85	22 8.46	14 7.61	31 8.56	4 8	34 5.52	38 11.05	15 11.45	1 6.67	20 5.8	49 10.56	19 6.4	
2	76 6.88	18 7.26	15 5.77	16 8.7	25 6.91	2 4	42 6.82	29 8.43	5 3.82	0 0	25 7.25	30 6.47	21 7.07	
3	53 4.80	16 6.45	13 5	7 3.8	14 3.87	3 6	30 4.87	21 6.1	2 1.53	0 0	16 4.64	25 5.39	12 4.04	
4	27 2.45	5 2.02	5 1.92	9 4.89	8 2.21	0 0	15 2.44	8 2.33	4 3.05	0 0	9 2.61	11 2.37	7 2.36	
5	58 5.25	12 4.84	13 5	10 5.43	23 6.35	0 0	40 6.49	13 3.78	4 3.05	1 6.67	14 4.06	24 5.17	20 6.73	
6	30 2.72	6 2.42	6 2.31	10 5.43	8 2.21	0 0	19 3.08	10 2.91	1 0.76	0 0	5 1.45	13 2.8	12 4.04	
7	66 5.98	24 9.68	17 6.54	4 2.17	18 4.97	3 6	40 6.49	17 4.94	9 6.87	0 0	31 8.99	24 5.17	11 3.7	
8	68 6.16	19 7.66	20 7.69	12 6.52	15 4.14	2 4	40 6.49	18 5.23	9 6.87	1 6.67	24 6.96	21 4.53	23 7.74	
9	39 3.53	11 4.44	12 4.62	6 3.26	7 1.93	3 6	26 4.22	8 2.33	4 3.05	1 6.67	12 3.48	15 3.23	12 4.04	
very much a problem	70 6.34	21 8.47	13 5	13 7.07	21 5.8	2 4	36 5.84	19 5.52	13 9.92	2 13.33	25 7.25	27 5.82	18 6.06	
Total	1104 100	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100	
Q4B Finding the right person to take care of my child														
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	705 68.05	143 60.59	163 66.80	121 68.75	246 72.78	32 76.19	387 65.82	230 73.02	80 66.67	9 64.29	213 65.74	308 71.30	185 65.84	
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	331 31.95	93 39.41	81 33.20	55 31.25	92 27.22	10 23.81	201 34.18	85 26.98	40 33.33	5 35.71	111 34.26	124 28.70	96 34.16	
Total (percentage)	1036 100	236 100	244 100	176 100	338 100	42 100	588 100	315 100	120 100	14 100	324 100	432 100	281 100	

Table A9. Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; Getting the hours needed

	Q4C Getting care for the hours you need						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
dont know	59 5.34	14 5.65	12 4.62	7 3.8	19 5.25	7 14	24 3.9	25 7.27	10 7.63	1 6.67	19 5.51	30 6.47	11 3.7
not a problem at all	428 38.77	85 34.27	100 38.46	70 38.04	151 41.71	22 44	230 37.34	141 40.99	51 38.93	6 40	132 38.26	182 39.22	114 38.38
1	82 7.43	16 6.45	27 10.38	10 5.43	27 7.46	2 4	43 6.98	27 7.85	11 8.4	1 6.67	24 6.96	38 8.19	20 6.73
2	88 7.97	18 7.26	20 7.69	15 8.15	32 8.84	3 6	57 9.25	24 6.98	6 4.58	1 6.67	14 4.06	47 10.13	27 9.09
3	64 5.80	18 7.26	15 5.77	8 4.35	20 5.52	3 6	46 7.47	12 3.49	6 4.58	0 0	30 8.7	16 3.45	18 6.06
4	42 3.80	10 4.03	13 5	7 3.8	12 3.31	0 0	28 4.55	10 2.91	4 3.05	0 0	16 4.64	22 4.74	4 1.35
5	77 6.97	13 5.24	14 5.38	18 9.78	28 7.73	4 8	44 7.14	25 7.27	8 6.11	0 0	25 7.25	29 6.25	23 7.74
6	33 2.99	8 3.23	5 1.92	6 3.26	12 3.31	2 4	20 3.25	10 2.91	4 3.05	0 0	9 2.61	16 3.45	9 3.03
7	44 3.99	12 4.84	11 4.23	12 6.52	8 2.21	1 2	23 3.73	14 4.07	6 4.58	1 6.67	15 4.35	19 4.09	10 3.37
8	60 5.43	13 5.24	13 5	9 4.89	23 6.35	2 4	33 5.36	19 5.52	7 5.34	1 6.67	21 6.09	19 4.09	20 6.73
9	42 3.80	10 4.03	15 5.77	7 3.8	7 1.93	3 6	24 3.9	12 3.49	4 3.05	2 13.33	16 4.64	13 2.8	13 4.38
very much a problem	85 7.70	31 12.5	15 5.77	15 8.15	23 6.35	1 2	44 7.14	25 7.27	14 10.69	2 13.33	24 6.96	33 7.11	28 9.43
Total	1104 100	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100
Q4C Getting care for the hours you need													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	704 67.37	147 62.82	175 70.56	110 62.15	242 70.55	30 69.77	404 68.24	214 67.08	78 64.46	8 57.14	216 66.26	305 70.28	183 63.99
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	341 32.63	87 37.18	73 29.44	67 37.85	101 29.45	13 30.23	188 31.76	105 32.92	43 35.54	6 42.86	110 33.74	129 29.72	103 36.01
Total (percentage)	1045 100	234 100	248 100	177 100	343 100	43 100	592 100	319 100	121 100	14 100	326 100	434 100	286 100

Table A10: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; Finding care for a sick child

Q4D	Finding care for a sick child						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
dont know	137 12.41	46 18.55	32 12.31	18 9.78	33 9.12	8 16	67 10.88	55 15.99	15 11.45	1 6.67	60 17.39	47 10.13	31 10.44
not a problem at all	350 31.70	83 33.47	85 32.69	57 30.98	108 29.83	17 34	182 29.55	113 32.85	49 37.4	7 46.67	109 31.59	150 32.33	92 30.98
1	54 4.89	10 4.03	13 5	12 6.52	19 5.25	0 0	32 5.19	17 4.94	5 3.82	0 0	13 3.77	29 6.25	12 4.04
2	54 4.89	14 5.65	14 5.38	3 1.63	19 5.25	4 8	30 4.87	19 5.52	4 3.05	1 6.67	9 2.61	26 5.6	19 6.4
3	32 2.90	5 2.02	11 4.23	2 1.09	13 3.59	1 2	19 3.08	11 3.2	2 1.53	0 0	11 3.19	12 2.59	9 3.03
4	23 2.08	1 0.4	5 1.92	5 2.72	9 2.49	3 6	10 1.62	9 2.62	4 3.05	0 0	6 1.74	11 2.37	6 2.02
5	81 7.34	18 7.26	20 7.69	15 8.15	25 6.91	3 6	51 8.28	19 5.52	10 7.63	1 6.67	28 8.12	38 8.19	15 5.05
6	23 2.08	4 1.61	7 2.69	2 1.09	8 2.21	2 4	17 2.76	4 1.16	2 1.53	0 0	6 1.74	11 2.37	6 2.02
7	39 3.53	11 4.44	7 2.69	10 5.43	9 2.49	2 4	21 3.41	12 3.49	5 3.82	1 6.67	15 4.35	17 3.66	7 2.36
8	68 6.16	11 4.44	7 2.69	13 7.07	35 9.67	2 4	43 6.98	18 5.23	6 4.58	1 6.67	21 6.09	25 5.39	22 7.41
9	51 4.62	9 3.63	10 3.85	12 6.52	17 4.7	3 6	31 5.03	16 4.65	4 3.05	0 0	15 4.35	22 4.74	14 4.71
very much a problem	192 17.39	36 14.52	49 18.85	35 19.02	67 18.51	5 10	113 18.34	51 14.83	25 19.08	3 20	52 15.07	76 16.38	64 21.55
Total	1104 100.00	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100
Q4D	Finding care for a sick child												
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	513 53.05	113 55.94	128 56.14	79 47.59	168 51.06	25 59.52	273 49.73	169 58.48	64 55.17	8 57.14	148 51.93	228 54.68	138 51.88
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	454 46.95	89 44.06	100 43.86	87 52.41	161 48.94	17 40.48	276 50.27	120 41.52	52 44.83	6 42.86	137 48.07	189 45.32	128 48.12
Total (percentage)	967 100	202 100	228 100	166 100	329 100	42 100	549 100	289 100	116 100	14 100	285 100	417 100	266 100



Table A11: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; Finding care during school holidays

	Finding care during school holidays							Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more	
dont know	200 18.12	84 33.87	60 23.08	28 15.22	25 6.91	3 6	104 16.88	73 21.22	21 16.03	3 20	100 28.99	70 15.09	31 10.44	
not a problem at all	487 44.11	107 43.15	121 46.54	74 40.22	156 43.09	29 58	277 44.97	139 40.41	62 47.33	10 66.67	146 42.32	214 46.12	128 43.1	
1	43 3.89	7 2.82	11 4.23	8 4.35	16 4.42	1 2	21 3.41	15 4.36	7 5.34	0 0	13 3.77	21 4.53	9 3.03	
2	62 5.62	9 3.63	13 5	9 4.89	29 8.01	2 4	36 5.84	20 5.81	5 3.82	1 6.67	9 2.61	32 6.9	21 7.07	
3	39 3.53	2 0.81	7 2.69	6 3.26	22 6.08	2 4	26 4.22	11 3.2	1 0.76	1 6.67	14 4.06	14 3.02	11 3.7	
4	27 2.45	3 1.21	6 2.31	5 2.72	12 3.31	1 2	11 1.79	11 3.2	5 3.82	0 0	6 1.74	15 3.23	6 2.02	
5	67 6.07	8 3.23	11 4.23	14 7.61	31 8.56	3 6	33 5.36	27 7.85	7 5.34	0 0	14 4.06	32 6.9	21 7.07	
6	20 1.81	1 0.4	3 1.15	4 2.17	9 2.49	3 6	14 2.27	4 1.16	2 1.53	0 0	7 2.03	8 1.72	5 1.68	
7	31 2.81	5 2.02	4 1.54	9 4.89	10 2.76	3 6	20 3.25	9 2.62	2 1.53	0 0	8 2.32	14 3.02	9 3.03	
8	48 4.35	6 2.42	6 2.31	11 5.98	23 6.35	2 4	29 4.71	11 3.2	8 6.11	0 0	9 2.61	19 4.09	20 6.73	
9	24 2.17	4 1.61	5 1.92	5 2.72	10 2.76	0 0	14 2.27	6 1.74	4 3.05	0 0	2 0.58	9 1.94	13 4.38	
very much a problem	56 5.07	12 4.84	13 5	11 5.98	19 5.25	1 2	31 5.03	18 5.23	7 5.34	0 0	17 4.93	16 3.45	23 7.74	
Total	1104 100.00	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100	
Q4E Finding care during school holidays														
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	658 72.79	128 78.05	158 79.00	102 65.38	235 69.73	35 74.47	371 72.46	196 72.32	80 72.73	12 100.00	188 76.73	296 75.13	175 65.79	
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	246 27.21	36 21.95	42 21.00	54 34.62	102 30.27	12 25.53	141 27.54	75 27.68	30 27.27	0 0.00	57 23.27	98 24.87	91 34.21	
Total (percentage)	904 100	164 100	200 100	156 100	337 100	47 100	512 100	271 100	110 100	12 100	245 100	394 100	266 100	

Table A12: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; The costs of child care

Q4F	The cost of childcare						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
dont know	95 8.61	24 9.68	15 5.77	13 7.07	34 9.39	9 18	39 6.33	39 11.34	15 11.45	3 20	27 7.83	45 9.7	24 8.08
not a problem at all	357 32.34	73 29.44	66 25.38	54 29.35	139 38.4	25 50	194 31.49	107 31.1	52 39.69	5 33.33	111 32.17	147 31.68	100 33.67
1	61 5.53	10 4.03	16 6.15	14 7.61	17 4.7	4 8	24 3.9	25 7.27	11 8.4	1 6.67	19 5.51	26 5.6	16 5.39
2	60 5.43	12 4.84	22 8.46	11 5.98	13 3.59	2 4	37 6.01	19 5.52	4 3.05	0 0	17 4.93	25 5.39	18 6.06
3	61 5.53	20 8.06	20 7.69	7 3.8	13 3.59	1 2	30 4.87	25 7.27	5 3.82	1 6.67	16 4.64	35 7.54	10 3.37
4	41 3.71	10 4.03	12 4.62	9 4.89	8 2.21	2 4	22 3.57	17 4.94	2 1.53	0 0	15 4.35	17 3.66	9 3.03
5	114 10.33	27 10.89	30 11.54	16 8.7	39 10.77	2 4	82 13.31	28 8.14	3 2.29	1 6.67	32 9.28	49 10.56	33 11.11
6	60 5.43	19 7.66	13 5	12 6.52	14 3.87	2 4	38 6.17	15 4.36	7 5.34	0 0	25 7.25	26 5.6	9 3.03
7	39 3.53	5 2.02	11 4.23	7 3.8	16 4.42	0 0	25 4.06	10 2.91	4 3.05	0 0	16 4.64	10 2.16	13 4.38
8	72 6.52	14 5.65	16 6.15	16 8.7	23 6.35	3 6	46 7.47	16 4.65	8 6.11	2 13.33	28 8.12	27 5.82	17 5.72
9	43 3.89	12 4.84	14 5.38	10 5.43	7 1.93	0 0	26 4.22	11 3.2	6 4.58	0 0	16 4.64	12 2.59	15 5.05
very much a problem	101 9.15	22 8.87	25 9.62	15 8.15	39 10.77	0 0	53 8.6	32 9.3	14 10.69	2 13.33	23 6.67	45 9.7	33 11.11
Total	1104 100.00	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100
Q4F	The cost of childcare												
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	580 57.48	125 55.80	136 55.51	95 55.56	190 57.93	34 82.93	307 53.21	193 63.28	74 63.79	7 58.33	178 55.97	250 59.67	153 56.04
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	429 42.52	99 44.20	109 44.49	76 44.44	138 42.07	7 17.07	270 46.79	112 36.72	42 36.21	5 41.67	140 44.03	169 40.33	120 43.96
Total (percentage)	1009 100	224 100	245 100	171 100	328 100	41 100	577 100	305 100	116 100	12 100	318 100	419 100	273 100

Table A13: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; Juggling multiple child care arrangements

	Mother with youngest child between the ages of						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
dont know	267 24.18	66 26.61	71 27.31	33 17.93	79 21.82	18 36	126 20.45	103 29.94	35 26.72	4 26.67	135 39.13	79 17.03	54 18.18
not a problem at all	414 37.50	102 41.13	86 33.08	62 33.7	142 39.23	22 44	243 39.45	112 32.56	53 40.46	7 46.67	134 38.84	183 39.44	98 33
1	42 3.80	10 4.03	12 4.62	3 1.63	16 4.42	1 2	23 3.73	14 4.07	5 3.82	0 0	4 1.16	29 6.25	9 3.03
2	67 6.07	14 5.65	22 8.46	8 4.35	21 5.8	2 4	40 6.49	22 6.4	5 3.82	0 0	14 4.06	35 7.54	18 6.06
3	34 3.08	7 2.82	9 3.46	5 2.72	13 3.59	0 0	17 2.76	10 2.91	7 5.34	0 0	8 2.32	15 3.23	11 3.7
4	23 2.08	4 1.61	2 0.77	9 4.89	8 2.21	0 0	14 2.27	8 2.33	1 0.76	0 0	2 0.58	14 3.02	7 2.36
5	65 5.89	8 3.23	10 3.85	18 9.78	26 7.18	3 6	35 5.68	22 6.4	7 5.34	1 6.67	15 4.35	28 6.03	22 7.41
6	31 2.81	5 2.02	8 3.08	9 4.89	8 2.21	1 2	22 3.57	8 2.33	0 0	1 6.67	9 2.61	13 2.8	9 3.03
7	43 3.89	7 2.82	12 4.62	13 7.07	9 2.49	2 4	25 4.06	16 4.65	2 1.53	0 0	8 2.32	19 4.09	16 5.39
8	46 4.17	9 3.63	13 5	8 4.35	15 4.14	1 2	29 4.71	12 3.49	3 2.29	2 13.33	8 2.32	20 4.31	18 6.06
9	21 1.90	4 1.61	7 2.69	4 2.17	6 1.66	0 0	14 2.27	4 1.16	3 2.29	0 0	1 0.29	10 2.16	10 3.37
very much a problem	51 4.62	12 4.84	8 3.08	12 6.52	19 5.25	0 0	28 4.55	13 3.78	10 7.63	0 0	7 2.03	19 4.09	25 8.42
Total	1104 100.00	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100
Q4G Juggling multiple childcare arrangements													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	580 69.30	137 75.27	131 69.31	87 57.62	200 70.67	25 78.13	337 68.78	166 68.88	71 73.96	7 63.64	162 77.14	276 71.69	143 58.85
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	257 30.70	45 24.73	58 30.69	64 42.38	83 29.33	7 21.88	153 31.22	75 31.12	25 26.04	4 36.36	48 22.86	109 28.31	100 41.15
Total (percentage)	837 100	182 100	189 100	151 100	283 100	32 100	490 100	241 100	96 100	11 100	210 100	385 100	243 100

Table A14: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; Finding care for a difficult or special needs child

	Q4H Finding care for a difficult or special needs child													
	ALL Mothers	Mother with youngest child between the ages of						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
		0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more	
dont know	593 53.71	146 58.87	145 55.77	99 53.8	177 48.9	26 52	309 50.16	216 62.79	57 43.51	12 80	200 57.97	239 51.51	155 52.19	
not a problem at all	409 37.05	87 35.08	94 36.15	64 34.78	143 39.5	21 42	246 39.94	107 31.1	53 40.46	3 20	123 35.65	182 39.22	104 35.02	
1	15 1.36	2 0.81	3 1.15	5 2.72	5 1.38	0 0	12 1.95	1 0.29	2 1.53	0 0	3 0.87	7 1.51	5 1.68	
2	6 0.54	0 0	5 1.92	0 0	1 0.28	0 0	5 0.81	0 0	1 0.76	0 0	1 0.29	4 0.86	1 0.34	
3	8 0.72	2 0.81	1 0.38	1 0.54	4 1.1	0 0	3 0.49	4 1.16	1 0.76	0 0	1 0.29	2 0.43	5 1.68	
4	5 0.45	1 0.4	0 0	1 0.54	3 0.83	0 0	4 0.65	0 0	1 0.76	0 0	1 0.29	2 0.43	2 0.67	
5	11 1.00	1 0.4	2 0.77	1 0.54	6 1.66	1 2	9 1.46	1 0.29	1 0.76	0 0	2 0.58	6 1.29	3 1.01	
6	3 0.27	1 0.4	0 0	1 0.54	1 0.28	0 0	1 0.16	2 0.58	0 0	0 0	1 0.29	2 0.43	0 0	
7	6 0.54	1 0.4	3 1.15	1 0.54	1 0.28	0 0	2 0.32	1 0.29	3 2.29	0 0	3 0.87	0 0	3 1.01	
8	11 1.00	2 0.81	1 0.38	2 1.09	6 1.66	0 0	8 1.3	2 0.58	2 1.53	0 0	5 1.45	4 0.86	3 1.01	
9	6 0.54	0 0	2 0.77	0 0	4 1.1	0 0	4 0.65	0 0	2 1.53	0 0	1 0.29	4 0.86	1 0.34	
very much a problem	31 2.81	5 2.02	4 1.54	9 4.89	11 3.04	2 4	13 2.11	10 2.91	8 6.11	0 0	4 1.16	12 2.59	15 5.05	
Total	1104 100.00	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100	
Q4H Finding care for a difficult or special needs child														
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	443 86.69	92 90.20	103 89.57	71 83.53	156 84.32	21 87.50	270 87.95	112 87.50	58 78.38	3 100.00	129 88.97	197 87.56	117 82.39	
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	68 13.31	10 9.80	12 10.43	14 16.47	29 15.68	3 12.50	37 12.05	16 12.50	16 21.62	0 0.00	16 11.03	28 12.44	25 17.61	
Total (percentage)	511 100	102 100	115 100	85 100	185 100	24 100	307 100	128 100	74 100	3 100	145 100	225 100	142 100	

Table A15: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; Finding a place at the center of choice

	Q4J Finding a place at the childcare center of your choice													
	ALL Mothers	Mother with youngest child between the ages of						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
		0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more	
dont know	219 19.84	47 18.95	29 11.15	22 11.96	101 27.9	20 40	101 16.4	83 24.13	32 24.43	4 26.67	58 16.81	100 21.55	62 20.88	
not a problem at all	483 43.75	82 33.06	110 42.31	94 51.09	172 47.51	25 50	279 45.29	141 40.99	59 45.04	5 33.33	142 41.16	201 43.32	141 47.47	
1	47 4.26	9 3.63	12 4.62	14 7.61	11 3.04	1 2	31 5.03	12 3.49	4 3.05	0 0	14 4.06	26 5.6	7 2.36	
2	35 3.17	7 2.82	11 4.23	6 3.26	11 3.04	0 0	23 3.73	10 2.91	2 1.53	0 0	8 2.32	19 4.09	8 2.69	
3	22 1.99	5 2.02	9 3.46	2 1.09	6 1.66	0 0	21 3.41	0 0	1 0.76	0 0	9 2.61	9 1.94	4 1.35	
4	23 2.08	9 3.63	5 1.92	3 1.63	6 1.66	0 0	11 1.79	11 3.2	1 0.76	0 0	10 2.9	10 2.16	3 1.01	
5	49 4.44	12 4.84	14 5.38	9 4.89	14 3.87	0 0	28 4.55	16 4.65	3 2.29	2 13.33	13 3.77	21 4.53	15 5.05	
6	21 1.90	6 2.42	8 3.08	3 1.63	4 1.1	0 0	11 1.79	9 2.62	0 0	1 6.67	7 2.03	11 2.37	3 1.01	
7	42 3.80	12 4.84	14 5.38	7 3.8	9 2.49	0 0	23 3.73	12 3.49	7 5.34	0 0	16 4.64	15 3.23	11 3.7	
8	44 3.99	14 5.65	19 7.31	5 2.72	6 1.66	0 0	27 4.38	15 4.36	2 1.53	0 0	26 7.54	11 2.37	7 2.36	
9	32 2.90	9 3.63	9 3.46	8 4.35	5 1.38	1 2	19 3.08	7 2.03	5 3.82	1 6.67	14 4.06	9 1.94	9 3.03	
very much a problem	87 7.88	36 14.52	20 7.69	11 5.98	17 4.7	3 6	42 6.82	28 8.14	15 11.45	2 13.33	28 8.12	32 6.9	27 9.09	
Total	1104 100.00	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100	
Q4J Finding a place at the childcare center of your choice														
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	610 68.93	112 55.72	147 63.64	119 73.46	206 78.93	26 86.67	365 70.87	174 66.67	67 67.68	5 45.45	183 63.76	265 72.80	163 69.36	
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	275 31.07	89 44.28	84 36.36	43 26.54	55 21.07	4 13.33	150 29.13	87 33.33	32 32.32	6 54.55	104 36.24	99 27.20	72 30.64	
Total (percentage)	885 100	201 100	231 100	162 100	261 100	30 100	515 100	261 100	99 100	11 100	287 100	364 100	235 100	

Table A16: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; Finding a child care center in the right location

	Q4K Finding a childcare center in the right location						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
dont know	195 17.66	35 14.11	26 10	22 11.96	92 25.41	20 40	86 13.96	78 22.67	28 21.37	4 26.67	51 14.78	95 20.47	50 16.84
not a problem at all	509 46.11	103 41.53	118 45.38	89 48.37	174 48.07	25 50	296 48.05	150 43.6	58 44.27	6 40	151 43.77	218 46.98	141 47.47
1	62 5.62	12 4.84	14 5.38	13 7.07	21 5.8	2 4	40 6.49	15 4.36	7 5.34	0 0	19 5.51	32 6.9	11 3.7
2	51 4.62	13 5.24	14 5.38	13 7.07	11 3.04	0 0	33 5.36	15 4.36	2 1.53	1 6.67	15 4.35	24 5.17	12 4.04
3	34 3.08	8 3.23	15 5.77	6 3.26	5 1.38	0 0	21 3.41	7 2.03	6 4.58	0 0	15 4.35	10 2.16	9 3.03
4	14 1.27	5 2.02	5 1.92	0 0	4 1.1	0 0	10 1.62	3 0.87	1 0.76	0 0	4 1.16	7 1.51	3 1.01
5	42 3.80	8 3.23	15 5.77	7 3.8	12 3.31	0 0	23 3.73	16 4.65	2 1.53	1 6.67	10 2.9	17 3.66	15 5.05
6	17 1.54	6 2.42	3 1.15	3 1.63	5 1.38	0 0	9 1.46	8 2.33	0 0	0 0	8 2.32	8 1.72	1 0.34
7	40 3.62	10 4.03	15 5.77	6 3.26	9 2.49	0 0	24 3.9	10 2.91	6 4.58	0 0	13 3.77	13 2.8	14 4.71
8	39 3.53	9 3.63	15 5.77	9 4.89	6 1.66	0 0	25 4.06	14 4.07	0 0	0 0	20 5.8	12 2.59	7 2.36
9	31 2.81	10 4.03	6 2.31	5 2.72	9 2.49	1 2	18 2.92	7 2.03	5 3.82	1 6.67	14 4.06	9 1.94	8 2.69
very much a problem	70 6.34	29 11.69	14 5.38	11 5.98	14 3.87	2 4	31 5.03	21 6.1	16 12.21	2 13.33	25 7.25	19 4.09	26 8.75
Total	1104 100.00	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100
Q4K Finding a childcare center in the right location													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	670 73.71	141 66.20	166 70.94	121 74.69	215 79.63	27 90.00	400 75.47	190 71.43	74 71.84	7 63.64	204 69.39	291 78.86	176 71.26
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	239 26.29	72 33.80	68 29.06	41 25.31	55 20.37	3 10.00	130 24.53	76 28.57	29 28.16	4 36.36	90 30.61	78 21.14	71 28.74
Total (percentage)	909 100	213 100	234 100	162 100	270 100	30 100	530 100	266 100	103 100	11 100	294 100	369 100	247 100

Table A17: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 1 ; Finding a care the child is happy with

Q4M	Finding care my child(ren) is/are happy with												
	ALL Mothers	Mother with youngest child between the ages of					Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
		0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
dont know	94 8.51	29 11.69	17 6.54	8 4.35	33 9.12	7 14	46 7.47	35 10.17	12 9.16	2 13.33	40 11.59	36 7.76	19 6.4
not a problem at all	540 48.91	113 45.56	129 49.62	94 51.09	179 49.45	25 50	297 48.21	172 50	64 48.85	7 46.67	163 47.25	228 49.14	149 50.17
1	76 6.88	21 8.47	22 8.46	11 5.98	20 5.52	2 4	42 6.82	24 6.98	8 6.11	2 13.33	22 6.38	40 8.62	14 4.71
2	69 6.25	21 8.47	14 5.38	15 8.15	17 4.7	2 4	39 6.33	25 7.27	4 3.05	1 6.67	18 5.22	31 6.68	20 6.73
3	52 4.71	11 4.44	9 3.46	10 5.43	19 5.25	3 6	34 5.52	13 3.78	5 3.82	0 0	21 6.09	18 3.88	13 4.38
4	18 1.63	5 2.02	4 1.54	4 2.17	5 1.38	0 0	12 1.95	6 1.74	0 0	0 0	3 0.87	13 2.8	2 0.67
5	82 7.43	16 6.45	22 8.46	15 8.15	26 7.18	3 6	47 7.63	27 7.85	6 4.58	2 13.33	19 5.51	31 6.68	32 10.77
6	33 2.99	6 2.42	11 4.23	4 2.17	10 2.76	2 4	22 3.57	5 1.45	6 4.58	0 0	8 2.32	15 3.23	10 3.37
7	33 2.99	6 2.42	6 2.31	5 2.72	15 4.14	1 2	17 2.76	11 3.2	5 3.82	0 0	13 3.77	12 2.59	8 2.69
8	36 3.26	5 2.02	11 4.23	6 3.26	11 3.04	3 6	22 3.57	6 1.74	9 6.87	0 0	13 3.77	10 2.16	14 4.71
9	17 1.54	1 0.4	5 1.92	4 2.17	7 1.93	0 0	13 2.11	1 0.29	3 2.29	0 0	9 2.61	6 1.29	2 0.67
very much a problem	54 4.89	14 5.65	10 3.85	8 4.35	20 5.52	2 4	25 4.06	19 5.52	9 6.87	1 6.67	16 4.64	24 5.17	14 4.71
Total	1104 100.00	248 100	260 100	184 100	362 100	50 100	616 100	344 100	131 100	15 100	345 100	464 100	297 100
Q4M	Finding care my child(ren) is/are happy with												
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	755 74.75	171 78.08	178 73.25	134 76.14	240 72.95	32 74.42	424 74.39	240 77.67	81 68.07	10 76.92	227 74.43	330 77.10	198 71.22
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	255 25.25	48 21.92	65 26.75	42 23.86	89 27.05	11 25.58	146 25.61	69 22.33	38 31.93	3 23.08	78 25.57	98 22.90	80 28.78
Total (percentage)	1010 100	219 100	243 100	176 100	329 100	43 100	570 100	309 100	119 100	13 100	305 100	428 100	278 100

Table A7b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Finding good quality care

Q4A	Finding good quality childcare						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
refused/not stated	1 0.11	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.31	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 6.67	0 0	0 0	1 0.39
dont know	68 7.23	15 6.67	9 4.19	8 5.63	31 9.6	5 13.89	41 7.17	16 6.67	11 9.57	0 0	16 5.88	37 8.96	15 5.84
not a problem at all	379 40.28	79 35.11	82 38.14	62 43.66	138 42.72	18 50	221 38.64	104 43.33	49 42.61	5 33.33	107 39.34	166 40.19	106 41.25
1	92 9.78	16 7.11	17 7.91	18 12.68	39 12.07	2 5.56	51 8.92	24 10	17 14.78	1 6.67	29 10.66	39 9.44	25 9.73
2	86 9.14	18 8	24 11.16	15 10.56	28 8.67	1 2.78	58 10.14	18 7.5	9 7.83	1 6.67	19 6.99	42 10.17	25 9.73
3	57 6.06	12 5.33	18 8.37	13 9.15	12 3.72	2 5.56	36 6.29	13 5.42	6 5.22	2 13.33	13 4.78	31 7.51	13 5.06
4	20 2.13	6 2.67	6 2.79	1 0.7	7 2.17	0 0	15 2.62	4 1.67	0 0	1 6.67	8 2.94	7 1.69	5 1.95
5	39 4.14	9 4	9 4.19	5 3.52	15 4.64	1 2.78	19 3.32	16 6.67	3 2.61	1 6.67	12 4.41	15 3.63	12 4.67
6	30 3.19	9 4	7 3.26	5 3.52	8 2.48	1 2.78	22 3.85	6 2.5	1 0.87	1 6.67	8 2.94	14 3.39	8 3.11
7	49 5.21	17 7.56	16 7.44	2 1.41	12 3.72	2 5.56	35 6.12	10 4.17	3 2.61	1 6.67	15 5.51	18 4.36	16 6.23
8	56 5.95	21 9.33	12 5.58	5 3.52	16 4.95	2 5.56	40 6.99	9 3.75	6 5.22	1 6.67	21 7.72	27 6.54	8 3.11
9	21 2.23	7 3.11	2 0.93	2 1.41	10 3.1	0 0	13 2.27	5 2.08	3 2.61	0 0	10 3.68	4 0.97	7 2.72
very much a problem	43 4.57	16 7.11	13 6.05	6 4.23	6 1.86	2 5.56	21 3.67	15 6.25	7 6.09	0 0	14 5.15	13 3.15	16 6.23
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	634 72.71	131 62.38	147 71.36	109 81.34	224 76.98	23 74.19	381 71.75	163 72.77	81 77.88	10 71.43	176 68.75	285 75.80	174 72.20
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	238 27.29	79 37.62	59 28.64	25 18.66	67 23.02	8 25.81	150 28.25	61 27.23	23 22.12	4 28.57	80 31.25	91 24.20	67 27.80
Total (percentage)	872 100	210 100	206 100	134 100	291 100	31 100	531 100	224 100	104 100	14 100	256 100	376 100	241 100



Table A8b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Finding the right person

	Finding the right person to take care of my child						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
refused/not stated	1 0.11	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.31	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 6.67	0 0	0 0	1 0.39
dont know	56 5.95	11 4.89	11 5.12	7 4.93	23 7.12	4 11.11	39 6.82	10 4.17	7 6.09	0 0	14 5.15	27 6.54	15 5.84
not a problem at all	383 40.70	75 33.33	88 40.93	68 47.89	134 41.49	18 50	222 38.81	103 42.92	52 45.22	6 40	114 41.91	163 39.47	106 41.25
1	91 9.67	17 7.56	17 7.91	18 12.68	36 11.15	3 8.33	44 7.69	28 11.67	18 15.65	1 6.67	21 7.72	44 10.65	26 10.12
2	78 8.29	16 7.11	19 8.84	13 9.15	30 9.29	0 0	59 10.31	10 4.17	8 6.96	2 13.33	21 7.72	40 9.69	18 7
3	38 4.04	9 4	19 8.84	5 3.52	4 1.24	1 2.78	23 4.02	9 3.75	4 3.48	2 13.33	10 3.68	20 4.84	8 3.11
4	38 4.04	10 4.44	7 3.26	5 3.52	15 4.64	1 2.78	26 4.55	8 3.33	3 2.61	1 6.67	12 4.41	15 3.63	11 4.28
5	39 4.14	9 4	5 2.33	5 3.52	18 5.57	2 5.56	21 3.67	14 5.83	3 2.61	1 6.67	7 2.57	22 5.33	10 3.89
6	26 2.76	9 4	7 3.26	3 2.11	7 2.17	0 0	17 2.97	7 2.92	2 1.74	0 0	8 2.94	9 2.18	9 3.5
7	42 4.46	16 7.11	10 4.65	2 1.41	14 4.33	0 0	28 4.9	11 4.58	3 2.61	0 0	9 3.31	19 4.6	14 5.45
8	70 7.44	24 10.67	18 8.37	5 3.52	20 6.19	3 8.33	47 8.22	17 7.08	5 4.35	1 6.67	24 8.82	31 7.51	15 5.84
9	28 2.98	11 4.89	4 1.86	3 2.11	8 2.48	2 5.56	18 3.15	7 2.92	3 2.61	0 0	13 4.78	8 1.94	7 2.72
very much a problem	51 5.42	18 8	10 4.65	8 5.63	13 4.02	2 5.56	28 4.9	16 6.67	7 6.09	0 0	19 6.99	15 3.63	17 6.61
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Q4B Finding the right person to take care of my child													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	628 71.04	127 59.35	150 73.53	109 80.74	219 73.24	23 71.88	374 70.17	158 68.70	85 78.70	12 85.71	178 68.99	282 73.06	169 70.12
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	256 28.96	87 40.65	54 26.47	26 19.26	80 26.76	9 28.13	159 29.83	72 31.30	23 21.30	2 14.29	80 31.01	104 26.94	72 29.88
Total (percentage)	884 100	214 100	204 100	135 100	299 100	32 100	533 100	230 100	108 100	14 100	258 100	386 100	241 100

Table A9b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Getting the hours needed

	Q4C Getting care for the hours you need						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
refused/not stated	1 0.11	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.31	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 6.67	0 0	0 0	1 0.39
dont know	37 3.93	7 3.11	5 2.33	3 2.11	19 5.88	3 8.33	26 4.55	5 2.08	6 5.22	0 0	9 3.31	18 4.36	10 3.89
not a problem at all	348 36.98	69 30.67	78 36.28	59 41.55	122 37.77	20 55.56	202 35.31	97 40.42	46 40	4 26.67	106 38.97	156 37.77	87 33.85
1	90 9.56	18 8	19 8.84	17 11.97	34 10.53	2 5.56	49 8.57	25 10.42	16 13.91	0 0	20 7.35	43 10.41	27 10.51
2	73 7.76	12 5.33	15 6.98	18 12.68	27 8.36	1 2.78	46 8.04	19 7.92	7 6.09	1 6.67	15 5.51	39 9.44	19 7.39
3	67 7.12	18 8	16 7.44	8 5.63	25 7.74	0 0	37 6.47	18 7.5	9 7.83	3 20	17 6.25	31 7.51	19 7.39
4	36 3.83	12 5.33	7 3.26	6 4.23	9 2.79	2 5.56	27 4.72	5 2.08	3 2.61	1 6.67	12 4.41	15 3.63	9 3.5
5	65 6.91	24 10.67	11 5.12	10 7.04	18 5.57	2 5.56	42 7.34	13 5.42	8 6.96	2 13.33	19 6.99	29 7.02	17 6.61
6	33 3.51	10 4.44	9 4.19	3 2.11	11 3.41	0 0	23 4.02	9 3.75	1 0.87	0 0	7 2.57	16 3.87	10 3.89
7	38 4.04	9 4	10 4.65	5 3.52	13 4.02	1 2.78	28 4.9	7 2.92	3 2.61	0 0	11 4.04	16 3.87	11 4.28
8	52 5.53	15 6.67	16 7.44	2 1.41	17 5.26	2 5.56	33 5.77	14 5.83	4 3.48	1 6.67	21 7.72	21 5.08	10 3.89
9	36 3.83	12 5.33	8 3.72	2 1.41	13 4.02	1 2.78	22 3.85	10 4.17	3 2.61	1 6.67	13 4.78	11 2.66	12 4.67
very much a problem	65 6.91	19 8.44	21 9.77	9 6.34	14 4.33	2 5.56	37 6.47	18 7.5	9 7.83	1 6.67	22 8.09	18 4.36	25 9.73
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Q4C Getting care for the hours you need													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	614 68.00	129 59.17	135 64.29	108 77.70	217 71.62	25 75.76	361 66.12	164 69.79	81 74.31	9 64.29	170 64.64	284 71.90	161 65.45
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	289 32.00	89 40.83	75 35.71	31 22.30	86 28.38	8 24.24	185 33.88	71 30.21	28 25.69	5 35.71	93 35.36	111 28.10	85 34.55
Total (percentage)	903 100	218 100	210 100	139 100	303 100	33 100	546 100	235 100	109 100	14 100	263 100	395 100	246 100

Table A10b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Finding care for a sick child

	Q4D Finding care for a sick child						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
refused/not stated	1 0.11	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.31	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 6.67	0 0	0 0	1 0.39
dont know	168 17.85	51 22.67	34 15.81	21 14.79	55 17.03	7 19.44	104 18.18	43 17.92	20 17.39	1 6.67	55 20.22	66 15.98	47 18.29
not a problem at all	243 25.82	61 27.11	64 29.77	32 22.54	70 21.67	16 44.44	146 25.52	64 26.67	30 26.09	3 20	77 28.31	100 24.21	66 25.68
1	58 6.16	17 7.56	12 5.58	10 7.04	18 5.57	1 2.78	33 5.77	11 4.58	13 11.3	1 6.67	10 3.68	29 7.02	19 7.39
2	38 4.04	6 2.67	9 4.19	10 7.04	13 4.02	0 0	22 3.85	9 3.75	7 6.09	0 0	7 2.57	24 5.81	7 2.72
3	45 4.78	11 4.89	11 5.12	5 3.52	16 4.95	2 5.56	26 4.55	14 5.83	3 2.61	2 13.33	8 2.94	25 6.05	12 4.67
4	30 3.19	8 3.56	4 1.86	7 4.93	10 3.1	1 2.78	17 2.97	7 2.92	5 4.35	1 6.67	7 2.57	12 2.91	11 4.28
5	49 5.21	4 1.78	6 2.79	7 4.93	30 9.29	2 5.56	31 5.42	10 4.17	6 5.22	2 13.33	11 4.04	27 6.54	11 4.28
6	27 2.87	7 3.11	7 3.26	2 1.41	11 3.41	0 0	18 3.15	7 2.92	2 1.74	0 0	9 3.31	11 2.66	7 2.72
7	32 3.40	9 4	5 2.33	9 6.34	7 2.17	2 5.56	19 3.32	8 3.33	3 2.61	2 13.33	8 2.94	18 4.36	6 2.33
8	66 7.01	13 5.78	18 8.37	9 6.34	26 8.05	0 0	44 7.69	16 6.67	6 5.22	1 6.67	20 7.35	33 7.99	14 5.45
9	42 4.46	6 2.67	11 5.12	6 4.23	17 5.26	2 5.56	26 4.55	13 5.42	2 1.74	1 6.67	11 4.04	15 3.63	16 6.23
very much a problem	142 15.09	32 14.22	34 15.81	24 16.9	49 15.17	3 8.33	86 15.03	38 15.83	18 15.65	0 0	49 18.01	53 12.83	40 15.56
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Q4D Finding care for a sick child													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	414 53.63	103 59.20	100 55.25	64 52.89	127 47.57	20 68.97	244 52.14	105 53.30	58 61.05	7 53.85	109 50.23	190 54.76	115 55.02
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	358 46.37	71 40.80	81 44.75	57 47.11	140 52.43	9 31.03	224 47.86	92 46.70	37 38.95	6 46.15	108 49.77	157 45.24	94 44.98
Total (percentage)	772 100	174 100	181 100	121 100	267 100	29 100	468 100	197 100	95 100	13 100	217 100	347 100	209 100

Table A11b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Finding care during school holidays

	Finding care during school holidays						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
refused/not stated	1 0.11	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.31	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 6.67	0 0	0 0	1 0.39
dont know	204 21.68	110 48.89	49 22.79	18 12.68	24 7.43	3 8.33	132 23.08	38 15.83	31 26.96	3 20	90 33.09	76 18.4	38 14.79
not a problem at all	341 36.24	63 28	88 40.93	56 39.44	118 36.53	16 44.44	208 36.36	92 38.33	39 33.91	3 20	97 35.66	153 37.05	92 35.8
1	61 6.48	9 4	12 5.58	14 9.86	22 6.81	4 11.11	33 5.77	17 7.08	10 8.7	1 6.67	15 5.51	29 7.02	17 6.61
2	43 4.57	5 2.22	6 2.79	10 7.04	22 6.81	0 0	27 4.72	11 4.58	5 4.35	0 0	9 3.31	22 5.33	12 4.67
3	40 4.25	5 2.22	13 6.05	3 2.11	17 5.26	2 5.56	25 4.37	11 4.58	2 1.74	2 13.33	6 2.21	21 5.08	13 5.06
4	27 2.87	1 0.44	3 1.4	7 4.93	15 4.64	1 2.78	13 2.27	10 4.17	2 1.74	2 13.33	8 2.94	15 3.63	4 1.56
5	61 6.48	10 4.44	12 5.58	8 5.63	27 8.36	4 11.11	32 5.59	17 7.08	12 10.43	0 0	13 4.78	33 7.99	15 5.84
6	26 2.76	3 1.33	3 1.4	4 2.82	15 4.64	1 2.78	18 3.15	5 2.08	2 1.74	1 6.67	5 1.84	12 2.91	9 3.5
7	29 3.08	4 1.78	3 1.4	7 4.93	13 4.02	2 5.56	16 2.8	8 3.33	4 3.48	1 6.67	4 1.47	12 2.91	13 5.06
8	24 2.55	2 0.89	4 1.86	3 2.11	14 4.33	1 2.78	18 3.15	4 1.67	1 0.87	1 6.67	9 3.31	7 1.69	8 3.11
9	34 3.61	5 2.22	10 4.65	3 2.11	15 4.64	1 2.78	26 4.55	8 3.33	0 0	0 0	6 2.21	13 3.15	15 5.84
very much a problem	50 5.31	8 3.56	12 5.58	9 6.34	20 6.19	1 2.78	24 4.2	19 7.92	7 6.09	0 0	10 3.68	20 4.84	20 7.78
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Q4E Finding care during school holidays													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	512 69.57	83 72.17	122 73.49	90 72.58	194 65.10	23 69.70	306 69.55	141 69.80	58 69.05	8 72.73	135 74.18	240 71.22	138 63.30
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	224 30.43	32 27.83	44 26.51	34 27.42	104 34.90	10 30.30	134 30.45	61 30.20	26 30.95	3 27.27	47 25.82	97 28.78	80 36.70
Total (percentage)	736 100	115 100	166 100	124 100	298 100	33 100	440 100	202 100	84 100	11 100	182 100	337 100	218 100

Table A12b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; The costs of care

Q4F	The cost of childcare							Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more	
refused/not stated	1 0.11	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.31	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 6.67	0 0	0 0	1 0.39	
dont know	74 7.86	21 9.33	9 4.19	4 2.82	33 10.22	7 19.44	43 7.52	20 8.33	11 9.57	0 0	20 7.35	35 8.47	19 7.39	
not a problem at all	285 30.29	57 25.33	48 22.33	41 28.87	118 36.53	21 58.33	159 27.8	76 31.67	46 40	4 26.67	84 30.88	119 28.81	82 31.91	
1	51 5.42	7 3.11	14 6.51	8 5.63	20 6.19	2 5.56	24 4.2	13 5.42	13 11.3	1 6.67	17 6.25	22 5.33	12 4.67	
2	64 6.80	13 5.78	10 4.65	18 12.68	23 7.12	0 0	32 5.59	24 10	8 6.96	0 0	20 7.35	25 6.05	19 7.39	
3	59 6.27	14 6.22	14 6.51	9 6.34	22 6.81	0 0	39 6.82	15 6.25	5 4.35	1 6.67	14 5.15	26 6.3	20 7.78	
4	48 5.10	11 4.89	19 8.84	3 2.11	13 4.02	2 5.56	36 6.29	8 3.33	4 3.48	0 0	12 4.41	26 6.3	10 3.89	
5	92 9.78	26 11.56	28 13.02	16 11.27	22 6.81	0 0	59 10.31	21 8.75	8 6.96	4 26.67	32 11.76	33 7.99	27 10.51	
6	40 4.25	10 4.44	11 5.12	5 3.52	12 3.72	2 5.56	23 4.02	13 5.42	4 3.48	0 0	11 4.04	18 4.36	11 4.28	
7	59 6.27	17 7.56	20 9.3	7 4.93	14 4.33	1 2.78	39 6.82	12 5	6 5.22	2 13.33	20 7.35	29 7.02	10 3.89	
8	55 5.84	19 8.44	11 5.12	15 10.56	9 2.79	1 2.78	38 6.64	12 5	3 2.61	2 13.33	11 4.04	35 8.47	9 3.5	
9	42 4.46	15 6.67	10 4.65	7 4.93	10 3.1	0 0	32 5.59	8 3.33	2 1.74	0 0	15 5.51	14 3.39	13 5.06	
very much a problem	71 7.55	15 6.67	21 9.77	9 6.34	26 8.05	0 0	48 8.39	18 7.5	5 4.35	0 0	16 5.88	31 7.51	24 9.34	
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100	
Q4F	The cost of childcare													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	507 58.55	102 50.00	105 50.97	79 57.25	196 67.82	25 86.21	290 54.82	136 61.82	76 73.08	6 42.86	147 58.33	218 57.67	143 60.34	
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	359 41.45	102 50.00	101 49.03	59 42.75	93 32.18	4 13.79	239 45.18	84 38.18	28 26.92	8 57.14	105 41.67	160 42.33	94 39.66	
Total (percentage)	866 100	204 100	206 100	138 100	289 100	29 100	529 100	220 100	104 100	14 100	252 100	378 100	237 100	

Table A13b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Juggling multiple child care arrangements

	Juggling multiple childcare arrangements						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
refused/not stated	1 0.11	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.31	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 6.67	0 0	0 0	1 0.39
dont know	278 29.54	92 40.89	41 19.07	32 22.54	98 30.34	15 41.67	171 29.9	69 28.75	33 28.7	5 33.33	147 54.04	84 20.34	47 18.29
not a problem at all	287 30.50	53 23.56	72 33.49	48 33.8	102 31.58	12 33.33	172 30.07	69 28.75	42 36.52	4 26.67	65 23.9	147 35.59	75 29.18
1	53 5.63	9 4	10 4.65	11 7.75	21 6.5	2 5.56	24 4.2	18 7.5	10 8.7	1 6.67	10 3.68	29 7.02	14 5.45
2	49 5.21	6 2.67	21 9.77	8 5.63	14 4.33	0 0	36 6.29	10 4.17	3 2.61	0 0	5 1.84	29 7.02	15 5.84
3	31 3.29	6 2.67	5 2.33	3 2.11	16 4.95	1 2.78	17 2.97	11 4.58	3 2.61	0 0	3 1.1	17 4.12	11 4.28
4	32 3.40	6 2.67	9 4.19	6 4.23	11 3.41	0 0	23 4.02	9 3.75	1 0.87	0 0	3 1.1	18 4.36	12 4.67
5	54 5.74	17 7.56	14 6.51	9 6.34	13 4.02	1 2.78	28 4.9	13 5.42	10 8.7	3 20	10 3.68	24 5.81	20 7.78
6	24 2.55	9 4	6 2.79	3 2.11	5 1.55	1 2.78	18 3.15	5 2.08	1 0.87	0 0	4 1.47	12 2.91	8 3.11
7	36 3.83	9 4	8 3.72	7 4.93	12 3.72	0 0	20 3.5	12 5	4 3.48	0 0	5 1.84	19 4.6	12 4.67
8	41 4.36	7 3.11	15 6.98	5 3.52	12 3.72	2 5.56	25 4.37	11 4.58	4 3.48	1 6.67	8 2.94	18 4.36	15 5.84
9	23 2.44	2 0.89	7 3.26	5 3.52	9 2.79	0 0	16 2.8	5 2.08	2 1.74	0 0	4 1.47	8 1.94	11 4.28
very much a problem	32 3.40	9 4	7 3.26	5 3.52	9 2.79	2 5.56	22 3.85	8 3.33	2 1.74	0 0	8 2.94	8 1.94	16 6.23
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Q4G Juggling multiple childcare arrangements													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	452 68.28	80 60.15	117 67.24	76 69.09	164 73.21	15 71.43	272 67.83	117 68.42	59 71.95	5 55.56	86 68.80	240 72.95	127 60.77
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	210 31.72	53 39.85	57 32.76	34 30.91	60 26.79	6 28.57	129 32.17	54 31.58	23 28.05	4 44.44	39 31.20	89 27.05	82 39.23
Total (percentage)	662 100	133 100	174 100	110 100	224 100	21 100	401 100	171 100	82 100	9 100	125 100	329 100	209 100

Table A14b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Finding care for a difficult or special needs child

	Q4H Finding care for a difficult or special needs child						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
refused/not stated	2 0.21	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 0.62	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.87	1 6.67	1 0.37	0 0	1 0.39
dont know	736 78.21	194 86.22	170 79.07	110 77.46	236 73.07	26 72.22	450 78.67	203 84.58	73 63.48	10 66.67	211 77.57	328 79.42	197 76.65
not a problem at all	139 14.77	25 11.11	28 13.02	22 15.49	57 17.65	7 19.44	87 15.21	23 9.58	25 21.74	4 26.67	44 16.18	64 15.5	31 12.06
1	8 0.85	0 0	3 1.4	1 0.7	3 0.93	1 2.78	4 0.7	0 0	4 3.48	0 0	4 1.47	2 0.48	2 0.78
2	6 0.64	0 0	2 0.93	0 0	4 1.24	0 0	4 0.7	2 0.83	0 0	0 0	2 0.74	1 0.24	3 1.17
3	3 0.32	0 0	1 0.47	1 0.7	1 0.31	0 0	2 0.35	0 0	1 0.87	0 0	0 0	1 0.24	2 0.78
4	1 0.11	0 0	0 0	1 0.7	0 0	0 0	1 0.17	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.24	0 0
5	2 0.21	0 0	1 0.47	0 0	1 0.31	0 0	1 0.17	1 0.42	0 0	0 0	2 0.74	0 0	0 0
6	3 0.32	1 0.44	2 0.93	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.17	1 0.42	1 0.87	0 0	0 0	2 0.48	1 0.39
7	12 1.28	3 1.33	3 1.4	2 1.41	4 1.24	0 0	6 1.05	4 1.67	2 1.74	0 0	3 1.1	4 0.97	5 1.95
8	9 0.96	1 0.44	2 0.93	3 2.11	3 0.93	0 0	3 0.52	2 0.83	4 3.48	0 0	1 0.37	4 0.97	4 1.56
9	3 0.32	0 0	1 0.47	1 0.7	1 0.31	0 0	3 0.52	0 0	1 0.87	0 0	1 0.37	1 0.24	2 0.78
very much a problem	17 1.81	1 0.44	2 0.93	1 0.7	11 3.41	2 5.56	10 1.75	4 1.67	3 2.61	0 0	3 1.1	5 1.21	9 3.5
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Q4H Finding care for a difficult or special needs child													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	157 77.34	25 80.65	34 75.56	25 78.13	65 76.47	8 80.00	98 80.33	25 67.57	30 73.17	4 100.00	50 83.33	69 81.18	38 64.41
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	46 22.66	6 19.35	11 24.44	7 21.88	20 23.53	2 20.00	24 19.67	12 32.43	11 26.83	0 0.00	10 16.67	16 18.82	21 35.59
Total (percentage)	203 100	31 100	45 100	32 100	85 100	10 100	122 100	37 100	41 100	4 100	60 100	85 100	59 100

Table A15b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Finding a place at center of choice

	Q4J Finding a place at the childcare center of your choice						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	Mother with youngest child between the ages of					major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
		0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14							
refused/not stated	2 0.21	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 0.62	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.87	1 6.67	1 0.37	0 0	1 0.39
dont know	243 25.82	47 20.89	30 13.95	30 21.13	118 36.53	18 50	142 24.83	65 27.08	35 30.43	1 6.67	58 21.32	118 28.57	67 26.07
not a problem at all	337 35.81	62 27.56	83 38.6	57 40.14	124 38.39	11 30.56	199 34.79	87 36.25	43 37.39	8 53.33	95 34.93	152 36.8	90 35.02
1	65 6.91	16 7.11	16 7.44	9 6.34	23 7.12	1 2.78	38 6.64	15 6.25	11 9.57	1 6.67	21 7.72	29 7.02	15 5.84
2	37 3.93	9 4	8 3.72	9 6.34	11 3.41	0 0	23 4.02	12 5	3 2.61	0 0	9 3.31	19 4.6	10 3.89
3	33 3.51	12 5.33	10 4.65	6 4.23	5 1.55	0 0	16 2.8	14 5.83	2 1.74	1 6.67	11 4.04	13 3.15	9 3.5
4	11 1.17	2 0.89	4 1.86	2 1.41	3 0.93	0 0	8 1.4	3 1.25	0 0	0 0	3 1.1	7 1.69	1 0.39
5	37 3.93	8 3.56	11 5.12	4 2.82	12 3.72	2 5.56	23 4.02	9 3.75	4 3.48	1 6.67	12 4.41	12 2.91	13 5.06
6	9 0.96	3 1.33	4 1.86	1 0.7	1 0.31	0 0	8 1.4	1 0.42	0 0	0 0	3 1.1	5 1.21	1 0.39
7	38 4.04	12 5.33	11 5.12	7 4.93	7 2.17	1 2.78	31 5.42	6 2.5	1 0.87	0 0	16 5.88	14 3.39	8 3.11
8	43 4.57	20 8.89	10 4.65	6 4.23	6 1.86	1 2.78	29 5.07	8 3.33	6 5.22	0 0	13 4.78	17 4.12	13 5.06
9	23 2.44	8 3.56	9 4.19	3 2.11	3 0.93	0 0	15 2.62	4 1.67	3 2.61	1 6.67	8 2.94	8 1.94	7 2.72
very much a problem	63 6.70	26 11.56	19 8.84	8 5.63	8 2.48	2 5.56	40 6.99	16 6.67	6 5.22	1 6.67	22 8.09	19 4.6	22 8.56
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Q4J Finding a place at the childcare center of your choice													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	483 69.40	101 56.74	121 65.41	83 74.11	166 81.77	12 66.67	284 66.05	131 74.86	59 74.68	10 76.92	139 65.26	220 74.58	125 66.14
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	213 30.60	77 43.26	64 34.59	29 25.89	37 18.23	6 33.33	146 33.95	44 25.14	20 25.32	3 23.08	74 34.74	75 25.42	64 33.86
Total (percentage)	696 100	178 100	185 100	112 100	203 100	18 100	430 100	175 100	79 100	13 100	213 100	295 100	189 100



Table A16b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Finding a child care center in the right location

	Q4K Finding a childcare center in the right location						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children			
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more	
refused/not stated	2 0.21	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 0.62	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.87	1 6.67	1 0.37	0 0	1 0.39	
dont know	219 23.27	40 17.78	26 12.09	25 17.61	109 33.75	19 52.78	132 23.08	58 24.17	28 24.35	1 6.67	49 18.01	108 26.15	62 24.12	
not a problem at all	364 38.68	66 29.33	95 44.19	66 46.48	126 39.01	11 30.56	212 37.06	97 40.42	46 40	9 60	102 37.5	166 40.19	96 37.35	
1	68 7.23	14 6.22	14 6.51	11 7.75	28 8.67	1 2.78	39 6.82	16 6.67	12 10.43	1 6.67	21 7.72	33 7.99	14 5.45	
2	59 6.27	16 7.11	19 8.84	10 7.04	14 4.33	0 0	39 6.82	16 6.67	3 2.61	1 6.67	15 5.51	30 7.26	14 5.45	
3	23 2.44	10 4.44	3 1.4	5 3.52	5 1.55	0 0	14 2.45	7 2.92	2 1.74	0 0	5 1.84	11 2.66	7 2.72	
4	21 2.23	9 4	4 1.86	3 2.11	5 1.55	0 0	16 2.8	4 1.67	2 1.74	0 0	9 3.31	7 1.69	6 2.33	
5	33 3.51	6 2.67	10 4.65	5 3.52	10 3.1	2 5.56	17 2.97	12 5	2 1.74	2 13.33	10 3.68	13 3.15	10 3.89	
6	14 1.49	4 1.78	5 2.33	2 1.41	3 0.93	0 0	10 1.75	2 0.83	2 1.74	0 0	8 2.94	4 0.97	2 0.78	
7	27 2.87	10 4.44	7 3.26	4 2.82	6 1.86	0 0	21 3.67	4 1.67	2 1.74	0 0	14 5.15	7 1.69	6 2.33	
8	38 4.04	17 7.56	13 6.05	4 2.82	3 0.93	1 2.78	30 5.24	4 1.67	4 3.48	0 0	15 5.51	11 2.66	12 4.67	
9	18 1.91	8 3.56	7 3.26	0 0	3 0.93	0 0	13 2.27	2 0.83	3 2.61	0 0	5 1.84	6 1.45	7 2.72	
very much a problem	55 5.84	25 11.11	12 5.58	7 4.93	9 2.79	2 5.56	29 5.07	18 7.5	8 6.96	0 0	18 6.62	17 4.12	20 7.78	
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	942 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Q4K Finding a childcare center in the right location														
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	535 74.31	115 62.16	135 71.43	95 81.20	178 83.96	12 70.59	320 72.73	140 76.92	65 75.58	11 84.62	152 68.47	247 80.98	137 70.62	
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	185 25.69	70 37.84	54 28.57	22 18.80	34 16.04	5 29.41	120 27.27	42 23.08	21 24.42	2 15.38	70 31.53	58 19.02	57 29.38	
Total (percentage)	720 100	185 100	189 100	117 100	212 100	17 100	440 100	182 100	86 100	13 100	721 100	222 100	305 100	194 100

Table A17b: Responses to the questions related to difficulties encountered: WAVE 2 ; Finding care the child is happy with

	Q4M Finding care my child(ren) is/are happy with						Mother's level of remoteness				Mother's number of children		
	ALL Mothers	0 and 1	1 and 3	3 and 5	5 and 11	11 and 14	major city	inner regional	outer regional	remote	1	2	3 or more
refused/not stated	1 0.11	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.31	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 6.67	0 0	0 0	1 0.39
dont know	80 8.50	23 10.22	10 4.65	7 4.93	35 10.84	5 13.89	52 9.09	20 8.33	8 6.96	0 0	28 10.29	32 7.75	20 7.78
not a problem at all	418 44.42	99 44	101 46.98	73 51.41	125 38.7	20 55.56	245 42.83	108 45	58 50.43	7 46.67	124 45.59	186 45.04	108 42.02
1	91 9.67	19 8.44	23 10.7	12 8.45	36 11.15	1 2.78	50 8.74	26 10.83	14 12.17	1 6.67	25 9.19	47 11.38	19 7.39
2	76 8.08	15 6.67	23 10.7	18 12.68	20 6.19	0 0	49 8.57	21 8.75	4 3.48	2 13.33	16 5.88	39 9.44	21 8.17
3	34 3.61	7 3.11	9 4.19	3 2.11	15 4.64	0 0	26 4.55	8 3.33	1 0.87	0 0	7 2.57	14 3.39	14 5.45
4	25 2.66	5 2.22	5 2.33	4 2.82	10 3.1	1 2.78	17 2.97	4 1.67	3 2.61	1 6.67	6 2.21	12 2.91	7 2.72
5	64 6.80	19 8.44	13 6.05	10 7.04	19 5.88	3 8.33	38 6.64	16 6.67	8 6.96	2 13.33	19 6.99	26 6.3	19 7.39
6	19 2.02	4 1.78	5 2.33	1 0.7	9 2.79	0 0	13 2.27	4 1.67	1 0.87	1 6.67	6 2.21	5 1.21	8 3.11
7	33 3.51	4 1.78	6 2.79	1 0.7	21 6.5	1 2.78	18 3.15	9 3.75	6 5.22	0 0	9 3.31	15 3.63	9 3.5
8	31 3.29	9 4	8 3.72	1 0.7	10 3.1	3 8.33	20 3.5	6 2.5	5 4.35	0 0	9 3.31	11 2.66	11 4.28
9	20 2.13	8 3.56	4 1.86	2 1.41	5 1.55	1 2.78	14 2.45	5 2.08	1 0.87	0 0	5 1.84	9 2.18	6 2.33
very much a problem	49 5.21	13 5.78	8 3.72	10 7.04	17 5.26	1 2.78	30 5.24	13 5.42	6 5.22	0 0	18 6.62	17 4.12	14 5.45
Total	941 100	225 100	215 100	142 100	323 100	36 100	572 100	240 100	115 100	15 100	272 100	413 100	257 100
Q4M Finding care my child(ren) is/are happy with													
Difficulty Score 0-4 (percentage)	644 74.88	145 71.78	161 78.54	110 81.48	206 71.78	22 70.97	387 74.42	167 75.91	80 74.77	11 78.57	178 72.95	298 78.22	169 71.61
Difficulty Score 5-10 (percentage)	216 25.12	57 28.22	44 21.46	25 18.52	81 28.22	9 29.03	133 25.58	53 24.09	27 25.23	3 21.43	66 27.05	83 21.78	67 28.39
Total (percentage)	860 100	202 100	205 100	135 100	287 100	31 100	520 100	220 100	107 100	14 100	244 100	381 100	236 100

Table A18: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Finding good quality care

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	21	33	1	1	15	10	81	7.34	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	7.39	6.13	5.88	3.57	10.64	10.42	7.34		0	0	0	0	0	1.33	0.11		
not a problem at all	135	234	9	12	45	38	473	42.84	14	40	0	0	12	2	68		
	47.54	43.5	52.94	42.86	31.91	39.58	42.84		5.15	8.2	0	0	17.65	2.67	7.23		
1	18	46	1	1	8	5	79	7.16	113	211	4	8	15	28	379		
	6.34	8.55	5.88	3.57	5.67	5.21	7.16		41.54	43.2	21.05	42.11	22.06	37.33	40.28		
2	23	47	0	1	7	5	83	7.52	29	50	1	2	4	6	92		
	8.1	8.74	0	3.57	4.96	5.21	7.52		10.66	10.3	5.26	10.53	5.88	8	9.78		
3	12	27	1	2	3	4	49	4.44	26	41	3	3	5	8	86		
	4.23	5.02	5.88	7.14	2.13	4.17	4.44		9.56	8.4	15.79	15.79	7.35	10.67	9.14		
4	2	18	0	0	3	4	27	2.45	16	29	1	1	3	7	57		
	0.7	3.35	0	0	2.13	4.17	2.45		5.88	5.94	5.26	5.26	4.41	9.33	6.06		
5	15	28	1	1	9	6	60	5.43	6	9	0	0	3	2	20		
	5.28	5.2	5.88	3.57	6.38	6.25	5.43		2.21	1.84	0	0	4.41	2.67	2.13		
6	7	17	0	1	7	3	35	3.17	12	20	1	2	4	0	39		
	2.46	3.16	0	3.57	4.96	3.13	3.17		4.41	4.1	5.26	10.53	5.88	0	4.14		
7	14	25	3	2	11	3	58	5.25	7	14	3	0	1	5	30		
	4.93	4.65	17.65	7.14	7.8	3.13	5.25		2.57	2.87	15.79	0	1.47	6.67	3.19		
8	14	34	0	3	16	5	72	6.52	11	23	2	1	8	4	49		
	4.93	6.32	0	10.71	11.35	5.21	6.52		4.04	4.71	10.53	5.26	11.76	5.33	5.21		
9	6	10	1	2	8	5	32	2.9	20	23	1	1	5	6	56		
	2.11	1.86	5.88	7.14	5.67	5.21	2.9		7.35	4.71	5.26	5.26	7.35	8	5.95		
very much a problem	17	19	0	2	9	8	55	4.98	3	8	2	1	2	5	21		
	5.99	3.53	0	7.14	6.38	8.33	4.98		1.1	1.64	10.53	5.26	2.94	6.67	2.23		
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104		15	20	1	0	6	1	43		
									5.51	4.1	5.26	0	8.82	1.33	4.57		
									Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941	

Table A19: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Finding the right person

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	15	26	1	1	18	7	68	refused/not stated	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	5.28	4.83	5.88	3.57	12.77	7.29	6.16		0	0	0	0	0	1.33	0.11		
not a problem at all	128	233	8	10	45	37	461	dont know	14	35	0	0	6	1	56		
	45.07	43.3	47.06	35.71	31.91	38.54	41.76		5.15	7.17	0	0	8.82	1.33	5.95		
1	25	48	1	2	6	6	88	not a problem at all	116	209	5	7	17	29	383		
	8.8	8.92	5.88	7.14	4.26	6.25	7.97		42.65	42.8	26.32	36.84	25	38.67	40.7		
2	19	41	0	1	8	7	76	1	27	52	2	2	3	5	91		
	6.69	7.62	0	3.57	5.67	7.29	6.88		9.93	10.7	10.53	10.53	4.41	6.67	9.67		
3	11	36	0	0	5	1	53	2	23	43	2	0	2	8	78		
	3.87	6.69	0	0	3.55	1.04	4.8		8.46	8.81	10.53	0	2.94	10.67	8.29		
4	3	19	0	1	1	3	27	3	10	18	0	2	2	6	38		
	1.06	3.53	0	3.57	0.71	3.13	2.45		3.68	3.69	0	10.53	2.94	8	4.04		
5	18	22	2	3	8	5	58	4	11	17	0	1	6	3	38		
	6.34	4.09	11.76	10.71	5.67	5.21	5.25		4.04	3.48	0	5.26	8.82	4	4.04		
6	6	12	1	0	7	4	30	5	10	22	2	1	3	1	39		
	2.11	2.23	5.88	0	4.96	4.17	2.72		3.68	4.51	10.53	5.26	4.41	1.33	4.14		
7	16	31	3	3	6	7	66	6	7	9	0	2	5	3	26		
	5.63	5.76	17.65	10.71	4.26	7.29	5.98		2.57	1.84	0	10.53	7.35	4	2.76		
8	20	26	0	2	15	5	68	7	7	25	1	1	7	1	42		
	7.04	4.83	0	7.14	10.64	5.21	6.16		2.57	5.12	5.26	5.26	10.29	1.33	4.46		
9	7	17	1	1	6	7	39	8	25	30	1	1	7	6	70		
	2.46	3.16	5.88	3.57	4.26	7.29	3.53		9.19	6.15	5.26	5.26	10.29	8	7.44		
very much a problem	16	27	0	4	16	7	70	9	5	11	1	0	5	6	28		
	5.63	5.02	0	14.29	11.35	7.29	6.34		1.84	2.25	5.26	0	7.35	8	2.98		
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104	very much a problem	17	17	5	2	5	5	51		
									6.25	3.48	26.32	10.53	7.35	6.67	5.42		
								Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941		

Table A20: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Getting the hours needed

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	9 3.17	25 4.65	1 5.88	1 3.57	16 11.35	7 7.29	59 5.34		refused/not stated	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1.33	1 0.11	
not a problem at all	122 42.96	214 39.8	9 52.94	10 35.71	41 29.08	32 33.33	428 38.77		dont know	9 3.31	22 4.51	0 0	0 0	5 7.35	1 1.33	37 3.93	
1	23 8.1	41 7.62	1 5.88	4 14.29	6 4.26	7 7.29	82 7.43		not a problem at all	104 38.24	185 37.9	3 15.79	8 42.11	20 29.41	28 37.33	348 36.98	
2	19 6.69	48 8.92	0 0	2 7.14	14 9.93	5 5.21	88 7.97	1	1	25 9.19	54 11.1	1 5.26	2 10.53	4 5.88	4 5.33	90 9.56	
3	11 3.87	41 7.62	1 5.88	1 3.57	5 3.55	5 5.21	64 5.8	2	2	21 7.72	41 8.4	2 10.53	0 0	2 2.94	7 9.33	73 7.76	
4	6 2.11	23 4.28	1 5.88	2 7.14	6 4.26	4 4.17	42 3.8	3	3	15 5.51	41 8.4	0 0	0 0	7 10.29	4 5.33	67 7.12	
5	20 7.04	32 5.95	0 0	0 0	17 12.06	8 8.33	77 6.97	4	4	11 4.04	14 2.87	2 10.53	2 10.53	1 1.47	6 8	36 3.83	
6	5 1.76	21 3.9	1 5.88	0 0	4 2.84	2 2.08	33 2.99	5	5	18 6.62	30 6.15	2 10.53	3 15.79	4 5.88	8 10.67	65 6.91	
7	16 5.63	19 3.53	0 0	0 0	5 3.55	4 4.17	44 3.99	6	6	10 3.68	14 2.87	1 5.26	1 5.26	6 8.82	1 1.33	33 3.51	
8	13 4.58	28 5.2	2 11.76	4 14.29	8 5.67	5 5.21	60 5.43	7	7	13 4.78	19 3.89	1 5.26	1 5.26	2 2.94	2 2.67	38 4.04	
9	14 4.93	15 2.79	1 5.88	1 3.57	4 2.84	7 7.29	42 3.8	8	8	19 6.99	20 4.1	1 5.26	0 0	6 8.82	6 8	52 5.53	
very much a problem	26 9.15	31 5.76	0 0	3 10.71	15 10.64	10 10.42	85 7.7	9	9	7 2.57	19 3.89	2 10.53	1 5.26	4 5.88	3 4	36 3.83	
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104		very much a problem	20 7.35	29 5.94	4 21.05	1 5.26	7 10.29	4 5.33	65 6.91	
									Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941	

Table A21: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Finding care for a sick child

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care for sick child	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care for sick child	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	27	49	4	4	30	23	137	refused/not stated	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	9.51	9.11	23.53	14.29	21.28	23.96	12.41		0	0	0	0	0	1.33	0.11		
not a problem at all	83	179	5	9	42	32	350	dont know	33	95	3	3	20	14	168		
	29.23	33.3	29.41	32.14	29.79	33.33	31.7		12.13	19.5	15.79	15.79	29.41	18.67	17.85		
1	12	31	0	3	6	2	54	not a problem at all	77	116	4	7	19	20	243		
	4.23	5.76	0	10.71	4.26	2.08	4.89		28.31	23.8	21.05	36.84	27.94	26.67	25.82		
2	18	24	1	0	5	6	54	1	16	29	0	3	2	8	58		
	6.34	4.46	5.88	0	3.55	6.25	4.89		5.88	5.94	0	15.79	2.94	10.67	6.16		
3	9	20	1	0	2	0	32	2	6	26	0	1	1	4	38		
	3.17	3.72	5.88	0	1.42	0	2.9		2.21	5.33	0	5.26	1.47	5.33	4.04		
4	9	13	0	0	1	0	23	3	11	28	0	0	1	5	45		
	3.17	2.42	0	0	0.71	0	2.08		4.04	5.74	0	0	1.47	6.67	4.78		
5	22	41	1	2	9	6	81	4	8	17	1	0	1	3	30		
	7.75	7.62	5.88	7.14	6.38	6.25	7.34		2.94	3.48	5.26	0	1.47	4	3.19		
6	6	12	0	1	2	2	23	5	17	29	0	0	2	1	49		
	2.11	2.23	0	3.57	1.42	2.08	2.08		6.25	5.94	0	0	2.94	1.33	5.21		
7	15	15	2	0	5	2	39	6	10	12	0	0	2	3	27		
	5.28	2.79	11.76	0	3.55	2.08	3.53		3.68	2.46	0	0	2.94	4	2.87		
8	14	34	2	4	7	7	68	7	7	22	1	0	2	0	32		
	4.93	6.32	11.76	14.29	4.96	7.29	6.16		2.57	4.51	5.26	0	2.94	0	3.4		
9	17	24	1	2	4	3	51	8	22	28	3	3	4	6	66		
	5.99	4.46	5.88	7.14	2.84	3.13	4.62		8.09	5.74	15.79	15.79	5.88	8	7.01		
very much a problem	52	96	0	3	28	13	192	9	16	20	2	0	3	1	42		
	18.31	17.8	0	10.71	19.86	13.54	17.39		5.88	4.1	10.53	0	4.41	1.33	4.46		
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104	very much a problem	49	66	5	2	11	9	142		
									18.01	13.5	26.32	10.53	16.18	12	15.09		
								Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941		

Table A22: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Finding care during holidays

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care during holidays	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care during holidays	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	40	81	3	3	46	27	200	refused/not stated	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	14.08	15.1	17.65	10.71	32.62	28.13	18.12		0	0	0	0	0	1.33	0.11		
not a problem at all	135	237	9	12	50	44	487	dont know	29	112	4	5	28	26	204		
	47.54	44.1	52.94	42.86	35.46	45.83	44.11		10.66	23	21.05	26.32	41.18	34.67	21.68		
1	12	22	1	3	4	1	43	not a problem at all	114	168	6	5	15	33	341		
	4.23	4.09	5.88	10.71	2.84	1.04	3.89		41.91	34.4	31.58	26.32	22.06	44	36.24		
2	15	32	0	0	8	7	62	1	21	34	0	2	1	3	61		
	5.28	5.95	0	0	5.67	7.29	5.62		7.72	6.97	0	10.53	1.47	4	6.48		
3	9	22	1	1	4	2	39	2	13	23	2	1	3	1	43		
	3.17	4.09	5.88	3.57	2.84	2.08	3.53		4.78	4.71	10.53	5.26	4.41	1.33	4.57		
4	10	15	0	0	0	2	27	3	14	21	0	0	4	1	40		
	3.52	2.79	0	0	0	2.08	2.45		5.15	4.3	0	0	5.88	1.33	4.25		
5	19	34	1	2	9	2	67	4	11	12	0	3	0	1	27		
	6.69	6.32	5.88	7.14	6.38	2.08	6.07		4.04	2.46	0	15.79	0	1.33	2.87		
6	8	10	0	1	0	1	20	5	19	32	1	2	3	4	61		
	2.82	1.86	0	3.57	0	1.04	1.81		6.99	6.56	5.26	10.53	4.41	5.33	6.48		
7	7	20	1	0	2	1	31	6	8	16	0	0	1	1	26		
	2.46	3.72	5.88	0	1.42	1.04	2.81		2.94	3.28	0	0	1.47	1.33	2.76		
8	9	26	1	3	6	3	48	7	8	14	0	1	3	3	29		
	3.17	4.83	5.88	10.71	4.26	3.13	4.35		2.94	2.87	0	5.26	4.41	4	3.08		
9	6	10	0	0	4	4	24	8	8	12	2	0	1	1	24		
	2.11	1.86	0	0	2.84	4.17	2.17		2.94	2.46	10.53	0	1.47	1.33	2.55		
very much a problem	14	29	0	3	8	2	56	9	14	17	0	0	3	0	34		
	4.93	5.39	0	10.71	5.67	2.08	5.07		5.15	3.48	0	0	4.41	0	3.61		
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104	very much a problem	13	27	4	0	6	0	50		
									4.78	5.53	21.05	0	8.82	0	5.31		
								Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941		

Table A23: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; The costs of child care

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Costs of child care	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Costs of child care	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	18 6.34	39 7.25	2 11.76	2 7.14	24 17.02	10 10.42	95 8.61	refused/not stated	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1.33	1 0.11		
not a problem at all	90 31.69	180 33.5	5 29.41	6 21.43	44 31.21	32 33.33	357 32.34	dont know	13 4.78	46 9.43	0 0	0 0	9 13.24	6 8	74 7.86		
1	14 4.93	38 7.06	0 0	4 14.29	1 0.71	4 4.17	61 5.53	not a problem at all	78 28.68	156 32	4 21.05	7 36.84	12 17.65	28 37.33	285 30.29		
2	16 5.63	31 5.76	2 11.76	0 0	5 3.55	6 6.25	60 5.43	1	18 6.62	26 5.33	0 0	2 10.53	1 1.47	4 5.33	51 5.42		
3	18 6.34	27 5.02	2 11.76	1 3.57	6 4.26	7 7.29	61 5.53	2	20 7.35	35 7.17	2 10.53	0 0	4 5.88	3 4	64 6.8		
4	9 3.17	25 4.65	0 0	0 0	6 4.26	1 1.04	41 3.71	3	15 5.51	32 6.56	1 5.26	0 0	5 7.35	6 8	59 6.27		
5	36 12.68	53 9.85	1 5.88	5 17.86	12 8.51	7 7.29	114 10.33	4	14 5.15	25 5.12	1 5.26	3 15.79	4 5.88	1 1.33	48 5.1		
6	15 5.28	32 5.95	0 0	1 3.57	6 4.26	6 6.25	60 5.43	5	26 9.56	49 10	2 10.53	3 15.79	6 8.82	6 8	92 9.78		
7	11 3.87	19 3.53	3 17.65	0 0	5 3.55	1 1.04	39 3.53	6	15 5.51	20 4.1	0 0	1 5.26	1 1.47	3 4	40 4.25		
8	23 8.1	34 6.32	1 5.88	5 17.86	5 3.55	4 4.17	72 6.52	7	20 7.35	26 5.33	4 21.05	1 5.26	3 4.41	5 6.67	59 6.27		
9	4 1.41	22 4.09	1 5.88	1 3.57	6 4.26	9 9.38	43 3.89	8	15 5.51	31 6.35	0 0	1 5.26	4 5.88	4 5.33	55 5.84		
very much a problem	30 10.56	38 7.06	0 0	3 10.71	21 14.89	9 9.38	101 9.15	9	12 4.41	13 2.66	3 15.79	1 5.26	8 11.76	5 6.67	42 4.46		
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104	very much a problem	26 9.56	29 5.94	2 10.53	0 0	11 16.18	3 4	71 7.55		
								Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941		



Table 24: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Juggling multiple care arrangements

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	68	113	3	6	48	29	267		0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	23.94	21	17.65	21.43	34.04	30.21	24.18	refused/not stated	0	0	0	0	0	1.33	0.11		
not a problem at all	106	205	8	13	49	33	414	dont know	82	142	3	9	22	20	278		
	37.32	38.1	47.06	46.43	34.75	34.38	37.5		30.15	29.1	15.79	47.37	32.35	26.67	29.54		
1	10	23	0	0	5	4	42	not a problem at all	85	151	3	5	15	28	287		
	3.52	4.28	0	0	3.55	4.17	3.8		31.25	30.9	15.79	26.32	22.06	37.33	30.5		
2	17	38	1	1	3	7	67	1	18	29	0	1	1	4	53		
	5.99	7.06	5.88	3.57	2.13	7.29	6.07		6.62	5.94	0	5.26	1.47	5.33	5.63		
3	11	21	0	2	0	0	34	2	13	30	0	0	2	4	49		
	3.87	3.9	0	7.14	0	0	3.08		4.78	6.15	0	0	2.94	5.33	5.21		
4	6	14	0	0	2	1	23	3	6	19	1	0	2	3	31		
	2.11	2.6	0	0	1.42	1.04	2.08		2.21	3.89	5.26	0	2.94	4	3.29		
5	20	30	0	3	7	5	65	4	10	17	1	0	3	1	32		
	7.04	5.58	0	10.71	4.96	5.21	5.89		3.68	3.48	5.26	0	4.41	1.33	3.4		
6	6	18	1	0	3	3	31	5	17	26	1	2	6	2	54		
	2.11	3.35	5.88	0	2.13	3.13	2.81		6.25	5.33	5.26	10.53	8.82	2.67	5.74		
7	9	25	2	0	6	1	43	6	6	11	1	1	2	3	24		
	3.17	4.65	11.76	0	4.26	1.04	3.89		2.21	2.25	5.26	5.26	2.94	4	2.55		
8	10	23	1	1	6	5	46	7	10	16	4	0	5	1	36		
	3.52	4.28	5.88	3.57	4.26	5.21	4.17		3.68	3.28	21.05	0	7.35	1.33	3.83		
9	5	9	1	1	0	5	21	8	6	26	2	1	3	3	41		
	1.76	1.67	5.88	3.57	0	5.21	1.9		2.21	5.33	10.53	5.26	4.41	4	4.36		
very much a problem	16	19	0	1	12	3	51	9	10	5	2	0	3	3	23		
	5.63	3.53	0	3.57	8.51	3.13	4.62		3.68	1.02	10.53	0	4.41	4	2.44		
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104	very much a problem	9	16	1	0	4	2	32		
									3.31	3.28	5.26	0	5.88	2.67	3.4		
								Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941		

Table A25: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Finding care for difficult or special needs child

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	163 57.39	289 53.7	10 58.82	9 32.14	76 53.9	46 47.92	593 53.71		refused/not stated	0 0	0 0	1 5.26	0 0	0 0	1 1.33	2 0.21	
not a problem at all	109 38.38	201 37.4	4 23.53	13 46.43	45 31.91	37 38.54	409 37.05		dont know	208 76.47	394 80.7	15 78.95	13 68.42	51 75	55 73.33	736 78.21	
1	0 0	11 2.04	0 0	0 0	2 1.42	2 2.08	15 1.36		not a problem at all	48 17.65	62 12.7	1 5.26	5 26.32	9 13.24	14 18.67	139 14.77	
2	1 0.35	2 0.37	1 5.88	0 0	2 1.42	0 0	6 0.54	1	1	3 1.1	3 0.61	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 2.67	8 0.85	
3	2 0.7	4 0.74	0 0	0 0	1 0.71	1 1.04	8 0.72	2	2	3 1.1	2 0.41	1 5.26	0 0	0 0	0 0	6 0.64	
4	1 0.35	4 0.74	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	5 0.45	3	3	0 0	2 0.41	0 0	0 0	1 1.47	0 0	3 0.32	
5	1 0.35	6 1.12	0 0	1 3.57	2 1.42	1 1.04	11 1	4	4	0 0	1 0.2	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 0.11	
6	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 2.13	0 0	3 0.27	5	5	0 0	2 0.41	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	2 0.21	
7	0 0	3 0.56	1 5.88	1 3.57	1 0.71	0 0	6 0.54	6	6	0 0	2 0.41	1 5.26	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 0.32	
8	0 0	2 0.37	1 5.88	0 0	4 2.84	4 4.17	11 1	7	7	4 1.47	5 1.02	0 0	0 0	3 4.41	0 0	12 1.28	
9	1 0.35	4 0.74	0 0	0 0	0 0	1 1.04	6 0.54	8	8	1 0.37	5 1.02	0 0	0 0	1 1.47	2 2.67	9 0.96	
very much a problem	6 2.11	12 2.23	0 0	4 14.29	5 3.55	4 4.17	31 2.81	9	9	1 0.37	2 0.41	0 0	0 0	0 0	0 0	3 0.32	
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104		very much a problem	4 1.47	8 1.64	0 0	1 5.26	3 4.41	1 1.33	17 1.81	
								Total		272	488	19	19	68	75	941	

Table A26: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Getting a place in the center of choice

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	63	105	3	2	27	19	219	refused/not stated	0	0	1	0	0	1	2		
	22.18	19.5	17.65	7.14	19.15	19.79	19.84		0	0	5.26	0	0	1.33	0.21		
not a problem at all	132	244	8	12	48	39	483	dont know	69	138	1	3	18	14	243		
	46.48	45.4	47.06	42.86	34.04	40.63	43.75		25.37	28.3	5.26	15.79	26.47	18.67	25.82		
1	7	30	1	0	6	3	47	not a problem at all	101	179	3	6	18	30	337		
	2.46	5.58	5.88	0	4.26	3.13	4.26		37.13	36.7	15.79	31.58	26.47	40	35.81		
2	8	22	0	0	3	2	35	1	19	32	3	3	3	5	65		
	2.82	4.09	0	0	2.13	2.08	3.17		6.99	6.56	15.79	15.79	4.41	6.67	6.91		
3	5	13	1	0	1	2	22	2	11	22	1	1	0	2	37		
	1.76	2.42	5.88	0	0.71	2.08	1.99		4.04	4.51	5.26	5.26	0	2.67	3.93		
4	4	11	0	4	2	2	23	3	12	11	2	1	2	5	33		
	1.41	2.04	0	14.29	1.42	2.08	2.08		4.41	2.25	10.53	5.26	2.94	6.67	3.51		
5	11	23	0	0	9	6	49	4	3	6	1	0	0	1	11		
	3.87	4.28	0	0	6.38	6.25	4.44		1.1	1.23	5.26	0	0	1.33	1.17		
6	3	12	1	0	3	2	21	5	11	16	1	0	6	3	37		
	1.06	2.23	5.88	0	2.13	2.08	1.9		4.04	3.28	5.26	0	8.82	4	3.93		
7	10	16	1	2	10	3	42	6	2	6	1	0	0	0	9		
	3.52	2.97	5.88	7.14	7.09	3.13	3.8		0.74	1.23	5.26	0	0	0	0.96		
8	13	14	2	3	7	5	44	7	10	19	0	1	5	3	38		
	4.58	2.6	11.76	10.71	4.96	5.21	3.99		3.68	3.89	0	5.26	7.35	4	4.04		
9	6	17	0	2	2	5	32	8	10	17	1	3	5	7	43		
	2.11	3.16	0	7.14	1.42	5.21	2.9		3.68	3.48	5.26	15.79	7.35	9.33	4.57		
very much a problem	22	31	0	3	23	8	87	9	4	12	0	0	5	2	23		
	7.75	5.76	0	10.71	16.31	8.33	7.88		1.47	2.46	0	0	7.35	2.67	2.44		
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104	very much a problem	20	30	4	1	6	2	63		
									7.35	6.15	21.05	5.26	8.82	2.67	6.7		
								Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941		

Table A27: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Finding a child care centre in the right location

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	58	93	3	2	25	14	195	refused/not stated	0	0	1	0	0	1	2		
	20.42	17.3	17.65	7.14	17.73	14.58	17.66		0	0	5.26	0	0	1.33	0.21		
not a problem at all	136	255	8	13	54	43	509	dont know	63	127	0	2	15	12	219		
	47.89	47.4	47.06	46.43	38.3	44.79	46.11		23.16	26	0	10.53	22.06	16	23.27		
1	9	42	0	2	6	3	62	not a problem at all	110	193	4	8	17	32	364		
	3.17	7.81	0	7.14	4.26	3.13	5.62		40.44	39.6	21.05	42.11	25	42.67	38.68		
2	14	26	2	2	5	2	51	1	20	32	2	3	3	8	68		
	4.93	4.83	11.76	7.14	3.55	2.08	4.62		7.35	6.56	10.53	15.79	4.41	10.67	7.23		
3	9	13	1	1	7	3	34	2	18	28	2	1	7	3	59		
	3.17	2.42	5.88	3.57	4.96	3.13	3.08		6.62	5.74	10.53	5.26	10.29	4	6.27		
4	4	5	0	3	0	2	14	3	6	12	0	1	2	2	23		
	1.41	0.93	0	10.71	0	2.08	1.27		2.21	2.46	0	5.26	2.94	2.67	2.44		
5	8	16	1	0	11	6	42	4	7	8	2	0	3	1	21		
	2.82	2.97	5.88	0	7.8	6.25	3.8		2.57	1.64	10.53	0	4.41	1.33	2.23		
6	2	8	0	0	3	4	17	5	10	16	1	0	3	3	33		
	0.7	1.49	0	0	2.13	4.17	1.54		3.68	3.28	5.26	0	4.41	4	3.51		
7	10	17	0	3	8	2	40	6	5	5	0	1	1	2	14		
	3.52	3.16	0	10.71	5.67	2.08	3.62		1.84	1.02	0	5.26	1.47	2.67	1.49		
8	12	11	2	0	9	5	39	7	5	15	2	1	2	2	27		
	4.23	2.04	11.76	0	6.38	5.21	3.53		1.84	3.07	10.53	5.26	2.94	2.67	2.87		
9	8	16	0	0	2	5	31	8	9	17	1	1	4	6	38		
	2.82	2.97	0	0	1.42	5.21	2.81		3.31	3.48	5.26	5.26	5.88	8	4.04		
very much a problem	14	36	0	2	11	7	70	9	4	6	2	0	5	1	18		
	4.93	6.69	0	7.14	7.8	7.29	6.34		1.47	1.23	10.53	0	7.35	1.33	1.91		
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104	very much a problem	15	29	2	1	6	2	55		
									5.51	5.94	10.53	5.26	8.82	2.67	5.84		
								Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941		

Table A28: Difficulties related to various aspects of child care: By Labour Force Status (Wave 1 and 2) ; Finding a centre the child likes

Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	WAVE 1							Total	Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	WAVE 2							Total
	Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached				Full Time	Part Time	Unemployed looking for FT	Unemployed looking for FT	Not in LF marginally attached	Not in LF not marginally attached		
dont know	25	35	2	2	19	11	94	dont know	0	0	0	0	0	1	1		
	8.8	6.51	11.76	7.14	13.48	11.46	8.51	refused/not stated	0	0	0	0	0	1.33	0.11		
not a problem at all	143	274	6	13	58	46	540		17	48	1	1	6	7	80		
	50.35	50.9	35.29	46.43	41.13	47.92	48.91	dont know	6.25	9.84	5.26	5.26	8.82	9.33	8.5		
1	15	45	2	2	9	3	76	not a problem at all	130	220	6	7	20	35	418		
	5.28	8.36	11.76	7.14	6.38	3.13	6.88		47.79	45.1	31.58	36.84	29.41	46.67	44.42		
2	13	43	1	1	7	4	69	1	27	52	0	2	3	7	91		
	4.58	7.99	5.88	3.57	4.96	4.17	6.25		9.93	10.7	0	10.53	4.41	9.33	9.67		
3	15	28	1	2	2	4	52	2	19	39	1	4	8	5	76		
	5.28	5.2	5.88	7.14	1.42	4.17	4.71		6.99	7.99	5.26	21.05	11.76	6.67	8.08		
4	3	8	0	0	3	4	18	3	9	15	1	0	4	5	34		
	1.06	1.49	0	0	2.13	4.17	1.63		3.31	3.07	5.26	0	5.88	6.67	3.61		
5	30	31	0	3	12	6	82	4	11	10	1	0	2	1	25		
	10.56	5.76	0	10.71	8.51	6.25	7.43		4.04	2.05	5.26	0	2.94	1.33	2.66		
6	7	13	2	1	5	5	33	5	24	29	0	1	9	1	64		
	2.46	2.42	11.76	3.57	3.55	5.21	2.99		8.82	5.94	0	5.26	13.24	1.33	6.8		
7	5	16	3	1	6	2	33	6	2	11	1	1	3	1	19		
	1.76	2.97	17.65	3.57	4.26	2.08	2.99		0.74	2.25	5.26	5.26	4.41	1.33	2.02		
8	8	16	0	2	7	3	36	7	9	16	2	2	1	3	33		
	2.82	2.97	0	7.14	4.96	3.13	3.26		3.31	3.28	10.53	10.53	1.47	4	3.51		
9	4	9	0	0	2	2	17	8	7	15	1	0	4	4	31		
	1.41	1.67	0	0	1.42	2.08	1.54		2.57	3.07	5.26	0	5.88	5.33	3.29		
very much a problem	16	20	0	1	11	6	54	9	6	7	1	1	2	3	20		
	5.63	3.72	0	3.57	7.8	6.25	4.89		2.21	1.43	5.26	5.26	2.94	4	2.13		
Total	284	538	17	28	141	96	1,104	very much a problem	11	26	4	0	6	2	49		
									4.04	5.33	21.05	0	8.82	2.67	5.21		
								Total	272	488	19	19	68	75	941		



Table A29: Response to the questions related to difficulty regarding child care in wave 1 versus wave 2: All matched mothers (I)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	5	41	13	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	69
not asked	1	29	761	64	19	22	10	3	8	6	13	12	5	8	961
not a problem at all	0	17	121	167	30	27	20	4	7	8	4	8	2	11	426
1	0	1	18	26	10	9	3	0	0	3	3	1	0	1	75
2	0	3	13	24	10	3	7	2	2	1	3	2	1	2	73
3	0	0	10	8	6	1	3	1	2	0	4	2	2	0	39
4	0	1	7	7	1	0	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	23
5	0	0	16	9	5	6	1	1	1	2	3	4	0	3	51
6	0	1	7	5	2	4	1	1	3	3	1	4	0	0	32
7	0	2	14	13	2	3	3	1	4	3	3	6	1	0	55
8	0	3	14	14	4	4	0	0	7	0	5	7	3	1	62
9	0	0	14	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	3	3	1	3	29
very much a problem	0	0	14	9	0	2	1	3	0	0	3	4	2	10	48
Total	1	62	1,050	361	92	82	55	17	36	28	45	55	18	41	1,943

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	2	35	10	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	56
not asked	1	18	761	72	20	20	8	7	7	5	6	13	9	14	961
not a problem at all	0	22	124	172	25	16	11	8	10	0	4	9	2	9	412
1	0	1	21	24	15	5	3	2	4	2	3	1	0	2	83
2	0	2	14	16	9	8	2	2	3	1	1	6	1	1	66
3	0	0	8	12	6	2	1	1	2	3	4	4	2	1	46
4	0	1	3	8	3	0	2	4	2	1	0	0	1	1	26
5	0	1	11	9	3	5	4	4	1	2	5	3	3	1	52
6	0	0	10	2	3	5	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	29
7	0	3	13	15	0	5	2	0	2	3	3	7	2	1	56
8	0	2	16	12	3	2	1	2	2	3	5	5	1	5	59
9	0	1	11	4	1	1	2	0	1	2	3	6	3	1	36
very much a problem	0	0	23	7	1	3	0	2	2	0	3	7	0	13	61
Total	1	53	1,050	363	91	74	37	34	38	23	40	63	26	50	1,943

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	1	33	10	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	50
not asked	1	15	761	61	24	16	13	5	18	8	5	13	9	12	961
not a problem at all	0	10	109	152	22	16	16	9	8	3	4	7	8	10	374
1	0	3	19	21	10	6	3	1	2	1	2	3	0	2	73
2	0	1	23	17	9	6	9	3	1	2	6	1	2	3	83
3	0	0	16	14	5	5	3	4	4	1	1	2	1	4	60
4	0	0	7	9	4	6	3	2	2	2	0	3	2	1	41
5	0	0	25	15	0	3	2	1	9	4	2	3	1	2	67
6	0	1	5	3	3	3	3	0	3	0	1	2	1	1	26
7	0	1	12	5	2	3	5	1	4	1	4	2	0	1	41
8	0	0	10	10	2	2	2	3	4	4	4	5	3	5	54
9	0	0	7	4	2	2	1	2	2	3	3	2	5	4	37
very much a problem	0	2	23	12	3	2	3	1	3	2	4	1	3	17	76
Total	1	34	1,050	333	88	71	64	33	60	31	36	44	35	63	1,943

Table A30: Response to the questions related to difficulty regarding child care in wave 1 versus wave 2: All matched mothers (II)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care for sick child	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	14	56	19	5	3	2	2	5	2	0	3	1	10	122
not asked	1	56	761	51	15	6	7	4	9	5	6	10	7	23	961
not a problem at all	0	31	93	91	13	11	12	8	10	1	1	11	6	17	305
1	0	6	8	11	3	8	3	2	3	0	1	1	3	3	52
2	0	6	12	9	1	1	3	3	3	3	1	4	3	1	50
3	0	3	9	4	2	0	3	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	29
4	0	1	6	3	2	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	21
5	0	4	20	10	3	1	5	3	5	3	3	7	1	8	73
6	0	1	7	3	1	0	0	3	1	2	1	0	0	2	21
7	0	2	9	4	2	2	2	1	2	3	4	3	0	3	37
8	0	7	19	4	1	1	3	1	3	1	4	4	6	7	61
9	0	3	8	7	3	0	1	0	2	2	3	4	2	11	46
very much a problem	0	17	42	16	6	1	1	2	3	3	6	10	12	46	165
Total	1	151	1,050	232	57	36	43	29	49	26	32	61	41	135	1,943

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care during holidays	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	57	58	39	6	1	3	0	2	2	0	2	2	4	176
not asked	1	52	761	69	11	9	8	6	12	10	3	3	5	11	961
not a problem at all	0	50	133	170	17	7	5	8	17	2	6	2	4	12	433
1	0	3	9	7	6	3	0	1	2	2	1	1	3	1	39
2	0	1	20	9	2	5	5	3	4	3	0	1	1	2	56
3	0	4	10	4	3	3	4	1	5	0	0	0	0	1	35
4	0	0	4	2	4	4	2	2	3	1	0	0	1	2	25
5	0	6	12	7	4	4	4	2	7	1	4	3	3	1	58
6	0	2	3	3	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	16
7	0	1	6	3	0	3	1	1	3	0	4	3	2	4	31
8	0	1	12	5	2	1	1	2	3	1	4	3	2	5	42
9	0	0	5	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	3	2	4	0	22
very much a problem	0	3	17	5	2	1	1	1	1	0	3	3	5	7	49
Total	1	180	1,050	325	60	42	38	27	60	25	28	24	33	50	1,943

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Costs of child care	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	3	50	13	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	2	2	2	80
not asked	1	28	761	65	12	16	8	6	22	6	9	11	7	9	961
not a problem at all	0	16	102	113	14	10	8	11	16	5	5	5	4	8	317
1	0	3	9	18	3	6	5	0	2	1	4	0	0	1	52
2	0	1	16	10	2	5	1	1	7	2	2	3	3	0	53
3	0	1	11	6	3	5	4	3	7	3	5	2	4	3	57
4	0	1	6	6	3	4	2	6	5	0	1	3	0	1	38
5	0	4	22	10	5	7	10	3	13	7	7	8	0	9	105
6	0	3	8	7	1	1	5	4	1	6	5	3	5	4	53
7	0	1	7	7	4	0	2	2	4	1	1	1	2	3	35
8	0	3	17	5	1	2	2	4	6	3	6	4	2	10	65
9	0	1	15	2	0	1	5	0	0	1	5	0	5	3	38
very much a problem	0	2	26	10	2	3	4	4	4	2	4	9	5	14	89
Total	1	67	1,050	272	51	61	57	44	88	39	56	51	39	67	1,943



Table A31: Response to the questions related to difficulty regarding child care in wave 1 versus wave 2: All matched mothers (III)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
don't know	0	71	91	42	5	1	0	5	2	3	3	3	2	2	230
not asked	1	70	761	54	15	3	9	2	13	8	8	5	6	6	961
not a problem at all	0	68	103	114	13	15	11	9	13	1	4	8	2	4	365
1	0	0	10	7	6	4	1	2	2	2	2	0	1	1	38
2	0	7	20	14	3	7	3	1	3	0	3	1	0	0	62
3	0	3	9	4	4	2	1	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	30
4	0	3	5	6	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	21
5	0	7	16	14	1	4	2	2	5	2	2	0	3	3	61
6	0	6	5	2	2	1	1	2	4	0	2	0	3	0	28
7	0	8	5	6	2	1	0	5	0	1	3	7	2	2	42
8	0	3	11	6	1	2	0	1	2	2	4	4	2	5	43
9	0	2	3	1	0	2	0	0	3	1	1	4	0	2	19
very much a problem	0	6	11	7	0	3	1	0	3	2	3	4	1	2	43
Total	1	254	1,050	277	53	46	30	32	51	23	35	39	23	29	1,943

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
don't know	0	324	149	39	1	0	0	0	0	1	4	4	0	2	524
not asked	2	153	761	28	4	4	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	3	961
not a problem at all	0	194	110	60	0	2	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	370
1	0	6	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13
2	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
3	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	9
6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3
7	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
8	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	9
9	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	6
very much a problem	0	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	9	27
Total	2	698	1,050	130	8	6	2	1	2	3	12	9	3	17	1,943

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
don't know	0	49	84	31	7	2	2	1	6	0	3	5	2	3	195
not asked	2	76	761	56	13	5	6	1	5	3	4	13	5	11	961
not a problem at all	0	68	123	156	20	10	11	3	11	1	8	3	3	13	430
1	0	3	14	12	6	3	1	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	45
2	0	5	5	8	5	2	0	0	0	0	3	2	1	0	31
3	0	3	3	5	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	19
4	0	3	5	8	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	21
5	0	3	13	5	5	5	4	0	1	2	3	0	1	3	45
6	0	1	3	4	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	3	19
7	0	6	6	7	1	3	3	0	2	0	4	5	0	2	39
8	0	2	6	9	2	2	2	0	3	0	3	2	2	4	37
9	0	5	5	4	0	1	1	0	2	0	3	2	4	1	28
very much a problem	0	5	22	15	3	4	0	0	2	0	0	4	3	15	73
Total	2	229	1,050	320	64	37	33	10	35	8	36	40	22	57	1,943

Table A32: Response to the questions related to difficulty regarding child care in wave 1 versus wave 2: All matched mothers (IV)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	Wave 2															Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem		
dont know	0	39	75	32	3	3	0	3	6	2	2	3	2	3	173	
not asked	2	69	761	60	15	14	5	0	2	2	5	9	7	10	961	
not a problem at all	0	66	130	169	25	15	8	6	8	1	1	7	2	11	449	
1	0	3	13	22	7	3	2	0	1	2	0	3	0	0	56	
2	0	6	10	12	7	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	2	45	
3	0	2	7	10	0	5	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	30	
4	0	0	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	13	
5	0	3	14	6	3	1	4	3	0	2	2	2	0	0	40	
6	0	5	4	2	0	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	15	
7	0	5	5	12	1	1	0	3	2	2	1	1	0	4	37	
8	0	1	7	6	2	3	1	2	3	0	1	2	3	4	35	
9	0	5	7	3	0	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	28	
very much a problem	0	4	13	11	1	2	0	0	5	0	6	4	0	15	61	
Total	2	208	1,050	346	65	58	22	19	33	13	23	34	18	52	1,943	

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	Wave 2															Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem		
dont know	0	6	41	18	2	4	2	0	4	0	1	1	1	1	81	
not asked	1	25	761	82	23	16	7	1	11	4	8	6	5	11	961	
not a problem at all	0	27	136	205	33	27	5	8	11	2	6	5	3	11	479	
1	0	1	19	21	7	8	1	3	5	1	2	1	0	2	71	
2	0	0	14	15	10	4	3	1	4	2	3	4	1	2	63	
3	0	2	11	11	6	4	3	2	3	1	2	0	1	0	46	
4	0	0	3	8	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	18	
5	0	3	22	14	3	6	4	1	9	4	1	1	1	3	72	
6	0	2	8	3	2	2	4	1	3	1	2	0	1	1	30	
7	0	1	6	5	0	1	2	0	2	1	4	3	1	3	29	
8	0	0	8	5	2	1	1	2	5	0	0	5	0	2	31	
9	0	1	6	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	3	1	16	
very much a problem	0	2	15	10	0	0	0	2	3	2	2	3	0	7	46	
Total	1	70	1,050	398	90	75	33	23	61	18	32	30	18	44	1,943	

Table A33: Response to questions related to child care difficulty wave 1 vs 2: All matched mothers that don't move with same no. of children in both waves (I)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	3	34	11	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	56
not asked	1	28	664	59	17	18	8	1	6	4	12	10	3	6	837
not a problem at all	0	17	97	145	27	23	18	4	5	6	2	6	2	8	360
1	0	1	11	21	9	9	3	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	61
2	0	2	12	21	10	2	6	2	2	1	3	2	0	1	64
3	0	0	9	7	5	1	3	1	2	0	4	2	2	0	36
4	0	1	6	4	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	17
5	0	0	11	7	4	6	1	1	0	2	2	4	0	2	40
6	0	1	6	5	2	3	1	1	3	2	1	3	0	0	28
7	0	1	9	11	2	3	3	1	3	2	3	5	1	0	44
8	0	1	10	10	4	3	0	0	4	0	4	4	3	1	44
9	0	0	8	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	3	3	1	2	22
very much a problem	0	0	11	6	0	2	1	3	0	0	3	4	2	9	41
Total	1	55	888	309	84	70	50	15	27	21	40	44	15	31	1,650

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	1	29	9	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	47
not asked	1	18	664	68	16	18	5	6	5	1	5	10	8	12	837
not a problem at all	0	19	101	147	22	14	9	8	10	0	2	7	2	6	347
1	0	1	13	21	13	5	3	2	4	2	3	0	0	1	68
2	0	1	12	13	9	7	2	2	1	1	1	5	1	1	56
3	0	0	8	10	5	2	1	1	1	3	4	4	1	1	41
4	0	1	2	6	3	0	1	4	2	1	0	0	0	1	21
5	0	1	9	9	3	4	3	2	1	1	5	2	2	1	43
6	0	0	6	2	3	5	0	1	1	1	3	2	1	0	25
7	0	3	9	11	0	5	2	0	2	2	1	7	2	1	45
8	0	1	11	10	3	2	1	2	2	3	4	3	1	4	47
9	0	0	7	2	1	1	2	0	1	2	2	5	3	1	27
very much a problem	0	0	17	4	1	2	0	2	2	0	3	5	0	10	46
Total	1	46	888	312	81	67	30	31	33	17	33	50	22	39	1,650

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	0	28	8	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
not asked	1	15	664	55	21	15	9	4	16	5	5	12	5	10	837
not a problem at all	0	10	88	133	19	14	14	8	7	2	4	5	8	7	319
1	0	1	13	18	9	6	3	1	2	1	2	3	0	1	60
2	0	1	18	15	8	4	9	3	1	2	6	1	1	3	72
3	0	0	9	12	3	4	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	3	44
4	0	0	7	8	4	5	2	2	1	2	0	2	1	1	35
5	0	0	21	14	0	2	2	1	8	2	1	3	0	2	56
6	0	1	4	2	3	3	3	0	3	0	1	2	1	1	24
7	0	1	8	5	2	3	4	1	3	1	3	1	0	1	33
8	0	0	6	7	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	2	5	41
9	0	0	3	3	1	2	1	1	2	3	3	2	3	4	28
very much a problem	0	1	19	8	3	1	2	1	3	2	1	1	3	16	61
Total	1	30	888	288	77	62	54	28	51	24	30	38	25	54	1,650

Table A34: Response to questions related to child care difficulty wave 1 vs 2: All matched mothers that don't move with same no. of children in both waves (II)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care for sick child	Wave 2													Total	
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	very much a problem		
dont know	0	10	42	17	4	3	2	2	5	2	0	2	0	10	99
not asked	1	46	664	47	13	6	5	3	9	5	5	7	7	19	837
not a problem at all	0	26	74	75	12	9	11	8	9	1	0	10	5	14	254
1	0	5	5	10	3	8	3	2	3	0	1	1	3	2	46
2	0	4	10	8	0	1	3	3	3	2	0	3	2	1	40
3	0	2	6	1	1	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	19
4	0	1	6	3	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	20
5	0	3	18	7	3	1	3	2	4	3	2	6	0	6	58
6	0	1	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	2	16
7	0	2	7	4	2	2	2	1	2	3	4	3	0	3	35
8	0	7	14	4	1	1	3	0	3	1	3	4	6	6	53
9	0	3	5	5	3	0	1	0	2	1	3	4	2	10	39
very much a problem	0	12	32	13	3	1	1	2	3	3	6	8	9	41	134
Total	1	122	888	195	47	34	37	26	46	24	27	52	34	117	1,650

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care during holidays	Wave 2													Total	
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	very much a problem		
dont know	0	36	41	29	6	1	2	0	1	2	0	2	2	4	126
not asked	1	42	664	62	11	8	8	5	10	9	2	3	4	8	837
not a problem at all	0	40	107	149	15	6	5	6	16	2	3	2	3	11	365
1	0	3	5	6	6	3	0	1	2	2	0	1	3	1	33
2	0	1	15	7	2	5	5	3	3	3	0	1	1	2	48
3	0	4	8	3	3	2	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	29
4	0	0	4	2	3	4	2	2	3	1	0	0	1	2	24
5	0	4	10	6	4	3	4	2	6	1	4	2	2	1	49
6	0	2	1	3	1	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	14
7	0	1	5	3	0	3	1	1	2	0	4	2	2	3	27
8	0	1	12	5	2	1	1	2	2	1	4	3	2	5	41
9	0	0	3	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	3	1	3	0	18
very much a problem	0	2	13	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	3	4	7	39
Total	1	136	888	281	57	37	36	23	50	24	23	21	28	45	1,650

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Costs of child care	Wave 2													Total	
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	very much a problem		
dont know	0	2	41	12	0	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	1	2	65
not asked	1	26	664	58	11	15	5	4	20	5	7	9	5	7	837
not a problem at all	0	14	85	98	14	8	8	10	13	2	5	4	2	7	270
1	0	3	7	16	3	4	5	0	1	0	4	0	0	1	44
2	0	0	12	10	2	3	1	1	6	1	2	3	3	0	44
3	0	1	7	5	3	5	3	2	4	2	5	2	3	3	45
4	0	1	5	4	2	4	2	6	4	0	1	3	0	0	32
5	0	4	17	9	5	6	5	3	13	7	6	7	0	9	91
6	0	2	6	6	1	1	3	2	1	5	4	3	4	4	42
7	0	1	6	7	3	0	2	2	4	1	1	1	1	3	32
8	0	2	11	3	1	2	2	3	6	3	4	4	1	8	50
9	0	1	8	1	0	1	4	0	0	1	3	0	4	3	26
very much a problem	0	2	19	6	2	3	4	3	4	2	4	8	4	11	72
Total	1	59	888	235	47	53	45	36	77	30	48	45	28	58	1,650

Table A35: Response to questions related to child care difficulty wave 1 vs 2: All matched mothers that don't move with same no. of children in both waves (III)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	59	65	28	5	1	0	4	2	1	3	3	2	1	174
not asked	1	58	664	50	14	3	8	2	9	6	8	4	6	4	837
not a problem at all	0	56	83	101	12	13	8	9	11	1	2	7	2	3	308
1	0	0	7	7	5	3	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	0	32
2	0	5	15	11	3	5	3	1	3	0	3	1	0	0	50
3	0	3	8	4	4	2	1	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	29
4	0	3	5	5	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	19
5	0	7	12	12	1	4	1	2	5	1	2	0	3	3	53
6	0	5	4	2	2	1	1	2	3	0	1	0	3	0	24
7	0	5	5	5	2	1	0	4	0	1	2	7	2	1	35
8	0	2	9	5	1	2	0	1	2	2	4	2	1	4	35
9	0	2	2	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	4	0	2	16
very much a problem	0	5	9	6	0	3	1	0	3	2	3	3	1	2	38
Total	1	210	888	237	50	41	25	30	43	17	30	34	22	22	1,650

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	271	112	32	1	0	0	0	0	1	3	3	0	2	425
not asked	2	132	664	24	4	4	1	0	0	0	2	1	0	3	837
not a problem at all	0	165	91	53	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	314
1	0	6	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
2	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
3	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
4	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	0	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	9
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	2
7	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
8	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	5
very much a problem	0	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	7	19
Total	2	594	888	112	8	6	2	1	2	2	10	6	3	14	1,650

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	42	71	28	7	2	2	1	5	0	2	1	2	1	164
not asked	2	67	664	49	12	5	5	1	4	2	2	11	4	9	837
not a problem at all	0	64	98	132	19	7	7	2	10	1	8	3	2	10	363
1	0	3	9	11	6	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	36
2	0	5	5	7	4	2	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	28
3	0	2	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	15
4	0	3	3	7	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	17
5	0	1	7	4	4	5	3	0	1	2	3	0	1	1	32
6	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	0	3	15
7	0	6	3	7	1	3	3	0	0	0	3	5	0	2	33
8	0	2	4	7	2	1	2	0	2	0	3	1	1	3	28
9	0	5	4	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	2	4	1	24
very much a problem	0	4	16	11	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	4	3	13	58
Total	2	204	888	271	59	30	26	8	29	7	32	31	18	45	1,650

Table A36: Response to questions related to child care difficulty wave 1 vs 2: All matched mothers that don't move with same no. of children in both waves (IV)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	34	60	28	3	3	0	3	5	1	1	0	2	2	142
not asked	2	60	664	54	14	13	5	0	2	2	4	7	4	6	837
not a problem at all	0	60	106	140	24	14	8	5	5	1	1	6	1	7	378
1	0	3	9	19	7	2	2	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	47
2	0	5	7	11	6	1	0	0	2	1	2	1	1	2	39
3	0	2	3	8	0	5	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	2	24
4	0	0	4	1	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	13
5	0	3	11	5	3	1	3	3	0	2	2	2	0	0	35
6	0	3	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
7	0	5	4	11	1	0	0	3	2	1	1	1	0	3	32
8	0	0	5	5	2	2	1	1	2	0	1	0	3	2	24
9	0	5	5	2	0	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	1	25
very much a problem	0	3	9	7	1	2	0	0	3	0	4	4	0	13	46
Total	2	183	888	292	62	52	21	17	26	11	19	25	14	38	1,650

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	1	34	16	2	4	1	0	4	0	1	0	1	0	64
not asked	1	24	664	74	21	13	7	1	8	3	5	4	4	8	837
not a problem at all	0	25	108	171	30	24	5	6	8	2	5	5	3	10	402
1	0	1	14	19	6	6	1	3	4	1	2	0	0	2	59
2	0	0	10	13	10	3	3	0	4	2	3	3	1	2	54
3	0	2	7	10	6	4	3	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	40
4	0	0	2	6	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
5	0	2	18	12	3	4	3	1	7	4	1	1	1	3	60
6	0	2	6	3	2	1	4	0	3	1	1	0	1	0	24
7	0	0	4	4	0	1	2	0	2	0	4	2	1	3	23
8	0	0	4	3	2	1	1	2	4	0	0	5	0	2	24
9	0	1	5	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	14
very much a problem	0	1	12	7	0	0	0	2	1	1	2	3	0	6	35
Total	1	59	888	339	84	63	31	19	49	15	26	24	15	37	1,650

Table A37: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in cities in both waves (I)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	2	16	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	26
not asked	17	391	30	8	11	4	2	3	3	8	5	3	1	486
not a problem at all	12	64	91	16	19	10	3	2	4	1	6	0	7	235
1	0	8	10	2	7	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	31
2	2	5	15	5	1	5	1	1	0	3	1	0	2	41
3	0	7	5	4	1	2	1	1	0	2	1	0	0	24
4	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	7
5	0	10	4	3	3	0	1	0	1	2	4	0	1	29
6	1	3	3	1	2	1	0	2	2	1	4	0	0	20
7	1	6	7	2	1	2	0	1	2	2	4	1	0	29
8	1	8	7	4	2	0	0	3	0	4	4	2	0	35
9	0	6	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	3	1	0	16
very much a problem	0	5	2	0	1	0	3	0	0	3	3	1	5	23
Total	36	531	183	47	48	28	12	13	15	29	35	9	16	1,002

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	14	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	20
not asked	11	391	37	7	10	3	2	1	2	4	8	4	6	486
not a problem at all	15	66	94	8	10	6	8	7	0	3	5	0	4	226
1	0	9	9	5	2	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	31
2	0	8	8	6	6	2	0	0	1	1	3	0	1	36
3	0	6	6	2	1	0	0	1	2	3	1	1	1	24
4	1	1	4	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	13
5	1	7	5	1	4	2	2	1	0	5	1	2	1	32
6	0	4	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	17
7	2	6	7	0	5	2	0	2	1	0	4	1	1	31
8	2	6	8	2	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	1	2	33
9	1	6	1	1	1	2	0	1	1	2	4	3	0	23
very much a problem	0	7	3	1	2	0	2	1	0	3	5	0	6	30
Total	33	531	186	39	48	20	18	18	11	26	36	14	22	1,002

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	10	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
not asked	11	391	27	8	8	4	4	10	4	4	6	3	6	486
not a problem at all	6	53	77	11	8	9	7	4	2	2	3	5	4	191
1	1	11	9	3	5	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	0	35
2	1	13	9	6	3	6	3	1	1	4	0	1	3	51
3	0	7	11	5	2	1	3	1	1	1	2	1	3	38
4	0	5	2	4	4	3	1	1	1	0	2	1	1	25
5	0	14	10	0	1	2	1	6	0	1	3	0	0	38
6	0	2	1	1	3	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	14
7	1	6	3	1	1	2	0	1	1	4	1	0	1	22
8	0	6	2	1	2	2	2	2	3	3	2	1	2	28
9	0	3	3	1	2	0	1	2	2	3	0	3	0	20
very much a problem	1	10	6	2	0	1	0	1	2	2	1	3	9	38
Total	21	531	165	43	40	32	23	32	17	25	25	18	30	1,002

Table A38: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in cities in both waves (II)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care for sick child	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	6	18	10	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	7	50
not asked	32	391	25	8	3	0	2	6	0	3	4	3	9	486
not a problem at all	15	50	42	5	7	4	4	7	0	7	3	3	10	154
1	4	3	8	2	5	2	0	1	0	0	1	3	0	29
2	4	5	8	0	1	1	3	2	2	0	1	2	0	29
3	2	7	2	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	15
4	1	3	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	10
5	1	8	8	2	1	3	1	3	2	2	5	0	5	41
6	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	2	1	0	1	13
7	1	6	3	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	2	0	1	20
8	4	9	3	1	1	2	0	1	1	3	4	3	5	37
9	1	3	5	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	4	1	6	27
very much a problem	8	25	7	3	1	1	1	2	3	4	5	6	25	91
Total	80	531	124	27	21	19	14	29	13	17	35	22	70	1,002

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care during holidays	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	33	21	16	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	2	2	81
not asked	27	391	33	5	5	2	2	5	3	2	1	4	6	486
not a problem at all	28	70	95	11	4	3	4	11	2	0	2	2	5	237
1	2	6	2	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	0	18
2	0	10	5	1	5	4	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	33
3	4	6	2	2	2	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	23
4	0	2	0	2	2	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	10
5	4	4	5	1	2	2	1	2	0	1	2	1	0	25
6	0	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	9
7	0	3	2	0	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	2	1	17
8	1	7	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	3	3	2	3	26
9	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	1	3	0	12
very much a problem	1	8	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	1	4	25
Total	100	531	169	30	25	19	11	30	15	13	14	22	23	1,002

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Costs of child care	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	20	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	30
not asked	15	391	29	5	6	1	3	11	2	5	8	5	5	486
not a problem at all	10	54	52	5	7	5	8	9	1	4	4	2	5	166
1	1	3	5	2	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	19
2	1	6	6	2	2	1	1	5	0	1	2	2	0	29
3	1	5	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	2	2	27
4	0	3	3	1	3	2	5	1	0	0	2	0	0	20
5	3	18	7	3	2	4	3	11	5	5	4	0	6	71
6	1	3	6	1	1	3	1	1	4	2	1	3	3	30
7	0	5	5	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	1	1	3	23
8	2	7	3	1	1	2	2	4	2	5	3	1	5	38
9	0	6	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	3	0	3	2	19
very much a problem	2	10	6	1	0	1	2	1	2	3	5	2	9	44
Total	36	531	131	25	25	32	28	47	19	32	32	22	42	1,002



Table A39: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in cities in both waves (III)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	33	38	18	2	0	0	2	0	1	2	0	1	1	98
not asked	30	391	29	5	3	6	1	4	5	4	2	3	3	486
not a problem at all	43	55	63	5	10	6	8	6	1	2	4	2	4	209
1	0	5	2	3	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	1	17
2	4	9	8	1	3	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	0	32
3	2	4	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	16
4	2	4	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
5	4	10	6	1	3	0	2	3	1	1	0	1	1	33
6	5	3	1	1	1	1	2	2	0	0	0	2	0	18
7	1	4	4	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	6	0	1	22
8	2	5	6	0	2	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	24
9	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	3	0	1	12
very much a problem	5	2	4	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	3	1	2	23
Total	132	531	148	22	31	16	21	21	15	16	23	11	15	1,002

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	160	69	21	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	0	1	257
not asked	75	391	15	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	486
not a problem at all	123	58	28	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	212
1	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
2	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
7	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	4
very much a problem	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	9
Total	376	531	67	3	4	1	1	1	1	6	3	1	7	1,002

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	16	31	19	4	1	0	1	3	0	2	2	0	2	81
not asked	40	391	24	5	3	3	1	1	1	3	8	2	4	486
not a problem at all	46	65	84	8	5	5	2	7	1	7	2	0	7	239
1	2	8	5	5	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	27
2	3	3	8	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1	1	0	22
3	2	2	5	1	0	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	17
4	0	3	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
5	2	7	4	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	21
6	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	0	2	10
7	4	4	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	3	0	1	21
8	0	3	5	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	2	1	2	20
9	2	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	1	3	0	16
very much a problem	2	10	4	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	6	34
Total	119	531	169	33	16	16	7	18	5	26	25	11	26	1,002

Table A40: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in cities in both waves (IV)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	15	28	15	3	2	0	2	2	1	1	2	0	0	71
not asked	37	391	28	5	7	2	0	1	1	4	5	3	2	486
not a problem at all	46	71	88	11	10	4	5	3	0	1	5	1	5	250
1	2	8	12	6	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	34
2	3	4	8	5	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	28
3	2	1	7	0	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	17
4	0	3	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	9
5	2	7	2	2	1	2	2	0	2	0	1	0	0	21
6	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
7	4	2	8	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	2	21
8	0	6	4	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	3	2	20
9	1	4	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	15
very much a problem	1	4	3	1	2	0	0	1	0	3	3	0	5	23
Total	114	531	176	34	37	12	12	14	8	13	22	10	19	1,002

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in a major city in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	1	16	10	1	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	33
not asked	15	391	40	7	8	4	0	6	1	1	3	4	6	486
not a problem at all	20	70	106	14	12	4	4	7	1	3	2	1	8	252
1	0	11	7	4	6	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	2	36
2	0	4	8	7	3	1	0	3	2	3	2	0	1	34
3	1	5	7	5	3	3	1	3	1	1	0	0	0	30
4	0	1	6	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	12
5	1	13	8	1	3	1	1	5	2	0	0	1	1	37
6	2	4	1	1	2	3	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	18
7	0	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	1	2	15
8	0	3	2	2	0	1	2	2	0	0	4	0	1	17
9	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	0	13
very much a problem	1	3	5	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	3	0	2	19
Total	41	531	202	44	41	21	13	32	9	16	17	12	23	1,002

Table A41: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in inner-regions in both waves (I)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	2	15	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	25
not asked	9	222	19	7	5	4	1	4	1	3	4	0	4	283
not a problem at all	4	32	48	7	5	4	1	2	2	1	0	2	2	110
1	0	5	12	5	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	28
2	0	5	6	4	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	22
3	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	11
4	1	2	5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	11
5	0	2	5	2	3	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	15
6	0	3	2	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
7	1	3	5	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	13
8	1	5	4	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	15
9	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	5
very much a problem	0	4	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	15
Total	18	302	117	29	20	14	4	13	6	9	12	4	13	561

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	1	11	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
not asked	4	222	21	7	6	1	2	5	1	1	4	3	6	283
not a problem at all	5	34	48	9	3	2	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	108
1	0	5	11	7	2	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	33
2	1	4	6	2	2	0	2	1	0	0	3	1	0	22
3	0	2	5	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	18
4	0	0	3	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
5	0	2	3	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	11
6	0	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	10
7	1	3	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	14
8	0	5	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	15
9	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	4
very much a problem	0	8	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	14
Total	12	302	114	31	16	7	10	12	8	8	18	8	15	561

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	12	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	19
not asked	2	222	20	7	7	4	1	7	2	1	5	2	3	283
not a problem at all	3	33	51	9	5	2	0	2	0	1	0	3	3	112
1	0	3	8	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	22
2	0	6	5	2	2	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	20
3	0	4	2	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	11
4	0	0	5	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	9
5	0	7	4	0	2	0	0	2	3	0	0	1	1	20
6	1	2	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	9
7	0	2	2	1	2	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	11
8	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	3	15
9	0	2	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	10
very much a problem	0	7	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	5	20
Total	6	302	109	28	22	15	6	18	10	7	10	9	19	561

Table A42: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in inner-regions in both waves (II)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care for sick child	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	5	23	8	2	1	1	1	1	2	0	1	0	3	48
not asked	11	222	19	3	2	5	1	3	4	2	1	2	8	283
not a problem at all	9	22	27	7	3	5	3	2	1	1	3	3	4	90
1	2	3	3	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	16
2	1	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	13
3	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	7
4	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	6
5	1	7	0	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	15
6	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	4
7	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	2	12
8	2	6	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	1	15
9	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	4	13
very much a problem	4	7	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	3	12	39
Total	37	302	69	17	9	17	11	12	10	9	16	11	41	561

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care during holidays	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	12	21	16	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	2	58
not asked	12	222	22	2	4	5	3	4	6	1	1	0	1	283
not a problem at all	14	36	43	3	2	2	0	4	0	1	0	1	5	111
1	0	2	5	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	14
2	1	5	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
3	0	1	1	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	7
4	0	0	2	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	9
5	1	6	2	3	1	0	1	4	0	2	1	1	0	22
6	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
7	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	8
8	0	2	3	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	11
9	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
very much a problem	2	4	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	2	14
Total	44	302	100	19	12	13	11	18	7	6	6	7	16	561

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Costs of child care	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	1	17	5	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	30
not asked	11	222	22	3	8	3	0	5	3	0	2	2	2	283
not a problem at all	5	29	34	6	2	1	2	3	2	1	1	0	2	88
1	1	5	9	0	3	1	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	23
2	0	5	3	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	15
3	0	2	3	0	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	19
4	1	2	1	1	1	0	1	4	0	1	1	0	1	14
5	1	2	3	2	3	3	0	2	1	0	4	0	3	24
6	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	2	0	0	11
7	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	8
8	0	3	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	4	14
9	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
very much a problem	0	9	3	0	3	3	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	25
Total	22	302	88	13	28	14	8	24	13	12	13	8	16	561

Table A43: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in inner-regions in both waves (III)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	Wave 2													Total
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	24	29	17	2	0	0	3	1	1	0	2	1	1	81
not asked	20	222	14	8	0	2	1	5	2	3	3	2	1	283
not a problem at all	15	28	26	6	3	2	1	3	0	1	2	0	0	87
1	0	2	4	0	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	13
2	1	7	2	2	2	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
3	1	3	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	9
4	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	2	8
5	2	3	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	2	17
6	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	8
7	5	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	1	1	2	0	15
8	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	2	11
9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	4
very much a problem	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	7
Total	71	302	76	20	9	8	11	18	5	12	11	9	9	561

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	Wave 2											Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem		
dont know	117	47	10	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	176
not asked	47	222	7	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	283
not a problem at all	38	29	18	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	87
1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
very much a problem	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	6
Total	208	302	35	1	2	1	1	3	3	1	4	0	561

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	Wave 2											Total		
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9	very much a problem
dont know	21	32	10	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	73
not asked	23	222	19	3	1	2	0	3	1	0	3	1	5	283
not a problem at all	16	32	42	9	4	3	0	2	0	1	0	2	2	113
1	1	3	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
2	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
4	3	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	10
5	0	1	0	1	3	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	2	13
6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	5
7	0	1	4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	8
8	1	2	4	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	12
9	3	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
very much a problem	0	7	6	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	20
Total	69	302	95	20	15	11	2	10	2	6	8	5	16	561

Table A44: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in inner-regions in both waves (IV)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	Wave 2													Total
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	16	28	12	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	1	1	63
not asked	19	222	20	4	6	3	0	1	0	0	3	0	5	283
not a problem at all	15	33	48	9	4	3	1	3	1	0	1	0	4	122
1	0	2	6	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	12
2	2	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	13
3	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	0	4	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	13
6	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
7	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
8	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	11
9	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
very much a problem	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	6	16
Total	57	302	109	18	16	8	4	12	3	5	7	2	18	561

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	Wave 2													Total
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	1	17	5	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	29
not asked	8	222	23	10	4	3	0	2	1	4	3	1	2	283
not a problem at all	6	38	61	14	11	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	3	140
1	0	4	10	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	20
2	0	5	7	3	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	21
3	1	2	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	10
4	0	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
5	1	4	5	2	1	2	0	2	1	1	1	0	2	22
6	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
7	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	7
8	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
very much a problem	0	4	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	12
Total	17	302	124	32	22	8	4	12	4	9	9	5	13	561

Table A45: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in outer-regions in both waves (I)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
don't know	0	6	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
not asked	3	92	10	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	114
not a problem at all	1	13	20	5	2	3	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	49
1	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	9
2	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
4	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	5
8	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5
9	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5
very much a problem	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
Total	5	127	36	13	7	6	1	2	1	4	3	4	6	215

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
don't know	0	6	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
not asked	3	92	10	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	114
not a problem at all	1	14	18	6	2	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	1	46
1	1	0	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	10
2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	6
8	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
9	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
very much a problem	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	8
Total	5	127	37	16	6	3	2	5	1	2	3	2	6	215

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	7	8	9 very much a problem			
don't know	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
not asked	2	92	8	6	1	1	0	1	0	0	2	1	1	114
not a problem at all	1	13	15	2	2	4	1	0	1	2	0	2	2	43
1	1	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
2	0	2	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
4	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
6	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
7	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	6
8	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	3
very much a problem	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	8
Total	4	127	34	13	5	9	2	6	2	3	2	8	8	215

Table A46: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in outer-regions in both waves (II)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1	Wave 2													Total
Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
Care for sick child														
dont know	1	7	1	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	13
not asked	6	92	3	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	3	114
not a problem at all	5	12	14	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	38
1	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
2	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
4	0	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	9
6	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
8	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	4
9	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
very much a problem	2	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6	17
Total	17	127	21	9	5	4	1	6	2	2	5	2	14	215

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1	Wave 2													Total
Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem		
Care during holidays														
dont know	6	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16
not asked	7	92	7	4	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	114
not a problem at all	5	15	21	2	1	0	2	0	2	0	2	0	2	50
1	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
2	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	0	2	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
5	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	5
6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2
7	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
8	0	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
9	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
very much a problem	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	3
Total	20	127	31	9	2	4	7	1	5	1	8	1	8	215

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1	Wave 2													Total
Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
Costs of child care														
dont know	1	8	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	12
not asked	2	92	9	4	2	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	114
not a problem at all	1	12	19	3	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	42
1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	6
2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
3	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
6	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
7	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
8	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
9	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	5
very much a problem	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	1	9
Total	6	127	34	12	6	3	2	9	3	7	2	1	3	215



Table A47: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in outer-regions in both waves (III)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	Wave 2											Total
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	5	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	7	12	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	25
not asked	8	92	8	2	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	114
not a problem at all	5	11	17	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	40
1	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
2	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	5
4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	6
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
8	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	3
9	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
very much a problem	0	5	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	8
Total	22	127	33	10	5	2	7	4	2	2	1	215

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	Wave 2											Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	3	7	8	9	very much a problem		
dont know	0	25	14	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	43	
not asked	1	14	92	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	114	
not a problem at all	0	17	14	11	0	0	1	0	0	0	43	
1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	
2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
7	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	
9	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
very much a problem	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	6	
Total	1	58	127	16	4	1	2	2	1	3	215	

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	Wave 2											Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	5	7	8	9	
dont know	0	9	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	24
not asked	1	7	92	6	4	1	0	1	0	1	1	114
not a problem at all	0	5	14	19	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	46
1	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
7	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	6
8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
9	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
very much a problem	0	2	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11
Total	1	27	127	31	8	3	2	2	1	5	2	215

Table A48: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers living in outer-regions in both waves (IV)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	Wave 2													Total	
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	6	7	8	9 a problem	very much		
dont know	0	6	11	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	21
not asked	1	6	92	6	5	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	114	
not a problem at all	0	4	13	20	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	44	
1	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	
2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	
3	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	
4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
5	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	
7	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	4	
9	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5	
very much a problem	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	11	
Total	1	23	127	33	10	2	1	2	1	2	2	3	8	215	

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	Wave 2													Total
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 a problem	very much	
dont know	1	5	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
not asked	2	92	11	5	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	114
not a problem at all	1	16	24	3	2	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	0	53
1	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
2	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	4
3	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
6	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
7	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
8	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	4
9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	3
very much a problem	0	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7
Total	7	127	43	10	3	2	3	6	2	5	3	1	3	215

Table A49: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 1 child in both waves (I)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	Wave 2													Total
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	1	8	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	17
not asked	5	112	14	2	6	2	0	2	0	7	5	2	2	159
not a problem at all	2	21	45	11	3	3	2	4	2	0	5	0	2	100
1	1	6	9	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
2	1	1	6	3	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	15
3	0	1	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	9
5	0	4	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	13
6	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	9
7	1	6	4	1	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	0	0	22
8	0	4	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	1	0	16
9	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	7
very much a problem	0	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	5	12
Total	12	169	95	27	16	12	5	10	6	12	19	7	11	401

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	Wave 2													Total
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	8	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	14
not asked	3	112	18	1	7	1	1	0	1	3	3	4	5	159
not a problem at all	6	21	51	4	2	3	4	3	0	0	3	0	2	99
1	1	4	4	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
2	2	2	4	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	17
3	0	0	3	3	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	1	0	12
4	0	1	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
5	0	2	3	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	9
6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3
7	0	6	6	0	2	1	0	1	1	1	4	1	0	23
8	1	3	3	2	1	1	1	0	1	2	2	1	1	19
9	0	4	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	10
very much a problem	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	15
Total	13	169	100	20	17	9	9	7	5	6	18	11	17	401

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	Wave 2													Total
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	7	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	12
not asked	3	112	13	3	2	4	1	5	1	1	4	6	4	159
not a problem at all	1	20	43	6	3	2	4	3	2	2	3	4	3	96
1	2	4	8	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	18
2	0	0	2	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
3	0	8	7	1	2	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	24
4	0	2	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	13
5	0	6	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	15
6	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4
7	1	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	9
8	0	3	4	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	2	15
9	0	1	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	11
very much a problem	1	4	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	16
Total	8	169	95	18	13	13	10	16	5	8	15	12	19	401

Table A50: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 1 child in both waves (II)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care for sick child	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	5	14	9	1	2	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	6	42
not asked	16	112	14	0	0	2	1	0	1	2	2	2	7	159
not a problem at all	9	17	28	2	1	1	1	2	1	0	6	2	6	76
1	0	3	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	9
2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
3	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	8
4	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	1	4	4	1	0	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	4	22
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
7	0	3	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	13
8	2	5	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	3	16
9	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	2	3	12
very much a problem	5	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	14	33
Total	41	169	66	9	6	7	6	10	8	8	15	10	46	401

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care during holidays	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	23	13	15	2	1	1	0	0	2	0	2	1	2	62
not asked	19	112	16	1	1	2	1	2	2	0	1	1	1	159
not a problem at all	19	25	43	4	1	1	4	4	0	2	0	4	4	107
1	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	9
2	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
3	3	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
4	0	1	1	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
5	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	10
6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3
7	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	8
8	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	7
9	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
very much a problem	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	12
Total	69	169	83	15	8	5	8	11	5	4	9	5	10	401

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Costs of child care	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	1	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	14
not asked	3	112	16	2	3	2	2	6	1	5	1	3	3	159
not a problem at all	4	20	35	6	0	1	2	5	2	2	1	1	1	80
1	1	2	6	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14
2	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	1	1	0	14
3	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	8
4	0	3	1	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
5	1	4	2	0	2	1	1	5	2	2	2	0	1	23
6	2	2	3	1	0	1	3	1	3	1	2	0	1	20
7	0	2	2	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	12
8	2	3	0	1	2	2	1	2	2	3	1	1	1	21
9	0	4	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	10
very much a problem	1	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	3	4	15
Total	15	169	70	17	16	12	10	28	10	18	9	14	13	401

Table A51: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 1 child in both waves (III)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
don't know	47	23	14	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	1	1	0	90
not asked	29	112	10	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	159
not a problem at all	34	21	30	4	2	2	0	1	0	0	3	1	1	99
1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
2	6	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
3	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	9
6	3	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
7	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6
8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	4
9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
very much a problem	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	6
Total	126	169	58	10	4	3	2	7	3	4	6	4	5	401

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	Wave 2										Total	
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	5	7	8	9 very much a problem		
don't know	0	88	29	14	1	0	0	3	1	1	1	137
not asked	1	37	112	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	159
not a problem at all	0	45	22	18	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	87
1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
8	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
very much a problem	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	4
Total	1	178	169	38	4	2	2	3	1	3	3	401

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	Wave 2												Total	
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		9 very much a problem
don't know	0	8	16	9	1	1	0	1	2	0	2	1	1	43
not asked	1	16	112	9	3	2	2	0	1	1	2	4	2	159
not a problem at all	0	14	23	39	8	1	4	0	4	0	3	1	0	100
1	0	1	3	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
2	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
3	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4
4	0	1	2	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
5	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	9
6	0	0	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
7	0	2	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	2	0	13
8	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	2	2	16
9	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	9
very much a problem	0	1	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	18
Total	1	48	169	81	20	8	11	2	10	2	14	11	7	401

Table A52: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 1 child in both waves (IV)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	6	15	6	1	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	1	2	38
not asked	1	13	112	11	4	3	0	0	1	2	2	5	2	3	159
not a problem at all	0	14	24	46	5	3	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	3	103
1	0	0	3	6	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	14
2	0	1	2	3	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10
3	0	0	0	4	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	8
4	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	0	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	8
6	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
7	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	12
8	0	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	2	13
9	0	2	3	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	11
very much a problem	0	1	3	3	0	1	0	0	4	0	2	2	0	2	18
Total	1	41	169	88	19	14	4	7	10	7	10	11	5	15	401

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having one child in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		very much a problem
dont know	1	11	7	1	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	0	28
not asked	5	112	21	4	4	0	0	4	1	2	2	1	3	159
not a problem at all	6	24	58	7	4	1	3	2	1	0	2	0	4	112
1	0	2	6	2	2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	16
2	0	2	5	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	12
3	0	5	3	4	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	15
4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	1	2	4	1	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	15
6	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	5
7	1	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	10
8	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	0	9
9	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
very much a problem	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	3	12
Total	19	169	108	24	16	6	5	17	5	7	8	4	13	401

Table A53: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 2 children in both waves (I)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	Wave 2												Total		
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		very much a problem	
don't know	3	19	7	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
not asked	18	315	24	8	9	2	0	2	2	3	5	0	3	391	
not a problem at all	10	41	60	12	14	13	2	3	4	2	1	0	3	165	
1	0	5	9	4	4	3	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	29	
2	1	4	10	4	2	4	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	32	
3	0	5	4	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	16	
4	1	2	4	1	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	12	
5	0	5	2	3	2	1	0	0	1	1	3	0	0	18	
6	0	5	2	2	3	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	16	
7	0	4	6	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	4	0	0	18	
8	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2	2	1	17	
9	0	6	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	12	
very much a problem	0	5	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	4	0	3	19	
Total	34	420	136	37	36	29	6	13	12	15	24	3	11	776	

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		very much a problem
don't know	1	16	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
not asked	11	315	26	9	7	4	2	3	0	2	5	2	5	391
not a problem at all	8	47	62	13	9	5	3	7	0	1	5	0	3	163
1	0	6	14	8	3	2	1	2	2	2	0	0	1	41
2	0	4	8	2	4	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	23
3	0	6	6	1	1	1	0	1	1	4	0	1	0	22
4	0	1	3	1	0	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	10
5	0	4	1	2	3	2	2	1	1	4	1	1	0	22
6	0	4	1	2	3	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	13
7	3	2	4	0	2	1	0	0	2	0	3	0	0	17
8	0	5	2	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	0	1	16
9	0	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	2	0	12
very much a problem	0	8	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	5	0	4	21
Total	23	420	134	41	35	18	14	20	8	18	25	6	14	776

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9		very much a problem
don't know	1	16	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
not asked	9	315	25	11	7	3	1	5	4	2	6	0	3	391
not a problem at all	6	41	60	11	7	9	2	5	1	1	2	2	3	150
1	0	7	7	4	6	3	1	0	0	1	2	0	0	31
2	0	7	10	5	1	6	1	1	1	3	1	1	3	40
3	0	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	12
4	0	3	5	1	4	0	2	0	2	0	1	2	1	21
5	0	8	9	0	2	1	1	2	2	1	0	0	0	26
6	1	3	1	2	1	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	14
7	0	3	3	0	1	3	0	3	1	1	1	0	0	16
8	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	16
9	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	9
very much a problem	0	10	6	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	4	27
Total	17	420	134	39	33	28	11	24	14	13	18	8	17	776

Table A54: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 2 children in both waves (II)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care for sick child	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	5	18	4	3	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	39
not asked	18	315	24	6	4	1	0	6	0	2	4	3	8	391
not a problem at all	13	39	30	6	5	9	4	7	0	0	2	1	4	120
1	4	2	3	3	6	2	1	0	0	1	0	3	3	28
2	3	4	2	0	1	1	2	2	3	0	1	1	1	21
3	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	9
4	1	2	1	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	10
5	2	8	3	1	1	1	2	3	1	2	5	0	2	31
6	0	4	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	8
7	1	3	2	1	0	1	0	2	2	2	1	0	1	16
8	4	3	3	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	3	3	2	23
9	2	4	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	3	19
very much a problem	2	15	9	3	0	1	1	2	2	3	5	2	16	61
Total	56	420	86	25	21	20	12	26	10	15	27	13	45	776

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care during holidays	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	16	18	10	3	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	50
not asked	15	315	29	3	5	2	3	5	3	2	1	4	4	391
not a problem at all	18	52	72	10	2	3	3	10	2	1	0	2	5	180
1	0	4	3	2	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	3	1	17
2	1	4	5	1	4	4	2	2	3	0	0	0	1	27
3	1	2	3	0	1	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	11
4	0	2	1	2	2	0	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	14
5	0	5	3	3	3	2	2	3	1	2	0	0	0	24
6	1	2	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
7	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	0	4	1	0	2	13
8	1	5	3	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	3	19
9	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	9
very much a problem	0	7	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	14
Total	53	420	134	28	21	19	14	30	11	10	6	12	18	776

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Costs of child care	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	2	23	6	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	36
not asked	15	315	23	4	5	4	2	7	4	3	7	0	2	391
not a problem at all	6	34	41	7	6	3	5	5	1	3	3	1	5	120
1	1	2	8	1	2	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	1	20
2	0	4	6	1	1	0	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	19
3	0	6	5	2	3	1	2	2	1	3	2	2	2	31
4	1	1	2	0	0	1	5	1	0	1	3	0	0	15
5	3	6	5	3	2	4	0	3	3	4	4	0	5	42
6	1	5	2	0	0	3	1	0	1	2	1	2	3	21
7	1	2	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	9
8	1	7	3	0	0	0	1	3	1	1	3	0	2	22
9	0	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4	0	1	1	11
very much a problem	0	11	2	2	0	2	4	2	1	2	6	1	6	39
Total	31	420	104	20	20	22	22	28	15	25	31	10	28	776



Table A55: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 2 children in both waves (III)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	14	28	8	5	0	0	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	59
not asked	26	315	25	7	1	5	2	2	3	2	0	0	3	391
not a problem at all	15	41	50	6	7	6	7	9	1	3	1	1	1	148
1	0	6	4	4	3	1	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	23
2	1	7	8	3	4	3	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	30
3	1	1	3	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	14
4	2	3	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
5	2	5	7	0	2	0	1	2	2	2	0	2	1	26
6	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	3	0	1	0	2	0	13
7	2	2	4	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	5	2	0	17
8	0	4	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	3	3	0	0	19
9	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	1	9
very much a problem	2	5	3	0	1	0	0	1	0	3	1	0	0	16
Total	68	420	123	29	24	16	17	22	11	17	15	8	6	776

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	Wave 2											Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	4	6	7	8	9 very much a problem			
dont know	125	46	16	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	189
not asked	58	315	14	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	391
not a problem at all	90	46	22	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	159
1	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
2	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
5	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	5
6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2
8	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
9	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	4
very much a problem	1	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	9
Total	283	420	55	2	1	1	2	3	3	1	5	5	776

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	27	31	14	3	1	2	0	2	0	0	1	1	0	82
not asked	34	315	23	5	3	1	1	1	1	0	2	1	4	391
not a problem at all	35	45	56	8	5	2	3	4	1	4	0	0	3	166
1	2	6	6	3	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	22
2	2	2	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	17
3	1	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	8
4	1	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
5	0	4	2	3	2	3	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	17
6	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	9
7	1	1	5	0	2	1	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	14
8	1	1	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	10
9	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	8
very much a problem	1	10	5	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	5	24
Total	108	420	125	27	17	10	7	10	5	14	10	7	16	776

Table A56: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 2 children in both waves (IV)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	21	28	16	2	1	0	1	4	1	0	0	1	1	76
not asked	30	315	24	6	7	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	5	391
not a problem at all	33	50	62	14	10	4	0	3	0	0	3	1	0	180
1	3	5	12	4	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	28
2	3	4	8	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	20
3	0	3	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
4	0	2	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	7
5	0	4	2	1	1	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	15
6	3	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
7	3	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	11
8	0	2	1	1	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	9
9	2	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	8
very much a problem	1	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	4	16
Total	99	420	138	31	27	11	5	11	3	7	7	5	12	776

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having two children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	Wave 2												Total	
	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	2	15	7	0	1	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	28
not asked	11	315	34	10	6	3	1	3	2	0	1	2	3	391
not a problem at all	12	47	72	18	16	3	2	5	1	4	2	1	4	187
1	1	9	12	5	3	1	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	36
2	0	6	7	6	1	1	0	3	0	1	2	0	0	27
3	2	2	4	2	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	15
4	0	1	6	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	12
5	0	7	7	1	2	1	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	25
6	0	4	2	1	0	2	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	13
7	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	2	9
8	0	3	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	7
9	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	6
very much a problem	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	3	20
Total	28	420	156	45	34	13	10	23	5	13	9	5	15	776

Table A57: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 3 or more children in both waves (I)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	0	9	2	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
not asked	1	5	274	24	8	6	5	1	3	3	3	2	1	3	339
not a problem at all	0	5	45	45	4	7	4	0	0	1	0	0	2	4	117
1	0	0	3	6	1	3	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	16
2	0	1	8	6	3	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	22
3	0	0	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	3	1	1	0	12
4	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	6
5	0	0	3	2	0	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	12
6	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	6
7	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	9
8	0	1	2	6	1	4	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	17
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	0	2	6
very much a problem	0	0	4	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	13
Total	1	12	359	97	21	25	13	4	10	7	14	5	6	15	589

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	1	7	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	12
not asked	1	4	274	26	9	6	2	4	2	1	1	3	2	4	339
not a problem at all	0	6	41	42	5	3	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	105
1	0	0	7	5	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	18
2	0	0	7	2	4	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	0	0	20
3	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	0	1	10
4	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	7
5	0	1	4	5	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	0	17
6	0	0	3	0	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	0	0	10
7	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	9
8	0	0	5	6	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	2	17
9	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	2	1	0	1	9
very much a problem	0	0	4	3	1	1	0	1	1	0	2	1	0	2	16
Total	1	13	359	97	23	18	7	11	8	6	13	12	7	14	589

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	0	6	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
not asked	1	3	274	21	9	6	5	2	6	2	2	3	0	5	339
not a problem at all	0	3	35	36	2	4	4	2	0	0	1	2	2	2	93
1	0	0	5	5	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	17
2	0	1	12	3	2	1	2	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	26
3	0	0	2	3	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	2	1	2	15
4	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	0	0	9	3	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	2	18
6	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	7
7	0	0	4	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	9
8	0	0	2	3	0	1	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	2	15
9	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	2	11
very much a problem	0	1	6	1	1	2	2	1	1	1	1	0	2	7	26
Total	1	8	359	79	22	19	18	8	14	9	10	10	9	23	589

Table A58: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 3 or more children in both waves (II)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care for sick child	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	2	15	4	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	26
not asked	1	16	274	12	8	2	3	3	3	4	2	2	2	7	339
not a problem at all	0	6	25	24	4	3	1	3	0	0	0	2	2	4	74
1	0	1	2	5	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
2	0	1	5	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	3	1	0	17
3	0	1	2	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
4	0	0	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	6
5	0	1	6	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	11
6	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	6
7	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
8	0	1	9	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	3	2	18
9	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	5	12
very much a problem	0	7	14	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	2	4	7	14	55
Total	1	38	359	59	16	7	11	10	10	7	6	14	15	36	589

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Care during holidays	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	2	13	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	26
not asked	1	12	274	22	7	2	4	2	4	5	0	1	0	5	339
not a problem at all	0	6	38	43	1	3	1	1	2	0	4	0	2	2	103
1	0	1	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	9
2	0	0	11	3	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	19
3	0	0	3	0	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	9
4	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5
5	0	2	5	2	0	0	2	0	3	0	2	1	2	1	20
6	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	5
7	0	0	3	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	9
8	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	2	0	2	2	15
9	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	2	1	3	0	10
very much a problem	0	2	5	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	2	3	3	20
Total	1	26	359	85	15	10	12	4	13	9	12	8	15	20	589

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Costs of child care	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	very much a problem	
dont know	0	0	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	18
not asked	1	8	274	23	5	7	2	1	9	1	1	1	2	4	339
not a problem at all	0	4	35	26	1	2	4	3	3	1	0	0	2	1	82
1	0	1	4	4	0	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	14
2	0	0	4	3	1	1	1	0	1	1	2	1	0	0	15
3	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	10
4	0	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	8
5	0	0	9	2	2	3	2	2	5	2	1	1	0	3	32
6	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	7
7	0	0	2	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	12
8	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	6	13
9	0	1	4	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	1	11
very much a problem	0	1	8	4	0	2	2	0	2	1	1	2	1	4	28
Total	1	16	359	75	10	19	17	9	24	9	9	6	12	23	589

Table A59: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 3 or more children in both waves (III)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Juggling multiple CC	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	4	22	9	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	43	
not asked	1	11	274	17	6	2	4	0	6	3	5	3	4	339	
not a problem at all	0	10	26	28	2	4	1	2	3	0	0	3	0	80	
1	0	0	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	8	
2	0	0	7	3	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	15	
3	0	0	4	1	2	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	10	
4	0	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7	
5	0	3	8	4	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	22	
6	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	6	
7	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	3	1	0	15	
8	0	2	5	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	16	
9	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	7	
very much a problem	0	3	3	4	0	2	1	0	1	2	0	3	1	21	
Total	1	37	359	71	11	14	9	11	17	6	12	15	11	589	

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Special needs CC	Wave 2												Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	74	47	6	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	130
not asked	1	49	274	6	2	2	1	0	2	1	0	1	339
not a problem at all	0	44	30	14	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	90
1	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2
7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	2
8	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
very much a problem	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	12
Total	1	176	359	26	2	3	2	1	5	3	2	9	589

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center of choice	Wave 2												Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem	
dont know	0	10	26	6	3	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	49
not asked	1	22	274	21	5	0	3	2	1	0	6	1	339
not a problem at all	0	16	41	42	3	1	3	3	0	1	2	3	120
1	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	6
2	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	7
3	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
4	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
5	0	2	5	1	0	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	13
6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
7	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	2	0	10
8	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	6
9	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	2	8
very much a problem	0	3	3	5	1	3	0	1	0	0	0	1	22
Total	1	60	359	81	13	8	9	13	1	6	12	7	589

Table A60: Response to questions related to child care difficulty in wave 1 vs wave 2: All matched mothers with 3 or more children in both waves (IV)

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: CC in right location	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	9	20	7	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	38
not asked	1	22	274	23	5	3	3	0	1	0	1	3	2	1	339
not a problem at all	0	14	43	40	5	1	2	2	3	0	1	2	1	5	119
1	0	0	3	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	9
2	0	2	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	2	11
3	0	2	0	1	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	8
4	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3
5	0	1	7	3	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	15
6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
7	0	2	3	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	12
8	0	0	0	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	6
9	0	1	1	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	7
very much a problem	0	1	4	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	8	21
Total	1	54	359	85	13	13	7	6	10	2	5	10	6	18	589

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS] Conditional on having 3 or more children in both waves

Wave 1 Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Center that kid likes	Wave 2														Total
	refused no answer	don't know	not asked	not a problem	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9 very much a problem		
dont know	0	0	9	4	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	15
not asked	1	8	274	25	8	6	4	0	3	0	3	1	1	5	339
not a problem at all	0	7	46	51	5	5	1	2	2	0	1	1	2	2	125
1	0	0	4	2	0	2	0	0	2	1	0	0	0	1	12
2	0	0	4	1	2	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	18
3	0	0	2	3	0	1	2	1	1	1	1	0	1	0	13
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
5	0	1	12	2	1	3	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	1	28
6	0	0	2	1	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	8
7	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	7
8	0	0	1	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	4	0	1	12
9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
very much a problem	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	0	0	1	10
Total	1	16	359	97	17	20	14	6	17	7	7	8	6	14	589

Table A61: Trends in difficulty with various aspects of child care: Finding good quality, the right person, and the right hours

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

A Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves  
 B Using all mothers, not controlling for changes in circumstances  
 C Conditional on living in a major city in both waves  
 D Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves  
 E Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves  
 F Conditional on living beyond outer-regional area in both waves  
 G Conditional on having one child in both waves  
 H Conditional on having two children in both waves  
 I Conditional on having three or more children in both waves

Column I Number of observations  
 Column II The mean score in wave 1 or 2 in case we have only a valid score in wave 1/2. In other cases, the mean number of points moved

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding good quality**

	A I	A II	B I	B II	C I	C II	D I	D II	E I	E II	F I	F II	G I	G II	H I	H II	I I	I II
No information in wave 1 and 2	730		837		426		248		101		13		126		355		289	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	163	2.50	193	2.69	86	2.56	60	2.72	22	1.82	4	4.50	50	3.70	67	2.16	64	2.33
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	214	2.49	276	2.74	141	2.48	72	2.71	31	3.42	3	4.00	55	3.22	99	2.72	83	1.82
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	177	3.26	208	3.45	119	3.22	49	3.78	24	3.50	3	3.33	46	3.46	96	2.96	46	3.96
Valid scores in both waves, identical	178		208		110		60		26		2		64		73		50	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	188	3.66	221	3.76	120	3.67	72	3.89	11	3.09	1	2.00	60	3.67	86	3.58	57	3.95
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: finding right person**

	A I	A II	B I	B II	C I	C II	D I	D II	E I	E II	F I	F II	G I	G II	H I	H II	I I	I II
No information in wave 1 and 2	713		817		416		238		101		13		123		343		287	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	171	2.65	200	2.86	90	2.86	66	2.88	22	2.00	3	2.33	50	3.58	73	2.56	64	2.41
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	222	2.59	287	2.82	148	2.49	76	2.91	31	3.68	3	3.67	59	3.34	100	2.53	86	2.21
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	166	3.46	192	3.64	101	3.64	55	3.67	21	2.95	4	3.50	43	3.91	86	3.34	45	3.53
Valid scores in both waves, identical	191		226		119		66		25		2		66		86		51	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	187	3.67	221	3.75	128	3.90	60	3.18	15	4.20	1	9.00	60	4.00	88	3.16	56	4.21
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding: Getting hours needed**

	A I	A II	B I	B II	C I	C II	D I	D II	E I	E II	F I	F II	G I	G II	H I	H II	I I	I II
No information in wave 1 and 2	708		811		412		236		102		13		122		341		284	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	169	2.83	200	2.99	90	3.14	66	2.77	21	2.14	3	5.67	49	4.06	73	2.38	64	2.67
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	211	2.75	274	2.89	140	2.84	72	2.75	29	3.10	3	5.67	55	3.13	96	2.72	84	2.61
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	179	3.75	209	3.79	116	3.83	52	3.62	22	3.82	6	2.50	51	4.20	90	3.46	49	4.18
Valid scores in both waves, identical	185		213		109		69		22		1		65		77		53	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	198	3.77	236	3.87	135	3.64	66	3.91	19	4.47	0	-	59	4.02	99	3.58	55	4.25
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	

Table A62: Trends in difficulty with various aspects of child care: Finding care for a sick child, during holidays, and costs

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

A Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves  
 B Using all mothers, not controlling for changes in circumstances  
 C Conditional on living in a major city in both waves  
 D Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves  
 E Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves  
 F Conditional on living beyond outer-regional area in both waves  
 G Conditional on having one child in both waves  
 H Conditional on having two children in both waves  
 I Conditional on having three or more children in both waves

Column I Number of observations  
 Column II The mean score in wave 1 or 2 in case we have only a valid score in wave 1/2. In other cases, the mean number of points moved

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:  
 Care for sick child**

	A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I	
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
No information in wave 1 and 2	763		888		447		261		106		14		147		356		308	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	173	3.69	195	3.79	89	3.66	70	3.47	21	4.38	2	8.50	54	4.20	74	3.55	57	3.67
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	248	3.93	314	4.00	164	4.00	78	3.71	38	4.00	3	1.67	63	3.97	120	3.55	90	4.50
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	181	3.96	205	4.11	110	4.03	65	4.15	16	4.69	4	3.25	52	4.46	92	3.76	45	3.80
Valid scores in both waves, identical	138		161		81		46		22		2		47		59		42	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	147	4.18	180	4.19	111	4.10	41	4.37	12	4.92	1	1.00	38	4.18	75	4.63	47	3.51
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:  
 Care during holidays**

	A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I	
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
No information in wave 1 and 2	784		929		472		267		112		14		167		364		302	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	179	2.32	208	2.36	95	2.52	74	2.11	18	1.89	3	3.67	54	2.26	77	2.42	63	2.38
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	241	2.09	302	2.09	159	1.92	79	2.06	35	2.40	3	0.00	71	1.89	109	2.07	84	2.49
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	139	3.99	157	4.04	85	3.81	41	4.02	17	4.71	4	3.25	33	4.03	74	3.84	41	4.46
Valid scores in both waves, identical	190		214		120		58		24		2		51		93		56	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	117	3.76	133	3.73	71	3.79	42	3.88	9	2.78	0	-	25	4.20	59	3.92	43	3.30
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:  
 Costs of child care**

	A		B		C		D		E		F		G		H		I	
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
No information in wave 1 and 2	734		843		426		251		103		14		124		355		294	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	168	2.95	198	3.14	90	3.51	62	2.55	23	1.91	4	5.25	49	3.71	72	2.88	63	2.79
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	214	3.17	275	3.44	141	3.25	73	3.10	30	3.63	2	1.50	60	3.43	96	3.64	82	3.10
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	195	3.64	230	3.67	128	3.81	67	3.42	18	3.39	2	3.50	51	3.49	102	3.90	55	3.38
Valid scores in both waves, identical	151		174		94		44		23		4		53		63		43	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	188	3.68	223	3.75	123	3.81	64	3.73	18	3.61	0	-	64	3.34	88	3.43	52	4.37
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	



Table A63: Trends in difficulty with various aspects of child care: Juggling multiple arrangements, special needs children, and centre of choice

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

A	Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves
B	Using all mothers, not controlling for changes in circumstances
C	Conditional on living in a major city in both waves
D	Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves
E	Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves
F	Conditional on living beyond outer-regional area in both waves
G	Conditional on having one child in both waves
H	Conditional on having two children in both waves
I	Conditional on having three or more children in both waves

Column I	Number of observations
Column II	The mean score in wave 1 or 2 in case we have only a valid score in wave 1/2. In other cases, the mean number of points moved

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:  
Juggling multiple CC**

	A	A	B	B	C	C	D	D	E	E	F	F	G	G	H	H	I	I
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
No information in wave 1 and 2	847		994		492		295		119		16		211		383		312	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	164	2.53	197	2.54	92	2.42	69	2.67	20	2.15	2	6.50	38	2.34	67	1.85	70	3.43
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	252	2.36	311	2.35	171	2.16	78	2.18	30	3.17	4	1.50	84	1.64	105	2.49	85	3.16
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	131	3.55	151	3.58	81	3.89	48	3.15	10	3.80	2	3.00	19	4.16	81	3.30	40	3.68
Valid scores in both waves, identical	124		143		77		31		24		1		35		63		36	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	132	3.83	147	3.84	89	4.00	40	3.50	12	3.83	1	5.00	14	3.64	77	3.70	46	4.09
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:  
Special needs CC**

	A	A	B	B	C	C	D	D	E	E	F	F	G	G	H	H	I	I
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
No information in wave 1 and 2	1181		1389		695		433		146		21		267		544		445	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	81	1.72	96	1.73	48	1.38	26	2.08	11	3.18	2	0.00	29	1.83	36	0.92	24	2.67
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	303	0.82	361	0.90	212	0.71	77	0.79	40	1.65	2	0.00	81	0.99	159	0.82	91	0.93
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	12	3.58	14	3.71	6	3.67	5	3.80	2	4.50	0		2	3.50	5	3.80	6	3.17
Valid scores in both waves, identical	62		71		33		19		14		1		20		26		19	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	11	2.82	12	2.75	8	2.75	1	2.00	2	3.50	0	-	2	4.50	6	2.33	4	2.50
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:  
Centre of choice**

	A	A	B	B	C	C	D	D	E	E	F	F	G	G	H	H	I	I
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
No information in wave 1 and 2	846		972		478		298		122		15		153		407		333	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	155	2.54	184	2.88	89	2.82	58	2.66	16	2.31	4	3.50	49	3.76	66	1.97	55	2.64
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	248	2.06	309	2.26	172	1.99	73	2.18	33	3.24	1	5.00	65	2.69	121	1.95	87	1.91
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	112	4.01	135	4.08	73	4.41	39	3.21	11	3.91	0	-	38	3.42	51	3.96	33	5.06
Valid scores in both waves, identical	166		195		107		50		24		5		49		74		50	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	123	4.39	148	4.63	83	4.11	43	5.40	9	4.22	1	4.00	47	4.43	57	4.19	31	5.26
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	

Table A64: Trends in difficulty with various aspects of child care: The right location and a centre the child likes

[ALL MATCHED MOTHERS]

A	Conditional on an equal number of children and same level of remoteness across waves
B	Using all mothers, not controlling for changes in circumstances
C	Conditional on living in a major city in both waves
D	Conditional on living in an inner-regional area in both waves
E	Conditional on living in an outer-regional area in both waves
F	Conditional on living beyond outer-regional area in both waves
G	Conditional on having one child in both waves
H	Conditional on having two children in both waves
I	Conditional on having three or more children in both waves

Column I	Number of observations
Column II	The mean score in wave 1 or 2 in case we have only a valid score in wave 1/2. In other cases, the mean number of points moved

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:  
CC in right location**

	A	A	B	B	C	C	D	D	E	E	F	F	G	G	H	H	I	I
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
No information in wave 1 and 2	820		946		471		285		116		14		147		394		326	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	159	2.20	188	2.63	86	2.36	61	2.38	19	2.79	5	1.40	50	3.78	73	1.99	51	1.84
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	253	1.87	314	2.04	174	1.68	74	1.92	35	3.37	2	2.50	64	2.58	125	1.62	88	1.93
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	115	3.53	132	3.79	76	3.68	38	3.55	10	4.40	1	1.00	34	3.35	48	2.85	39	4.97
Valid scores in both waves, identical	167		200		106		56		24		3		53		73		50	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	136	3.88	163	4.02	89	3.72	47	4.38	11	3.36	1	5.00	53	3.98	63	3.43	35	5.03
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	

**Q4 How much difficulty experienced in last 12 months regarding:  
Centre that kid likes**

	A	A	B	B	C	C	D	D	E	E	F	F	G	G	H	H	I	I
	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II	I	II
No information in wave 1 and 2	724		834		423		248		100		13		129		343		292	
No information in wave 1, valid score for wave 2	177	2.01	208	2.31	96	2.24	64	2.38	22	1.50	4	2.75	58	2.48	76	1.70	62	2.27
Valid score in wave 1, no information in wave 2	224	2.06	287	2.20	149	1.97	71	1.75	34	3.15	3	1.00	59	2.95	105	2.13	84	1.79
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 higher than wave 1	164	3.59	188	3.59	101	3.73	54	3.50	21	3.33	3	2.67	39	3.90	84	3.26	48	3.90
Valid scores in both waves, identical	210		250		134		70		27		2		71		88		66	
Valid scores in both waves, wave 2 lower than wave 1	151	3.39	176	3.55	99	3.46	54	3.37	11	4.91	1	1.00	45	3.44	80	3.09	37	4.16
Total	1650		1943		1002		561		215		26		401		776		589	