

Child Care Survey Results

The Child Care Survey was developed by the Child Learning and Development Center and Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness (OIRE) at the Graduate Center. The goal of the survey was to learn about the needs and interests of Graduate Center students who currently take care of children under the age of six.

The survey was administered through the Qualtrics platform. No identifying information was collected and all responses were anonymous. The invitation to complete the survey was delivered through an emailed community notice to all enrolled students (3100+ students). A total of 71 responses were submitted to the survey.

The feedback from the survey will help the Graduate Center make informed decisions about current and future modes of child care services. The representativeness of the responses cannot be determined. While the response rate of all enrolled students to the survey is extremely low (2%), the invitation was targeted to students who are parents. **The Graduate Center has not previously collected information on the dependents of students or on the parental obligations of students. It is not known how many enrolled Graduate Center students are parents. Therefore, these findings should be interpreted with caution.**

The survey data are presented below. All questions are represented with summarized data in Table form. If there are further questions, please reach out to OIRE at institutionalresearch@gc.cuny.edu.

Section I: Who responded to the survey

Table 1: What degree are you seeking?

Response	Count	%
Doctoral	67	94%
Master's	4	6%
Grand Total	71	100%

Table 2: What year did you enroll at the Graduate Center?

Response	Count	%
2022	11	16%
2021	4	6%
2020	5	7%
2019	13	19%
2018	11	16%
2017	6	9%
2016	6	9%
2015	3	4%
2014	2	3%
2013	2	3%
2012	4	6%
2011	1	1%
2010	1	1%
2009 or earlier	1	1%
Grand Total	70	100%

Table 3: What is your program? (Doctoral)

Response	Count	%
Latin American, Iberian, and Latino Cultures	7	10%
Sociology	5	7%
History	5	7%
Theatre and Performance	4	6%
Physics	4	6%
Economics	4	6%
Psychology	4	6%
Art History	4	6%
Comparative Literature	3	4%
Biology	3	4%
Anthropology	3	4%
Political Science	3	4%
Music	3	4%
English	3	4%
Social Welfare	2	3%
Urban Education	2	3%
Chemistry	1	1%
Philosophy	1	1%
Business	1	1%
Earth and Environmental Sciences	1	1%
Computer Science	1	1%
Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences	1	1%
Classics	1	1%
Educational Psychology	1	1%
Grand Total	67	100%

Table 4: What is your program? (Masters)

Response	Count	%
Digital Humanities	2	50%
Liberal Studies	1	25%
Political Science	1	25%
Grand Total	4	100%

Table 5: Do you have any children under age 6?

Response	Count	%
No	21	30%
Yes	50	70%
Grand Total	71	100%

Section 2: Child care for children under 6

Table 6: Where were you living when you applied to the GC?

Response	Count	%
In New York City area (specify borough)	35	70%
In New York State, outside New York City	6	12%
In the United States, in another state	2	4%
Outside the United States (specify count	7	14%
Grand Total	50	100%

Table 7: Where were you living when you applied to the GC? - (specify borough)

Response	Count	%
Brooklyn	14	44%
Manhattan	9	26%
Queens	4	12%
Bronx	2	6%
Staten Island	1	3%

Table 8: Where were you living when you applied to the GC? - (specify country)

Response	Count	%
Brazil	1	3%
Colombia	1	3%
Europe	1	3%
France	1	3%
India	1	3%
Netherlands	1	3%
Sultanate of Oman	1	3%

Table 9: Where do you currently live?

Response	Count	%
In New York metro area (within 10 miles of the Graduate Center)	36	73%
Outside the New York metro area but commute regularly	8	16%
Outside the New York metro area	4	8%
Other	1	2%
Grand Total	49	100%

Table 10: At the time that you began needing child care services, were you aware of the Child Development and Learning Center at the Graduate Center?

Response	Count	%
Yes, I knew about it at the time	34	68%
No, I did not know about it	9	18%
I learned about it later on	7	14%
Grand Total	50	100%

Table 11: Please indicate the age(s) of your child(ren) under 6 years old.

Response	Count	%
Under 1 year	21	34%
1	8	13%
2	13	21%
3	6	10%
4	3	5%
5	9	15%
6	1	2%
Total number of children under age 6	61	100%

Table 12: Number of children in the family under 6 years old

Response	Count	%
1 child	35	71%
2 children	13	27%
3 children	1	2%

Table 13: If applicable, please mark your current child care arrangement for your child(ren). Check all that apply.

Response	Under 1						
	year	1	2	3	4	5	All
Myself/Partner/Family member	76%	58%	40%	14%	40%	29%	70%
Other provider in my home	20%	25%	13%	0%	20%	14%	22%
Day care center/Private school	24%	33%	53%	43%	40%	57%	42%
Graduate Center Child Development and Learning Center*	8%	17%	20%	14%	0%	0%	16%
Other CUNY Campus Center	4%	0%	0%	14%	0%	0%	4%
Universal Pre-K	0%	0%	13%	0%	40%	0%	8%
Universal 3K	0%	0%	0%	43%	0%	0%	6%
Other	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	29%	6%

*Note: The Child Development and Learning Center serves children 2 and older.

Table 14: How interested would you be in Graduate Center on-site child care?

Response	Count	%
Extremely interested	32	67%
Somewhat interested	9	18%
Not at all interested	3	6%
I already use the GC Child Learning and Development Center	4	8%
Grand Total	48	100%

Table 15: How many days per week do you use child care?

Response	Count	%
7	2	4%
5	28	62%
4	9	20%
3	5	11%
2	1	2%
Grand Total	45	100%

Table 16: How much do you currently spend on child care services each week? (N=40)

Response	Column1	%
0	7	17.5%
\$100 or less	3	7.5%
\$101-200	8	20.0%
\$201-300	3	7.5%
\$301-500	13	32.5%
\$501 or more	6	15.0%

Table 17: How much would you be willing to pay for child care services at the Graduate Center each week? (N=35)

Response	Count	%
0	2	6%
\$100 or less	6	17%
\$101-200	13	39%
\$201-300	4	11%
\$301-500	3	8%
Other:		
Current rate is great	1	3%
Depends	1	3%
\$400-600	1	3%
\$50-100/day	1	3%
\$1200 per month	1	3%
\$1,000	1	3%
\$8000-10000	1	3%

Table 18: Noting changing schedules, which time (or times) do you/would you most likely choose to use child care services at the Graduate Center? Check all that apply.

Response	Count	%
All day	30	66%
Morning	18	40%
Afternoon	21	47%
Evening (after 5pm)	13	30%
Total unique responses	46	100%

Table 19: Which of the following are important to you when selecting child care arrangements? Check all that apply.

Response	Count	%
Affordability	46	96%
Convenient location	37	78%
Licensed caregiver	37	78%
Drop-in availability/flexible care	27	57%
Day Hours	24	51%
Established curriculum	22	47%
Meals provided	11	24%
Evening hours	11	24%
In my home	3	8%
Total unique responses	48	100%

Table 20: How satisfied are you with your current child care arrangement?

Response	Count	%
Very satisfied	9	19%
Satisfied	26	54%
Dissatisfied	13	27%
Grand Total	48	100%

Table 21: If you are not using external child care services, which best represents your reason? Check all that apply.

Response	Count	%
Cost	16	67%
Availability	8	33%
Location	6	29%
Hours	4	17%
Happy with current arrangement	3	13%
Total unique responses	23	100%

Section 3: Prior child care for children who are now older than 6

Table 22: Do you have any children over age 6?

Response	Count	%
No	10	48%
Yes	11	52%
Grand Total	21	100%

Table 23: Was your child/Were your children under the age of 6 while you were enrolled at the GC?

Response	Count	%
No	5	45%
Yes	6	55%
Grand Total	11	100%

Table 24: At the time that you began needing child care services, were you aware of the Child Development and Learning Center at the Graduate Center?

Response	Count	%
I learned about it later on	2	33%
Yes, I knew about it at the time	4	67%
Grand Total	6	100%

Table 25: What types of child care arrangements did you have for your child(ren)? Check all that apply.

Response	Count	%
Myself/Partner/Family member	6	100%
Day care center/Private school	5	83%
Universal Pre-K	3	50%
Other provider in my home	1	17%
Graduate Center Child Development and Learning Center	1	17%
Other	1	17%
Other CUNY Campus Center	0	0%
Universal 3K	0	0%

Table 26: Which of the following were important to you when selecting child care arrangements? Check all that apply.

Response	Count	%
Convenient location	6	100%
Affordability	4	67%
Licensed caregiver	3	50%
Established curriculum	3	50%
Drop-in availability/flexible care	3	50%
Day Hours	2	33%
In my home	1	17%
Evening hours	1	17%
Meals provided	0	0%