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# Introduction

## ABOUT THIS REPORT

*Early childhood education and care in Canada 2012* is the ninth edition of similarly collected information developed by the Childcare Resource and Research Unit (CRRU). These reports on cross-Canada data on early childhood programs have been compiled and published about every two years since the early 1990s. The Childcare Resource and Research Unit's ECEC in Canada reports, together with the data available in *Public investments in early childhood education and care in Canada 2010* (a document developed by CRRU and published by Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (HRSDC, Government of Canada) are consistent in format, content and methodology.

Thus they form a body of information that is both comparative across Canada and longitudinal over a 20 year period. This makes it possible to identify trends and developments over time —information useful for research, policy-making and advocacy.

This report, published in 2013, considers early childhood education and child care (ECEC) in Canada during the period 2011 – 2012, using cross-Canada and longitudinal data. Due to cancellation of federal funding, it is more limited than were previous editions. It is a subset of the information provided in previous versions, focusing largely on regulated child care. Users of the data may need to refer back to previous editions of ECEC in Canada for information on child care regulations, specific funding programs, maternity and parental leave, information on federal ECEC contributions and detailed information on kindergarten. Note that some information on kindergarten is provided in both provincial/territorial sections and comparative tables in this report.

Like previous editions, this report relies primarily on provincial/territorial ECEC officials who kindly provided most of the data. These data, combined with data provided by Statistics Canada, easily available public information and data from the previous editions make up the longitudinal and current “snapshot” of regulated child care in Canada in 2012. Data sources are provided below.

For further information, please refer to [previous editions \(1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2006 and 2008\)](#) online and in print, to HRSDC's 2010 publication *Public investments in early childhood education and care in Canada 2010* (online only) and to CRRU's *The state of early childhood education and care in Canada 2010* (online only).

## METHODS

Most of the data on regulated child care in this report were provided by provincial/territorial government officials. The method used to collect and verify data on regulated child care from each province/territory followed a series of steps. First, a written questionnaire was sent to each self-identified official with key responsibility who assembled the data. Following a review of the data by the researchers, clarification was sought from relevant jurisdictions where necessary. A draft was then compiled using material provided by government officials and other sources where applicable. Provincial/territorial officials vetted the completed sections.

Statistics Canada sources were used for demographic data.

Note that in some instances there may be minor discrepancies between previously-reported data, based on periodic reviews and updates undertaken by specific jurisdictions.

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy and consistency of the data provided in this publication and to use accurate and consistent terminology and categories across provinces/territories. This was not always possible due to the use of different terminologies, categories, data collection methods and missing information across Canada. In some instances, information that is consistent by date or definition was not available. Where this has occurred, dates and explanations have been provided or noted in the text or footnotes. The authors would appreciate being contacted if any discrepancies are noted.

## DATA SOURCES

### Number of Children 0-12 Years

Special tabulation based on the Labour Force Survey, 2012 Annual Average. Conducted by Statistics Canada.

### Children 0-12 Years with Employed Mothers

Special tabulation based on the Labour Force Survey, 2012 Annual Average. Conducted by Statistics Canada.

NOTE: These data were reported in previous versions of ECEC in Canada as “Children 0-12 Years with Mothers in the Paid Labour Force”. The current report uses the term “employed mothers” but it is comparable to the data labelled “Children 0-12 Years with Mothers in the Paid Labour Force” in all previous versions of this report. The earlier term was ambiguous; it

could be interpreted as either mothers in the labour force (not all of whom are paid) or only those in the labour force who are paid (technically the same as “employed”).

### **Workforce Participation of Mothers by Age of Youngest Child**

Statistics Canada, Labour Force Survey (2012 annual), CANSIM Table 282-0211

### **Children 0-14 Years Identifying with an Aboriginal Group**

Statistics Canada, 2011 National Household Survey, Catalogue #99-011-x2011 026. These data on the number of children identifying with an Aboriginal group from the 2011 National Household Survey may or may not be comparable to data in previous editions of Early childhood education and care in Canada, which came from Long-form Census data.

Other data sources are noted in the report.

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### **Correction**

Please note that this version of ECEC in Canada 2012 includes a correction from the version originally released in August 2013. The Canada figures in tables 11 and 14 (total allocation for regulated child care and allocation per space) have been corrected to reflect the most recent information. We would like to apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused.

*December 2013*

## **ABOUT THE CHILDCARE RESOURCE AND RESEARCH UNIT**

The Childcare Resource and Research Unit, founded in 1982, is a Toronto-based policy research institute on early childhood education and care (ECEC) and family policy. Based on the best available evidence, CRRU works on behalf of a universal public system of high quality ECEC services and complementary family policy. CRRU's basic operating premise is that public policy should be based on the best possible information available from multidisciplinary research and policy analysis. All CRRU publications including this document may be downloaded from the website at [www.childcarecanada.org](http://www.childcarecanada.org).



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# Newfoundland and Labrador

## OVERVIEW

Kindergarten is the responsibility of the Department of Education and regulated child care the responsibility of the Department of Child, Youth and Family Services. Kindergarten is provided on a part-day basis for all five year olds; attendance is not compulsory.

Centre-based child care is mostly operated on a for-profit basis, with some non-profit centres and several publicly-operated programs. Both agency-affiliated and individually licensed family child care models of regulation are used. The provincial government is in the process of implementing changes to ECEC, with a 10-year Early Learning and Child Care Strategy in the Ministry of Child, Youth and Family Services and an Early Childhood Learning Framework in the Ministry of Education.

### PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Division of Family and Child Development  
Department of Child, Youth and Family Services  
P.O. Box 8700  
St. John's, Newfoundland A1B 4J6

Government website:

<http://www.gov.nl.ca/cyfs/childcare/index.html>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	3,600
1	4,600
2	5,400
3	4,700
4	5,100
5	6,400
6	4,400
7	4,900
8	5,400
9	5,200
10	4,500
11	4,600
12	5,000
Total	63,800

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	13,600
3-5	16,200
6-12	34,000
Total	63,800

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**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0	1,800
1	2,700
2	3,000
3	2,700
4	3,100
5	4,100
6	2,800
7	3,300
8	3,400
9	3,200
10	3,100
11	3,000
12	3,400
Total	39,600

**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0-2	7,500
3-5	9,900
6-12	22,200
Total	39,600

**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Metis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	1,340	530	465	15	140	2,485
5-9	1,405	675	565	10	225	2,875
10-14	1,485	590	550	20	155	2,795
Total	4,225	1,790	1,575	40	520	8,155

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	8,600	67.7
3-5	8,000	78.4
6-15	20,900	82.6

## SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)

### Number of regulated child care spaces

#### Centre-based

Age group	Full-day	Part-day	Total
Infant (birth-24 months)	90	-	90
Preschool (24 months–school entry age)	5,108	440	5,548
School-age (stand alone)	-	957	957
<i>Total centre-based spaces</i>	5,198	1,397	6,595

#### Total family child care

605

### Total number of regulated spaces

7,200

### Children with special needs in regulated child care

Statistics are not kept on total number of children with special needs attending typical child care facilities but approximately 322 children with special needs received a fee subsidy.

There are also 48 children with special needs at Daybreak Parent/Child Centre, which receives core funding.

### Children receiving fee subsidies

Age group	
0-2	116
24 months–school entry	1,762
School-age	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,468</b>

### Number of child care programs

#### Centre-based

Full-day	137
Part-day nursery school	37
Stand-alone school age	18
<i>Total centre-based</i>	192

(This includes school-based child care centres)

For infants	2
For preschool and school-age	19
For school-age	21

#### Family child care

Family child care agencies	2
Family child care homes (Agency-based and individually licensed)	104



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**Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces**
*Full-time regulated centre-based spaces*

Non-profit	1,424
For-profit	3,774
<i>Total</i>	5,198

*Part-time and school-age regulated centre-based spaces*

Part-time non-profit	252
Part-time for-profit	188
<i>Total</i>	440

School-age non-profit	656
School-age for-profit	301
<i>Total</i>	957

<b>Non-profit</b>	<b>2,332</b>
<b>For-profit</b>	<b>4,263</b>

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**PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012 )**
**One time funding**

Equipment grants	\$ 434,775
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**Recurring funding**

ELCC supplement	3,057,000
Inclusion	1,414,200
Capacity Initiative	1,768,000
Family Child Care Initiative	694,900
Family child care agencies	314,400
<i>Total recurring funding</i>	7,248,500

<b>Fee subsidies</b>	13,541,230
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<b>Total regulated child care</b>	<b>\$21,224,505</b>
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**Other funding**

ECE bursaries	\$224,000
Certification and professional development	177,400
Other grants	319,775

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# Prince Edward Island

## OVERVIEW

Until 2010, kindergarten was delivered by child care centres under child care legislation but has moved to the public education system, becoming a compulsory full-school day program for five year olds. Regulated child care has been under the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development since 2007. Centres, delivered by for-profit and non-profit operators, now include Early Years Centres, which are governed by new provincial policies.

These policies include provincially-set parent fees, required spaces for infants and children with special needs, mandatory parent advisory committees, established staff wages and benefits, new early learning (curriculum) framework, revised certification and training requirements and a formula-based, unit funding approach. When the new policy was introduced, existing centres were given the option to apply for designation as Early Years Centres, remain regulated private centres or retire their licenses. Government determines the number of Early Years Centres based on demonstrated community need.

### PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development  
250 Water St., Holman Centre,  
Summerside, PE C1N 1B6

Government website:

<http://www.gov.pe.ca/eecd/earlychildhood>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	1,200
1	1,200
2	1,500
3	1,300
4	1,400
5	1,600
6	1,400
7	1,700
8	1,600
9	1,600
10	1,500
11	1,500
12	1,900
Total	19,400

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	3,900
3-5	4,300
6-12	11,200
Total	19,400

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**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0	700
1	800
2	1,200
3	900
4	1,000
5	1,200
6	1,000
7	1,100
8	1,200
9	1,300
10	1,000
11	1,200
12	1,300
Total	13,900

**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0-2	2,700
3-5	3,100
6-12	8,100
Total	13,900

**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Métis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	120	15	0	0	0	175
5-9	170	0	0	0	0	200
10-14	130	70	0	0	0	245
Total	415	100	20	0	0	625

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	2,900	78.4
3-5	2,300	82.1
6-15	6,800	88.3

## SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)

### Number of regulated child care spaces

#### Centre-based

Age group	Full-day	Part-day	Total
Infant (0-24 months)	227	45	272
Preschool (2-4 years)	2,637	162	2,799
School-age (5-12 years)	-	952	952
<i>Total centre-based spaces</i>	2,864	1,159	4,023 <sup>1</sup>
<i>Total family child care spaces</i>			28

**Total number of regulated spaces** **4,051**

### Children with special needs in regulated child care

**Total** **213**

### Children receiving fee subsidies

Age group	
0-2	101
2 years–school entry	404
School-age (5 years and over)	348
<b>Total</b>	<b>958</b>

### Number of child care programs

#### Centre-based

Full-day (Early Years Centres - EYCs)	45
Full-day (Other centres)	21
Part-day nursery school	8
Stand-alone school-age	28
<i>Total number of centre-based programs</i>	102

#### School-based child care centres

*(These are included in centre-based programs)*

For preschool-age children	1
For school-age children	9

#### Family child care

Individual family child care providers	4
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### Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces

Non-profit	804
For-profit	3,219

<sup>1</sup> Note that kindergarten was previously part of child care centres but is now part of the public education system. The numbers of spaces in previous editions of *ECEC in Canada* are not directly comparable. For comparability of PEI data over the years, 1485 kindergarten spaces would be added to the total here.

**PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012 )**

<b>One time funding</b>	\$655,900
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**Recurring funding**

Operating grants	455,000
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Special needs funding	1,200,000
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Early Years Centres	6,500,000
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<b>Child care fee subsidies (March 2012)</b>	3,660,500
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<b>Total regulated child care</b>	<b>\$12,471,400</b>
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**Other funding**

Early Childhood Development Association	\$160,000
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# Nova Scotia

## OVERVIEW

Since 2011-2012 and continuing forward, kindergarten, referred to as Grade Primary, is the responsibility of the Ministry of Education. Grade Primary is full-day for children who turn five by December 31st of the calendar year in which they are enrolled, and is optional. The speech from the Throne on March 26, 2013, identified that the responsibility of regulated child care will transition to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development throughout 2013-2014. Child care is delivered in both non-profit and for-profit centres. There is no publicly operated child care.

### PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Early Childhood Development Services  
Family and Community Supports Division  
Department of Community Services  
PO Box 696  
Halifax, NS B3J 2T7

Government website:

<http://novascotia.ca/coms/families/childcare/index.html>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	8,800
1	9,400
2	7,400
3	10,100
4	9,900
5	8,400
6	8,300
7	8,800
8	7,800
9	8,300
10	9,300
11	9,300
12	8,900
Total	114,700

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	25,600
3-5	28,400
6-12	60,700
Total	114,700

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**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0	5,300
1	6,200
2	4,500
3	6,500
4	6,500
5	5,400
6	5,600
7	6,600
8	5,500
9	5,700
10	6,300
11	6,600
12	6,600
Total	77,300

**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0-2	16,000
3-5	18,400
6-12	42,900
Total	77,300

**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Metis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	1,995	585	55	0	85	2,730
5-9	1,905	465	30	25	90	2,520
10-14	2,130	645	95	10	35	2,915
Total	6,025	1,695	185	50	210	8,165

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	16,500	73.7
3-5	12,500	77.2
6-15	37,300	85.6

## SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)

### Number of regulated child care spaces

#### Centre-based

Age group	Full-day	Part-day <sup>1</sup>	Total
Infants (0-17 months)	730	-	730
Toddler (18-35 months)	3,554	-	3,554
Preschool (36 months–5 years)	6,300	2,356	8,656
School-age (6-12 years)	-	3,397	3,397
<b>Total centre-based spaces</b>	<b>10,584</b>	<b>5,753</b>	<b>16,337</b>

Total family child care spaces 984

**Total number of regulated spaces 17,321**

### Children with special needs in regulated child care

Children with a diagnosed special need	464
Children who are not diagnosed with a special need, and who are receiving support	502

**Total number of children receiving *Special Needs Resourcing Support* 966<sup>2</sup>**

**Children receiving fee subsidies 4,575**

### Number of child care programs

#### Centre-based

Full-day	297
Part-day nursery schools/preschools	97

#### School-based child care centres (July 2012)

For preschool-age <sup>3</sup> children	35
For school-age <sup>4</sup> children	18
With both preschool and school-age children	9

(included in centre-based)

#### Family child care

Family child care agencies	12
Family child care homes	158

### Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces

Non-profit	7,595
For-profit	8,742

1 Approximate numbers.

2 Total as reported by child care facilities in receipt of the Supported Child Care Grant (SCCG). The SCCG provides funding support for the delivery of inclusive programs for children with special needs. Regulated childcare facilities that offer inclusive child care programs, but that do not receive the SCCG are not represented in this total.

3 'Preschool', within the context of the 'school-based child care' count provided in this section includes the following age groups defined by the Day Care Act and Regulations: Infants (younger than 18 mos.), toddlers (18 mos. – 35 mos., inclusive), and preschoolers (36 mos. or older, and not attending school).

4 School-age refers to any child who is attending school and not older than 12.



## PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012 )

### One-time funding

Expansion and replacement loans <sup>5</sup>	\$2,316,524
Repair and renovation loans <sup>6</sup>	301,621

### Recurring funding

Early Childhood Enhancement Grant (ECEG) <sup>7</sup>	16,954,270
Child Development Centre Grant	238,949
Family home day care	975,532
Supported Child Care Grant	4,480,756
<i>Total recurring funding</i>	22,649,507

**Child care fee subsidies** 17,954,221

**Total regulated child care** \$43,221,873

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### Other funding

Early Childhood Education Training Initiative	\$791,668
Early Childhood Education Assistance Program (ECEAP)	170,402
Continuing Education	206,645
Family Resource and Parent Education	2,157,500

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5 Portion reported reflects the remainder of forgivable loans paid in 2009/10, as issued to approved licensed child care facilities in the 2009/10 fiscal year. Repayable loans issued are not reported as expenditures.

6 Portion reported reflects forgivable loans only, as issued to approved licensed child care facilities. Repayable loans issued are not reported as expenditures. This amount reflects projects carried forward from the 2009/2010 fiscal year.

7 The Child Care Operating Grant (CCOGS) and the Stabilization Grant were replaced with the Early Childhood Enhancement Grant (ECEG) in 2010.

# New Brunswick

## OVERVIEW

New Brunswick moved responsibility for kindergarten, regulated child care and other early childhood development programs into the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in 2011. Kindergarten is a compulsory full school-day program for five year olds. New Brunswick is an officially bilingual province with parallel English and French public education sectors. French and English kindergartens are delivered as part of those two sectors; with 2012 amendments to the Early Learning and Childcare Act, child care centres will become part of the province’s dualistic approach to French and English. Regulated child care centres are predominantly for-profit, with some non-profit centres, and no publicly-delivered child care. Regulated child care spaces are termed “approved spaces”; regulated family child care homes are termed “community child care homes”, and parental leave is termed “child care leave”.

### PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Early Learning and Child Care Unit  
Education and Early Childhood Development  
Place 2000, P.O. Box 6000,  
250 King Street  
Fredericton, NB  
E3B 1E7

Government website:  
<http://www.gnb.ca/0000/ELCC.asp>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	6,100
1	7,600
2	6,400
3	7,100
4	7,500
5	8,800
6	7,300
7	6,700
8	7,300
9	7,600
10	7,300
11	7,100
12	7,700
Total	94,500

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	21,000
3-5	23,400
6-12	51,000
Total	94,500

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**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0	3,800
1	4,400
2	3,700
3	4,300
4	5,100
5	5,700
6	4,900
7	4,300
8	4,900
9	5,300
10	4,800
11	5,100
12	5,300
Total	61,600

**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0-2	11,900
3-5	15,100
6-12	34,600
Total	61,600

**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Metis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	1,470	230	65	0	30	1,815
5-9	1,400	280	55	30	30	1,800
10-14	1,650	330	70	0	40	2,100
Total	4,520	840	190	50	105	5,710

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	12,400	72.9
3-5	11,400	79.7
6-15	31,400	84.2

## SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)

### Number of regulated child care spaces

<i>Centre-based</i>	
Age group <sup>1</sup>	Total
Infants (0-2 years)	1,463
Preschool (2-4 years)	9,221
School-age (5-12 years)	10,229
<i>Total centre-based spaces</i>	20,913
<i>Total family child care spaces</i>	782
<b>Total number of regulated child care spaces</b>	<b>21,695</b>

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**Children with special needs in regulated child care** 234<sup>2</sup>

### Children receiving fee subsidies <sup>3</sup>

Age group	Total
0-4 years	2,334
5-14 years	2,979
15+ years	7
<b>Total number of subsidies</b>	<b>5,320</b>

### Number of child care programs

<i>Centre-based</i>	
Full-day	223
Part-day nursery schools/preschools	25
Stand alone after-school programs	157
Combined nursery/school-age programs <sup>4</sup>	137
<i>Total centre-based programs</i>	542
<i>School-based child care centres</i>	
For preschool-age children	14
For school-age children	106
(included in centre-based)	
<i>Family child care</i>	
Individual family child care providers	120
<i>Number of francophone child care centres</i>	214

1 These figures are estimates made by provincial officials. New Brunswick approves child care centres for a total enrolment based on usable space and does not allocate spaces according to specific age groups. The number of spaces the facility operates per age category is collected through the Quality Improvement Funding Support Program's application process.

2 This figure represents the number of children receiving Integrated Day Care Services as of March 31, 2012. The average monthly number served for 2011/12 was 220. In addition to the total reported here, 97 school-age children were supported through the Support Worker Program.

3 This figure is the number of children receiving subsidies as of March 31st, 2012. Note that New Brunswick is reporting annual cumulative totals. Thus, this figure is not comparable to the numbers reported in the various editions of Early Childhood Education and Care in Canada. The cumulative total is 5,320. Totals are also collected using different age ranges than those asked within the survey.

4 The part-day nursery school/preschools and combined nursery/school figures are estimates as the data cannot identify part-time programs.

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**Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces**

Non-profit	7,916
For-profit	12,799

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**PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012 )**

**One time funding** none

**Recurring funding**

Quality Improvement Funding Support (includes training initiatives)	\$18,700,000
Special Needs Funding	2,100,000

**Child care fee subsidies** 14,200,000

**Total regulated child care** \$ 35,000,000

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**Other funding**
*Early Learning and Child Care Trust Fund*<sup>5</sup>

Training assistance for child care staff	\$1,452,902
New child care spaces	10,254,402
Early Childhood Care and Education N B (wage reimbursement program)	1,230,000
Professional development	2,476,753
Braiding Our resources	25,070
Curriculum materials grant	407,094

**Total other funding** \$15,846,221

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<sup>5</sup> These figures represent disbursements under this fund cumulatively to March 2012.

# Quebec

## OVERVIEW

Provision of early childhood education and child care in Quebec is under two ministries, the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport (MELS) and the Ministère de la Famille et des Aînés (MFA).

Quebec provides full-day kindergarten (maternelle) for all five year olds and some kindergarten (pre-maternelle) for four year olds under MELS.

MFA is responsible for regulated child care for children aged 0-4. Regulated child care includes centres de la petite enfance (CPEs) which operate as small non-profit networks of several "installations" or centres; CPEs often include regulated family child care as well. Family child care providers are supervised by Child Care Coordinating Offices (many of which are part of CPEs). Some regulated family child care is provided in group family child care homes, with two providers. There are, as well, for-profit centres (garderies). Quebec does not provide regulated part-day child care programs but permits them to operate as unregulated part-day jardins d'enfants.

CPEs, regulated family child care and some garderies are primarily publicly funded. Spaces in these programs are termed "reduced contribution spaces" for which parents pay a flat \$7.00/day fee. Quebec does not use fee subsidies targeted to eligible parents. All children aged 0-4 who have secured a space in a reduced contribution program may attend at \$7.00 a day regardless of family income or parents' employment status. Some garderies are unfunded; parents using unfunded garderies may be reimbursed an amount so that the cost is equivalent to \$7.00 a day.

School-age child care is operated by schools under MELS. It is available at the same flat \$7.00/day, (which applies when school is in session) as regulated child care for 0-4s. School boards are required to provide school-age care when there is sufficient demand.

Quebec has its own separate program for family-related leave and benefits (in other provinces/territories, the federal government is responsible for family leave benefits). There are two options that parents may choose: the Basic Plan and the Special Plan. Under these options, the Quebec maternity/parental leave benefits are paid at an income replacement rate of 70-75%. There is, as well, a paternity leave period earmarked to new fathers.

## PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Ministère de la Famille et des Aînés  
425, rue Saint-Amable  
Quebec, QC, G1R 4Z1  
Telephone: (418) 643-1226

Government website:  
<http://www.mfa.gouv.qc.ca>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	73,800
1	82,300
2	84,500
3	90,300
4	91,800
5	90,300
6	78,900
7	74,900
8	84,500
9	82,200
10	77,500
11	80,600
12	81,000
Total	1,072,600

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	240,600
3-5	272,400
6-12	559,600
Total	1,072,600

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### Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	51,200
1	56,600
2	58,600
3	60,900
4	63,200
5	64,200
6	53,900
7	53,800
8	60,400
9	53,900
10	54,400
11	57,700
12	57,300
Total	746,100

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### Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	166,400
3-5	188,300
6-12	391,400
Total	746,100

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**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Metis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	7,595	2,745	1,605	160	130	12,230
5-9	6,675	2,430	1,455	70	160	10,790
10-14	6,370	2,425	1,380	85	275	10,540
Total	20,645	7,600	4,440	320	560	33,565

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	169,900	77.0
3-5	123,500	80.8
6-15	318,200	86.2

**SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)**

*Centre-based (0-4 years, CPEs and garderies<sup>1</sup>)*

Age group	CPEs	Funded garderies	Non-funded garderies	Total centre-based
Infants (under 18 months)	10,784	3,880	3,448	18,112
Preschoolers (18 months - 4 years)	73,888	37,156	24,325	135,481
<b>Total (0-4 years)</b> <i>(Regulated by the Ministère de la Famille)</i>	<b>84,672</b>	<b>41,036</b>	<b>27,773</b>	<b>153,481</b>

*Regulated family child care*

*Enrolled family child care spaces*

Infants under 18 months	13,867
Toddlers (18 months-up to age 3)	38,212
3 - 5 year olds	32,850
Kindergarten and school-age	166

*Total enrolled family child care* 85,095

<b>Total spaces regulated by Ministère de la Famille</b>	<b>Funded</b>	<b>Non-funded</b>	<b>Total</b>
	<b>210,803</b>	<b>27,773</b>	<b>238,576</b>

*School-age (March 2008)*

*Total school-age child care spaces<sup>2</sup>* 162,995  
*(Under the Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport)*

**Total number of spaces regulated by the Ministère de la Famille and under the aegis of Ministère de l'Éducation, du Loisir et du Sport** 401,568

**Children with special needs in regulated child care** 5,816

1 Garderies can be funded or unfunded (See SPONSORSHIP spaces below.)

2 The number of school-age spaces is from 2008; more recent information is not available.



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**Children receiving fee subsidies** Not applicable

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**Number of child care programs**

Number of CPEs	980
Number of centres that are part of CPEs	1,434
Number of garderies	1,178
Number of garderies – Funded	649
Number of garderies – Non-funded	526
Number of school-age services	Not available
Number of Family Child Care Coordinating Offices	164
Number of family child care providers	15,448

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**Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces**

*Centre-based spaces (0-4)*

Non-profit (CPEs)	84,672
Garderies (for-profit <sup>3</sup> and other non-CPE centres) Includes:	68,809
Funded garderies	41,036
Non-funded garderies	27,773
School-age (school board operated)	162,992 <sup>4</sup>

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**PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012 )<sup>5</sup>**

**Child care fee subsidies** not applicable<sup>6</sup>

**One time funding**

Capital expenditures	\$25,086,000
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**Recurring funding**

Funding to CPEs and garderies	\$2,156,596,000
Pension plan for employees in child care	58,737,000

**Total child care expenditure for children 0-4 years** **2,240,419,000**

Expenditure on school-age child care (by MELS) <sup>7</sup>	152,300,000
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**Total regulated child care** **\$2,392,649,000**

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3 Most garderies are for-profit; a small number may be non-profit.

4 The number of school-age spaces is from 2008. More recent information was not available.

5 Source : Comptes publics 2011-2012.

6 Quebec does not use fee subsidies.

7 Expenditure figures on school-age child care are from 2008. More recent information is not available.

# Ontario

## OVERVIEW

There have been significant ECEC policy and program transitions in Ontario in the last few years. In 2010, regulated child care began to be transferred to the Ministry of Education which now is responsible for all aspects of policy and operation. Child care and full-day kindergarten are both part of the Early Learning Division in the Ministry of Education.

Ontario is the only province that offers kindergarten for all four year olds (Junior Kindergarten; kindergarten for five year olds is called Senior Kindergarten). Ontario is phasing in full-day kindergarten for four and five year olds, which will be fully in place by 2014. Child care for the rest of the before- and after- kindergarten day is to be offered when there is sufficient demand either as an “extended day” or by non-profit third party operators.

Municipal governments play a key role in child care in Ontario. This includes public delivery of child care services as well as financing, coordination, administration and planning. Forty-seven local government entities (CMSMs and DSSABs) are designated child care Service Managers. Child care licensing and overall policy and funding are provincial government responsibilities.

The majority of Ontario’s child care is delivered by a mixture of non-profit, for-profit and municipal, publicly operated programs. Regulated child care is provided in centres (including part-day nursery school) or by providers in their own homes supervised by licensed family child care agencies.

### PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Ministry of Education  
Early Learning Division  
24th floor, Mowat Block  
900 Bay Street  
Toronto, ON M7A 1L2

Government website:

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/childcare/>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	135,300
1	135,400
2	143,600
3	149,900
4	139,200
5	142,200
6	156,700
7	153,600
8	153,700
9	147,900
10	145,300
11	150,800
12	138,500
Total	1,892,100

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	414,300
3-5	431,300
6-12	1,046,500
Total	1,892,100

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### Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	84,900
1	86,500
2	84,800
3	93,700
4	83,300
5	91,100
6	99,200
7	97,200
8	100,500
9	102,200
10	95,400
11	105,200
12	94,300
Total	1,218,300

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### Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	256,200
3-5	268,100
6-12	694,000
Total	1,218,300

**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Metis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	17,575	5,390	365	355	525	24,210
5-9	17,475	5,190	530	315	525	23,980
10-14	18,850	5,995	310	195	650	26,000
Total	53,850	16,575	1,205	870	1,695	74,195

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	268,400	70.6
3-5	201,400	75.3
6-15	582,200	83.3

**SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)****Number of regulated child care spaces***Centre-based*

Age group	Full-day <sup>1</sup>	Part-day	Total
Infants (0-18 months)	9,269	-	9,269
Toddlers (18-30 months)	30,867	-	30,867
Preschool (2.5-5 years)	103,474	-	103,474
JK (3 years 8 months)	26,454	-	26,454
SK (4 years 8 months)	6,093	-	6,093
School-age (6-12 years)	-	99,743	99,743
<b>Total centre-based spaces<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>176,157</b>	<b>99,743</b>	<b>275,900</b>
<i>Family child care<sup>3</sup></i>			17,097
<b>Total number of regulated spaces<sup>4</sup></b>			<b>292,997</b>

**Children with special needs (December 2011)**

(Children receiving special needs resourcing in regulated child care)<sup>5</sup> **27,639**

**Children receiving fee subsidies<sup>6</sup> (December 2011) 140,625**

1 Breakdowns of full-day and part-day centre-based child care are not available except for school-age. Figures for nursery school (part-day) are not available.

2 The total number of centre-based spaces is not the sum of the age groups listed. This is a result of child care centres having alternate capacity rooms. Alternate capacity means that a room may be used for different age groups at different times. Therefore, the capacity by age group can exceed the total number of spaces.

3 This figure represents the enrolment in family child care. Licensed capacity information is not available because it fluctuates according to the ages of the children being served.

4 This figure includes the licensed capacity of child care centres and enrolment in regulated family child care.

5 This figure is a cumulative total number of special needs children serviced throughout the fiscal year. Figures comparable to other provinces/territories (that is, the number of children served at a given point in time) are not available.

6 This figure is the cumulative total number of children subsidized throughout the fiscal year. Figures comparable to other provinces/territories (that is, the number of children served at a given point in time) are not available.

**Number of child care programs**

<i>Centre-based (full and part-day)</i>	4,922
For preschool-age children	3,966 <sup>7</sup>
<i>School-based child care centres</i>	
Total (all ages)	2,308
(included in centre-based)	
<i>Family child care (home child care)</i>	
Number of family child care agencies	132
Number of family child care homes	6,142

**Sponsorship of regulated spaces**

<i>Full and part-time regulated centre spaces</i>		
Non-profit		205,791
(Includes 7,192 municipally-operated spaces as well as licensed before and after school programs)		
For-profit		70,109
<i>Regulated family child care (private home day care) agencies and private homes</i>		
	Agencies	Homes
Non-profit <sup>8</sup>	118	5,812
For-profit	14	330

**PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012 )**

**One time funding** none

**Recurring funding (actual expenditures)**

Wage subsidies/Wage Improvement	\$170,600,000
Special needs resourcing	48,500,000

**Child care fee subsidies**

Regular fee subsidies	353,300,000
Ontario Works subsidies	33,500,000

Early Learning & Child Development Grant (transfer to municipalities)<sup>9</sup> 216,600,000

Transition funding 14,000,000

Other transfers to municipalities 28,700,000

**Total<sup>10</sup> \$865,100,000**

7 The 3,966 centres “for pre-school age children” include centres that also serve school-age children.

8 This includes municipally-operated family child care agencies and homes. Current figures were not provided for the number of municipally-operated family child care agencies and homes.

9 This funding can be applied to fee subsidies, wage subsidies, and special needs resourcing by the local government.

10 Total may not add due to rounding. Ontario’s municipalities make legislated and discretionary financial contributions above this amount. In recent years legislated contributions have been approximately \$150M annually. Discretionary contributions have added almost \$60M more on an annual basis.

# Manitoba

## OVERVIEW

In Manitoba, kindergarten is a part-day non-compulsory program for all five year olds for which Manitoba Education is responsible. Regulated child care is under the aegis of Manitoba Family Services and Labour.

Manitoba provides operating funds to eligible child care centres through a “unit funding” model, and to regulated family and group child care homes. This operational funding is linked to regulated age group composition and a maximum parent fee set by the provincial government and incorporates fee subsidies for eligible families.

Regulated child care centres for 0-12 year olds (including nursery schools) are primarily non-profit with a few for-profit operations; there is no publicly-delivered child care. Regulated family child care is delivered through an individually licensed model; there is, as well, group family child care with two providers.

### PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Manitoba Early Learning and Child Care  
Manitoba Family Services and Labour

219-114 Garry Street  
Winnipeg, MB R3C 4V6

Government website:

<https://direct.gov.mb.ca/cdhtml/html/internet/en/index.html>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	13,600
1	14,700
2	14,900
3	15,900
4	15,100
5	14,800
6	15,400
7	13,400
8	14,400
9	12,500
10	13,500
11	14,400
12	14,800
Total	187,400

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	43,200
3-5	45,800
6-12	98,400
Total	187,400

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**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0	7,800
1	7,500
2	8,400
3	8,800
4	8,300
5	8,300
6	9,200
7	8,400
8	8,900
9	7,600
10	8,900
11	9,400
12	10,200
Total	111,700

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**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0-2	23,700
3-5	25,400
6-12	62,600
Total	111,700

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**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Métis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	15,390	6,645	90	235	70	22,425
5-9	13,860	6,255	45	145	65	20,370
10-14	12,710	6,950	45	195	45	19,935
Total	41,955	19,840	180	570	180	62,730

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**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	23,900	65.7
3-5	16,000	73.7
6-15	49,500	85.3

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## SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)

### Number of regulated child care spaces

#### Centre-based

Age group	Full-day	Part-day	Total
Infants (0-2 years)	1,864	0	1,864
Preschool (2-6 years)	12,644	3,817	16,461
School-age	-	9,219	9,219
Occasional child care	-	24	24
<i>Total centre-based spaces</i>	14,508	13,060	27,568
<i>Total family child care spaces</i>			3,046
<b>Total number of regulated spaces</b>			<b>30,614</b>

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**Children with special needs in regulated child care**      **1,529**

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**Children receiving fee subsidies**      **9,006**

### Number of child care programs

#### Centre-based

Full-day	305
Part-day nursery schools	152
Stand-alone after-school programs	183
<i>Total centre-based programs</i>	640
<i>Individual family child care providers</i>	420

### Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces

Non-profit	26,300
For-profit	1,268

## PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012)

### One-time funding

Capital grants	\$2,900,000 <sup>1</sup>
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### Recurring funding

Operating grants <sup>2</sup>	91,628,800
Special needs grants	11,708,800

**Child care fee subsidies**      28,107,600

**Total regulated child care**      **\$134,345,200**

1 Refers to the Family Choices Building Fund, created to offset costs of construction, expansion or revitalization of existing non-profit child care centres. The Fund provides one-third of total project costs up to \$400,000 for centres not in schools. The Fund also has a component that provides 100% of costs for centres located in schools or on school property, which is managed by Manitoba Education.

2 Includes all training, recruitment and retention grants.



## OVERVIEW

Kindergarten, pre-kindergarten (pre-K) and regulated child care are all the responsibility of the Ministry of Education. Pre-K and regulated child care are under the Early Learning Branch and kindergarten is part of the Curriculum and E-Learning Branch. Kindergarten and pre-K are part-day. Kindergarten is for all five year olds, while pre-K is targeted to vulnerable three and four year olds who meet locally specified eligibility criteria. Both these programs are provided with no parent fee by school authorities.

In Saskatchewan, part-day preschools for children under compulsory school age are not funded or required to be licensed. Regulated family child care homes use an individual licensing approach; group family child care with two providers is offered.

Historically, regulated child care centres have been almost entirely non-profit. For-profit services receive no public funding including fee subsidies. There are several municipally delivered or supported centres.

### PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Early Learning and Child Care Program

Ministry of Education

2220 College Avenue

Regina, SK S4P 4V9

Government website:

<http://www.education.gov.sk.ca/ELCC-Program>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	12,500
1	13,800
2	14,300
3	11,700
4	12,000
5	13,100
6	11,000
7	11,600
8	12,100
9	12,300
10	12,300
11	12,700
12	11,800
Total	161,200

### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	40,600
3-5	36,800
6-12	83,800
Total	161,200

**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0	6,800
1	7,700
2	8,700
3	7,700
4	7,700
5	8,300
6	6,700
7	7,700
8	7,900
9	8,500
10	9,000
11	8,800
12	8,900
Total	103,400

**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0-2	23,200
3-5	23,700
6-12	56,500
Total	103,400

**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Métis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	14,705	5,040	10	150	105	20,015
5-9	12,430	4,340	15	60	60	16,990
10-14	12,140	4,450	30	75	80	16,770
Total	39,280	13,830	145	285	245	53,780

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	22,700	64.7
3-5	15,200	80.4
6-15	41,100	84.9

## SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)

### Number of regulated child care spaces

#### Centre-based

Age group	Full-day	Part-day <sup>1</sup>	Total
Infants (6 weeks -17 months)	990	-	990
Toddlers (18-29 months)	2,450	-	2,450
Preschool (30 months-kindergarten)	5,469	-	5,469
School-age (grade 1-13)	-	1,301	1,301
<i>Total centre-based spaces</i>	8,909	1,301	10,210

#### Family child care spaces

Number of children enrolled in family child care homes	1,099
Number of children enrolled in group family child care homes	966
<i>Total family child care spaces</i>	2,065

**Total number of regulated spaces<sup>2</sup>** **12,275**

**Children with special needs in regulated child care** **585**

**Children receiving fee subsidies<sup>3</sup>** **3,401<sup>4</sup>**

### Number of child care programs

*Total centre-based programs* 259

#### School-based child care centres

For preschool-age children  
(included in centre-based) 99

#### Family child care

Total number of individual family child care providers 245

### Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces

Non-profit	8,892
Municipal	116
For-profit	61

1 Saskatchewan does not license part-day preschools. The number of hours services may be provided is restricted by the legislation.

2 As of March 2012 an additional 565 child care centre spaces were in various stages of development; totalling 12,840 spaces operational /in development.

3 Age breakdown of children receiving a fee subsidy is not available.

4 Monthly average in 2011-12.

## PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012)

### One-time funding

Development funding (Start-up grants, Space development capital grants, Fire health and safety grants)	\$2,048,289
Capital (school-based)	5,477,460
Enriched Learning Environment Grants	180,223
Equipment – family child care homes	191,125

### Recurring funding (March 2012-Budget)

Early Childhood Services Grants	30,836,272
Teen Student Child Care Centre Support	2,813,157
Nutrition – family child care homes	935,865
Inclusion grants <sup>5</sup>	3,861,421
<i>Total recurring funding</i>	<i>\$38,446,715</i>

**Child care fee subsidies (March 2012-Budget)** 16,309,339

**Total regulated child care** **\$62,653,151**

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**Other funding<sup>6</sup>** \$1,454,726

Early Childhood Training<sup>7</sup> \$769,751

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<sup>5</sup> Includes Individual Inclusion, Centre Inclusion, Enhanced Accessibility and Adapted Equipment Grants.

<sup>6</sup> Includes Targeted Initiatives, Preschool Support, Home Alternates Program, Early Childhood Initiatives, Northern Equipment/Transportation, ELPG Grant.

<sup>7</sup> Includes funds paid to licensed child care programs for tuition reimbursement, professional development, and northern training.

# Alberta

## OVERVIEW

Two ministries are responsible for early childhood education and care. Early Childhood Services (ECS), which includes kindergarten, falls under Alberta Education while regulated and approved child care falls under Alberta Human Services. Kindergarten refers to an education program in the year before grade 1. Younger preschool-age children with special needs may be able to access other ECS programs. Kindergarten is not compulsory and is usually part-day. ECS programs are publicly funded and may be delivered by various operators including public, charter and private schools and non-profit ECS operators.

About half the supply of regulated child care services for 0-12 year olds outside school hours are operated on a for-profit basis in Alberta. The remainder are mostly non-profit, with a small number of municipally operated or supported programs. “Approved” family day homes (family child care) operate under an agency model and are approved based on Ministry standards; there are no regulations. Group family child care homes (with two providers) are licensed. Out-of-school (school-aged) programs are provided for kindergarten and school-age children.

### PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Alberta Human Services  
6th Floor Sterling Place  
9940 - 106th Street  
Edmonton, AB T5K 2N2

Government website:

<http://humanservices.alberta.ca/family-community/child-care.html>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	44,600
1	49,900
2	47,300
3	51,800
4	50,300
5	46,900
6	42,400
7	44,700
8	43,600
9	42,400
10	46,200
11	42,800
12	45,300
Total	598,200

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**Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0-2	141,800
3-5	149,000
6-12	307,400
Total	598,200

**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0	22,200
1	25,900
2	25,200
3	28,400
4	30,400
5	28,000
6	25,500
7	27,800
8	29,900
9	27,900
10	29,600
11	29,000
12	29,700
Total	359,500

**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0-2	73,300
3-5	86,800
6-12	199,400
Total	359,500

**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Metis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	14,525	8,410	190	235	305	23,655
5-9	12,655	7,805	155	230	305	21,155
10-14	12,175	8,935	160	175	315	21,760
Total	39,350	25,155	495	635	925	66,570

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	74,100	60.1
3-5	60,400	73.3
6-15	158,300	83.5

## SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)

### Number of regulated child care spaces

#### Centre-based<sup>1</sup>

Age group	Full-day	Part-day	Total
Infants (under 12 months)	1,432	-	1,432
Infants (13-19 months)	3,409	-	3,409
Toddlers (19 months to less than 3 years)	10,663	1,500	12,163
Preschool (three years to 4.5 years)	11,602	14,748	26,350
Kindergarten (4.5 years and attending an approved ECS program part-time)	-	14,423	14,423
Out-of-school (Grades 1 to 6)		22,265	22,265
Innovative child care (no age grouping)	377	-	377
<b>Total centre-based spaces</b>	<b>27,483</b>	<b>52,936</b>	<b>80,419</b>

#### Family child care

Contracted capacity in approved family day home spaces	11,425
Group family child care spaces	40

**Total number of regulated or approved child care spaces** **91,884**

### Children with special needs receiving support in regulated/approved child care

Information not available

### Children receiving fee subsidies

Age group	Total
Infants (under 19 months)	3,526
Toddlers (19 months – 3 years)	4,387
Preschool (3- 4.5 years)	5,815
Kindergarten	5,642
School-age (grades 1-6)	5,617
<b>Total number of children receiving fee subsidies</b>	<b>24,987</b>

### Number of child care programs

#### Centre-based

Day care centres	669
Innovative	17
Out-of-school care	742
Preschool (part-day)	750

**Total number of centre-based programs** **2,178**

#### Family child care

Number of family child care agencies (contracted)	82
Number of individual family child care providers (approved)	2,781
Group family child care homes (licensed)	4

1 Spaces in group family child care are included in centre-based figures by age group.

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**Sponsorship<sup>2</sup> of regulated centre-based spaces**

<i>Regulated centre-based program spaces</i>	
Non-profit and public	39,545
For-profit	40,914
<i>Family day home agencies</i>	
Non-profit	45
For-profit	37

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**PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012 )**

**One-time funding** none

**Recurring funding (Actual amounts 2011/2012<sup>3</sup>)**

Accreditation \$80,780,075

**Child care fee subsidies**

Day Care Subsidy	76,794,100
Group Family Day Homes	100,785
Family Day Home Subsidy	15,138,411
Extended Hours Subsidy	281,900
Stay-At-Home Parent Support	1,373,497
Out of School Care Subsidy	17,677,038
Infant Care Incentive	7,429,441
Kin Child Care Subsidy <sup>4</sup>	8,110,968
<i>Family Day Home Agency Contracts</i>	6,655,232
<i>Specialized Child Care (Inclusive)</i>	3,539,283

**Total regulated child care** **\$209,769,762**

**Other funding**

Family Resources: Alberta Parent Link Centres	\$16,705,330
Kin Child Care Subsidy <sup>4</sup>	8,110,968

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2 Alberta typically reports sponsorship by program, as it relates to the license holder.

3 Annual report 2011/2012 authorized budget amount for child care including Accreditation totals was \$238,706,000.

4 Kin child care subsidy for eligible parents who use a non-custodial relative to care for their child.



# British Columbia

## OVERVIEW

Responsibility for BC's early childhood education and care is split among three departments: kindergarten under the Ministry of Education, regulated child care policy under the Ministry of Children and Family Development and child care licensing and monitoring under the Ministry of Health.

British Columbia introduced full-day kindergarten for five year olds in 2010. All public schools are now required to provide the program. Another ECEC program under the Ministry of Education, StrongStart BC, requires that children be accompanied by a parent or other caregiver. It is operated by most school boards for children younger than five years.

A variety of kinds of regulated child care programs for children 0-12 years old are provided including programs outside regular school hours for school-aged children. About half of BC's full-day centre-based programs are operated on a for-profit basis and half non-profit; there are no publicly-delivered child care programs.

Regulated family child care in BC for up to seven 0 -12 year olds is provided by individually licensed family child care providers. Family child care providers caring for one or two children are called "licence not required" (LNR). Neighbourhood Child Care Resource and Referral Programs may register these providers, in which case they are termed "registered licence not required" (RLNR) providers.

### PROVINCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Child Care Programs and Services  
Ministry of Children and Family Development  
PO Box 9778, STN Prov Govt  
Victoria, BC V8W 9R4

Government website:  
<http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/>

#### *Child Care Licensing*

Community Care Facilities  
Ministry of Health  
6th floor, 1515 Blanshard Street  
Victoria, BC V8W 3C8

Government website:  
<http://www.mcf.gov.bc.ca/childcare/>

## PROVINCIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	41,800
1	44,000
2	44,900
3	46,300
4	49,000
5	42,200
6	45,100
7	42,300
8	41,100
9	42,000
10	42,400
11	47,800
12	41,600
Total	570,500

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	130,700
3-5	137,500
6-12	302,300
Total	570,500

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### Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	23,000
1	24,200
2	24,200
3	26,400
4	27,300
5	25,800
6	29,000
7	27,400
8	28,300
9	26,900
10	29,000
11	31,400
12	29,400
Total	352,300

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### Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	71,400
3-5	79,500
6-12	201,400
Total	352,300

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**Number of children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Métis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	14,390	4,920	95	295	135	19,835
5-9	13,830	5,040	135	265	155	19,420
10-14	14,710	6,005	260	310	140	21,425
Total	42,930	15,975	485	865	430	60,675

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age of youngest child	Number of mothers	Participation rate (%)
0-2	77,300	64.4
3-5	59,500	74.6
6-15	176,800	82.1

**SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)****Number of regulated child care spaces***Centre-based<sup>1</sup> (2011/2012)*

Age group	Full-day	Part-day	Total
Group child care (under 3 years)	7,299	-	7,299
Group child care (30 months-school-age)	25,084	-	25,084
Preschool (nursery school)	-	21,261	21,261
School-age (including kindergarten)	-	31,281	31,281
Emergency care	-	-	-
Special needs	-	-	-
Group multi-age child care	2,008	-	2,008
<b>Total centre-based spaces</b>	<b>34,391</b>	<b>52,542</b>	<b>86,933</b>

*Total family child care spaces (2011/12)<sup>2</sup>*

15,975

**Total number of regulated spaces (2011/2012)****102,908****Children with special needs in regulated child care (2011/2012)** 10,000<sup>3</sup>**Children receiving fee subsidies in regulated child care (2011/2012 –monthly average)**

Age group <sup>4</sup>	Total
Under 3 years	4,040
3-4 years	8,395
School-age (includes kindergarten – 5 year-olds)	5,953

**Average monthly number of children receiving fee subsidies in regulated care<sup>5</sup>****18,286**

1,2 Information shows the number of licensed group child care spaces that received Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) in 2011/12. Information on the number of child care spaces that do not receive CCOF is not available and is therefore not included in the totals; however, the majority of licensed child care providers in the province receive operating funding.

3 This represents children receiving special needs support through the Supported Child Development (SCD) program (2011/12) in both regulated and unregulated child care. The number of children receiving SCD services in regulated child care only is not available. The figure is cumulative over the year, so is not comparable to other provinces/territories.

4 These are monthly averages for 2011/12. The age groups have changed slightly to account for a new definition of school age.

5 Subsidies may also be used in unregulated child care. The number of these is not available. (See Other Funding, below).

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**Number of child care programs**
*Centre-based*

Full-day (0-3 years and 3-5 years)	1,351
Part-day nursery schools/preschools (30 months – school entry)	1,100
After-school programs	1,123
Other (emergency, specialized)	N/A
Multi-age	224

*Total centre-based programs* 2,864

*School-based child care centres*

For children younger than school-age	470
For school-age children (includes kindergarten-age five year-olds)	478

(Included in centre-based)

*Family child care (2011/2012)*

Number of (CCOF <sup>5</sup> ) funded and licensed family child care providers	2,213
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**Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces (2011/2012)***Non-profit*

Age group	Full-day	Part-day
Group child care (under 36 months)	3,922	-
Group child care 30-months-school-age	12,054	-
Preschool	-	12,503
School-age	-	19,271
Emergency care	-	-
Special needs	-	-
Group multi-age child care	596	-
<i>Total centre-based non-profit spaces full-and part-day</i>	16,572	31,774

**Total centre-based non-profit spaces 48,346**

*For-profit*

Age group	Full-day	Part-day
Group child care (under 36 months)	3,377	-
Group child care 30 months-school-age	13,050	-
Preschool	-	8,778
School-age	-	12,030
Emergency care	-	-
Special needs	-	-
Group multi-age child care	1,412	-
<i>Total centre-based for-profit spaces full- and part-day</i>	17,839	20,808

**Total centre-based for-profit spaces 38,647**

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5 Programs receiving Child Care Operating Funds.

**PROVINCIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012 )****One-time funding**

Minor capital	\$200,000
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**Recurring funding**

Child Care Operating Fund (CCOF)	70,732,000
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Supported Child Development Program (SCDP) <sup>6</sup>	56,634,000
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<b>Fee subsidies in regulated child care</b>	<b>99,585,000</b>
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<b>Total regulated child care</b>	<b>\$227,151,000</b>
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**Other funding**

Child Care Resource and Referral	\$9,671,000
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Child care fee subsidies in unregulated child care	39,306,000
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Family Resource Programs	1,260,000
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Child Care Awards of Excellence	20,000
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<sup>6</sup> Includes children receiving SCD services in both regulated and unregulated child care. Expenditure for children receiving SCD services in regulated child care only is not available.

## OVERVIEW

Regulated child care and kindergarten in the Northwest Territories are both under the Department of Education, Culture and Employment (Early Childhood and School Services). Kindergarten may be full or part-day; most kindergartens are full-day. All regulated child care is non-profit with several part-day programs operated by school boards. Regulated family child care homes are termed regulated day homes.

Note that 2012 data was not available from the NWT; this section mostly uses 2010 data from *Public investments in early childhood education and care 2010* (<http://www.ecd-elcc.ca/eng/ecd/ececc/page15.shtml>)

## TERRITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Department of Education, Culture and Employment  
Government of the Northwest Territories  
Lahm Ridge Tower, 3rd Floor  
P.O. Box 1320  
Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2L9

Government website:

<http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/early-childhood-and-school-services/early-childhood>

## TERRITORIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	682
1	660
2	687
3	630
4	657
5	605
6	651
7	644
8	617
9	578
10	583
11	635
12	567
Total	8,196

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	2,029
3-5	1,892
6-12	4,275
Total	8,196

**Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (2012 rounded estimate)**

Age	Number of children
0-2	1,200
3-5	1,000
6-12	2,800
Total	5,000

**Children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Métis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	1,355	285	485	0	0	2,140
5-9	1,240	250	420	0	25	1,950
10-14	1,335	240	355	10	15	1,960
Total	3,930	785	1,265	20	45	6,040

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

These current data are not yet available

**SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2010)<sup>1</sup>****Number of regulated child care spaces***Centre-based*

Age group	Number of spaces
Infant (0-2 years)	126
Preschool (2-5 years) <sup>2</sup>	803
After-school (6-12 years)	456
<i>Total regulated centre-based spaces</i>	1,385

*Family child care*

Infant (0-2 years)	98
Preschool (2-5 years)	204
After-school (6-12 years)	98
<i>Total family child care spaces</i>	400

**Total number of regulated spaces** **1,785**

**Children with special needs in regulated child care**

Information not available.

**Children receiving fee subsidies in regulated child care**

Information not available.

1 2012 data was not available. This section uses 2010 data from *Public investments in early childhood education and care 2010*.

2 All centres are licensed for full-time spaces even though many operate as part-day nursery schools/playschools. Of the 803 preschool spaces for children age 2-5, 321 operate as part-day spaces.

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**Numbers of child care programs (2010)**

<i>Centre-based</i>	
Full-day centres	26
Part-day nursery schools/preschools	20
Stand-alone school-age centres	13
<i>Total centre-based programs</i>	59
<i>School-based child care centres</i>	
For preschool-age children	14
For school-age children (Included in centre-based)	10
<i>Family child care</i>	
Individually licensed family child care providers	49

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**Sponsorship**

All centres are currently non-profit and family day homes are considered to be non-profit.

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**TERRITORIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2009/10)**

<b>One-time funding</b>	none
<b>Recurring funding</b>	\$1,500,000
<b>Start-up and operating grants<sup>2</sup></b>	
<b>Fee subsidies<sup>3</sup></b>	1,042,000
<b>Total<sup>4</sup></b>	<b>\$2,542,000</b>

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2 All licensed non-profit centres and family child care homes are eligible for start-up and operating funding. Breakdown between one-time start-up and ongoing operating grants is not available.

3 The fee subsidy budget includes subsidies used in both regulated and unregulated child care.

4 The budget allocations for fee subsidies and operating grants remains unchanged from 2004/05. However, in 2004/05 both budgets were under spent. In 2005/06 the expenditures for the operating grants came close to the amount allocated.



## OVERVIEW

One department has responsibility for Nunavut’s regulated child care and kindergarten— Education. Kindergarten for five year olds is a part-day program. Regulated child care programs for children 0-12 years are all non-profit. Family child care homes are termed family day homes in Nunavut.

### TERRITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE

Early Childhood Development Manager  
 Department of Education  
 Government of Nunavut  
 Box 1000, Station 910  
 Iqaluit, NU X0A 0H0

Government website:

<http://www.edu.gov.nu.ca/>. This links to a page that allows allows a choice of language.  
 English page - <http://www.edu.gov.nu.ca/apps/authoring/dspPage.aspx?page=30>

## TERRITORIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (July 2012 estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	812
1	783
2	811
3	729
4	736
5	674
6	633
7	691
8	718
9	680
10	648
11	684
12	717
Total	9,316

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (July 2012 estimate)

Age	Number of children
0-2	2,406
3-5	2,139
6-12	4,771
Total	9,316

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### Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (rounded estimate 2012)

Age	Number of children
0-2	700
3-5	900
6-12	2,200
Total	3,800

**Children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Métis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	15	0	3,755	0	0	3,775
5-9	10	10	3,175	0	0	3,195
10-14	10	10	2,980	0	0	3,000
Total	30	15	9,915	10	0	9,970

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Current data is not yet available.

**SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)****Number of regulated child care spaces***Centre-based*

Age group	Full-day	Part-day	Total
Infant (under two years)	172	-	172
Preschool (two years-school entry)	522	255	777
School-age (kindergarten-12 years)	-	147	147

*Family child care*

Infant (under two years)	2	-	2
Preschool (two years-school entry)	4	-	4
School-age (kindergarten-12 years)	-	2	2

<b>Total number of regulated child care spaces</b>	<b>700</b>	<b>404</b>	<b>1,104</b>
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**Children with special needs in regulated child care**

Information not available.

**Children receiving fee subsidies in regulated child care**

The number of children is not available but 75 families received subsidies through the Daycare User Subsidy and 89 families received subsidies through the Young Parents Stay Learning program during the fiscal year ending March 31, 2012.

**Number of child care programs***Centre-based*

Full-day centres	31
Part-day nursery schools/preschools	14
Stand-alone after-school programs	7
<b>Total number of centre-based programs</b>	<b>52</b>

*School-based child care centres*

For preschool-age children	16
For school-age children	4
(Included in centre-based)	

<i>Family child care homes</i>	1
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**Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces**

Non-profit <sup>1</sup>	1,104
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**TERRITORIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012)****One time funding**

Igloolik Capital Fund <sup>2</sup>	\$235,000
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**Recurring funding**

Start-up and operating grants <sup>3</sup>	2,150,000
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**Fee subsidies**

Daycare user subsidy <sup>4</sup>	502,000
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Young Parents Stay Learning <sup>5</sup>	140,000
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<b>Total regulated child care</b>	<b>\$3,027,000</b>
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**Other Funding**

Healthy Children Initiative <sup>6</sup>	\$908,000
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DEA-ECE Language/Cultural Funding <sup>7</sup>	1,600,000
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- 1 All child care centres in Nunavut are non-profit. Family day homes are considered to be non-profit.
- 2 One time capital funding to assist in the cost of building or renovating for the only community in Nunavut that did not have a physical space for a licensed full-time day care.
- 3 A breakdown between one-time start-up and ongoing operating grants is not available.
- 4 The fee subsidy budget includes spending on both regulated and unregulated child care.
- 5 The allocation for the Young Parents Stay Learning program is not comparable to previous years due to changes in parameters. In 2009/10 the actual spending was considerably higher than the allocation.
- 6 Funding for early childhood programs to enhance the development opportunities of children 0 to 6 years of age. This can be used for licensed or unlicensed early childhood programs.
- 7 Funding for District Education Authorities to provide/support early childhood programs that enhance the fluency of the Inuit language and knowledge of the Inuit culture. This can be used for licensed or unlicensed early childhood programs

# Yukon

## OVERVIEW

Regulated child care is under the aegis of Health and Social Services. Kindergarten is the responsibility of the Department of Education in Yukon and is part of the public school system. It may be part-day or full-day for five year olds. In some local communities there is also part-day kindergarten for four year olds.

Regulated child care for 0-12 year olds is for-profit and non-profit, with a predominance of for-profit services; there are no publicly operated programs. Regulated family child care homes are called family day homes and are individually licensed.

## TERRITORIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR CHILD CARE

Child Care Services Unit  
Yukon Health and Social Services  
Government of the Yukon  
P.O. Box 2703 Whitehorse, YT Y1A 2C6

Government website:

<http://www.hss.gov.yk.ca/childcareunit.php>

## TERRITORIAL CONTEXT

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### Number of children 0-12 years (2012 rounded estimate)

Age	Number of children
0	384
1	391
2	391
3	439
4	394
5	424
6	416
7	435
8	437
9	417
10	432
11	419
12	390
Total	5,369

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### Number of children 0-12 years (aggregated) (estimate 2012)

Age	Number of children
0-2	1,166
3-5	1,257
6-12	2,946
Total	5,369

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### Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers (aggregated) (rounded estimate 2012)

Age	Number of children
0-2	700
3-5	800
6-12	1,800
Total	3,300

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**Children 0-14 years identifying with an Aboriginal group (2011)**

Age	First Nations	Métis	Inuit	Multiple	Other	Total
0-4	515	55	20	0	0	605
5-9	500	75	0	0	0	595
10-14	620	70	20	0	0	720
Total	1,630	205	55	15	15	1,920

**Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child (2012 rounded estimate)**

Current data is not yet available.

**SPACE STATISTICS (MARCH 2012)****Number of regulated child care spaces***Centre-based (licensed capacity)*

Total regulated centre-based spaces 1,204

(Age breakdown - occupied spaces)

Age group	Occupied spaces
Infants (up to 18 months)	71
Toddlers (18 - 36 months)	217
Preschool (36 months - school-age)	406
School-age	208

Total number of occupied centre-based spaces 902

*Family child care (capacity)*

Total family child care spaces 236

(Age breakdown - occupied spaces)

Age group	Occupied spaces
Infants	16
Toddlers	64
Preschool-age	92
School-age	49

Total number of occupied family child care spaces 221

**Total number of regulated child care spaces 1,440**

**Children with special needs in regulated child care (estimated) 50**

**Children receiving fee subsidies 518**

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**Numbers of child care programs**

<i>Centre-based</i>	
Full-day centres	33
Stand-alone after-school programs	2
<i>Total centre-based programs</i>	35
<i>School-based programs</i>	
For preschool-age children (Included in centre-based)	1
<i>Family child care</i>	
Individual family child care providers	30

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**Sponsorship of regulated centre-based spaces**

Non-profit	430
For-profit	774

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**TERRITORIAL ALLOCATIONS FOR REGULATED CHILD CARE (2011/2012)**
**Recurring funding**

Unit funding	\$4,114,000
Supports to children with special needs	470,000

**Fee subsidies** **\$3,077,000**

**Total regulated child care** **\$7,661,000**

**Other Funding**

Whitehorse Child Development Centre	\$1,844,402
Yukon College – ECD Course Funding	40,000

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# Comparative tables

**TABLE 1**

Regulated child care spaces, % of 0-12 year olds for whom there is a regulated space and % of 0-5 year olds for whom there is a regulated full/part-time centre space. Provinces/territories/Canada total 2012

	Centre-based full- and part-day child care spaces for 0-5	School-age child care spaces	Regulated family child care spaces <sup>1</sup>	Total regulated spaces 0-12	Children 0-12 for whom there is a regulated child care <sup>2</sup> space (%)	Children 0-5 for whom there is a regulated full or part-time centre <sup>3</sup> space (%)
NL	5,638	957	605	7,200	11.2	18.9
PE	3,071 <sup>4</sup>	952	28	4,051	20.8	46.5 <sup>4</sup>
NS	12,940	3,397	984	17,321	15.1	23.9
NB	10,684 <sup>4</sup>	10,229	782	21,695	22.9	30.7 <sup>4</sup>
QC	153,481 <sup>4</sup>	162,992 <sup>5</sup>	85,095	401,568	37.4	36.3 <sup>4</sup>
ON	176,157	99,743	17,097	292,997	15.4	20.8
MB	18,325	9,219	3,046	30,614	16.3	20.5
SK	8,909	1,301	2,065	12,275	7.6	11.5
AB	58,154	22,265	11,465	91,884	15.3	19.9
BC	55,652 <sup>4</sup>	31,281	15,975	102,908	18	24.6 <sup>4</sup>
NT <sup>6</sup>	929	456	400	1,785	21.7	22.9
NU	949	147	8	1,104	11.8	20.8
YT <sup>7</sup>	694	208	236	1,440	26.8	28.6
<b>CA</b>	<b>503,229</b>	<b>343,156</b>	<b>137,746</b>	<b>986,842</b>	<b>20.5</b>	<b>22.5</b>

1 Note that regulated family child care does not necessarily use the concept of “spaces” in the same way that it is used in centre-based child care; this figure may represent enrolment, not licensed capacity.

2 This calculation uses all regulated child care spaces – centre-based and family child care.

3 The total number of regulated spaces including regulated family child care cannot be used here as some of the provinces/territories cannot provide age breakdowns.

4 This number was calculated for children 0-4 years old; in PEI, NB and BC 2012 figures are not directly comparable to figures in earlier editions of ECEC in Canada. (QC’s figures are comparable to figures from previous years). Five-year-olds in these provinces are included in school-age child care spaces and attend full-day kindergarten in the public education system.

5 The total number of Quebec school-age spaces is from 2008. More recent information was not available.

6 The NT figures represent 2010 data; more recent information was not available.

7 YT provided total occupied spaces and total regulated spaces, but breakdown by type of service only for occupied spaces. Thus, the sum of centre-based, school-age and family child care do not equal the total regulated spaces above. Total regulated spaces have been used in the Canada total and in calculating coverage 0-12; the occupied space figure was used for calculating coverage 0-5.

**TABLE 2** Selected characteristics of kindergarten. Provinces/territories 2012

	Full-/part-day for five year-olds?	Availability for four year-olds	Ministry/Department responsible	Is same Ministry/Department also responsible for child care?
<b>NL</b>	Part-day	No	Education	No—child care in Child, Youth and Family Services
<b>PE</b>	Full school-day	No	Education and Early Childhood Development	Yes
<b>NS</b>	Full school-day	Some	Education and Early Childhood Development	Yes <sup>1</sup>
<b>NB</b>	Full school-day	No	Education and Early Childhood Development	Yes
<b>QC</b>	Full school-day	Some	Ministère de l'éducation, du Loisir et du Sport	No – child care in Ministère de la Famille et des Aînés
<b>ON</b>	Full school-day <sup>2</sup>	Yes—shift to full school-day in process	Education, Early Learning Division	Yes
<b>MB</b>	Part-day	Some	Education	No—child care in Family Services and Consumer Affairs
<b>SK</b>	Part-day	Some <sup>3</sup>	Education (Curriculum and E-Learning branch)	Yes—child care in the Early Learning branch with Pre-K
<b>AB</b>	Part-day	Some <sup>4</sup>	Education	No—child care in Human Services
<b>BC</b>	Full school-day	No	Education	No—child care in Children and Family Development and Health
<b>NT</b>	Full and part-day	No	Education, Culture and Employment	Yes
<b>NU</b>	Part-day	No	Education	Yes
<b>YT</b>	Full and part-day	Some	Education	No—child care in Health and Social Services

1 Shift announced; in process.

2 Will be fully implemented by 2014.

3 Pre kindergarten for three and four year olds is provided part-day in targeted communities for vulnerable children.

4 Kindergarten is part of Early Childhood Services (ECS); services may be available for preschool-age children younger than age five with a variety of special needs.



**TABLE 3a** Average (median) full-time monthly parent fees<sup>1</sup> in full-day centres by age group. Provinces/Canada total 2012

Province <sup>2</sup>	Infants (\$)	Toddlers (\$)	Pre-schoolers (\$)
NL	n/a	773	783
PE	696	566	544
NS	825	694	685
NB	740	653	620
QC	152	152	152
ON	1,152	925	835
MB	631	431	431
SK	650	561	535
AB	900	825	790
BC	1,047	907	761
CA <sup>3</sup>	<b>761</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>674</b>

**TABLE 3b** Average monthly parent fees by age group. Territories 2010<sup>4</sup>

Territory	Infants (\$)	Toddlers (\$)	Pre-schoolers (\$)
NT	900	n/a	600
NU	650	n/a	650
YT	690	630	600

1 Source: *You Bet We Still Care!*, conducted by Flanagan, Beach and Varmuza for the Child Care Human Resources Sector Council (2013). Territorial specific data was not available due to the small number of responses.

2 In Quebec, Manitoba and PEI, province-wide parent fees are set by the provincial government.

3 Canada average fees include territorial data from *You Bet We Still Care!*

4 Data source for parent fees in the Northwest Territories, Nunavut and Yukon is territorial government data in *Public Investment in Early Childhood Education and Care in Canada 2010* (HRSDC, 2013). There were too few territorial responses to the *You Bet We Still Care!* survey to calculate 2012 fees.

**TABLE 4** Average (median) gross hourly wages. Provinces/Canada total 2012 (1998 figures adjusted for inflation for comparison)<sup>1</sup>

Province <sup>2</sup>	Program directors	Program staff	Program staff
	2012 (\$)	2012 (\$)	1998 (\$)
NL	16.00	14.00	9.39
PE	21.00	15.00	10.42
NS	17.56	12.84	11.62
NB	15.00	13.50	9.42
QC	32.64	19.13	13.89
ON	22.50	17.29	17.76
MB	24.70	16.00	13.28
SK	22.14	14.92	14.03
AB	20.00	15.33	11.18
BC	20.83	17.00	16.20
<b>Canada</b>	<b>22.00</b>	<b>16.50</b>	<b>15.36</b>

1 Date source for staff and director wages - the *You Bet We Still Care!* survey conducted by the Child Care Human Resources Sector Council (Flanagan, Beach and Varmuza, 2013).

2 2012 data specific to the territories was not available from *You Bet We Still Care!* as there were too few responses. Territorial data was however included in the Canada-wide averages. For data on wages in the territories see previous editions of *ECEC in Canada*.

**TABLE 5** Minimum post-secondary early childhood training requirements for staff in full-time child care centres. Provinces/territories 2012

	<b>Centre directors</b>	<b>Other full-time staff</b>
<b>NL</b>	Two year ECE diploma	One year ECE certificate/ one staff member per group. Others - 30-60 hour course. In infant care/one year ECE certificate required—all staff.
<b>PE</b>	One year ECE diploma	One staff per centre—one year ECE diploma
<b>NS</b>	Training program in ECE or equivalent	Training program in ECE or equivalent - 2/3 of staff
<b>NB</b>	Director or designate OR ¼ of staff—one year ECE certificate or equivalent <sup>1</sup>	See centre directors
<b>QC</b>	Not specified	2/3 of staff in centres - college/university ECE OR one year.
<b>ON</b>	Two year ECE diploma/approved College of Arts and Technology (CAAT) or equivalent	One staff per group—two year ECE diploma from approved CAAT or equivalent
<b>MB</b>	Post-ECE diploma—continuing education certificate or degree program from an approved Manitoba post-secondary institution	ECE diploma from recognized Manitoba community college or Manitoba Child Care Program's Competency Based Assessment (CBA) program— 2/3 of staff for 0-6 year olds and ½ of staff for school-age and nursery school. All—40 hours of approved training within first year of work
<b>SK</b>	Two year ECE diploma <sup>2</sup>	50% of staff - one year ECE. All—120 hour child care orientation course
<b>AB</b>	Two year ECE diploma	25% of staff - one year ECE certificate. All—orientation course or equivalent ECE-related course work (45 hours).
<b>BC</b>	Not specified	With infant/toddler groups up to 36 months -one staff with basic ECE training (902 hrs) at approved training institution plus one infant/toddler educator with specialized post-basic training (200 hours). With groups 30 months to school-age - one staff with basic ECE training.
<b>NT</b>	No training required	No training required
<b>NU</b>	No training required	No training required
<b>YT</b>	Not specified	20% of staff—two year ECD training or degree in Health and Social Services or Education plus 60 hour course. Additional 30% of staff—one year ECD training. All others—60 hour course.

1 All facilities not meeting staff qualification requirements by April 2006 were required to submit an action plan detailing how they would meet it.

2 Directors appointed to a centre director position prior to July 2001 require a one-year certificate or equivalent but must upgrade to a two-year diploma if they accept employment with another centre.

**TABLE 6** Regulated family child care: Required ECE training and administrative model. Provinces/territories 2012

	<b>Required ECE training</b>	<b>Agency model or individually licensed providers</b>
<b>NL</b>	Minimum course ( 30 hours every three years)	Both agency model and individual license
<b>PE</b>	Minimum course (30 hours)	Individual license
<b>NS</b>	Minimum course—Level 1/Canadian Child Care Federation family day care training	Agency model
<b>NB</b>	None	Individual license
<b>QC</b>	Minimum course ( 45 hours + 6 hours each year)	Agency model, includes group family child care
<b>ON</b>	None	Agency model
<b>MB</b>	Minimum course (40 hours/community college)	Individual license, includes group family child care
<b>SK</b>	Minimum course (40 hours )	Individual license
<b>AB</b>	Not specified – Agencies must develop appropriate training in described areas Group family child care - Minimum course (45 hours)	Agency model (contracted and approved, not licensed) and licensed group family child care homes
<b>BC</b>	Minimum course ( 20 hours)	Individual license
<b>NT</b>	None	Individual license
<b>NU</b>	None	Individual license
<b>YT</b>	Minimum course (60 hours, family day home course or equivalent)	Individual license

TABLE 7

Number of children 0-12 years (rounded estimates in 1000s)<sup>1</sup>. Provinces/territories/Canada total 1992-2012

	1992		1995		1998		2001		2003		2005		2007		2009		2012	
	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12
NL	45	63	41	57	34	52	30	46	31	41	29	39	28	37	28	36	29.8	34
PE	12	14	11	14	10	14	10	13	9	13	8	12	9	12	8	11	8.2	11.2
NS	74	86	70	86	64	89	61	80	55	77	51	75	49	69	53	65	54	60.7
NB	57	72	56	70	51	68	49	63	46	63	44	58	40	56	44	52	43.5	51
QC	502	655	565	627	527	646	460	656	443	634	435	604	468	554	455	560	513	559.6
ON	848	964	899	1,024	875	1,098	844	1,100	832	1,097	822	1,097	812	1,071	828	1,032	845.6	1,046.5
MB	98	111	92	106	87	108	79	107	76	104	77	102	78	97	77	98	89	98.4
SK	94	112	85	107	77	106	76	93	69	91	67	81	64	81	71	80	77.4	83.8
AB	250	279	242	289	231	301	233	289	218	298	228	284	246	295	260	299	290.8	307.4
BC	266	312	286	338	289	351	248	353	255	329	233	341	244	324	257	314	268.2	302.3
NT	9	8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	4	3.9	4.2
NU	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	5	4	5	4	5	4	5	4.5	4.7
YT	2	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	3	2	3	2	3	2	3	2.4	2.9
CA <sup>2</sup>	2,257 <sup>3</sup>	2,680	2,347	2,719	2,245	2,832	2,090	2,801	2,048	2,764	2,004	2,705	2,049	2,608	2,093	2,558	2,230	2,566

1 Further age breakdowns are available in each provincial/territorial chapter and in previous editions of ECEC in Canada.

2 Totals may not add up due to rounding.

3 There are no figures for NU, as it did not exist at this time. Data for the other territories was not regularly available until 2003.

**TABLE 8** Number of children 0-12 years with employed mothers<sup>1</sup> (rounded estimate in 1000s)<sup>2</sup>

	1992		1995		1998		2001		2003		2005		2007		2009		2012	
	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12
NL	26	33	22	33	19	30	18	31	17	25	15	23	16	23	15	23	17.4	22.2
PE	8	9	8	10	8	11	7	10	6	10	6	9	6	8	6	8	5.8	8.1
NS	44	49	40	53	38	59	40	57	35	51	33	51	30	47	32	44	34.4	42.9
NB	33	38	30	43	31	44	32	45	28	41	28	39	26	39	30	37	27	34.6
QC	315	305	325	400	325	424	304	469	286	424	291	409	320	395	305	389	354.7	391.4
ON	539	556	539	711	546	774	538	787	495	730	508	742	504	725	500	688	524.3	694
MB	51	59	55	76	54	79	49	79	46	72	45	70	47	67	42	63	49.1	62.6
SK	59	67	55	80	47	77	47	66	43	64	41	57	39	57	45	58	46.9	56.5
AB	149	158	154	211	138	207	135	206	118	198	127	187	140	202	141	198	160.1	199.4
BC	154	182	162	245	168	234	147	241	148	210	139	223	144	215	151	200	150.9	201.4
NT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.4	3.2	2.3	3	2.6	3	2.1	2.5	2.2	2.8
NU	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	1.6	2.2
YT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.9	1.8	1.1	1.8	1.1	1.6	1.3	1.6	1.5	1.8
CA <sup>3</sup>	1,378 <sup>4</sup>	1,456	1,390	1,862	1,375	1,939	1,317	1,991	1,224	1,829	1,236	1,815	1,275	1,783	1,268	1,711	1,376	1,720

1 This data was reported in previous versions of *ECEC in Canada* as “Children 0-12 Years with Mothers in the Paid Labour Force”. The current report uses the term “employed mothers”; it is comparable to the data labelled “Children 0-12 Years with Mothers in the Paid Labour Force” in all previous versions of this report. The earlier term was ambiguous; it could be interpreted as either mothers in the labour force (not all of whom are paid) or only those in the labour force who are paid (technically the same as “employed”).

2 Further age breakdowns are available in each provincial/territorial chapter and in previous editions of *ECEC in Canada*.

3 Totals may not add up due to rounding.

4 Canada total figures did not include NT or YT until 2003, while figures for NU were not included until 2012.

TABLE 9

Workforce participation rate of mothers by age of youngest child (% , rounded estimate). Provinces/territories/Canada total 1995-2012

	1995 (%)			1998 (%)			2001 (%)			2003 (%)			2005 (%)			2007 (%)			2009 (%)			2012 (%)		
	0-2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-15 yrs	0-2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-15 yrs	0-2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-15 yrs	0-2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-15 yrs	0-2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-15 yrs	0-2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-15 yrs	0-2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-15 yrs	0-2 yrs	3-5 yrs	6-15 yrs
NL	55	62	63	58	63	64	64	66	74	71	67	78	66	71	77	66	74	80	68	73	83	67.7	78.4	82.6
PE	n/a	n/a	82	81	83	83	77	79	85	78	82	87	81	84	87	78	85	86	76	83	88	78.4	82.1	88.3
NS	63	64	72	63	70	73	71	72	78	71	77	81	76	77	82	70	78	83	68	83	84	73.7	77.2	85.6
NB	59	64	72	64	69	74	67	74	79	70	75	79	71	80	82	76	77	83	76	81	84	72.9	79.7	84.2
QC	61	67	75	65	67	75	67	75	79	73	77	83	74	79	83	74	80	85	73	78	86	77.0	80.8	86.2
ON	64	68	78	65	72	79	67	74	82	68	74	83	69	76	84	68	79	84	69	75	83	70.6	75.3	83.3
MB	62	73	82	62	76	83	66	75	86	68	77	86	64	76	85	66	76	88	62	71	86	65.7	73.7	85.3
SK	61	74	82	65	73	84	65	74	82	67	77	86	67	77	87	69	77	87	70	77	89	64.7	80.4	84.9
AB	62	74	82	64	71	84	60	71	84	59	71	86	63	69	81	61	73	84	63	70	86	60.1	73.3	83.5
BC	58	66	77	62	67	77	63	69	77	67	74	79	64	76	79	65	71	81	66	75	80	64.4	74.6	82.1
NT <sup>1</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	64	75	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NU <sup>1</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	51	69	73	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YT <sup>1</sup>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	74	81	92	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA	<b>61</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>69.7</b>	<b>76.6</b>	<b>84.0</b>

1 Territorial information for 1995, 1998, 2003 and 2005 was not available. Territorial information for 2007, 2009 and 2012 is available but due to the use of different age categories, the information is not equivalent to other provinces so is not included here. For the most recent information for the territories, see individual territorial sections.

TABLE 10

Total number<sup>1</sup> of regulated child care spaces. Provinces/territories/Canada total 1992 – 2012

	1992	1995	1998	2001	2004	2006	2007	2008	2010	2012
NL	3,568	4,202	4,275	4,226	4,921	5,642	5,868	5,972	6,200	7,200
PE <sup>2</sup>	4,123	3,888	3,717	4,270	4,100	4,051	4,293	4,424	5,084	4051
NS	10,826	10,645	11,163	11,464	12,759	12,982	13,247	13,711	15,295	17,321
NB	7,162	7,952	9,204	11,086	11,897	13,163	14,170	15,506	18,785	21,695
QC <sup>3</sup>	78,388	111,452	175,002	234,905	321,732	361,533 <sup>4</sup>	364,572	368,909	379,386	401,568
ON	145,545	147,853	167,090 <sup>5</sup>	173,135 <sup>5</sup>	206,743	229,875	242,488	256,748	276,410	292,997
MB	18,977	18,846	20,490	23,022	25,634	25,984	26,375	27,189	29,382	30,614
SK	6,418	7,266	7,124	7,166	7,910	8,712	8,850	9,173	10,848	12,275
AB	51,656	51,088	47,033	47,693	63,351 (46,238) <sup>6</sup>	66,288 (47,587) <sup>6</sup>	71,177 (52,528) <sup>6</sup>	73,981 (54,499) <sup>6</sup>	82,050 (62,980) <sup>6</sup>	91,884 (69,610) <sup>6</sup>
BC	42,927	59,794	68,978	72,949	80,230	79,190	82,386	87,538	97,170	102,908
NT	963	1,286	1,351	1,234	1,219	1,525	1,703	1,768	1,785	n/a
NU	n/a	n/a	n/a	932	1,014	987	970	1,013	1,015	1,104
YT	1,020	1,060	1,307	1,348	1,369	1,330	1,293	1,262	1,431	1,440
<b>CA</b>	<b>371,573</b>	<b>425,332</b>	<b>516,734</b>	<b>593,430</b>	<b>745,925</b>	<b>811,262</b>	<b>837,392</b>	<b>867,194</b>	<b>921,841</b>	<b>986,842</b>

1 These figures include full-day and part-day (nursery schools or preschools) centres for children under compulsory school-age, regulated family child care and school-age centre-based care. In most cases, these figures represent licensed capacity, not enrolment. Refer to provincial/territorial sections for further information.

2 Publicly funded kindergarten was part of the regulated child care system in PEI between 2000 and September 2010. For the purpose of comparison with other provinces, part-day kindergarten spaces in child care centres were not included in these space figures before 2012, so 2012 figures are not directly comparable to earlier figures.

3 Quebec's figures include school-age spaces under the Ministry of Education.

4 In 2006 a figure for school-age spaces in Quebec was not available. At that time, we calculated an estimate based on the ECEC in Canada 2004 figure of 141,977 school-age spaces, expanded using the same percentage increase as the increase in total centre-based spaces for children aged 0-4 from 2004-2006 – 13.7%. Quebec school-age figures were available in 2006 and 2008 but not in 2010 or 2012. The 2008 school-age space figure was used in 2010 and in these 2012 calculations.

5 Ontario's figures for total regulated spaces may not be comparable from year to year. In some years, Ontario was not able to determine whether regulated family child care spaces were or were not included in total regulated spaces.

6 School-age child care in Alberta became regulated for the first time in 2004. For purpose of comparison with previous years, the 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2010 and 2012 figures include total number of spaces with and without school-age care.



**TABLE 11** Total allocations for regulated child care (in unadjusted dollars rounded). Provinces/territories/Canada total 1992 – 2011/2012

	1992 (\$)	1995 (\$)	1998 (\$)	2001 (\$)	2003/04 (\$)	2005/06 (\$)	2007/08 (\$)	2009/10 (\$)	2011/2012 (\$)
<b>NL</b>	1,668,000	2,980,000	3,300,000	7,753,000	9,636,000	12,322,000 <sup>1</sup>	19,844,000	20,523,000	21,224,505
<b>PE<sup>2</sup></b>	2,766,000	1,683,000	2,578,000	4,230,000	4,682,000	4,725,000	6,227,000	6,432,000	12,471,400
<b>NS</b>	11,421,000	11,844,000	15,685,000	12,892,000	19,768,000	23,695,000	37,150,000	39,033,000	43,221,873
<b>NB</b>	3,646,000	3,200,000	5,523,000	11,823,000	13,900,000	22,475,000	26,236,000	28,936,000	35,000,000
<b>QC</b>	140,726,000	203,695,000	299,860,000	1,092,428,000	1,560,000,000 <sup>3</sup>	1,678,879,000	1,730,574,000	1,998,720,000 <sup>4</sup>	2,392,649,000 <sup>4</sup>
<b>ON</b>	420,140,000	541,800,000	470,500,000	451,500,000	497,400,000	(534,100,000) <sup>5</sup> 830,100,000	780,400,000 <sup>5</sup>	801,800,000 <sup>5</sup>	865,100,000 <sup>5</sup>
<b>MB</b>	42,152,000	45,204,000	45,189,000	62,876,400	73,004,000	86,327,000	105,983,000	116,551,000	134,345,200
<b>SK</b>	12,307,000	12,714,000	15,746,000	16,388,000	19,639,000	22,773,000	47,134,000	53,716,000	62,653,151
<b>AB</b>	66,613,000	67,623,000	54,297,000	57,500,000	53,600,000	72,470,000	105,733,000	190,627,000	209,769,762
<b>BC<sup>6</sup></b>	55,798,000	98,681,000	128,865,000	164,563,000	140,725,000	176,108,000	216,740,000	227,514,000	227,151,000
<b>NT</b>	2,286,000	1,708,000	2,271,000	1,602,000	2,542,000	2,542,000	2,542,000	2,542,000	Not available <sup>7</sup>
<b>NU</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	1,865,000	1,786,000	2,315,000	2,470,000	2,775,000	3,027,000
<b>YT</b>	2,438,000	4,148,000	4,764,000	4,440,000	5,197,000	5,409,000	6,409,000	7,359,000	7,661,000
<b>CA</b>	<b>761,959,000</b>	<b>995,279,000</b>	<b>1,048,579,000</b>	<b>1,889,804,000</b>	<b>2,401,879,000</b>	<b>2,940,140,000</b>	<b>3,087,443,000</b>	<b>3,496,528,000</b>	<b>4,016,815,891</b>

1 This is an estimated expenditure provided by provincial officials.

2 Between 2000 and September 2010, PEI's kindergartens were part of the child care system. For the purpose of comparison with other jurisdictions, this calculation does not include PEI's spending on part-day kindergarten between 2000 and 2010. See PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND section for more detail.

3 Estimate.

4 This figure includes 2008 spending on school-age child care; more recent information not available.

5 Ontario's total allocation identified in *ECEC in Canada 2006* did not include \$296 million in the form of grants provided to municipalities under Best Start to support child care capital expansion and operating costs. Municipalities were to spend the funds for capital, fee subsidies, special needs resourcing, wage subsidies and wage improvement but information was not available to identify how or in what year these funds were spent. These funds have been added to the previous total in this table; the previous total allocation figure is in parentheses. Note that the 2007/08, 2009/10 and 2011/12 total allocations include a similar fund.

6 Subsidies in British Columbia may be used in both regulated and unregulated care. At one time, no breakdown was available. At the suggestion of provincial officials, these figures were estimated using 60% of the subsidy allocation in 1992, 55% in 1995, and 50% in 1998 – 2007/08.

7 As data for NT were not available in 2012, the 2010 figures were used in this table.

**TABLE 12** Percent of children 0-5 years for whom there is a regulated full or part-time centre-based child care space. Provinces/territories/Canada total 1992 - 2012

	1992 (%)	1995 (%)	1998 (%)	2001 (%)	2004 (%)	2006 (%)	2008 (%)	2010 (%)	2012 (%)
NL	7.0	9.0	10.8	11.9	13.1	16.5	17.3	17.9	18.9
PE <sup>1</sup>	29.9	29.4	31.0	38.1	38.2	42.2	41.0	41.6	46.5 <sup>2</sup>
NS	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	25.2	22.1	22.6	23.9
NB	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.9	n/a	18.1 <sup>3</sup>	19.9	21.1	30.7 <sup>2</sup>
QC <sup>4</sup>	9.2	9.4	11.5	16.8	22.0	25.6	25.0	28.5	36.3 <sup>2</sup>
ON	12.4	n/a <sup>5</sup>	12.4 (est.)	14.0( est.)	14.9	16.9	19.6	19.7	20.8
MB	12.5	13.6	15.0	17.9	20.2	20.0	20.6	22.8	20.5
SK <sup>4</sup>	3.6	4.4	5.2	5.4	6.7	8.1	9.1	10.5	11.5
AB	17.5	17.9	17.5	17.6	18.9	17.9	17.4	19.8	19.9
BC	9.9	11.0	12.2	14.6	15.6	17.1	18.3	19.8	24.6 <sup>2</sup>
NT	10.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.7	21.0	23.3	22.9	n/a
NU	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	22.8	20.5	20.2	20.5	20.8
YT <sup>4</sup>	25.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	35.9	26.4	28.3	27.8	28.6
CA	<b>11.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>19.1<sup>6</sup></b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>22.5</b>

- 1 PEI introduced publicly-funded part-day kindergarten in September 2000; it was part of the regulated child care system, as it had been before 2000. In September 2010 kindergarten moved to the public education system. For the purpose of comparison with other jurisdictions where kindergarten is under the public education system, the number of children attending part-day kindergarten only have not been included in totals. Therefore, PEI's figures for 2001, 2004, 2006, 2008 and 2010 are not comparable to those of previous years.
- 2 This number was calculated for children 0-4 years old so 2012 figures are not directly comparable to earlier figures in PEI, NB and BC. In these provinces, 5 year olds are now included in school-age child care spaces, not in the preschool-age category (this has also been the practice in Quebec for some years).
- 3 In ECEC in Canada 2006, this figure was reported in error as 29.4%, due to the inclusion of school-age spaces. This has now been corrected by using a provincial estimate.
- 4 Nursery schools (part-time) are not regulated in Quebec, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory, so are not included in these figures.
- 5 Neither an age breakdown nor an estimate was available for Ontario for 1995. The 1992 figure is used in calculating the totals.
- 6 This figure has been amended to include the new information for New Brunswick.

**TABLE 13** Percent of children 0-12 years for whom there is a regulated child care space. Provinces/territories/Canada total 1992 – 2012.

	1992 (%)	1995 (%)	1998 (%)	2001 (%)	2004 (%)	2006 (%)	2008 (%)	2010 (%)	2012 (%)
<b>NL</b>	3.3	4.3	5.0	5.5	6.8	8.3	9.2	9.6	11.2
<b>PE<sup>1</sup></b>	16.2	15.5	15.4	14.0	18.9	20.0	22.2	25.9	20.8
<b>NS</b>	6.8	6.8	7.3	8.1	9.6	10.3	11.6	13.0	15.1
<b>NB</b>	5.5	6.3	7.7	9.9	11.0	12.9	16.2	19.6	22.9
<b>QC<sup>2,3</sup></b>	6.8	9.4	14.9	21.1	29.9	34.8	36.1	37.4	37.4
<b>ON</b>	8.1	7.7	8.5 <sup>4</sup>	8.9 <sup>4</sup>	10.7 <sup>4</sup>	12.0	13.6	14.9	15.4
<b>MB</b>	9.1	9.5	10.5	12.4	14.3	14.5	15.5	16.8	16.3
<b>SK<sup>2</sup></b>	3.1	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.9	5.9	6.3	7.2	7.6
<b>AB</b>	9.7	9.6	8.8	9.1	12.3 (8.9) <sup>5</sup>	12.9 (9.3) <sup>5</sup>	13.7 (10.1) <sup>5</sup>	14.7 (11.3) <sup>5</sup>	19.8 (11.6) <sup>5</sup>
<b>BC</b>	7.4	9.6	10.8	12.1	13.7	13.8	15.4	17.0	18.0
<b>NT</b>	5.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	13.1	17.5	20.5	21.7	n/a
<b>NU</b>	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.6	10.9	11.2	11.3	11.8
<b>YT<sup>2</sup></b>	16.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	29.2	28.4	27.9	29.5	26.8
<b>CA</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>20.5</b>

- 1 PEI introduced publicly-funded part-day kindergarten in September 2000. At that time, kindergarten in PEI was still part of the regulated child care system, as it was before 2000. In September 2010 kindergarten moved to the public education system. For the purpose of comparison with other jurisdictions where kindergarten is under the public education system, the number of children attending part-day kindergarten only have not been included in totals.
- 2 Nursery schools (part-time) are not regulated in Quebec, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory, so are not included in these figures.
- 3 Quebec's figures include school-age spaces which are under the aegis of the Ministry of Education.
- 4 These percentages may not be comparable to those of previous years due to uncertainties about the data.
- 5 School-age child care in Alberta became regulated for the first time in 2004. For purpose of comparison, the 2004, 2006, 2008, 2010 and 2012 figures include total number of spaces with and without school-age care.

TABLE 14

Allocation in unadjusted dollars for each regulated child care space<sup>1</sup>. Provinces/territories/Canada total 1992 – 2012

	1992 \$	1995 \$	1998 \$	2001 \$	2003/04 \$	2005/06 \$	2007/08 \$	2009/10 \$	2011/12 \$
NL	468	709	772	1,835	1,958	2,183	3,323	3,310	2,948
PE <sup>2</sup>	671	433	694	1,334 <sup>1</sup>	1,137 <sup>2</sup>	1,166 <sup>2</sup>	1,407 <sup>2</sup>	1,265 <sup>2</sup>	3,078
NS	1,055	1,113	1,405	1,125	1,549	1,825	2,710	2,552	2,495
NB	509	402	600	1,066	1,168	1,707	1,692	1,540	1,613
QC <sup>3</sup>	1,795	1,828	1,713	4,651	4,849	4,644	4,691	5,268	5,958
ON	2,887	3,664	2,816	2,608	2,406	3,611 <sup>4</sup> (2,323)	3,040 <sup>4</sup>	2,901 <sup>4</sup>	2,952
MB	2,221	2,399	2,205	2,731	2,848	3,322	3,898	3,967	4,388
SK	1,918	1,750	2,210	2,279	2,483	2,614	5,138	4,952	5,104
AB	1,290	1,324	1,154	1,206	846	1,093	1,429	2,323	2,283
BC	1,300	1,650	1,868	2,256	1,754	2,224	2,476	2,341	2,207
NT	2,374	1,328	1,681	1,298	2,085	1,666	1,438	1,424	n/a
NU	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,001	1,091	2,345	2,438	2,733	2,742
YT	2,390	3,914	3,645	4,086	3,796	4,067	5,079	5,143	5,320
CA	<b>2,051</b>	<b>2,340</b>	<b>2,029</b>	<b>3,185</b>	<b>3,223</b>	<b>3,259</b>	<b>3,560</b>	<b>3,792</b>	<b>4,070</b>

1 These figures based on total provincial allocations and total number of regulated child care spaces, therefore are rough approximations of actual allocation per space.

2 2001, 2003/04, 2005/06, 2007/08 and 2009/10 figures for PEI do not include part-day kindergarten expenditure in child care centres or spaces for the purpose of comparison with other jurisdictions.

3 Quebec figures include expenditure on school-age care from the Ministry of Education.

4 Ontario's total allocation in 2005/06 in ECEC in Canada 2006 did not include \$296 million in the form of grants provided to municipalities under Best Start to support child care capital expansion and operating costs. Municipalities were to spend the funds for capital, fee subsidies, special needs resourcing, wage subsidies and wage improvement. Information was not available to identify how or in what year these funds were spent. These funds have been added to the 2005/06 total, thus increasing the allocation per space in this table. The previous total allocation figure is in parentheses. Note that the 2007/08 and 2009/10 allocations include a similar fund. (See ONTARIO section for further explanation.)

**TABLE 15** Percent of regulated centre-based spaces that are for-profit. Provinces/territories/Canada total 1992-2012

	1992 (%)	1995 (%)	1998 (%)	2001 (%)	2004 (%)	2006 (%)	2008 (%)	2010 (%)	2012 (%)
NL	78	66	61	64	73	69	70	72	65
PE	35	32	42	46	70 <sup>1</sup>	56 <sup>1</sup>	58 <sup>1</sup>	58 <sup>1</sup>	80
NS	40	40	43	43	45	46	50	52	53
NB	43	40	n/a	n/a	70 <sup>2</sup>	64 <sup>2</sup>	67 <sup>2</sup>	62	62
QC <sup>3</sup>	18	18	14	14	12	13	14	17	22
ON	24	20	17	17	22	23	24	25	25
MB	10	12	13	8	8	6	5	5	5
SK	6	2	1	1	0	0.6	0	0	0.1
AB	65	62	59	56	54	49	51	50	51
BC	39	39	40	42	n/a	n/a	42	43	44
NT	18	8	3	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
NU	n/a	n/a	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0
YT	14	25	76	27	26	31	36	44	64
<b>CA</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29.4</b>

1 Kindergarten was part of the child care system in PEI until 2010, when it moved into the public school system. For the purpose of comparison with other jurisdictions, PEI figures did not include part-day kindergarten spaces until 2012. Therefore, 2012 figures may not be directly comparable to previous years.

2 Percent estimate provided by provincial officials.

3 QC figures have been calculated including school-age child care spaces which are under the Ministry of Education. The figure used for school-age spaces comes from 2008, as an up-to-date figure was not available.