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Infertility is a problem for many couples, and because Canada's Assisted Human Reproduction Act prohibits the commercialization of egg and sperm donation—including the payment of anonymous egg donors—donations aren't quite as robust as they are in the U.S., where donors can receive compensation. The struggling economy and healthy payments means a lot of selection for those looking to buy eggs or sperm (an egg donor is typically paid \$7,000 US per cycle). No wonder then that there has been a spike in Canadian inquiries to American donor services. "Couples are excited to learn of the relaxed reproductive laws," says Nancy Block, founder of The Center for Egg Options in Illinois. "The recent boom of egg donors and surrogates due to the economy provides expanded options that were previously unavailable to them."

