



The Long View

TABLE 23		Number of children 0-12 years by province/territory – 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2005 (rounded estimates in 1000s) ¹											
		1992		1995		1998		2001		2003		2005	
P/T		0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12
NL		45	63	41	57	34	52	30	46	31	41	29	39
PE		12	14	11	14	10	14	10	13	9	13	8	12
NS		74	86	70	86	64	89	61	80	55	77	51	75
NB		57	72	56	70	51	68	49	63	46	63	44	58
QC		502	655	565	627	527	646	460	656	443	634	435	604
ON		848	964	899	1,024	875	1,098	844	1,100	832	1,097	822	1,097
MB		98	111	92	106	87	108	79	107	76	104	77	102
SK		94	112	85	107	77	106	76	93	69	91	67	81
AB		250	279	242	289	231	301	233	289	218	298	228	284
BC		266	312	286	338	289	351	248	353	255	329	233	341
NT		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	5	4	5
NU		n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4	5	4	5
YT		2	3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	3	2	3
CA ²		2,257	2,680	2,347	2,719	2,245	2,832	2,090	2,801	2,048	2,764	2,004	2,705

1 Further age breakdowns are available in each P/T chapter, in Table 5 and in *ECEC in Canada*.

2 Totals may not add up due to rounding.

TABLE 24

Number of children 0-12 years with mothers in the paid labour force by province/territory – 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2005 (rounded estimates in 1000s)¹

	1992		1995		1998		2001		2003		2005	
	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12	0-5	6-12
NF	26	33	22	33	19	30	18	31	17	25	15	23
PE	8	9	8	10	8	11	7	10	6	10	6	9
NS	44	49	40	53	38	59	40	57	35	51	33	51
NB	33	38	30	43	31	44	32	45	28	41	28	39
QC	315	305	325	400	325	424	304	469	286	424	291	409
ON	539	556	539	711	546	774	538	787	495	730	508	742
MB	51	59	55	76	54	79	49	79	46	72	45	70
SK	59	67	55	80	47	77	47	66	43	64	41	57
AB	149	158	154	211	138	207	135	206	118	198	127	187
BC	154	182	162	245	168	234	147	241	148	210	139	223
NT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	2	3	2	3
NU	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.9	1.8	1.1	1.8
CA ²	1,378	1,456	1,390	1,862	1,375	1,939	1,317	1,991	1,223	1,829	1,236	1,815

1 Further age breakdowns are available in each P/T and in *ECEC in Canada*.

2 Totals may not add up due to rounding.

TABLE 25 Workforce participation of mothers by age of youngest child by province/territory – 1995, 1998, 2001, 2003, 2005
(rounded to the nearest percentage point)¹

	1995			1998			2001			2003			2005		
	< 3 years	3-5 years	6-15 years	< 3 years	3-5 years	6-15 years	< 3 years	3-5 years	6-15 years	< 3 years	3-5 years	6-15 years	< 3 years	3-5 years	6-15 years
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
NL	55	62	63	58	63	64	64	66	74	71	67	78	66	71	77
PE	n/a	n/a	82	81	83	83	77	79	85	78	82	87	81	84	87
NS	63	64	72	63	70	73	71	72	78	71	77	81	76	77	82
NB	59	64	72	64	69	74	67	74	79	70	75	79	71	80	82
QC	61	67	75	65	67	75	67	75	79	73	77	83	74	79	83
ON	64	68	78	65	72	79	67	74	82	68	74	83	69	76	84
MB	62	73	82	62	76	83	66	75	86	68	77	86	64	76	85
SK	61	74	82	65	73	84	65	74	82	67	77	86	67	77	87
AB	62	74	82	64	71	84	60	71	84	59	71	86	63	69	81
BC	58	66	77	62	67	77	63	69	77	67	74	79	64	76	79
NT	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	64	75	84	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
NU ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	51	69	73	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YT ¹	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	74	81	92	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA	61	68	76	65	71	78	66	73	81	69	75	82	69	76	83

¹ Territorial information for 1995, 1998, 2003, and 2005 not available. Therefore, totals do not include these territories. For the most recent information for these territories, see individual chapters.

TABLE 26

Total regulated child care spaces by province/territory – 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2006

Province/Territory	1992	1995	1998	2001	2004	2005
Newfoundland & Labrador	3,568	4,202	4,275	4,226	4,921	5,642
Prince Edward Island ¹	4,123	3,888	3,717	4,270	4,100	4,051
Nova Scotia	10,826	10,645	11,163	11,464	12,759	12,982
New Brunswick	7,162	7,952	9,204	11,086	11,897	13,163
Quebec ²	78,388	111,452	175,002	234,905	321,732	361,533
Ontario	145,545	147,853	167,090 ³	173,135 ³	206,743 ³	229,875
Manitoba	18,977	18,846	20,490	23,022	25,634	25,984
Saskatchewan	6,418	7,266	7,124	7,166	7,910	8,712
Alberta	51,656	51,088	47,033	47,693	63,351 (46,238) ⁴	66,288 (47,587) ⁴
British Columbia	42,927	59,794	68,978	72,949	80,230	79,190
Northwest Territories	963	1,286	1,351	1,234	1,219	1,525
Nunavut	n/a	n/a	n/a	932	1,014	987
Yukon Territory	1,020	1,060	1,307	1,348	1,369	1,330
Canada	371,573	425,332	516,734	593,430	745,925	811,262

1 Kindergarten was introduced in Prince Edward Island in 2000. It is now part of the regulated child care system. For the purpose of comparison with other provinces, kindergarten spaces have not been included in these space figures.

2 Quebec's figures include school-age spaces which are under the Ministry of Education. In 2006 a figure for school-age spaces was not available. We have calculated an estimate based on the *ECEC in Canada 2004* figure of 141,977 school-age spaces, expanded using the same percentage increase as the increase in total centre-based spaces for children aged 0-4 from 2004-2006 – 13.7%.

3 Ontario's figures for total regulated spaces may not be comparable from year to year. In some years, ON was not able to determine whether regulated family child care spaces were or were not included in total regulated spaces.

4 School-age child care in Alberta became regulated for the first time in 2004. For purpose of comparison with previous years, the 2004 and 2006 figures include total number of spaces with and without school-age care.

TABLE 27

Coverage: Percent of children 0-12 years¹ for whom there is a regulated child care space by province/territory – 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2004, 2006²

Province/Territory	1992 (%)	1995 (%)	1998 (%)	2001 (%)	2004 (%)	2006 (%)
Newfoundland and Labrador	3.3	4.3	5.0	5.5	6.8	8.3
Prince Edward Island ³	16.2	15.5	15.4	14.0	18.9	20.0
Nova Scotia	6.8	6.8	7.3	8.1	9.6	10.3
New Brunswick	5.5	6.3	7.7	9.9	11.0	12.9
Quebec ^{4 5}	6.8	9.4	14.9	21.1 ⁶	29.9	34.8
Ontario	8.1	7.7	8.5 ⁷	8.9 ⁷	10.7 ⁷	12.0
Manitoba	9.1	9.5	10.5	12.4	14.3	14.5
Saskatchewan ⁴	3.1	3.8	3.9	4.2	4.9	5.9
Alberta	9.7	9.6	8.8	9.1	12.3 (8.9) ⁸	12.9 (9.3) ⁸
British Columbia	7.4	9.6	10.8	12.1	13.7	13.8
Northwest Territories	5.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	13.1	17.5
Nunavut	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.6	10.9
Yukon Territory ⁴	16.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	29.2	28.4
Canada	7.5	8.4	10.0	12.1	15.5	17.2

1 Note the drop in population of children 0-12 years over the decade when compared to the gradual increase in percentage of regulated child care spaces.

2 For the percent of children aged 0-5 for whom there was a regulated space in 2006, see Table 10.

2 PEI introduced publicly-funded part-day kindergarten in September 2000. (Kindergarten in PEI is still part of the regulated child care system as it was before 2000.) For the purpose of comparison with other jurisdictions where kindergarten is under the public education system, the number of children attending part-day kindergarten only have not been included in totals. Therefore, PEI's figures for 2001, 2004, and 2006 are not comparable to those of previous years.

4 Nursery schools (part-time) are not regulated in Quebec, Saskatchewan and the Yukon Territory, so are not included in these figures.

5 Quebec's figures include school-age spaces which are under the aegis of the Ministry of Education.

6 By 2000, all regulated child care spaces that are part of CPEs became primarily publicly funded. See Quebec section for more information.

7 These percentages may not be comparable to those of previous years due to uncertainties about the data.

8 School-age child care in Alberta became regulated for the first time in 2004. For purpose of comparison, the 2004 and 2006 figures include total number of spaces with and without school-age care.

TABLE 28

Federal transfers designated for early learning and child care. Total and breakdown by federal program by province/territory by fiscal year 2003/04–2007/08 (\$ millions)

Province/Territory	2003/04*	2004/05**	2005/06**	2006/07**	2007/08***
Newfoundland and Labrador	0.4	5.6 (2.4 MFA 3.2 bilat)	11.6 (3.6 MFA 8.0 bilat)	15.0 (4.7 MFA 10.3 bilat)	9.3 (5.4 MFA 3.9 budg)
Prince Edward Island	0.1	1.5 (0.6 MFA 0.9 bilat)	3.2 (1.0 MFA 2.2 bilat)	4.1 (1.3 MFA 2.8 bilat)	2.6 (1.5 MFA 1.1 budg)
Nova Scotia	0.7	10.3 (4.4 MFA 5.9 bilat)	21.1 (6.5 MFA 14.6 bilat)	27.3 (8.6 MFA 18.7 bilat)	17.1 (10 MFA 7.1 budg)
New Brunswick	0.6	8.2 (3.5 MFA 4.7 bilat)	16.9 (5.2 MFA 11.7 bilat)	21.9 (6.9 MFA 15.0 bilat)	13.7 (8 MFA 5.7 budg)
Quebec	5.9	82.6 (35.4 MFA 47.2 bilat)	170.8 (53 MFA bilat 117.8)	223.1 (70.4 MFA 152.7 bilat)	140.4 (81.9 MFA 58.5 budg)
Ontario	9.7	135.8 (58.2 MFA 77.6 bilat)	281.8 (87.5 MFA 194.3 bilat)	369.6 (116.7 MFA 252.9 bilat)	234.0 (136.5 MFA 97.5 budg)
Manitoba	0.9	12.8 (5.5 MFA 7.3 bilat)	26.5 (8.2 MFA 18.3 bilat)	34.5 (10.8 MFA 23.7 bilat)	21.8 (12.8 MFA; 9.0 budg)
Saskatchewan	0.8	10.9 (4.7 MFA 6.2 bilat)	22.4 (6.9 MFA 15.5 bilat)	29.0 (9.1 MFA 19.9 bilat)	18.0 10.5 MFA; 7.5 budg)
Alberta	2.5	35.0 (15.0 MFA 20.0 bilat)	73.1 (22.8 MFA 50.3 bilat)	97.0 31.0 MFA 66.0 bilat)	62.2 (36.3 MFA; 25.9 budg)
British Columbia	3.3	46.0 (19.7 MFA 26.3 bilat)	95.5 (29.7 MFA 65.8 bilat)	125.2 (39.6 MFA 85.6 bilat)	79.5 (46.4 MFA; 33.1 budg)
Northwest Territories	0.03	0.5 (0.2 MFA 0.3 bilat)	1.0 (0.3 MFA 0.7 bilat)	1.3 (0.4 MFA 0.9 bilat)	0.8 (0.5 MFA 0.3 budg)
Nunavut	0.02	0.3 (0.1 MFA 0.2 bilat)	0.7 (0.2 MFA 0.5 bilat)	0.9 (0.3 MFA 0.6 bilat)	0.5 (0.3 MFA 0.2 budg)
Yukon Territory	0.02	0.3 (0.1 MFA 0.2 bilat)	0.7 (0.2 MFA 0.5 bilat)	0.9 (0.3 MFA 0.6 bilat)	0.5 (0.3 MFA 0.2 budg)
Canada	25	350	725	950	600

Note: In each year, each province/territory has the total federal transfer for ECEC in bold.

*Funds designated in Multilateral Framework Agreement

** Funds designated includes Multilateral Framework Agreement and Foundations program/bilateral agreements

*** Funds designated in Multilateral Framework Agreement and child care spaces transfer funds designated in 2007 federal budget

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Sources:

MFA and bilateral agreement figures are from the Department of Finance Canada website: *Federal Support for Early Childhood Development and Early Learning and Child Care*. Retrieved May 2007 from <http://www.fin.gc.ca/FEDPROV/ecde.html>

2007 budget figures are from Department of Finance Canada website: *Federal Support for Children*. Retrieved May 2007 from <http://www.fin.gc.ca/FEDPROV/fsce.html>

TABLE 29

Percent of full-time regulated centre-based spaces that are not-for-profit by province/territory – 1992, 1995, 1998, 2004, 2006¹

Province/Territory	1992 (%)	1995 (%)	1998 (%)	2001 (%)	2004 (%)	2006 (%)
Newfoundland & Labrador	22	34	39	36	27	31
Prince Edward Island	65	68	58	54	30 ²	44 ²
Nova Scotia	60	60	57	57	55	54
New Brunswick	57	60	n/a	n/a	30 ³	36 ³
Quebec ⁴	82	82	86	86	88	87
Ontario	76	80	83	83	78	77
Manitoba	90	88	87	92	92	94
Saskatchewan	94	98	99	99	100	99.6
Alberta	35	38	41	44	46	51
British Columbia	61	61	60	58	n/a ⁵	n/a ⁵
Northwest Territories	83	92	97	100	100	100
Nunavut	n/a	n/a	n/a	100	100	100
Yukon Territory	86	75	74	73	74	69
Canada	70	72	76	77	80	79

1 Full- and part-time spaces may be included in these figures because some provinces cannot provide breakdowns. Not-for-profit category includes both non-profit and publicly-operated spaces.

2 For the purpose of comparison with other jurisdictions where kindergarten is in the public education system, this figure does not include part-day kindergarten.

3 Percentage estimate provided by provincial officials. See NB section for details.

4 Quebec's figures have been calculated including school-age child care spaces which are under the aegis of the Ministry of Education.

5 Information no longer available.

TABLE 30 Total allocations in actual dollars (rounded) for regulated child care by province/territory – 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2003/04, 2005/06¹ (In 1000s of \$)

P/T	1992	1995	1998	2001	2003/04	2005/06
NL	1,668	2,980	3,300	7,753	9,636	12,322 ¹
PE	2,766	1,683	2,578	4,230 ²	4,682 ²	4,725 ²
NS	11,421	11,844	15,685	12,892	19,768	23,695
NB	3,646	3,200	5,523	11,823	13,900	22,475
QC	140,726	203,695	299,860	1,092,428	1,560,000 ³	1,678,879
ON	420,140	541,800	470,500	451,500	497,400	534,100
MB	42,152	45,204	45,189	62,876	73,004	86,327
SK	12,307	12,714	15,746	16,388	19,639	22,773
AB	66,613	67,623	54,297	57,500	53,600	72,470
BC ⁴	55,798	98,681	128,865	164,563	140,725	176,108
NT	2,286	1,708	2,271	1,602	2,542	2,542
NU	not applicable	not applicable	not applicable	1,865	1,786	2,315
YT	2,438	4,148	4,764	4,440	5,197	5,409
Canada	\$761,959	\$995,279	\$1,048,579	\$1,889,804	\$2,401,879	\$2,644,140

1 This is an estimated expenditure provided by provincial officials.

2 PEI's kindergartens are primarily part of child care centres. For the purpose of comparison with other jurisdictions, where kindergarten is in the public education system, this calculation does not include PEI's spending on kindergarten. See PEI section for full kindergarten spending.

3 Estimate

4 Subsidies in British Columbia may be used in both regulated and unregulated care. These figures have been estimated using 60% of the subsidy allocation in 1992, 55% in 1995, and 50% in 1998 and 2001.

TABLE 31

Allocation¹ in actual dollars for each regulated child care space by province/territory²
– 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2003/04, 2005/06 (rounded)

Province/Territory	1992 (\$)	1995 (\$)	1998 (\$)	2001 (\$)	2003/04 (\$)	2005/06 (\$)
Newfoundland & Labrador	468	709	772	1,835	1,958	2,183
Prince Edward Island	671	433	694	1,334 ³	1,137 ³	1,166 ³
Nova Scotia	1,055	1,113	1,405	1,125	1,549	1,825
New Brunswick	509	402	600	1,066	1,168	1,707
Quebec ⁴	1,795	1,828	1,713	4,651	4,849	4,644
Ontario	2,887	3,664	2,816	2,608	2,406	2,323
Manitoba	2,221	2,399	2,205	2,731	2,848	3,322
Saskatchewan	1,918	1,750	2,210	2,279	2,483	2,614
Alberta	1,290	1,324	1,154	1,206	846	1,093
British Columbia ⁵	1,300	1,650	1,868	2,256	1,754	2,224
Northwest Territories	2,374	1,328	1,681	1,298	2,085	1,666
Nunavut	n/a	n/a	n/a	2,001	1,091	2,345
Yukon Territory	2,390	3,914	3,645	4,086	3,796	4,067
Canada	\$2,051	\$2,340	\$2,029	\$3,185	\$3,223	\$3,259

1 Note that in 2005/2006 many provinces/territories did not include federal ECEC transfer in their provincial allocation. Nor was it possible to systematically identify how and when those funds were spent. Consequently, this table represents the identified allocations.

2 Figures based on total provincial allocations and total number of child care spaces.

3 2001, 2004 and 2006 figures for PEI do not include part-day kindergarten expenditure or spaces for the purpose of comparison with other jurisdictions. Therefore, PEI's 2001 and 2004 figures are not comparable to its earlier figures.

4 Quebec figures include expenditure on school-age care from the Ministry of Education.

5 British Columbia's figures use an estimate for provincial allocation because British Columbia allows subsidies to be used in unregulated care. These figures have been adjusted accordingly.

TABLE 32

Allocation in actual dollars for each child 0–12 by province/territory^{1,2}
– 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2003/04, 2005/06 (rounded)

Province/Territory	1992 (\$)	1995 (\$)	1998 (\$)	2001 (\$)	2003/04 (\$)	2005/06 (\$)
Newfoundland & Labrador	15	30	38	101	133	181
Prince Edward Island	109	67	107	187	216	233
Nova Scotia	71	76	103	91	149	189
New Brunswick	28	25	46	105	129	221
Quebec	122	171	256	980	1,448	1,617
Ontario	232	282	238	232	258	278
Manitoba	202	228	231	338	407	481
Saskatchewan	59	66	86	97	123	154
Alberta	126	128	102	110	104	141
British Columbia ³	96	158	201	274	241	307
Northwest Territories	136 ⁴	82 ⁴	n/a	n/a	273	292
Nunavut	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	205	255
Yukon Territory	400 ⁴	519 ⁴	n/a	n/a	1,109	1,120
Canada	\$154	\$197	\$207	\$386	\$500	\$561

1 Note that in 2005/2006 many provinces/territories did not include federal ECEC transfer in their provincial allocation. Nor was it possible to systematically identify how and when those funds were spent. Consequently, this table represents the identified allocations.

2 Estimates based on total provincial allocations and total number of children 0-12 years. Figures are not adjusted for inflation.

3 Figures for British Columbia's fee subsidies are estimated because British Columbia allows subsidies to be used in both regulated and unregulated care. These figures have been adjusted accordingly.

4 1992 and 1995 figures for the Northwest Territories and the Yukon are based on estimated numbers of children 0-12 years of age, and therefore are not directly comparable to the figures given for other provinces.

TABLE 33

Net income eligibility levels for full child care subsidy for one parent, one child family¹
by province/territory – 1992, 1995, 1998, 2001, 2003/04, 2006

Province/Territory	1992	1995	1998	2001	2003/04	2006
Newfoundland & Labrador	9,960	9,960	10,520	14,160	14,160	25,000
Prince Edward Island	10,080	10,080	13,440	13,440	13,440	13,440
Nova Scotia	16,500	16,812	16,812	16,812	16,800	16,800
New Brunswick	11,664	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	22,000
Quebec ²	12,000	12,000	12,000	n/a	n/a	n/a
Ontario ³	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Manitoba	13,787	13,787	13,787	13,787	13,787	13,787
Saskatchewan ⁴	19,668	19,668	19,668	19,668	19,800	19,800
Alberta ⁵	18,710	18,710	20,520	20,520	28,080	35,100
British Columbia	18,756	18,984	18,984	18,984	16,764	30,984
Northwest Territories ⁶	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Nunavut ⁷	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Yukon Territory	17,772	17,772	17,772	20,424	20,424	20,424

1 This table provides information for one family type; see each province for further details.

2 As of 2001, Québec now provides publicly funded services rather than providing subsidies to selected families.

3 Ontario used a needs test until January 2007. They have now introduced an income test. See the Recent Developments section of the Ontario chapter for details

4 Saskatchewan determines eligibility for subsidies based on gross income.

5 Effective November 2005, Alberta determines eligibility based on gross income.

6 In the Northwest Territories, a needs test is used in which income is only one factor. Territory-wide information is not available.

7 In Nunavut, a needs test is used in which income is only one factor.