

Table 3.5 Alberta Percentage of Children Attending ECE Programs by Age Group^a

| Child ages | Number of children ^b | Child care spaces ^c | Early Childhood Services (ECS) – including kindergarten enrolment ^d | Other ECE programs ^e | % children attending ECE program |
|------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| O-1 year | 114,718 | 7,160 | | | 6.2% |
| 2-4 years | 164,561 | 57,434 | 13,017 | 1,560 | 44% |
| 5 years | 53,974 | | 52,894 | | 98% |

- a As of July 1, 2016. Statistics Canada. Note that age breakdowns in table do not exactly match age categories in ECS or in regulated child care age groups.
- b Statistics Canada. Table O51-0001 - Estimates of population, by age group and sex for July 1, Canada, provinces and territories, annual (persons unless otherwise noted). (Accessed: April 24, 2017).
- c Represents spaces and not enrolment
- d Enrolment 2016-2017 for kindergarten includes children starting at 4.5 years. Approximate proportion of grade 1 students who participated in ECS in the prior year.
- e Estimated enrolment in 20 Aboriginal Head Start in Urban and Northern Communities²⁵ and 45 First Nations communities providing Aboriginal Head Start On Reserve.²⁶