

# The big UCCB cheque: News, analysis and responses <sup>[1]</sup>

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## The Universal Child Care Benefit (UCCB) expansion

This collection organizes news and analysis to inform about the federal government's expansion of the Universal Child Care Benefit. The UCCB, initiated by the Harper government in 2006, was substantially increased January 2015. The expansion money for January-July was sent to parents on July 20 in the form of a substantial cheque.

### Community response:

- Child Care Advocacy Association of Canada <sup>[2]</sup>

"With the cost of child care upwards of \$1200 a month, parents know that their benefit cheque is a drop in the bucket...If sending out the money months before an election is a way to buy parents to the side of the Conservatives, it is not going to work. Parents need real help in the form of affordable quality child care spaces."

### News and news analysis:

Backlash after Conservative child care tweet <sup>[3]</sup>

680News, 20 Jul 2015

The rise of the Santa state <sup>[4]</sup>

Ottawa Citizen, 20 Jul 2015

Nearly \$9-million dollars being given to London parents through universal child care benefit payment <sup>[5]</sup>

AM980, 20 Jul 2015

Analysis: 3 things to know about the UCCB payments' impact <sup>[6]</sup>

CBC News, 21 Jul 2015

Tories roll out taxpayer-funded payola: Goar <sup>[7]</sup>

Toronto Star, 21 Jul 2015

Use the federal campaign to fight child poverty <sup>[8]</sup>

Toronto Star, 21 Jul 2015

It may be universal, but the new child care benefit doesn't benefit everyone equally <sup>[9]</sup>

Financial Post, 21 Jul 2015

What you need to know about the Universal Child Care Benefit <sup>[10]</sup>

MacLean's, 18 Jul 2015

Questions and answers to the federal government's hike to the universal child-care benefit <sup>[11]</sup>

The Province, 21 Jul 2015

Universal Child Care Benefit: What you need to know about these new payments <sup>[12]</sup>

BNN, 22 Jul 2015

Readers sound off on Universal Child Care Benefit <sup>[13]</sup>

Global News, 13 Jul 2015

### Political cartoons:



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#### Reports:

Before the enhanced UCCB payments were sent to families across the country, the CRRU collected a number of reports about the UCCB at different points in time. A number of them can be found below.

PBO report confirms that the Universal "Child Care" Benefit is neither child care nor much of a benefit <sup>[14]</sup>  
Office of the Parliamentary Budget Officer, 31 Mar 2015

The \$17.5 billion question: Has the Universal Child Care Benefit given families "choice in child care"? <sup>[15]</sup>  
Childcare Resource and Research Unit, 15 Oct 2013

More than a name change: The universal child care benefit <sup>[16]</sup>  
Caledon Institute of Social Policy, 10 May 2006

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Region: Canada <sup>[17]</sup>

Tags: affordability <sup>[18]</sup>

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