

# Childcare Challenges Persist as Parents Return to Work Amid COVID-19

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## Returning to Work and the Childcare Dilemma

A [report and video](#) published yesterday by the U.S. Chamber Foundation found that lack of childcare is a main barrier for returning to work as many parents have yet to find a stable solution for their childcare needs.

It's the fourth report in a [series of studies on working parents, employers and childcare providers](#) that began in the spring and summer of 2020 to understand the impact of COVID-19 on the childcare industry.

### Key Findings:

- **50%** of parents who have not yet returned to work cite childcare as a reason they have not returned
- **63%** of parents anticipate needing to change their childcare arrangement in the next year, up from 60% in the June survey
- **26%** of parents are paying for a childcare arrangement they are not currently using

**Why it matters:** The childcare equation was already hard to get right during a strong economy. This year, COVID-19 disrupted working parents' carefully designed childcare arrangements—and now, many continue to experience difficulties.

[Read the Report](#)

