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3 **ABSTRACT**

4 Mobility of care refers to the daily travel required to complete care labour such as travel to the  
5 grocery store, or to escort children. Though past research has examined the distribution of  
6 individual types of household-serving travel, little research to date, especially in the North  
7 American context, has examined mobility of care which combines all travel required to fulfill a  
8 household’s care needs. This paper presents the results of an exploratory analysis of mobility of  
9 care drawing on Montréal’s 2018 Origin-Destination Survey. Specifically, we explore who  
10 completes this type of travel and how this mobility is completed. Findings indicate that mobility  
11 of care comprises 28% of adults’ daily mobility. Further, women are found to complete more of  
12 this type of travel than men, especially women from lower-income households. The presence of  
13 children in the household further widens this gendered gap, though the number of children  
14 present does not alter this trend greatly. Mobility of care are shorter on average than other types  
15 of travel and are frequently completed as part of a trip-chain. Further, car use and active modes  
16 are more frequently used for mobility of care than other types of travel, while the opposite is true  
17 for public transport. The use of public transport for mobility of care trips is greater amongst  
18 women than men, especially those living in lower-income households. Taken together, results  
19 highlight the importance for practitioners to explicitly address mobility of care in transport  
20 planning, and particularly in public transport planning.

21 **Keywords:** Mobility of Care; Household-Serving Travel; Gender; Income; Public Transportation

1 **INTRODUCTION**

2 Coined by Sánchez de Madariaga (1), mobility of care refers to all the travel required to perform  
3 care work, i.e. the “unpaid work carried out by adults having responsibility for children and other  
4 non-physically autonomous individuals, as well as those activities needed for the upkeep of the  
5 home” (p. 147). The concept was developed as a counterpart to mobility for paid employment.  
6 Though mobility for paid employment is well studied, mobility of care is rarely explicitly  
7 considered in urban transport planning. Trips linked to care activities such as grocery shopping  
8 and dropping off/picking up children are essential and must be made regularly. Further,  
9 preliminary evidence indicates that they comprise a large proportion of daily travel (2). In one  
10 study, the total number of trips made for the purposes of care is close to the total number of trips  
11 made for employment, at least amongst those within the age-range of having children (2).

12 Mobility of care may also warrant special consideration amongst transport planners aiming to  
13 reduce cities’ carbon footprints by discouraging travel by car for frequent trips and encouraging  
14 more sustainable travel modes. Preliminary research has found that this type of travel may be  
15 considered easier to complete by car than by more sustainable modes such as walking, cycling,  
16 and public transport because mobility of care tends to include carrying items (groceries, library  
17 books, etc.) or children (3). Therefore, a careful consideration of mobility of care is required in  
18 policies aiming to encourage sustainable mobility.

19 Mobility of care are also important when it comes to transport equity. Past research looking at  
20 the distribution of household-serving travel has found that it is disproportionately completed by  
21 women (4-7) and preliminary work examining mobility of care, the sum of all household-serving  
22 travel, has also found this trend (1; 2). Therefore, considerations of mobility of care may be  
23 integral to gender-mainstreaming in urban planning. This paper contributes to the nascent  
24 literature on mobility of care by presenting the results of an exploratory analysis in Montréal,  
25 Canada. Drawing on the 2018 Origin-Destination Survey, this study quantifies mobility of care  
26 and examines who completes this type of mobility, as well as how people travel for care  
27 purposes.

28 **LITERATURE REVIEW**

29 The gendered distribution of household labour received ample attention in the literature. Women  
30 today tend to be responsible for more household labour than men in many geographic contexts;  
31 even though their participation in paid employment has grown over time (8). For instance, in the  
32 United States, women spend 27 hours per week on average doing unpaid household work,  
33 compared to men’s 16 hours per week (9). In Quebec, women and men spend similar amounts of  
34 time being ‘active’, i.e., executing paid or unpaid work in a day (7.7 hours for women vs. 7.5  
35 hours for men). However, women and men spend this ‘active’ time differently: women spend  
36 more time on average completing domestic chores (3.8 hours per day vs. 2.6 hours) while men  
37 spend more time on average working (4.9 hours per day vs. 3.9 hours) (10). Because many  
38 aspects of household labour require travel, this disproportionate distribution of domestic work  
39 has been argued to contribute toward gendered differences in travel behaviour.

1 Research has examined the gendered distribution of household-serving travel. For instance,  
2 studies have found that women make more shopping trips (5) and run more errands (4) than men.  
3 Further, children are at least five times more likely to travel with their mothers than with their  
4 fathers (6). Women have also been found to escort their grandchildren more than men (7) and to  
5 complete the bulk elder care (11), which would likely result in more travel for care purposes.  
6 Finally, women have been found to be responsible for planning mobilities of care, even when a  
7 male partner undertakes them (12). Of course, gender does not exist in isolation, but intersects  
8 with other aspects of difference such as class, race, age, and ability (13). Though many studies  
9 have found gendered discrepancies in household-serving travel, less research has examined how  
10 these travel characteristics vary across intersecting axes of identity. We address this research gap  
11 in this paper by considering the distribution of mobility of care across gender and income.

12 Further, though a large body of work examined household-serving travel, research have only  
13 recently begun to consider mobility of care. Research on mobility of care differentiates from that  
14 on household-serving travel as it considers all care trips as a whole instead of considering  
15 different care trips individually. In doing so, it highlight the sheer significance of this type of  
16 travel, travel that Sánchez de Madariaga (1) argues is under-quantified, undervalued, and  
17 rendered invisible due to gender bias in the way we gather, interpret, analyze, and visually  
18 represent travel data. Research on mobility of care has examined the challenges – as well as the  
19 opportunities - of completing this type of travel by bicycle (14-16). Other research has examined  
20 mobility of care amongst older adults (17), some of which considers the burden of this mobility  
21 on both care recipients and care givers (18). Finally, an Australian paper argues that major  
22 transport investments are built and planned to benefit commuting patterns, a prioritization that  
23 hinders child-friendly mobility and mobility of care (19).

24 Beyond seminal pieces by Sánchez de Madariaga (1; 2), little work has quantified mobility of  
25 care, none of which is set in the North American context. Further, the trip characteristics of this  
26 mobility has yet to be examined. Also, while women have been found to complete more mobility  
27 of care than men, little work how the distribution of mobility of care varies across gender and  
28 other axes of identity, a research gap recently outlined by Grant-Smith (19). We address these  
29 research gaps in this study by quantifying mobility of care in a North American city and  
30 exploring who completed this care across gender and incomes as well as how they make care  
31 trips.

## 32 **DATA AND METHODS**

33 This study uses data from the 2018 Montréal Origin Destination (OD) Survey, the most recent  
34 publicly available edition (20). Conducted every five years since 1970, the Montréal OD Survey  
35 is a large-scale travel survey completed by a random sample of five percent of the Montréal  
36 population. Respondents provide information on their household (location, number of residents,  
37 car ownership, income), their household's occupants (age, gender, driver's license ownership,  
38 etc.), and are asked to detail each resident's travel behaviour over the preceding 24-hour week-  
39 day period (origin, destination, time of departure, motive, and mode for each trip). The OD  
40 contains more than 360,000 trips. The analysis for this study focuses on trips conducted by

1 individuals between 25 and 60 years old. This age group was selected because people in this age-  
2 range are more likely to perform care labour, rather than benefit from others' care.

3 The first step of the analysis involved quantifying mobility of care from the OD Survey. Here,  
4 we followed Sanchez de Madariaga (2)'s method where two thirds of trips labeled as shopping,  
5 one third of trips with the motive "visiting someone" and all the trips with motive "health", "pick  
6 up someone" and "accompany someone" are considered mobility of care. Though this method  
7 provides only an approximation of mobility of care, previous research has developed survey  
8 methodology to capture actual mobility of care and found that the original method used by  
9 Sanchez de Madariaga (2) closely resembles actual mobilities of care.

10 Once care trips were identified, we analyzed how they were distributed across gender, income,  
11 and presence of children in the household. Although gender is more complex than the  
12 male/female binary, Montréal's OD survey only allows these two options. Therefore, we had to  
13 rely on these over simplistic categorizations in this paper. The decision was made to identify  
14 male-female differences in all types of households (i.e., single parent, and multi-parent (i.e., 2+  
15 adults, regardless of sex/gender composition) households). This was done to avoid  
16 heteronormative assumptions about two-parent households. When assessing how the presence of  
17 children influenced mobility of care, we only considered children 12 years of age and under  
18 because previous research has found that children in this age-range are more dependent on their  
19 parents to meet their travel needs (21).

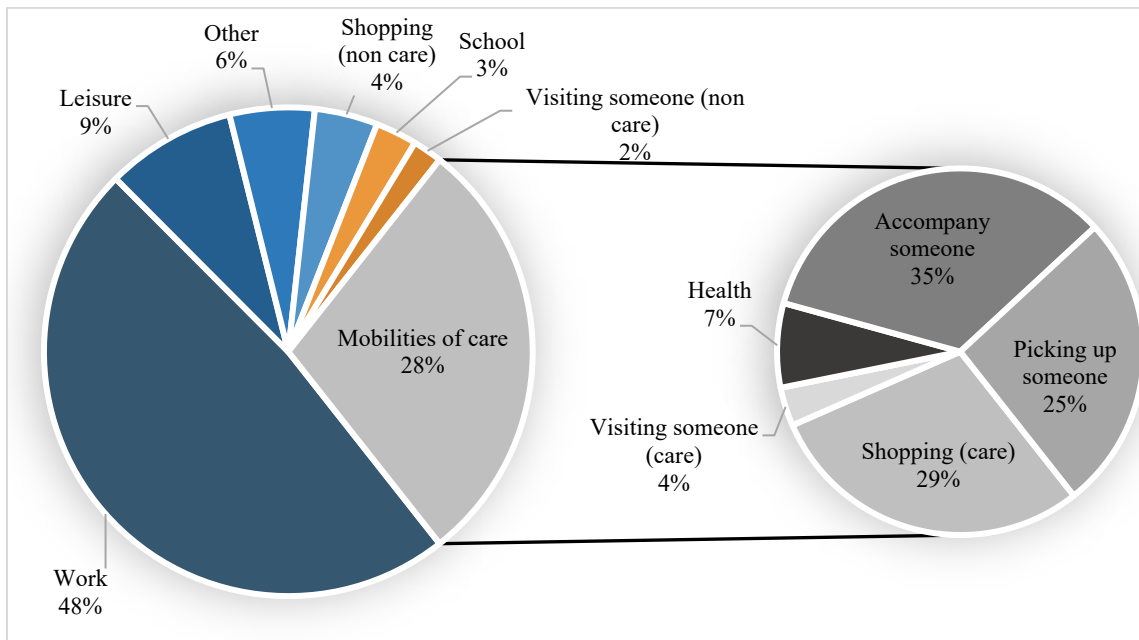
20 Then, the ways in which residents complete this type of mobility was analyzed. Here, we  
21 investigated travel mode, trip duration, and whether the trip was part of a chain or not. Travel  
22 mode was provided in the OD Survey. Trip duration, on the other hand, was generated using the  
23 R statistical software program *r5r* (22). The OD Survey provided each journey's departure time.  
24 All trips were generated on the same date, a random non-holiday weekday in 2018 meant to  
25 represent typical travel conditions. For car trips, local speed limits were obtained from Open  
26 Street Maps. Because this did not include congestion, a linear regression model was calculated  
27 based on a sample month of trips (February 2020) in Montréal with congested times generated  
28 by the Google API to apply a congestion factor. For public transit trip durations, public transit  
29 providers operating during the OD survey time period's General Transit Feed Specification  
30 (GTFS) feeds were acquired from the Open Mobility Website. Finally, we defined trip chains  
31 based on spatial location. Trip-chains are defined as instances where a succession of trips  
32 occurred (at least two) where the first trip begins, and last trip ends at the home location. For  
33 example, a parent accompanying their child from home to school in the morning, then going  
34 directly to work, followed by picking up groceries on their way home from work was considered  
35 a chain of 3 trips (accompanying someone, work, and shopping).

## 36 **RESULTS**

37 This results section contains two sub-sections. The first quantifies mobility of care and explores  
38 who complete these trips. The second examines how these trips are completed by exploring trip  
39 mode, length, and whether the trips are part of a chain or not.

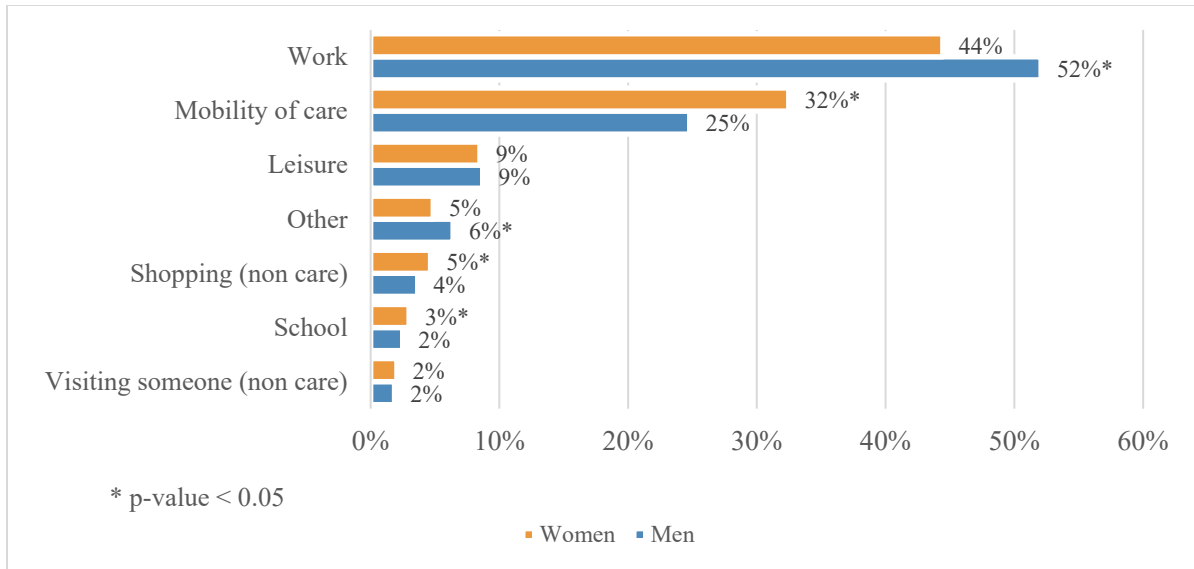
1 **Who Completes Mobility of Care?**

2 Following the method put forth by Sanchez de Madariaga (2), results indicate that 28% of daily  
3 trips comprise mobility of care (Figure 1). When the sample is expanded to the population of  
4 Montréal adults aged between 25 to 60 years old, mobility of care represents 915,000 daily trips.  
5 Mobility of care therefore comprise three times the number of trips than those for leisure and  
6 only 20% less than those for work. The bulk of care trips (60%) involve escorting others  
7 (accompanying someone or picking someone up). Of these trips, men made 41.8%, leaving the  
8 rest, 58.2%, to women. These results confirm that mobility of care is not distributed equally  
9 amongst men and women.



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11 *Figure 1- Summary of Daily Mobility (adults between 25 and 60 years old)*

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13 Figure 2 highlights the distribution of men and women’s travel by trip purpose. Though all trip  
14 purposes vary by gender at  $p < 0.05$ , major differences exist when it comes to work and mobility  
15 of care. Namely, mobility of care represents 32% of women daily mobility and 25% for men.  
16 Travel to and from work, on the other hand, comprises 52% of men’s mobility, compared to 44%  
17 of women’s mobility.



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2 *Figure 2: Daily Mobility Trip Purpose by Gender*

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4 The exploratory analyses revealed that gender was not the only social factors that influences the  
5 distribution of mobility of care. Indeed, the intersection of gender and income revealed an  
6 interesting pattern. Namely, as household income increases, the division of care trips becomes  
7 more equitable (Figure 3). In lower income households (\$60,000 and lower), women complete  
8 50% more care trips than men. This gap reduces to 22% in households earning \$150,000 or  
9 more.



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11 *Figure 3: Proportion of Care Trips Between Gender by Household Income*

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1 Finally, the presence of children in the household was also found to influence the proportion of  
 2 daily travel that comprises mobility of care (Table 1). In fact, having at least one child in the  
 3 household doubles the share of mobility of care trips (20% to 42%). A gradient in mobility of  
 4 care exists whereby additional children in the household result in higher shares of mobility of  
 5 care. In fact, care trips represent 38% of adult’s mobility in households with one child. A second  
 6 child increases this share to 45% (an increase of 7%). However, the presence of more than three  
 7 children only increases this share by 2%.

8 *Table 1 Percentage of Daily Trips Dedicated to Care by Number of Children (≤12 years) and Household Income*

	All Incomes	≤ \$ 59,999	\$60,000 - \$150,000	≥ \$ 150,000
Households without children	19.78%	22.18%	18.91%	18.67%
Households with at least one child	42.22%	45.40%	42.04%	39.97%
1 Child Households	37.79%	40.81%	37.53%	35.40%
2 Child Households	44.81%	49.05%	44.44%	42.63%
3+ Child Households	47.12%	49.07%	47.25%	43.34%

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10 Children were also found to influence the gendered distribution of mobility of care (**Error!**  
 11 **Reference source not found.**). Simply put, the gendered distribution of mobility of care gap  
 12 widens when there are children in the home. Compared to households without children, women  
 13 in households with one child complete 5% more of the mobility of care while men do 5% less  
 14 resulting in a 10% difference in care trips. Interestingly, the number of children in the household  
 15 does not influence this gendered division greatly. In fact, the burden of care trips on women does  
 16 not change significantly when there is one or three children in the household (61.39% vs  
 17 61.75%).

18 Income plays a role here again: households with children and the highest incomes have the  
 19 smallest gendered gaps in mobility of care while those with the lowest incomes have the largest  
 20 (**Error! Reference source not found.**). Indeed, women living in households with at least 1 child  
 21 under 12 and household incomes under 30,000\$ make 68% of the care trips. Women in the same  
 22 situation but in households earning \$150,000 or more make 10% less mobility of care (58%).  
 23 Income also influences the share of care trips in daily mobility. In households with higher  
 24 incomes, mobility of care represents a lower portion of adults’ daily mobility, no matter the  
 25 number of children. For example, in households with at least one child, care trips share decreases



1 from 45.50% in households with lower incomes to 40% in households with higher incomes  
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3 *Table 2 Gendered Distribution of Mobility of Care by Presence of Children (≤12 years) and Household Income*

	All Incomes		< \$60,000		\$60,000 - \$150,000		≥ \$150,000	
	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men	Women	Men
Households without children	55.15%	44.85%	55.68%	44.32%	53.97%	46.03%	51.58%	48.42%
Households with at least one child	60.30%	39.70%	64.68%	35.32%	59.26%	40.74%	56.66%	43.34%
1 Child Households	61.39%	38.61%	67.76%	32.24%	58.21%	41.79%	57.98%	42.02%
2 Child Households	58.96%	41.04%	64.22%	35.78%	58.28%	41.72%	55.72%	44.28%
3+ Child Households	61.75%	38.25%	59.03%	40.97%	64.69%	35.31%	56.96%	43.04%

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5 ***How are Care Trips Made?***

6 With regards to mode share, mobility of care trips are more frequently made by car and with  
 7 active modes than by public transport (Table 3). Indeed, car use is 7.62% higher for care trips  
 8 than for work trips, regardless of gender. Further, the use of active modes of transport (walking  
 9 and cycling) is approximately two times greater for care trips than work trips. However, public  
 10 transport use for care trips is 2.5 times lower than for work trips. While little difference was  
 11 identified between men and women’s use of active modes for mobility of care, women were  
 12 found to complete a greater proportion of both work and care trips by transit and a lower  
 13 proportion by car than men (p< 0.05).

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1 *Table 3 - Mode share of work and care trips by gender*

	Car		Public transportation		Active transportation	
	Care trips	Work trips	Care trips	Work trips	Care trips	Work trips
<b>WOMEN</b>	81.60%	73.41%	6.42%*	20.00%*	11.37%*	5.94%†
<b>MEN</b>	83.29%*	75.83%*	4.96%	17.55%	11.11%	5.93%
<b>TOTAL</b>	82.30%	74.68%	5.81%	18.72%	11.26%	5.93%

2 \* Differences between men and women are statistically different (p-value < 0.05)

3 † Differences between men and women not statistically different (p-value > 0.05)

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 5 Though public transport is less commonly used for mobility of care than cars or even active  
 6 travel modes, Figure 4 demonstrates income disparities in public transport use for this type of  
 7 travel. Namely, as income increases, the use of public transport for care trips decreases. This is  
 8 most pronounced for adults living in households with incomes lower than \$30,000 per year.  
 9 These lower income residents use public transport for mobility of care almost three times as  
 10 much those earning higher incomes (14% vs. 5%). Further, no matter the household income,  
 11 women use public transport to complete care trips more than men (p < 0.05). While this gendered  
 12 division in public transport use for mobility of care exist across all income groups, the disparity  
 13 is far larger amongst lower income households where women make 5% more care trips using  
 14 public transport than men (16% vs. 11%).



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 16 *Figure 4: Share of Public Transport Used for Care Trips by Income and Gender*

17 In terms of trip duration, care trips were found to be shorter than all other trips. In fact,  
 18 Montréalers spend an average of 16 minutes by car (congestion time taken into account) to

1 complete care trips compared to 25 minutes, which is the average duration of all other trips. This  
 2 trend was identified for trips using public transport as well, where the average trip for care  
 3 purposes was 6 minutes shorter than those for all other purposes (36 vs. 42 minutes). Differences  
 4 in trip length by gender and the presence of children in the household are not reported herein as  
 5 none were identified.

6 Over half of mobility of care trips (59.55%) are part of a trip chain, i.e., people frequently  
 7 combine travel for car with travel for other purposes. When comparing care trips made as part of  
 8 a chain and those not part of a chain, it becomes evident that completing care trips in chains  
 9 increases the use of car and public transport and decreases the active transport use (Table 4).  
 10 This trend is starker for car use which increases by 7% and active travel which decreases by 8%.  
 11 Gendered differences in mode share were identified as well (Table 4). For instance, 16.44% of  
 12 women’s work trips are part of a chain which includes at least one care trip compared to 12.28%  
 13 for men. Consequently, women are 34% more likely than men to achieve at least one care trip on  
 14 their way to (or from) work. When completing care trips as part of a chain, men were more likely  
 15 to use a car while women were more likely to use public transport and active transport, though  
 16 the latter difference is minor ( $p < 0.05$ ).

17 *Table 4: Mode share of chained and not chained care trips*

	Care trips not part of a chain			Care trips part of a chain		
	Car	Public transportation	Active transportation	Car	Public transportation	Active transportation
<b>WOMEN</b>	77.38%	5.50%*	16.27%*	84.44%	7.05%*	8.07%*
<b>MEN</b>	79.07%*	4.21%	15.82%	86.18 %*	5.47%	7.89%
<b>TOTAL</b>	78.09%	4.96%	16.08%	85.28%	6.40%	8.00%

18 \* Differences between men and women are statistically different ( $p$ -value  $< 0.05$ )

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20 **DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION**

21 This paper quantifies mobility of care, the travel required to perform unpaid labour for care  
 22 purposes, in Montréal and explores who carries out this mobility as well as how this type of  
 23 travel is completed. Drawing on the 2018 OD survey, results indicate that mobility of care make  
 24 up a significant portion of daily travel. Indeed, 28% of Montréal adults’ daily trips comprise  
 25 mobility of care. This represents almost one million trips (915,000) made every day and is the  
 26 second most common form of travel after commuting to and from work (48% of daily mobility).  
 27 This result highlights the importance of formally incorporating this type of mobility into  
 28 transport research and planning. As Sánchez de Madariaga (1) stipulated, when we combine the  
 29 different types of trips that make up of mobility of care, it becomes clear that travel for unpaid  
 30 care labour is an important aspect of daily mobility.

1 Further, we find that the division of mobility of care is inequitable. Results support previous  
2 work that has found that women complete the bulk of household-serving trips (4-7) and mobility  
3 of care (1; 2). In Montréal, we find that 58.2% of all daily mobility of care trips are completed by  
4 women. In other words, adult women complete 150,060 more daily care trips than men. This  
5 inequality was also found proportionally where mobility of care was found to represent 32% of  
6 women's daily trips compared to 25% of men's trips. These findings are consistent with the time  
7 working aged (25-54 years old) men and women spend per day fulfilling paid (5 vs. 3.9 hours  
8 respectively) and unpaid (2.6 vs. 3.8 hours) work in Quebec (23). Therefore, a correlation appears  
9 to exist between time spent in paid and unpaid labour, and time spent traveling for that labour.

10 The presence of children in the household was also found to influence mobility of care. Namely,  
11 the gendered distribution of this type of travel is more inequitable in households with children  
12 than those without. This finding is supported by previous work finding that mothers escort their  
13 children at far higher rates than fathers (6). Interestingly, women do a greater proportion of  
14 mobility of care when there are children in the household, but the number of children present  
15 barely changes this division of mobility of care. Therefore, having children seems to be the  
16 determining factor in the distribution of mobility of care, rather than the number of children  
17 present in the household.

18 Beyond identifying a gendered distribution in mobility of care, we also find that gender intersect  
19 with other aspects of identity to influence participation in this form of travel. Namely, when  
20 considering the distribution of mobility of care across gender and income, it became apparent  
21 that the gendered gap in the distribution of mobility of care was twice as large in low-income  
22 households than high income households. While this gendered gap was largest in households  
23 earning less than \$60,000, an income gradient in the distribution of care work exists whereby  
24 men and women's participation in this mobility narrows as income increases. This income  
25 gradient was also found when considering the distribution of mobility of care in households with  
26 and without children. Taken together, women from lower income households do a greater  
27 proportion of mobility of care, especially when children are present in the household.

28 Future work can examine why income influences the gendered distribution of mobility of care.  
29 Perhaps higher income households can afford hiring help to complete mobility of care (it is  
30 interesting to note that this labour would likely be completed by women from lower-income  
31 households). These results highlight the importance of considering gender in an intersectional  
32 way: the mobility experiences of women vary across other axes of social difference. Because  
33 only gender and income are considered in this paper, we call for more research considering how  
34 the distribution of mobility of care varies not only by income, but by other identities including  
35 race and ethnicity, age, and (dis)ability. For instance, examining older adults' mobility of care  
36 might be of interest, as retirement, or the discontinuation of the commute to work, may result in a  
37 greater proportion of one's daily travel compromising mobility of care.

38 Further, while this paper highlights the uneven distribution of mobility of care across gender and  
39 income, it does not explore the social factors underpinning this inequality. Future research  
40 examining why this type of travel falls disproportionately on women, especially women from  
41 lower-income households is needed. For instance, research could examine the socialization of

1 care labour. Further, this paper relies on the male/female gender binary, a categorization that was  
2 self-reported in the OD survey. Because gender is not a simple binary, we call for more research  
3 examining the ways in which mobility of care are distributed across more varied gender  
4 identities.

5 Beyond examining who completes mobility of care, we also analyzed how this type of mobility  
6 is completed. Travel by car was found to be the most common mode used to complete mobility  
7 of care. In fact, the proportion of trips completed by car for mobility of care was greater than  
8 those completed for work purposes. Further, an even greater proportion of mobility of care are  
9 completed by car when completed as part of a trip chain. Given that the bulk of mobility of care  
10 (89% of total) comprises accompanying someone, picking someone up, and shopping for care  
11 purposes (Figure 1), and that these trips involve carrying items (i.e., shopping) or escorting  
12 people (accompanying or dropping off), perhaps they are considered easier to complete by car  
13 than by other modes. Indeed, support for this hypothesis has been found in a recent Spanish  
14 study (3).

15 Results also show that public transport is proportionally used twice as frequently for work trips  
16 than for mobility of care. Future work can examine the distribution of mobility of care across  
17 different types of public transport. For instance, perhaps bus use is more common for this type of  
18 travel than subway or light rail due to the closer distances between bus stops. Results also  
19 indicate that care trips are shorter than those for other purposes. Short trips are often put forth as  
20 ideal trips to complete using sustainable modes such as public transport. This highlights the  
21 importance of including considerations of this type of mobility in sustainable transport planning.  
22 Further, the use of public transport for care trips was highest amongst lower income households.  
23 Given that traveling by public transport is less expensive than by car, this may indicate that those  
24 who use public transport for mobility of care do so for cost-saving purposes rather than out of  
25 convenience. This highlights the importance of making public transport the easy and most  
26 convenient choice for these short care trips.

27 In this research we not only found that mobility of care comprises a significant proportion of  
28 individuals' daily travel, but that women, and low-income women in particular, complete a  
29 greater proportion of these trips. Mobility of care trips likely differ from other trips. We found  
30 that they are shorter than the average trip to work, and they likely also take place closer to the  
31 home, in the company of children, and/or involve carrying items (e.g., groceries). Therefore, it is  
32 important that practitioners explicitly consider this significance form of travel with unique needs  
33 in transport planning. For instance, rather than focus on the trip to work as the de facto  
34 destination in travel models, researchers can instead explore modelling with care-locations  
35 destinations.

36 Further, people use public transport less, and cars and active modes more, to complete mobility  
37 of care than the commute to work. Therefore, public transport practitioners, in particular, should  
38 plan for this type of travel. This might involve re-considering where public transit routes and  
39 stops are located to improve accessibility to locations where care activities occur. Indeed, access  
40 to jobs is the usual destination used when generating accessibility metrics. Perhaps shifting  
41 toward different types of destinations, such as locations where care takes place (e.g., daycares,

1 grocery stores, schools), would result in accessibility metrics that better represent women’s travel  
2 needs.

3 Additionally, payment systems that charge two fares when passengers trip chain  
4 disproportionality financially burden women, especially low-income women, as they complete  
5 mobility of care (an already unpaid form of labour). Charging fares according to travel time  
6 rather than travel routes (e.g., one fare for every 2hrs travelling on the system rather than every  
7 continuous trip) would make trip-chaining using transit more cost effective. Further, public  
8 transit designs that accommodate children, strollers, and carrying items might make mobility of  
9 care using public transport more convenient and encourage people to complete this travel by  
10 public transport. Doing so would not only promote sustainable travel in the city; it would also  
11 benefit women, and low-income women in particular, who complete the bulk of mobility of care.  
12 Increased attention to and considerations of mobility of care may answer recent calls to integrate  
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