

TABLE 3.5 ONTARIO ECE CAPACITY TO PERCENTAGE OF CHILDREN BY AGE GROUP TO MARCH 31, 2023

Child Ages	Number of Children ^a	Licensed Child Care Spaces ^{b,c}	School-Based Junior/Senior Kindergarten Enrolment ^d	Other ECE Programs ^d	Capacity to % of Children
0 to <24 months	279,233	42,662			15.3%
24 months to <5 years	435,417	92,427	123,895 ^e		50%
5 years	150,457		132,799 ^f		88.3%

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

^b. Personal communication. Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. February 14, 2024. Numbers are calculated estimates. Age groupings in report do not match age groupings collected by the province. Percent of 4-year-olds attending junior Kindergarten removed from total to avoid double counting.

^c. Includes Aboriginal Head Start. There are 14 Aboriginal Head Start Programs in Ontario. Each may be licensed for up to 25 children. Retrieved from: <https://oahsa.ca/ahs-sites/>

^d. Personal communication. Ministry of Education. Department of Early Years and Child Care. February 14, 2023. Estimate based on 2022-23 enrolment as reported by schools through the Ontario School Information System— preliminary as of November 3, 2023, with all schools that met identified criteria with signed off submissions. Not all First Nations schools report their enrolment numbers to provincial authorities. Number includes both English and French-language schools.

^e. Children attending junior Kindergarten.

^f. Children attending senior Kindergarten. Child care figures are not reported to avoid double counting.

