

TABLE 3.4 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND REGULATED CHILD CARE TO MARCH 31, 2023

| Spaces by age group in centre-based programs^{a,b} | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Infant (0 to 22 months) | 498 |
| Preschool-age (22 months to <5 years) | 3,775 |
| School-age (5 to <12 years) | 2,359 |
| Total spaces centre-based programs | 6,632 |
| Family child care/home and group | 84 |
| Total capacity regulated child care | 6,716 |
| Facilities by type^a | |
| Designated Early Years Centres (6 French, 66 English) | 72 |
| Private child care centres | 9 |
| School-age centres (English) | 55 |
| School-age centres (French) | 5 |
| Family day homes ^c | 11 |
| Facilities by auspice | |
| Non-profit^d | 62 |
| Early childhood centres | 3 |
| Designated Early Years Centres | 26 |
| Family Home Centres | 1 |
| Preschool centres | 6 |
| School-age child centres | 26 |
| For-profit | 101 |
| Early childhood centres | 6 |
| Designated Early Years Centres | 47 |
| Family Home Centres | 10 |
| Preschool centres | 5 |
| School-age child centres | 33 |
| Kindergarten (English language schools) ^e | 37 |
| Kindergarten (French language schools) ^e | 6 |
| Kindergarten (private schools) | 2 |
| Total Kindergarten | 45 |

^a Personal Communication. Department of Education and Early Years. July 26, 2023.

^b The Prince Edward Island government 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#prince_edward_island

^c A 12th family day home has been licensed since March 31, 2023, with several in the process of licensing.

^d Of the 101 for-profit centres, 58 are early years programs. Of the 58 early years programs, 47 (81%) are Designated Early Years Centres that must meet a strict set of criteria including, but not limited to, integration of children with special needs, meeting higher quality standards including additional educational requirements for staff, use of the provincial curriculum, implementation of parent advisory committees, adherence to a wage grid, and charging standardized parent fees. All staff in these centres must be certified early childhood educators.

^e Government of Prince Edward Island. Department of Education and Early Years. *Public Schools*. Retrieved from: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-early-years/public-schools>