

TABLE 3.5 ALBERTA ECE CAPACITY TO PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP TO MARCH 31, 2023

Child Ages	Number of Children ^a	Child Care Spaces ^b	Early Childhood Services/ Kindergarten ^c	Other ECE Programs	Capacity to % of Children
0 to <24 months	99,452	22,738			29%
24 months to <5 years	158,059	78,462	11,523		57%
5 years	56,272		55,492		98.6%

^a. Statistics Canada. Table 17-10-0005-01. Population estimates on July 1, 2022, by age and sex (accessed on January 10, 2023).

^b. Spaces are not licensed by age group in Alberta. In addition, Alberta does not break down enrolment by age group for 0 to <2 years, 2 years to <5 years, and 5 years age groups, so calculations were done to approximate the number of spaces in those age groups. Personal communication. Government of Alberta. Child and Family Services. October 20, 2023.

^c. ECS enrolment estimate based on last available confirmed data.

