

**TABLE 3.4 NOVA SCOTIA REGULATED CHILD CARE TO MARCH 31, 2020<sup>a</sup>**

**Spaces by age group<sup>b</sup>**

|   |        |
|---|--------|
| Infants (0 to <18 months)                   | 995    |
| Toddlers (18 to <36 months)                 | 4,435  |
| Preschool-aged (36 months to <5 years)      | 7,427  |
| School-aged (5 to <13 years)                | 4,093  |
| Total capacity regulated child care centres | 16,950 |
| Family child care <sup>b,c</sup>            | 282    |
| Total capacity regulated child care         | 17,232 |

**Facilities by type**

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Centre-based programs       | 347   |
| Family child care agencies  | 13    |
| Family child care providers | 217   |
| Spaces by auspice           |       |
| Non-profit                  | 7,462 |
| For-profit                  | 9,487 |

<sup>a</sup> The Nova Scotia government does not license First Nations, Inuit, and Métis child care programs. Funding for First Nations, Inuit, and Métis child care programs is provided by the federal government. Health Canada, *First Nations Head Start Standards Guide*.

<sup>b</sup> Personal communication. Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. August 21, 2020.

<sup>c</sup> There are 1,128 children (ages 0-12) accessing spaces in 197 Approved Family Home Child Care Programs in Nova Scotia. As they are all multi-age group settings, age breakdowns are not available. This number provided is an estimate.