



child care

BRIEFing NOTES

Canada-wide spending on early childhood education and care (ECEC) (2005/2006)

\$4,622,945,000 - Total public spending for ECEC

Includes:

Regulated child care under p/t jurisdiction - \$2,644,140,000

Kindergarten under p/t jurisdiction - \$1,750,605,286

Aboriginal ECEC program spending federal government - \$228,200,000

0.3% - Total public spending for ECEC as a percent of GDP¹

Includes spending for regulated child care for 0-5 and 6-12 year olds

(Age breakdown not available)

Public spending on regulated child care and kindergarten by province/territory, 2005/2006 fiscal year

Jurisdiction	Child care (\$ millions)	Kindergarten (\$ millions)	Comments
NL	12,322	11,895 (est)	K – Proxy
PE	4,725	3,090	
NS	23,695	22,898 (est)	K - Proxy
NB	22,475	51,494	K -Calculated using enrollment
QC	1,678,879	313,273	
ON	534,100	1,040,800	
MB	86,327	50,940 (est)	K - Calculated using K-12 figures
SK	22,773	29,165	K - Calculated using per pupil \$
AB	72,470	110,570	
BC	176,108	111,465	
NT	2,542	4,207	
NU	2,315	368 (est)	K – Calculated using K-12 figures
YT	5,409	440 (est)	K – Calculated using K-12 figures
Canada total	\$2,644,140	\$1,750,605	

Note: All figures were provided by provincial/territorial officials. **Source:** Friendly, M., Beach, J., Ferns, C. & Turiano, M. (2007). *Early childhood education and care in Canada 2006*. Toronto: Childcare Resource and Research Unit.

¹ Gross domestic product 2006 was \$1,446 billion (Statistics Canada GDP expenditure-based, by P/T – online at <http://www40.statcan.gc.ca/101/cst01/econ15-eng.htm?sdi=gross%20domestic%20product>)