Outaouais home daycare strike to affect 3K children today

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A rotating strike of Quebec home daycare workers is hitting the Outaouais today.

The union representing daycare workers said 500 home-based daycare workers in the Outaouais are on strike, affecting nearly 3,000 children.

Last week, more than 4,000 people walked of the job in Rosemere, Trois-Rivieres and St-Jerome.

Contract negotiations with the provincial government have stalled, the union said. They want a five-per-cent salary increase and the government is offering a 0.5-per-cent increase.

The union said its members work about 50 hours a week on average, but that the government only recognizes 35 hours a week.

The strike mainly involves home-based daycare workers who don't work in daycare centres and aren't nannies.

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