

Quebec families with children have lighter tax burden [CA]^[1]

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Quebec families with young children have little cause to complain about their tax burden.

Compared to families in other Canadian provinces and even some of the most progressive nations in Europe, they have it good, a study by two University of Sherbrooke researchers has concluded.

In their new book entitled *Le Québec, Un Paradis Pour Les Families?*, authors Luc Godbout and Suzie St-Cerny took a detailed look at the many tax credits and aid programs, both federal and provincial, as well as Quebec's \$7-a-day daycare system.

For the most part, Quebec families got to keep much more of their annual income than those of other provinces, primarily because they're shelling out so much less in daycare costs.

The average Quebec family with kids in daycare pays about 2 per cent of net income for that service. The Canadian average is 12 per cent.

Many Quebec families actually received thousands of dollars more from the system each year than they paid into it in income taxes and other deductions.

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