

DOES THE COST OF CHILDCARE AFFECT MATERNAL LABOUR SUPPLY?

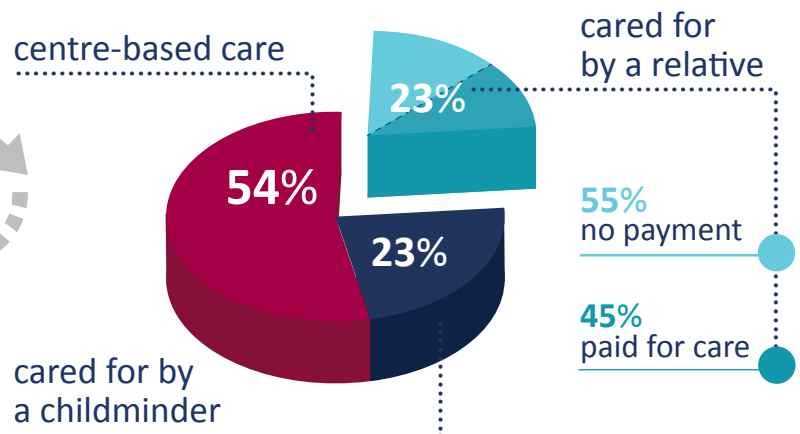
Data on costs was collected in 2011 when the study child was age three, before they enrolled for the free pre-school year. Calculations are for average costs based on one child. Paid care for additional children is likely to have a greater impact on working hours.

What type of childcare do parents use?

50% Use childcare for at least 8 hours per week

Average number of hours of paid care per week

24



cared for by a relative

55% no payment

45% paid for care

€ How much does childcare cost for parents?

€5.70 PER HOUR Childminder in the family home
€6.13 in 2017 prices

€4.43 PER HOUR Childminder outside the family home
€4.76 in 2017 prices

€4.48 PER HOUR Centre-based care
€4.82 in 2017 prices

Average share of disposable income spent on childcare (for one child aged three)

Across all families



Lone parents



Low-income families



Increased childcare costs lead to fewer paid working hours for mothers

10% increase in childcare costs leads to a **30** minute reduction in hours of work per week

