

GETTING THROUGH A PANDEMIC

Migrant Parents and COVID-19 in China's Export Manufacturing Industry

Data from this study comes from in-depth interviews and surveys with:



2137 workers



73 factories



13 children

For further information please contact:
info@childrights-business.org
or visit
www.childrights-business.org



GENERAL FINDINGS RELATED TO MIGRANT PARENTS



More and more **migrant parents are living with their children** since 2017



More **migrant families can access public education now** than in 2017

The deciding factors in migrant workers' decision to live with their children are:



Sufficient **MONEY**



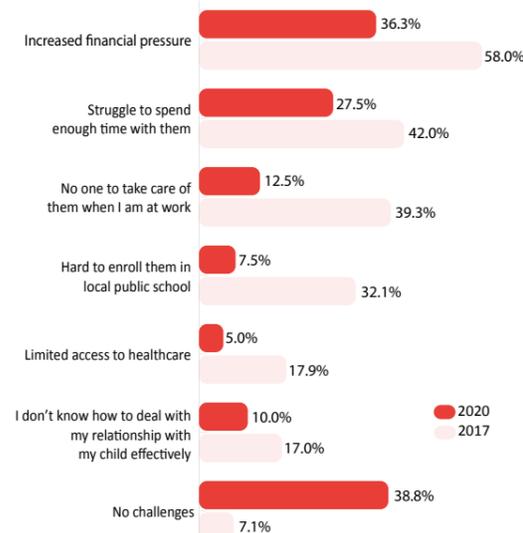
Sufficient **TIME**



Sufficient **CHILDCARE OPTIONS**

5.5 times more migrant workers living with their children find that **migrating with their children does not create significant challenges** compared to 2017

What challenges have you faced living with your children?



COVID-19 IMPACT ON MIGRANT PARENT WORKERS

67%

Migrant parents spent the lockdown in their hometown

80%

Migrant parents returned to work late because of the pandemic

40%

Were not compensated for the time off during lockdown

29%

Were paid regular salaries as per their contracts (base salary)



COVID-19 affected both migrant and left-behind children's **EDUCATION**



Parents got to **SPEND MORE TIME WITH THEIR CHILDREN** because of reduced working hours

61.6%

of migrant parent workers reported that COVID-19 led them and their families to sustain significant financial losses



52.5%

Find it harder to afford basic necessities



25.7%

Will delay major future plans/projects



40.6%

Find it harder to guarantee their children's education



44.6%

Reported that COVID-19 impacted their savings

WHAT PARENT WORKERS WANT MOST FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS IN 2020

China's migrant parent workforce has changed, and so too have their requirements towards their employers.

CCR CSR RECOMMENDS THAT ALL BUYERS AND THEIR SUPPLIERS STRIVE TOWARDS IMPLEMENTING FAMILY-FRIENDLY PRACTICES IN THE WORKPLACE

What parent workers want most from their employers in 2020



Family dorms



Flexible working hours



Scholarships for their children's education



120%

Increase in workers **VERY SATISFIED WITH THEIR FACTORIES** after a Child Friendly Space opened in their factory in 2019

“When we both do overtime, we have to leave the children with the neighbours until late. I feel bad creating so much trouble for them. I wish my company could give us some time to pick up children from school/kindergarten. I also hope my company can set up a place where children are temporarily looked after.”
Ms. Wang, a mother of two who works in Chongqing