

TABLE 3.4 NOVA SCOTIA REGULATED CHILD CARE TO MARCH 31, 2023^a

Spaces by age group in centre-based programs ^{a,b}	
Infant (0 to <18 months)	1,126
Toddlers (18 to <36 months)	4,607
Preschool-age (36 months to <5 years)	6,009
School-age (5 to <13 years)	3,000
Preschool (part-time)	500
Total capacity regulated child care centres	14,742
Family child care	1,100
Total capacity regulated child care^c	17,842
Facilities by type	
Centre-based programs ^d	337
Family child care agencies ^e	14
Family child care providers ^d	172
Spaces by auspice	
% of total spaces by auspice ^d	
Non-profit	44%
For-profit	56%

^a The government of Nova Scotia does not license First Nations child care programs. Government of Canada. *First Nations Head Start Standards Guide*. Retrieved from: https://www.sac-isc.gc.ca/eng/1582215017700/1582215088300#nova_scotia

^b Government of Canada. *Canada – Nova Scotia Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care Agreement – 2021 to 2026*. Retrieved from: <https://www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/agreements-provinces-territories/nova-scotia-canada-wide-2021.html#h2.15>

^c Nova Scotia no longer tracks capacity by age group. Total spaces provided is 17,842. Breakdown of age group shown is obtained from <https://www.canada.ca/en/early-learning-child-care-agreement/agreements-provinces-territories/nova-scotia-canada-wide-2021.html#h2.15>

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

^e Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *Directory of Licensed Child Care Facilities*. Retrieved from: <https://nsbr-online-services.novascotia.ca/DCSOnline/ECDS/loadSearchPage.action>

