

**TABLE 3.5 NOVA SCOTIA ECE CAPACITY TO PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP
TO MARCH 31, 2023**

Child Ages	Number of Children ^a	Licensed Child Care/Preschool ^b	School-based Primary/Pre-primary ^c	Other ECE Programs ^d	Capacity to % of Children
0 to <24 months	15,947	2,661			16.7%
24 months to <5 years	25,628	9,081	6,881	325	64%
5 years	9,211		8,846		96%

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

^b. Participation is estimated. Child care age groupings in Table 3.4 do not match the age groupings in the report (Table 3.5). Please see Methodology for calculation details. It is assumed that children attending child care also attend Kindergarten.

^c. Government of Nova Scotia. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. *Enrolments by Grade and Gender: 2022-2023*. Retrieved from: <https://stats-summary.ednet.ns.ca/enrolments-grade-gender>

^d. Personal communication. November 3, 2023. Estimate based on attendance at one Aboriginal Head Start in Urban and Northern Communities program and 13 Aboriginal Head Start programs in First Nations communities. See Methodology for detailed calculation.

