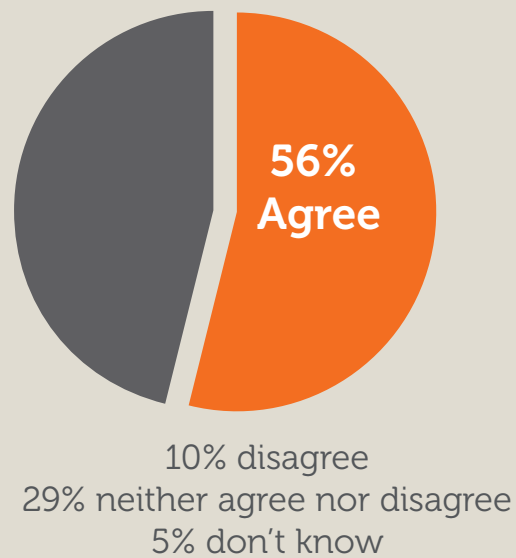


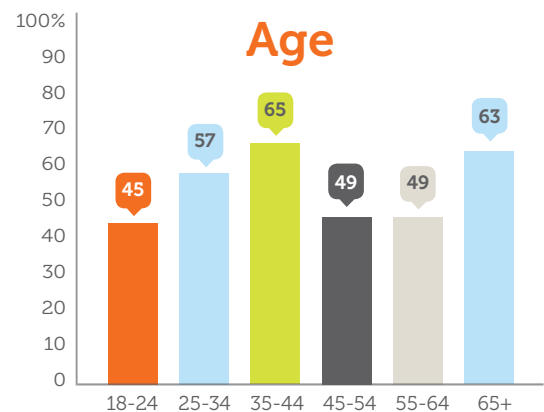
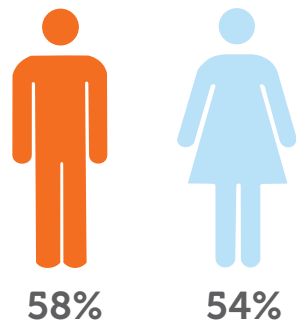
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Staff working in childcare services are qualified professionals like teachers, nurses & others

All Adults



Gender

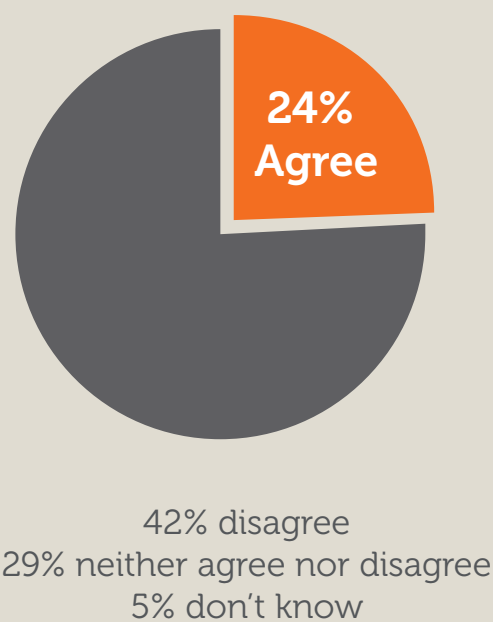


56% believe that childcare staff are qualified professionals.

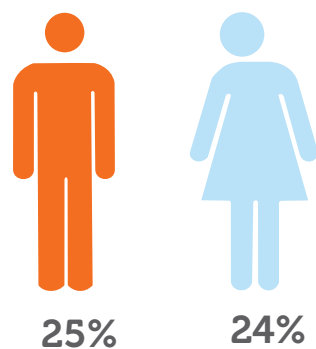
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The Living Wage in Ireland is €11.70 per hour. Staff working in childcare services earn an average hourly wage of €11.93. This average rate reflects the value of this work.

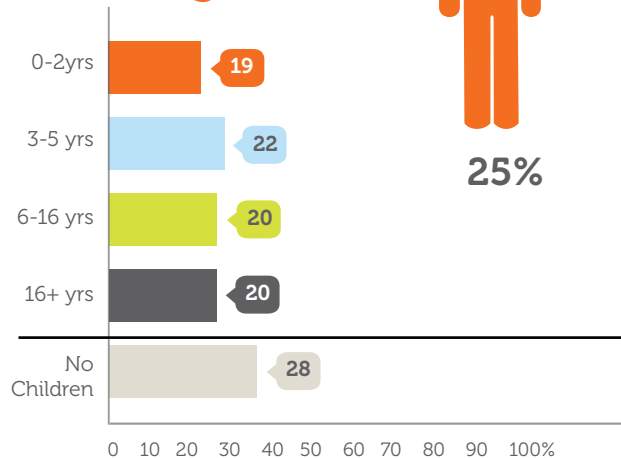
All Adults



Gender



Parents with children aged



Just 1 in 4 agree that the average rate reflects the value of staff in childcare services.

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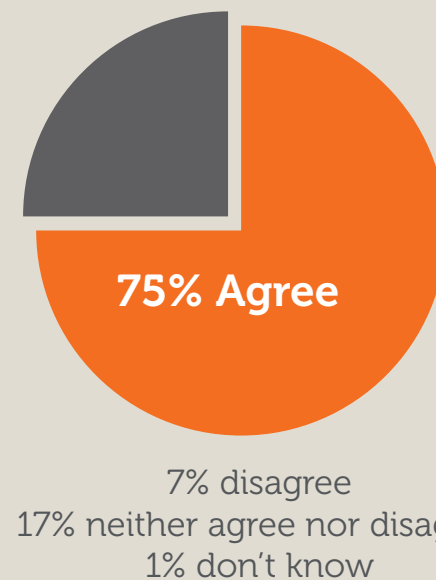


Early Childhood Ireland commissioned Red C to find out the views of Irish people about childcare. 1,004 adults aged 18+ were interviewed over the telephone between 18th and 25th January 2018. For each statement participants were asked for their level of agreement.

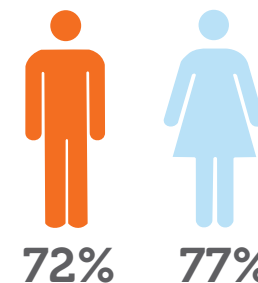
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The education of children under 5 is as important as the education of children over 5

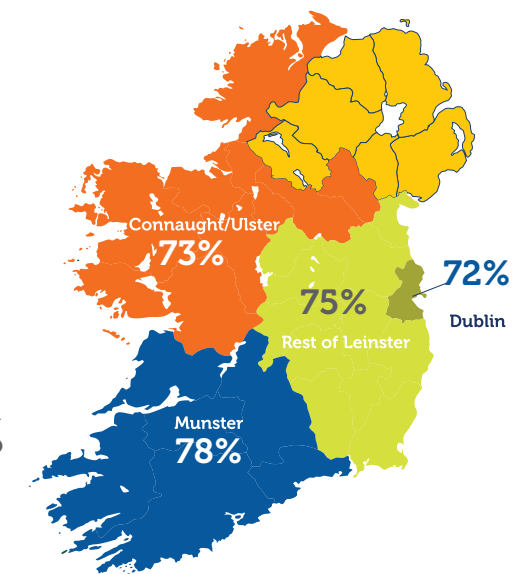
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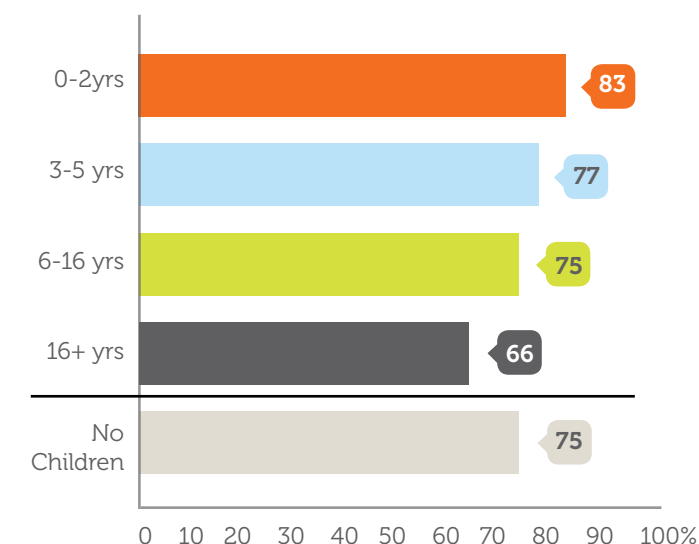
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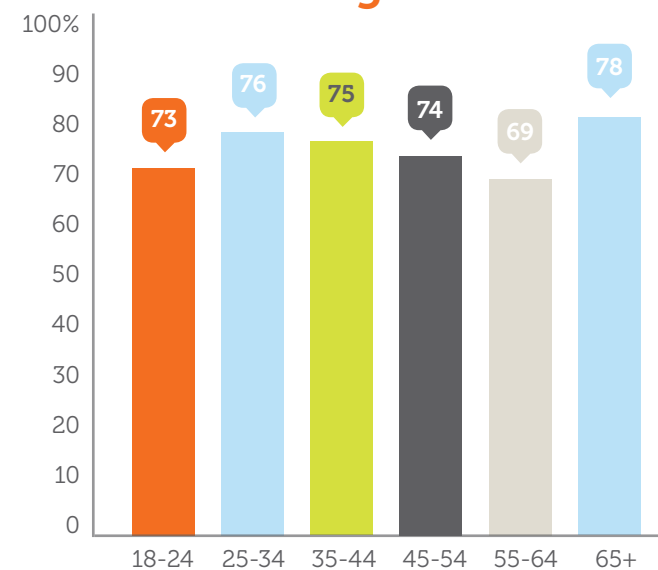
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Parents with children aged



Age

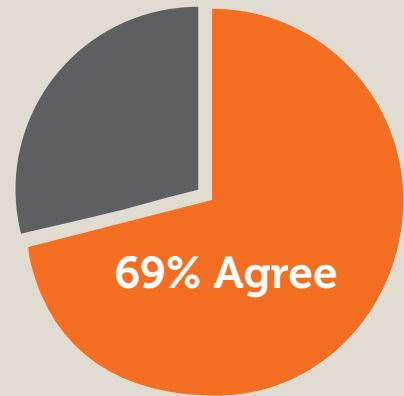


There is relatively little difference in opinion across demographics on the importance of education under 5 versus over 5, however agreement declines among those with older children.

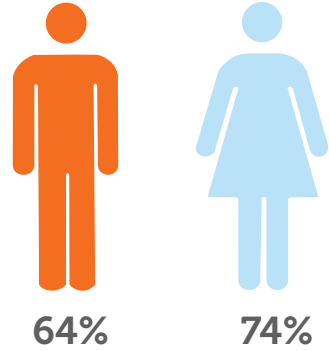
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All parents should be financially supported to stay at home with their child for the first 12 months of the child's life

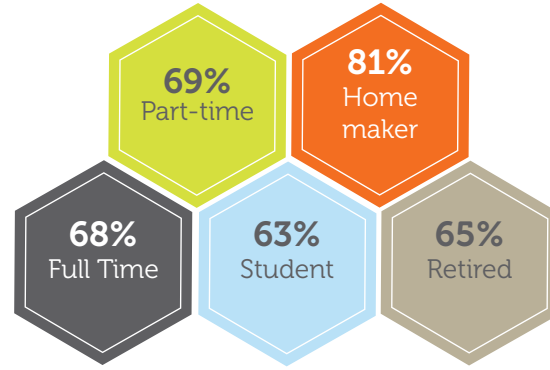
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Gender



Work Status



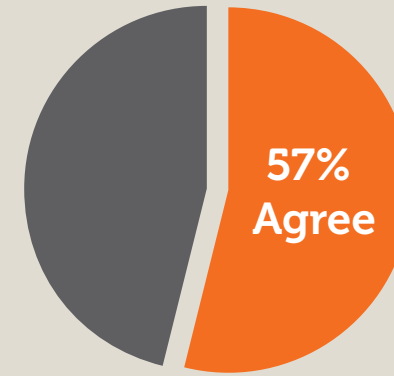
9% disagree
19% neither agree nor disagree
2% don't know

Almost 7 in 10 adults agree that parents should be financially supported to stay at home.

4

Parents should only pay towards childcare in line with their overall income

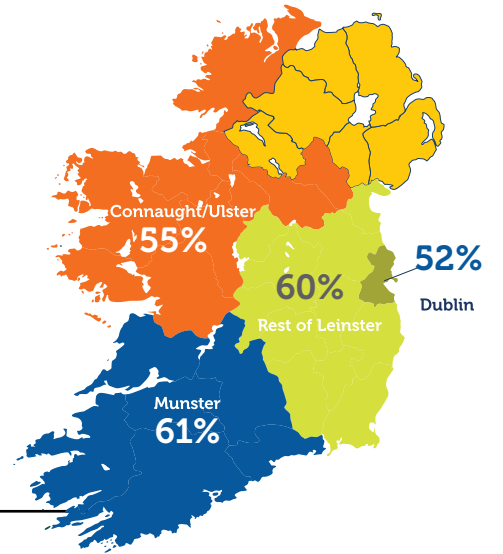
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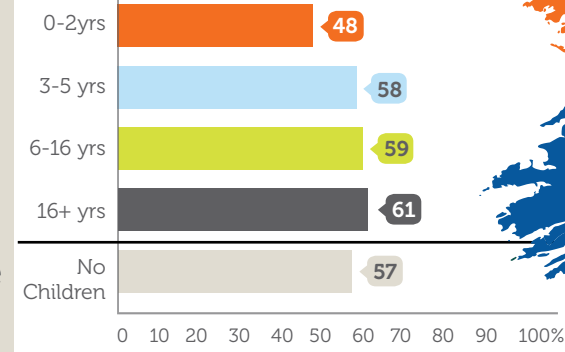
10% disagree
29% neither agree nor disagree
4% don't know

Just under 6 in 10 believe parents should pay for childcare in line with their income.

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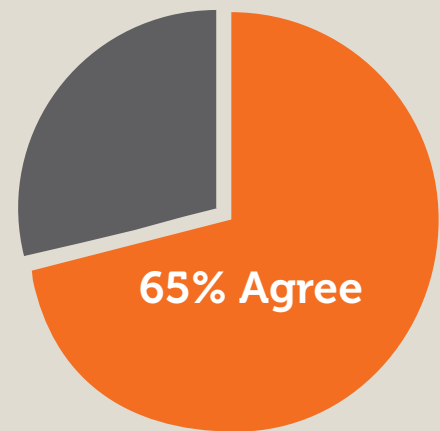
Parents with children aged



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Similar to primary education in Ireland, childcare should be available free to all children

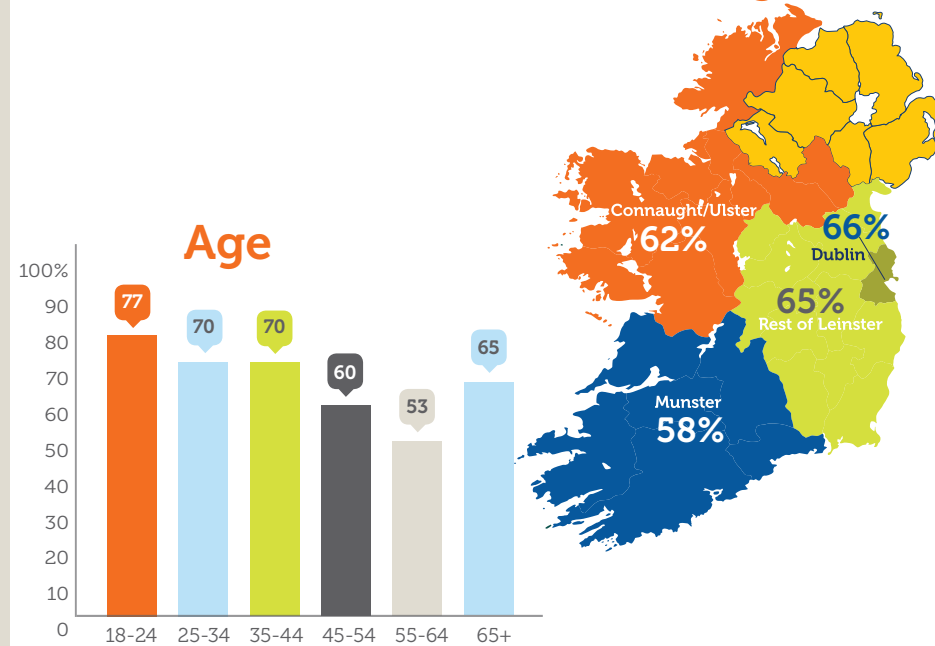
All Adults



10% disagree
22% neither agree nor disagree
3% don't know

2 in 3 believe that childcare should be free in Ireland.

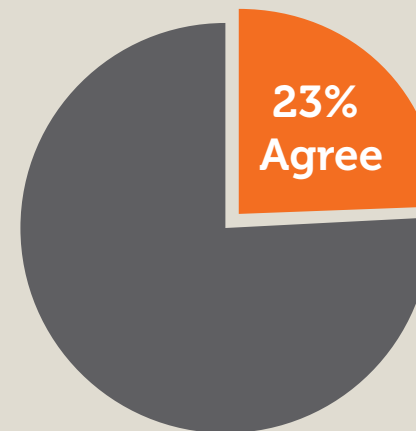
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5

Parents should be fully responsible for the cost of childcare

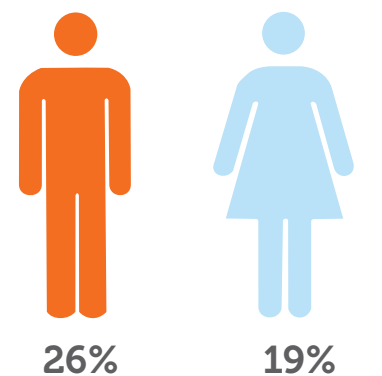
All Adults



39% disagree
37% neither agree nor disagree
2% don't know

Just under 1 in 4 agree that parents should be fully responsible for the cost of childcare.

Gender



Parents with children aged

