

**TABLE 2.2 NOVA SCOTIA ALLOCATION FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION/CHILD CARE TO MARCH 31, 2023**

Pre-primary <sup>a</sup>	\$56,644,700
Grade primary (Kindergarten) <sup>a</sup>	\$94,846,800
Provincial regulated child care <sup>a</sup>	\$55,269,000
Other ECE spending <sup>a,b</sup>	\$8,884,900
Total federal funding	\$104,650,303
<b>Total ECEC spending<sup>a,c</sup></b>	<b>\$320,295,703</b>
Total provincial spending budget estimate <sup>d</sup>	\$13,292,456,000
<b>ECEC as a % of provincial budget</b>	<b>2.4%</b>

a. Personal communication. Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. November 3, 2023.

b. Includes Healthy Beginnings Grant, the Nova Scotia Early Childhood Intervention Services, Association of Early Childhood Educators of Nova Scotia Funding, and miscellaneous operating charges.

c. The government of Nova Scotia does not license First Nations programs. Funding for First Nations child care programs is provided by the federal government. Government of Canada. *First Nations Head Start Standards Guide*. Retrieved from: [https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1582215017700/1582215088300#nova\\_scotia](https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1582215017700/1582215088300#nova_scotia)

d. Government of Nova Scotia. *More Health Care Faster: Budget 2023–2024*. Retrieved from: <https://beta.novascotia.ca/sites/default/files/documents/6-3544/ftb-bfi-001-en-budget-2023-2024.pdf>

