

By the numbers

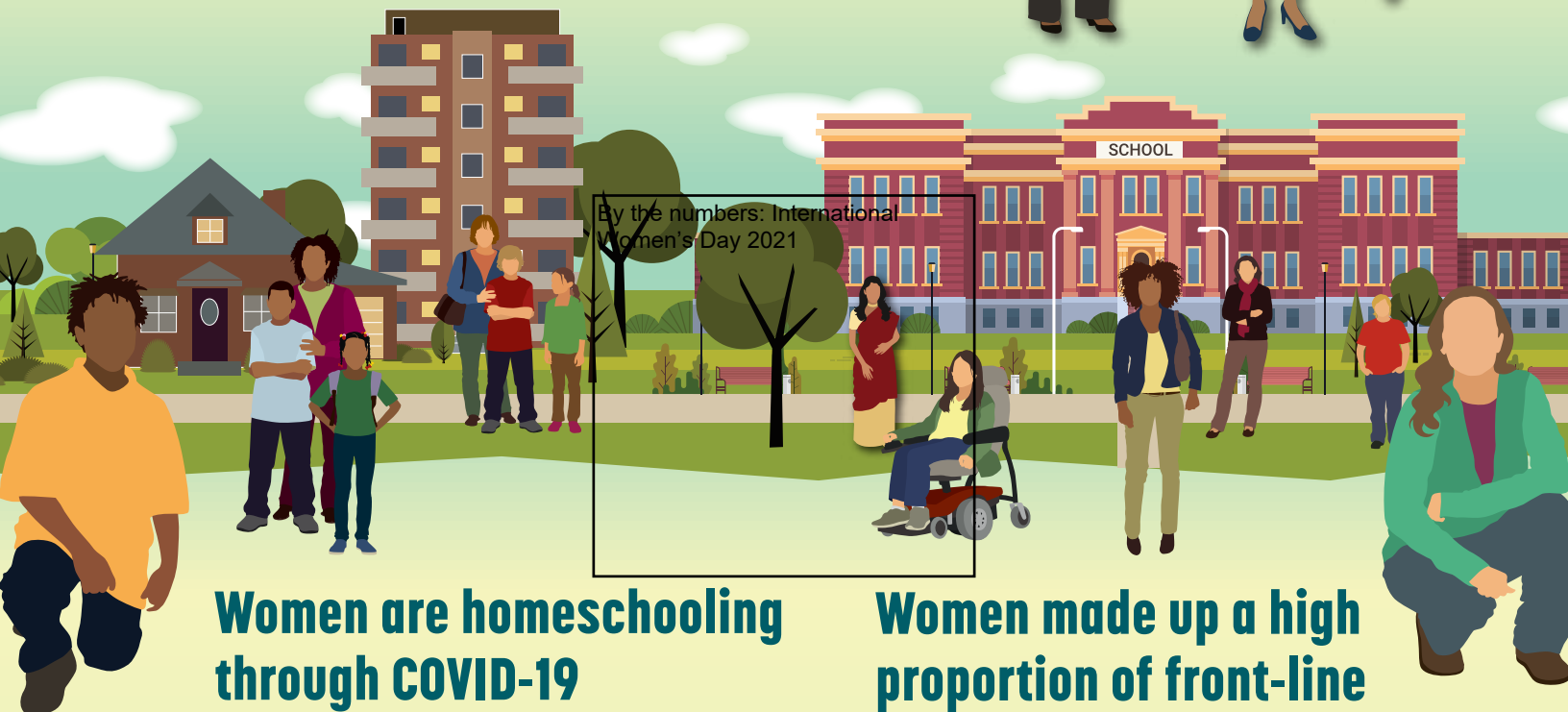
INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Before and during the COVID-19 pandemic, **women in Canada** have been working hard at home, in the workforce and in their communities. **International Women's Day** is an opportunity to shine a spotlight on the contributions of women to our country.

Women in Canada as leaders in public institutions

In 2020, **29%** of seats in Parliament and **49%** of ministerial positions in the federal government were held by women.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 10-10-0137-01 Representation of women and men elected to national Parliament and of ministers appointed to federal Cabinet.



Women are homeschooling through COVID-19

In June 2020, approximately **64%** of women reported that they were the **parent mostly responsible** for homeschooling or helping their children with homework.

Source: Leclerc, Karine. 2020. "Caring for their children: Impacts of COVID-19 on parents." *StatCan COVID-19: Data to Insights for a Better Canada*. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 45-28-0001.

Women made up a high proportion of front-line workers

Teachers: In the 2018/2019 school year, women represented **75%** of educators in public elementary and secondary schools.

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 37-10-0153-03 Proportion of educators in public elementary and secondary schools by sex.

Health care providers: Immigrant women represented **31%** of nurse aides, orderlies and patient service associates but represented only **13%** of all other occupations.

Source: Turcotte, Martin and Savage, Katherine. 2020. "The contribution of immigrants and population groups designated as visible minorities to nurse aide, orderly and patient service associate occupations." *StatCan COVID-19: Data to Insights for a Better Canada*. Statistics Canada Catalogue no. 45-28-0001.

