

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

Child Ages	Number of Children ^a	Child Care ^b	Junior Kindergarten / Kindergarten ^c	Other ECE Programs ^d	% Children Attending ECE Programs
0 to <24 months	289,895	38,580 ^e			13%
24 months to < 5 years	438,360	75,667	129,159 ^f		47%
5 years	149,359	n/a ^g	134,536		90%

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: April 24, 2020).

b Includes Aboriginal Head Start programs in Urban and Northern communities and Aboriginal Head Start On Reserve programs.

c 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 Junior Kindergarten is deducted from the child care count. Please see methodology for calculation details. Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. Educational Facts, 2018–2019 (Preliminary). Retrieved from: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/educationFacts.html>

d Does not reflect children between the ages of 0 and 6 years who are served at Ontario EarlyON Child and Family Centres and other child and family programs.

e Includes children from 0 to 18 months (14,151) and children up to 24 months (24,429). Personal Communication, Government of Ontario, Ontario Ministry of Education, October 5, 2020.

f Junior Kindergarten.

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