

**TABLE 2.2 BRITISH COLUMBIA EXPENDITURES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/CHILD CARE
TO MARCH 31, 2023**

Spending on Early Childhood Education ^a	\$382,554,000
Spending on regulated child care (Table 2.1)	\$1,494,548,000
Total ECEC spending^b	\$1,877,102,000
Total budget spending estimates ^c	\$73,013,000,000
ECEC as a % of provincial budget	2.5%

^a Includes funding for Kindergarten, StrongStart BC, and Ready, Set, Learn programs.

^b Funding for First Nations child care is provided by the federal and provincial governments.

^c Government of British Columbia. *Estimates, Fiscal Year Ending March 31, 2023*. Retrieved from: https://www.bcbudget.gov.bc.ca/2023/pdf/2023_Estimates.pdf

