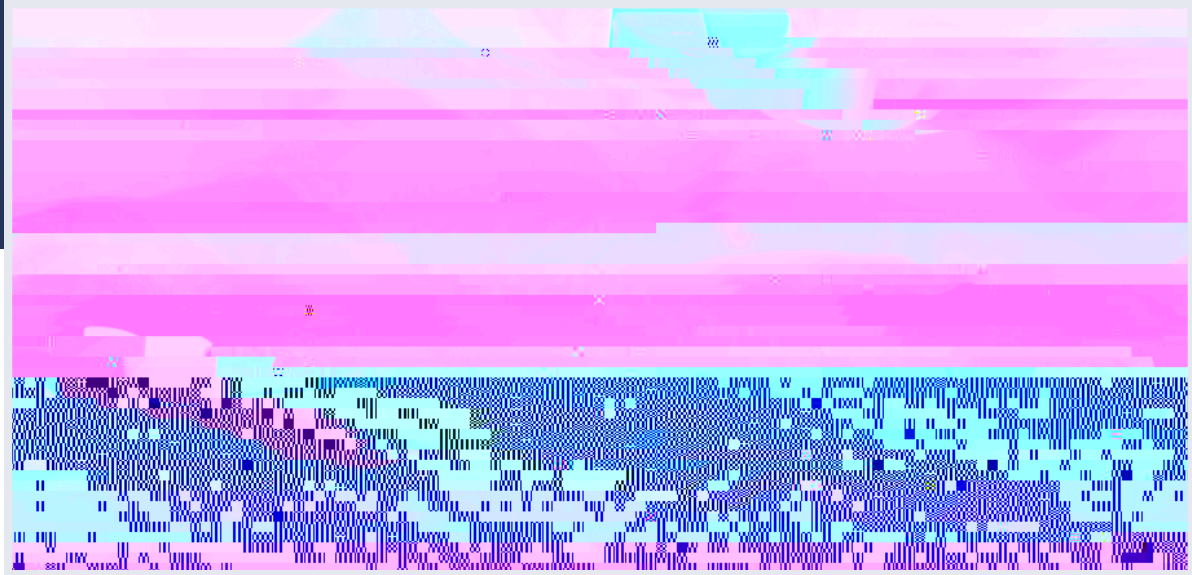


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Quebec. By linking diploma and degreed graduates of early education programs to income tax data, the authors have been able to create a demographic profile. The new ECE is a typical. She (95 percent are women), is older (32 years); half are married or living common-law, and almost two-thirds have at least one child.

Despite expectations that federal funding to reduce parent fees and accelerate child care expansion would create corresponding job opportunities in the sector, this hasn't materialized.

A year after graduation 50 percent of grads are piecing together several part-time jobs. This compares to the 6.8 percent of multiple jobholders among other working women – a 'staggering' difference as the authors say.

When it comes to pay, the Government of Canada Job Bank reports job postings for Early Childhood Educators and Assistants with a median hourly wage of \$20.20. This is 89 per cent less than dental hygienists, 50 per cent less than paralegals and executive assistants, 37 percent less than instructors of persons with disabilities, 36 percent less than teaching assistants in schools, 35 percent less than nurses, and 21 percent less than social workers – all pz

