Early Childhood Education Report

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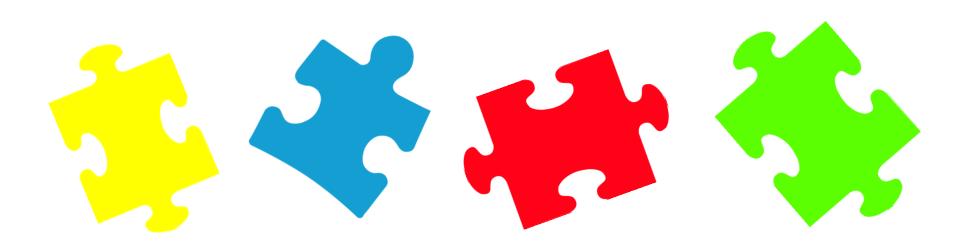
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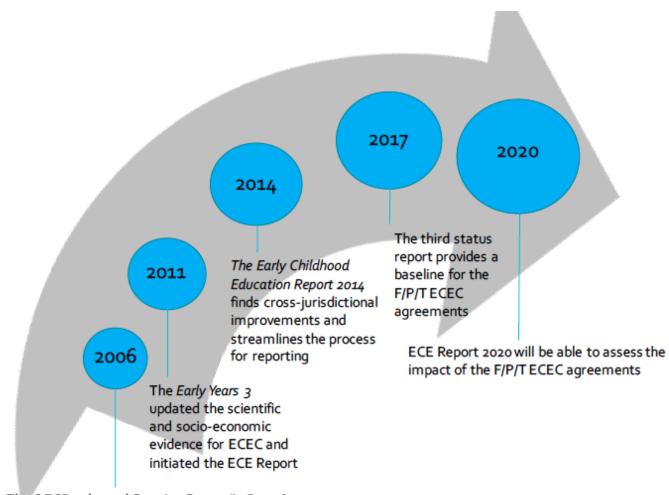


EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION REPORT

Established in 2011 the Early Childhood Education Report is released every three years to evaluate the quality of provincial/territorial early years services against a 15-point-scale. Results are populated from detailed profiles of each jurisdiction. The report is organized around 5 categories with 19 benchmarks forming a common set of minimum criteria contributing to the delivery of quality programming.



Developing the Report



The OECD released Starting Strong II. Out of 20 countries studied, Canada came last in ECEC access, last in spending, low in quality, and poor oversight and accountability

Developing the Report

ECE Report built on 8 key policy elements in Starting Strong II

- 1) Systematic and integrated approach to ECEC policy
- 2) Strong and equal partnership with the education system
- Universal approach to access with particular attention to children in need of special support
- 4) Substantial public investment in services and infrastructure
- Participatory approach to quality improvement and assurance
- Appropriate training and working conditions for staff in all forms of provision
- 7) Systematic attention to data collection and monitoring
- Stable framework and long term agenda for research and evaluation

Developing the Report **#**

The development of the ECE Report was guided by the evidence presented by the OECD, but it is a made in Canada report.

Benchmarks were developed based on available information across provinces and territories. Threshold were established based on at least one province/territory achieving the standard.



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION REPORT BENCHMARKS OF QUALITY

2 FUNDING

Access

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT

ACCOUNTABILITY

O.5 ECE under common department/ministry

- At least % of child care funding goes to program operations
- Full day kindergarten offered
- 0.5 ECE curriculum framework
- Annual progress reports (2014 or later)

- O.5 Common ECE supervisory unit
- 1 Mandated salary and fee scale in licensed child care
- 1 50% of 2 to 4 year olds regularly attend an ECE program
- Alignment of ECE programs with kindergarten
- 1 Standards for ECE programs include kindergarten

- 1 Common ECE policy framework
- 1 At least 3% of overall budget devoted to ECE
- Funding conditional on including children with special needs in licensed child care
- O.5 At least 2/3 of staff in programs for 2 to 4 years olds are qualified
- Population measures for preschool collected and reported

1 Common local authority for ECE administration and delivery

- O.5 Kindergarten educators require ECE qualifications
- O.5 Salaries of ECEs are at least 2/3 of teachers
- O.5 ECE professional certification/ professional development required



9 BENCHMARKS











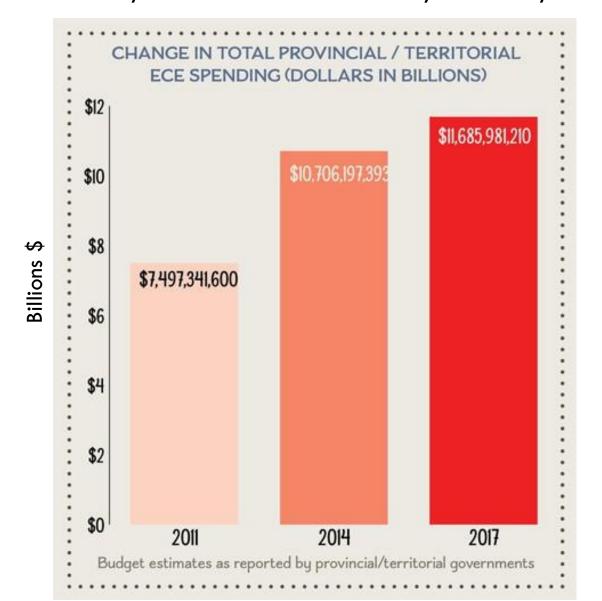




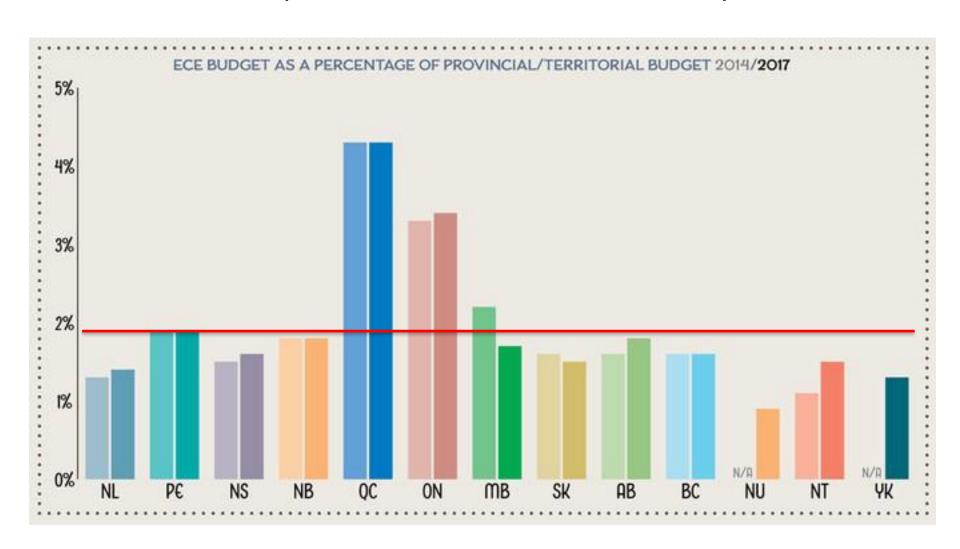


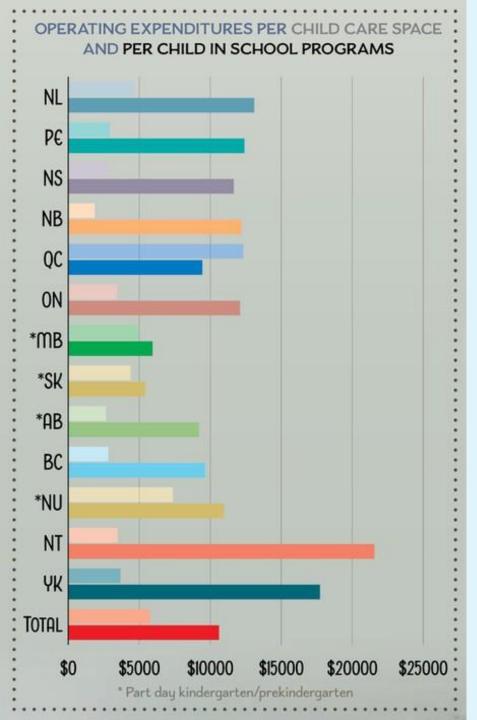


Change in total ECE spending by Provinces/Territories 2011/2014/2017

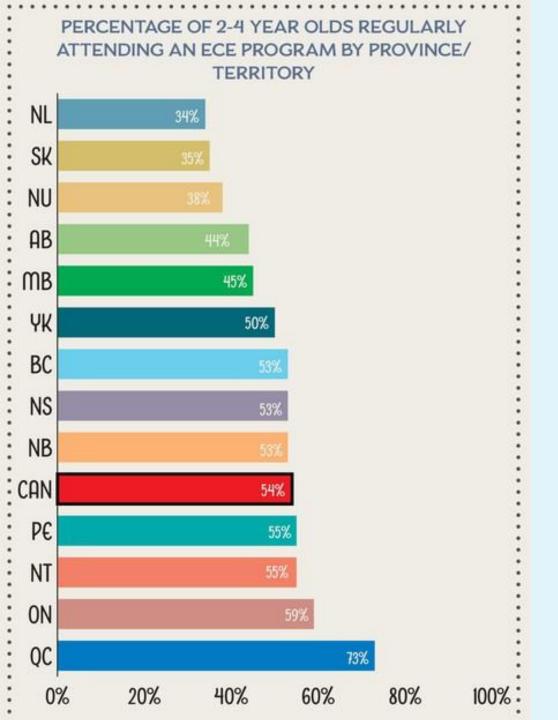


ECE budgets as a percentage of Provincial/Territorial budgets 2014/2017



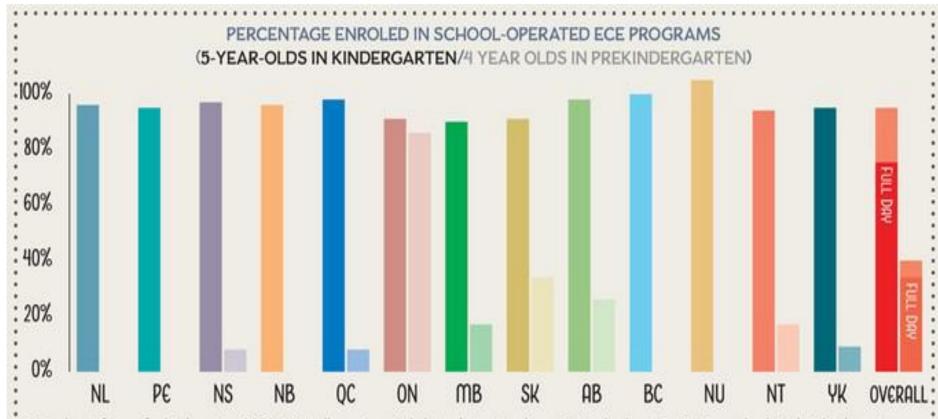


Operating expenditures per child care space and per school enrolment

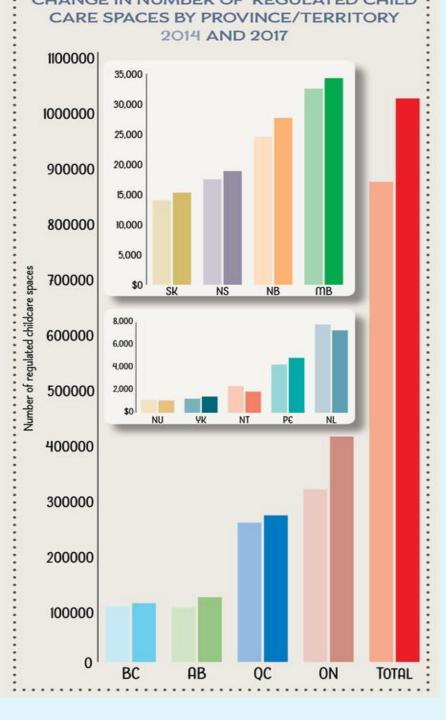


Percentage of 2-4 year olds regularly attending an ECE program by P/T

Percentage enrolled in Kindergarten and Pre-K



Enrolment figures for kindergarten 2016.
 Not all provinces include students attending private schools or First Nations schools in their kindergarten
 calculations.
 Some children are 4 years old when entering kindergarten.
 AB prek enrolment includes 2 - 4-year-olds.
 SK prek enrolment includes 3- and 4-year-olds.
 BC, ON, QC and NL also have school-operated parent/child drop-in programs. These numbers are not included.



Change in number of child care spaces 2014/2017

Ratio of qualified to unqualified staff in licensed child care

Newtoundland & Labrador



New Brunswick



Nova Scotia



Prince Edward Island

Québec





Manitoba







Alberta



British Columbia



Yukon Territories



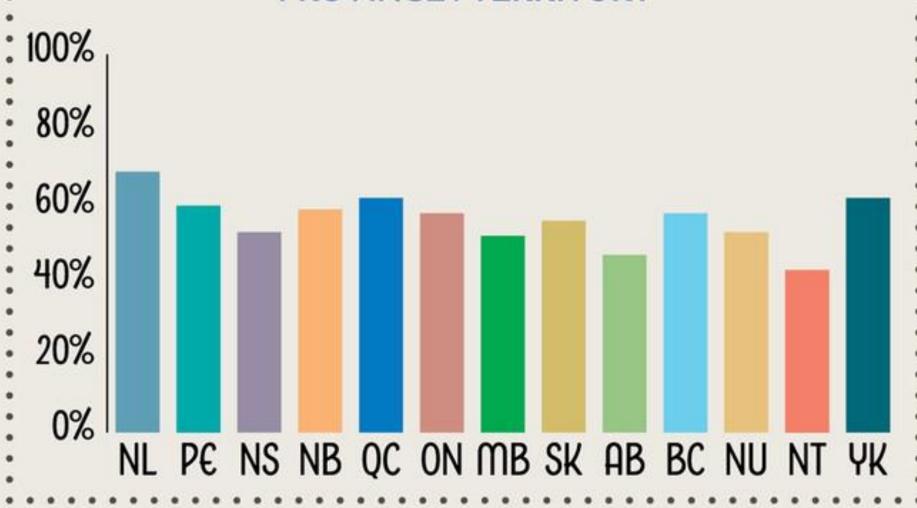
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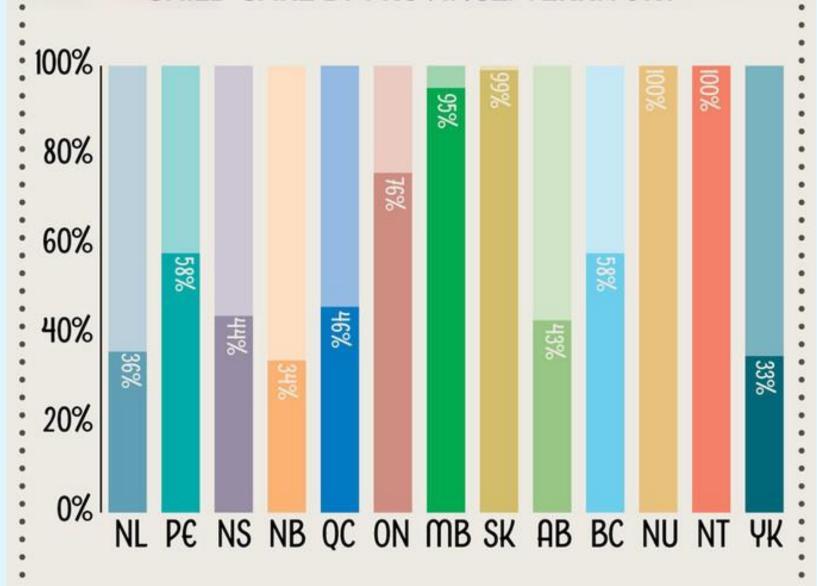
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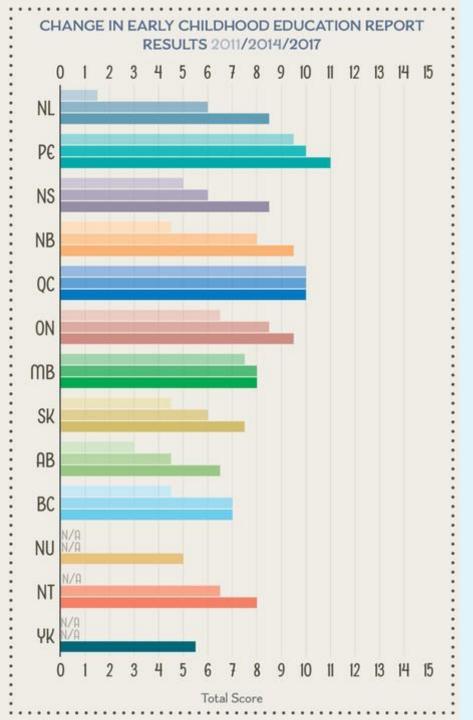


EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR SALARIES AS A PERCENTAGE OF TEACHER SALARIES BY PROVINCE / TERRITORY



PERCENTAGE OF NON-PROFIT VERSUS PROFIT CHILD CARE BY PROVINCE/TERRITORY





Change in ECER results 2011/2014/2017

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