

# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION REPORT 2023

BENCHMARK	Pts	NL	PE	NS	NB	QC	ON	MB	SK	AB	BC	NU	NT	YT
<b>GOVERNANCE</b>														
ECEC under common department/ministry	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Common ECEC supervisory unit	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0	0
Common ECEC policy framework	1	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	1
Common local authority for ECEC administration and delivery	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>FUNDING</b>														
At least 2/3 of child care funding goes to program operations	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Managed salary and fee scale in licensed child care	1	1	1	1	1	1 <sup>f</sup>	0	1 <sup>k</sup>	0	0	0	1	1 <sup>o</sup>	1
At least 3% of overall budget devoted to ECEC	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>ACCESS</b>														
Full-day Kindergarten	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1 <sup>r</sup>	1	1
Licensed capacity for at least 50% of 2- to-4-year olds in ECEC programs	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	1
Funding conditional on including children with special needs in regulated child care	1	0	1 <sup>b</sup>	0	1 <sup>b</sup>	0	0	1	0	1 <sup>n</sup>	0	0	0	0
<b>LEARNING ENVIRONMENT</b>														
ECEC curriculum framework in regulated child care	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
ECEC curriculum framework use is mandatory in regulated child care or preschool programs	0.25	0.25	0.25 <sup>c</sup>	0.25 <sup>d</sup>	0.25 <sup>b</sup>	0.25	0.25 <sup>j</sup>	0.25 <sup>i</sup>	0	0	0.25 <sup>p</sup>	0.25	0.25	0
Alignment of ECEC curriculum with Kindergarten	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
At least 2/3 of staff in regulated child care for 2- to 4-year-olds are qualified	0.5	0.5	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.5	0	0	0.5 <sup>j</sup>	0.5	0	0	0.5 <sup>q</sup>	0	0	0
Kindergarten educators require ECE qualifications	0.5	0.5	0	0.5 <sup>e</sup>	0	0.5	0.5	0	0.5 <sup>m</sup>	0	0	0.5 <sup>s</sup>	0.5 <sup>s</sup>	0.5
Wages of ECEs at least 2/3 of teachers	0.5	0.5	0.5 <sup>b</sup>	0.5	0	0.5	0	0	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0	0.5
ECE professional recognition required	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0	0	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0	0.25 <sup>o</sup>	0.25
ECE professional development required	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25 <sup>g</sup>	0.25	0	0	0	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25
<b>ACCOUNTABILITY</b>														
Annual progress reports	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Standards for ECEC programs include Kindergarten	1	1	0	1	1	1 <sup>h</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1
Population measures for preschool collected and reported <sup>a</sup>	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1 <sup>o</sup>	1	n/a <sup>1</sup>	1	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>13.25</b>	<b>11.75</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9.25</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>7.5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6.75</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>10.75</b>
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<sup>a</sup>Due to the pandemic, this benchmark is considered reached if data is collected within the last three years, regardless of public reporting.

<sup>b</sup>In designated centres.

<sup>c</sup>In Designated Early Years Programs and publicly funded Pre-Kindergarten.

<sup>d</sup>In Pre-primary and child care centres that receive public funding.

<sup>e</sup>In Pre-primary only.

<sup>f</sup>In CPEs only.

<sup>g</sup>Home child care providers only.

<sup>h</sup>In 4-year-old Kindergarten only.

<sup>i</sup>In EarlyON centres only.

<sup>j</sup>In groups of 24.

<sup>k</sup>Wage guidelines.

<sup>l</sup>Required in funded programs.

<sup>m</sup>In Pre-Kindergarten.

<sup>n</sup>In Early Childhood Services.

<sup>o</sup>In development.

<sup>p</sup>In StrongStart BC Programs.

<sup>q</sup>In groups of children 0 to 36 months.

<sup>r</sup>In pilot.

<sup>s</sup>Bachelor of Education or 2-year ECE Diploma.

<sup>t</sup>Not available due to data suppression.