

TABLE 3.5 ALBERTA PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN ATTENDING ECE PROGRAMS BY AGE GROUP

Child Ages	Number of Children <sup>a</sup>	Child Care <sup>b</sup>	Early Childhood Services/ Kindergarten	Other ECE Programs <sup>c</sup>	% Children Attending ECEC Programs
0 to <24 months	107,621	14,700			14%
24 months to <5 years	166,734	49,046	37,804 <sup>e</sup>	535	<b>43%</b>
5 years	54,999	<sup>d</sup>	35,723 <sup>f</sup>		65%

a Statistics Canada. Table 17100005; Formerly Table 051-0001 – Estimates of population, by age group and sex for July 1, 2019, Canada, provinces and territories (Accessed: February 24, 2020).

b Represents spaces and not enrolment. Participation is estimated. Child care age groupings do not match the age groupings in the report. To avoid double counting, the percentage of 4-year-olds attending ECS is deducted from the child care count. Please see Methodology for calculation details. Personal Communication. Government of Alberta. Alberta Children's Services. October 2, 2020.

c Reflects children ages 3 to <6 years enrolled in Head Start programs for Urban and Northern communities in 2017/2018. Data for On-reserve head start programs has not been collated due to re-purposing staff for COVID related issues. Personal Communication. Government of Alberta. Alberta Children's Services. October 2, 2020.

d Child care figures are not reported to avoid double counting. It is assumed children attending child care also attend Kindergarten.

e Reflects children 2.8 to <6 years enrolled in Early Childhood Services (73,527) subtracted by the total number of 5-year-old children enrolled in ECS Kindergarten (35,723). Government of Alberta. *Student Population Statistics*. Retrieved from: <https://www.alberta.ca/student-population-statistics.aspx>

f ECS Kindergarten enrolment. Personal Communication. Government of Alberta. Alberta Children's Services. February 14, 2021.