

TABLE 3.5 BRITISH COLUMBIA ECEC CAPACITY TO PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP TO MARCH 31, 2023

Child Ages	Number of Children ^a	Child Care ^{b,d}	Kindergarten/ Pre-Kindergarten Enrolment	Other ECE Programs ^c	Capacity to % of children
0 to <24 months	86,314	12,383			14.3%
24 months to <5 years	136,587	69,264		22,300	67%
5 years	48,668		46,412		99%

^a. Statistics Canada. Population Estimates January 20, 2023 Table 17-10-0005-01.

^b. To avoid double counting, it is assumed that 5-year-old children in child care also attend Kindergarten.

^c. Includes estimate of children 24 months to <5 years attending Strong Start BC, JustB4 and Aboriginal Head Start programs.

^d. Child Care Operating Funding and \$10 a Day ChildCareBC systems. Derived from data provided by the Child Care Modelling and Analysis team, Ministry of Education and Child Care. Data as of 1 Aug 2023; data is monthly average for full fiscal year 2022-23.

