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# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION REPORT

## An in-depth review of early education and child care across Canada

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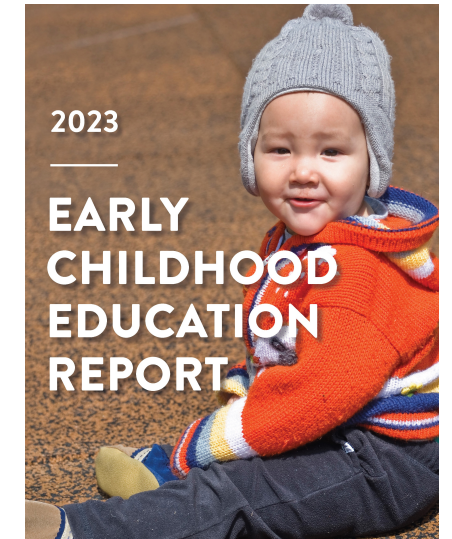
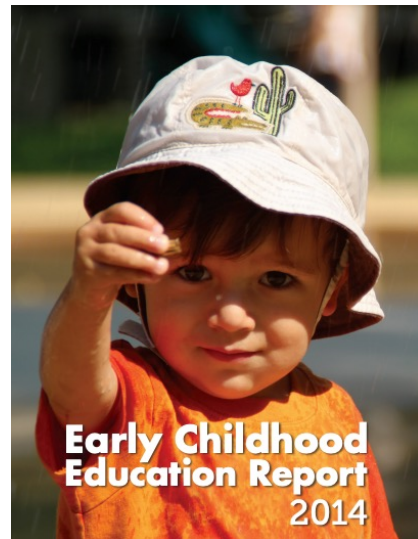
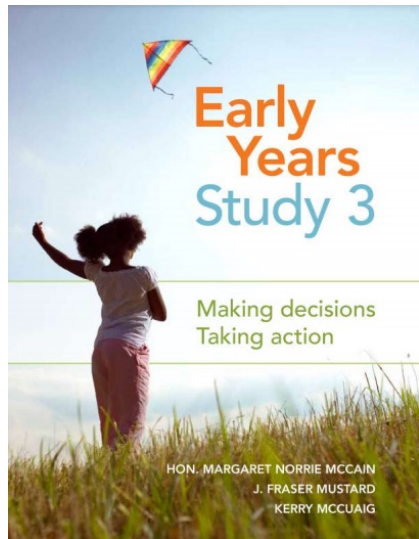


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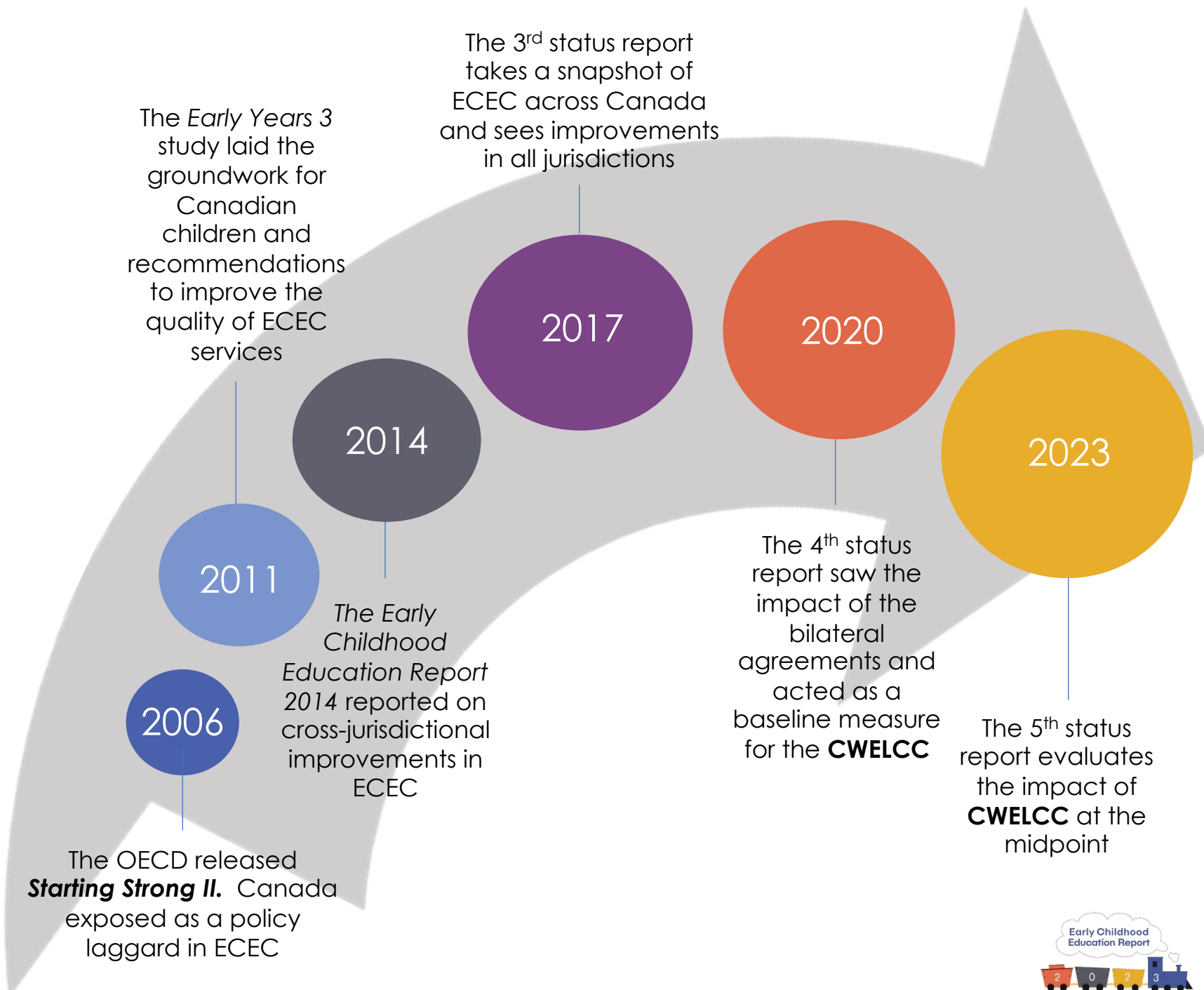
# EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION REPORT



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. ECER 2023 is the 5<sup>th</sup> edition.



# Developing the Report



## 5 CATEGORIES

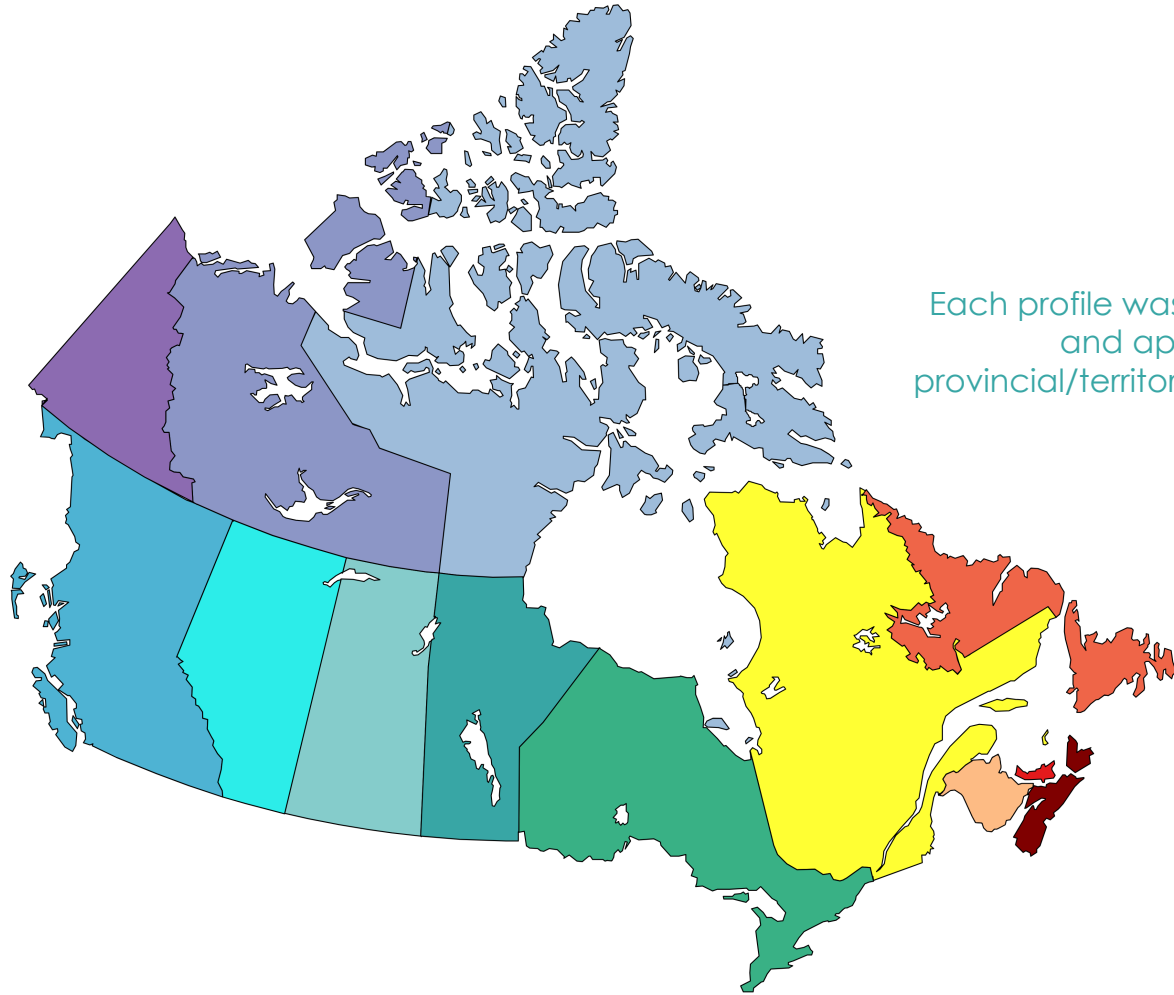
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## 21 BENCHMARKS

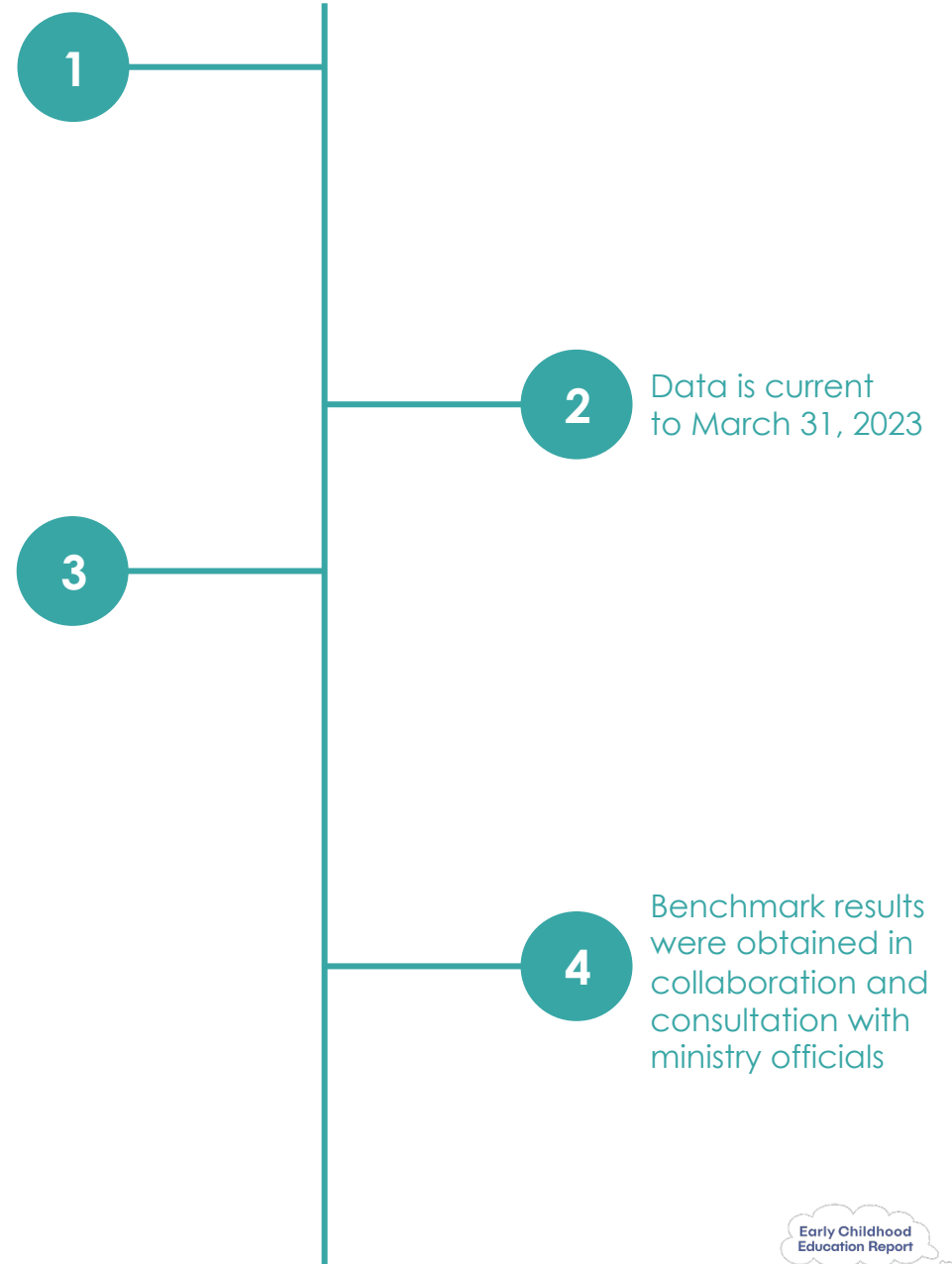
Common ministry	0.5	Min 2/3 CC finding to program operations	1	Full-day Kindergarten	1	ECEC curriculum framework	0.25	Current and posted annual progress report	1
Common ECEC supervisory unit	0.5	Managed salary/fee scale in licensed CC	1	Licensed capacity min 50% for 2-4 yr olds	1	ECEC curriculum framework mandatory	0.25	Facility standards that include Kindergarten	1
Common ECEC policy framework	1	Min 3% of overall budget to ECEC	1	Funding conditional on inclusion	1	Program alignment with Kindergarten	0.5	Population measures collected for preschool	1
Common local authority	1					Min 2/3 staff qualified for 2-4 yr olds	0.5		
						Kindergarten Educators require ECE qualifications	0.5		
						Wages of ECEs at least 2/3 of teachers	0.5		
						ECE professional recognition required	0.25		
						ECE professional development required	0.25		
<b>15 POINTS</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>		<b>3</b>

# REPORT DEVELOPMENT

Each provincial and territorial profile was populated with publicly available data, reviews of collective agreements, custom Statistics Canada runs, and data provided by ministry officials. Quebec's profile was developed under the direction of the Abilio—Childhood Knowledge Dissemination Centre, at the Université Laval and Université de Montréal



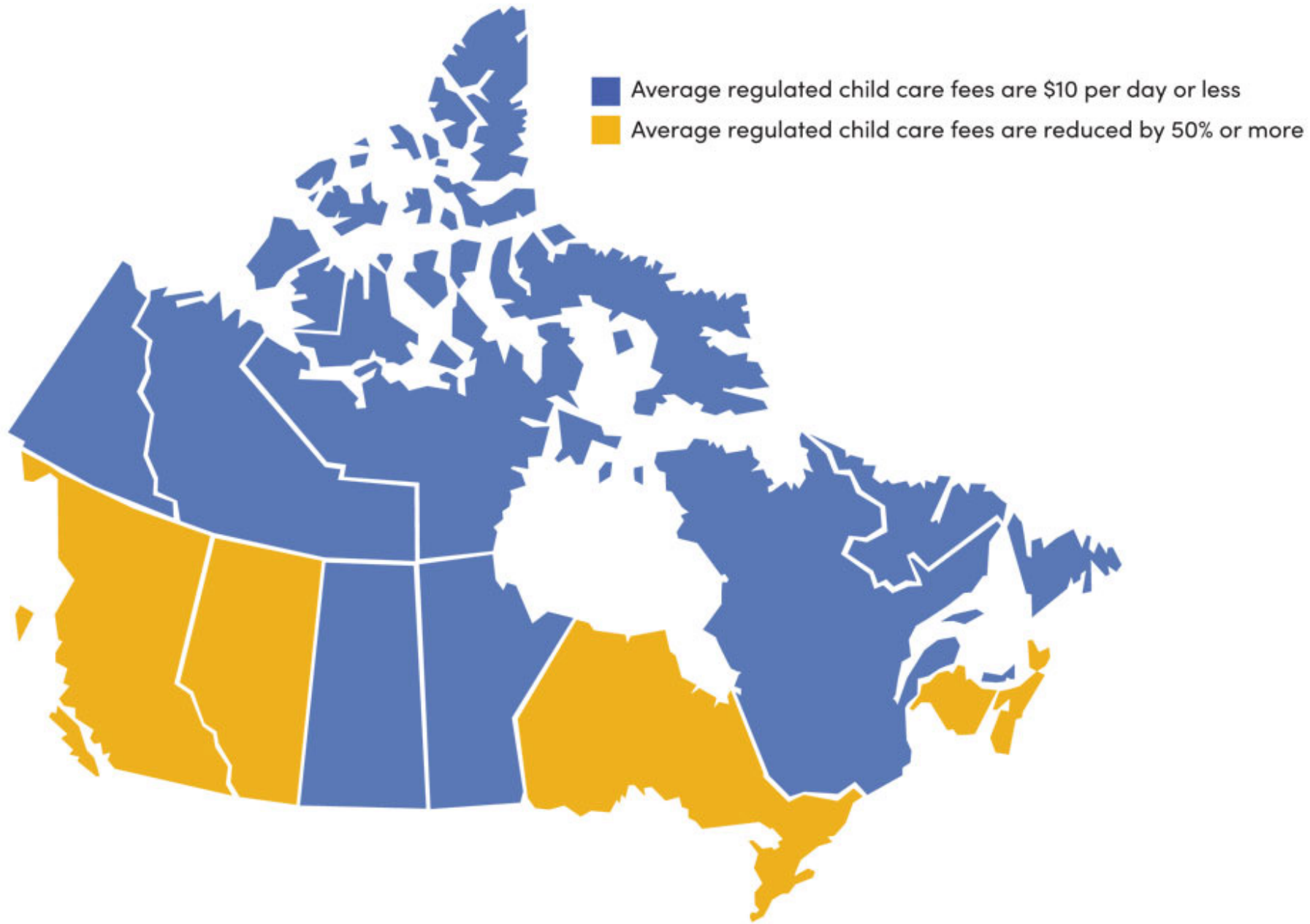
Each profile was reviewed and approved by provincial/territorial officials



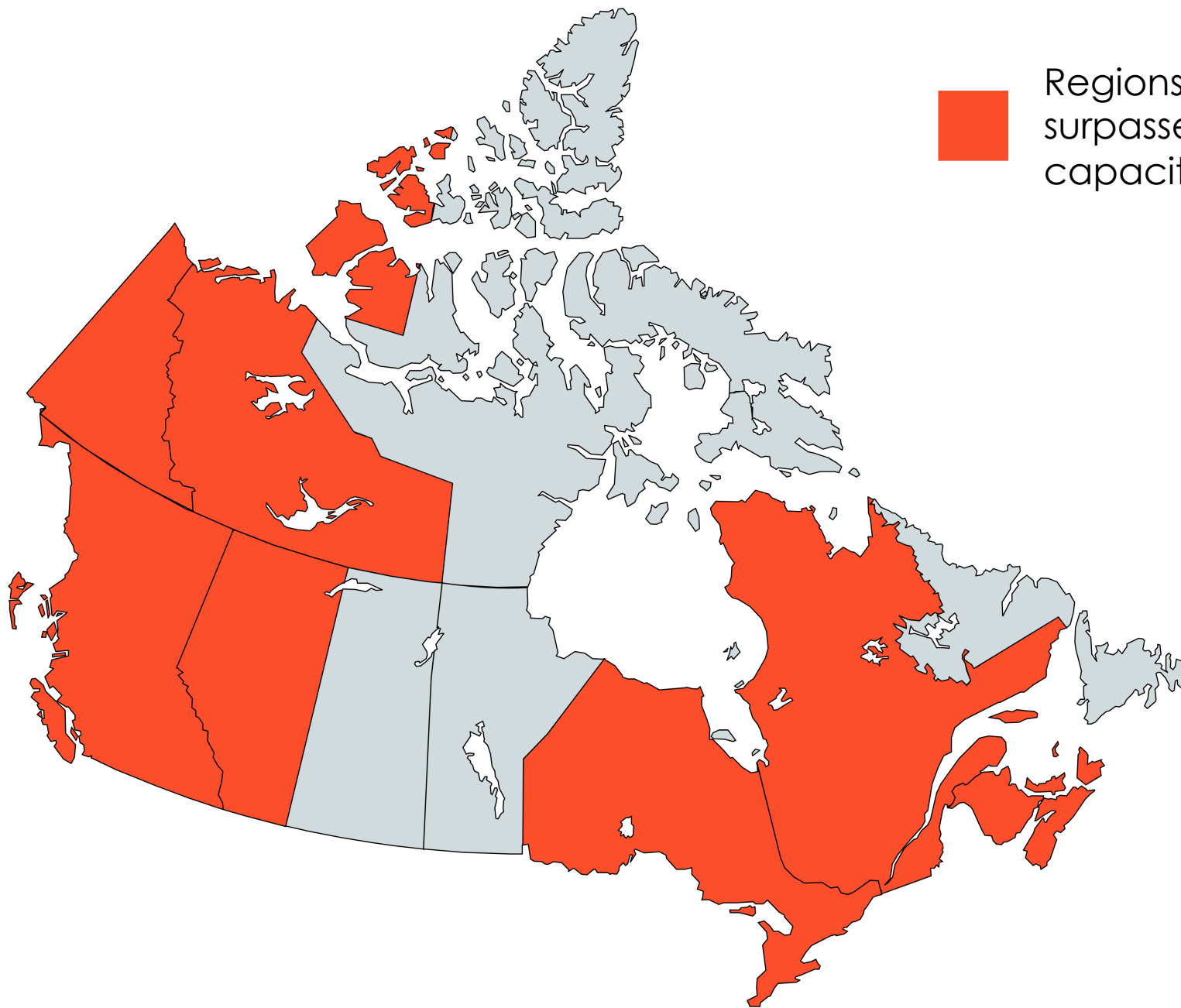
# RESULTS



# AFFORDABILITY AT A GLANCE



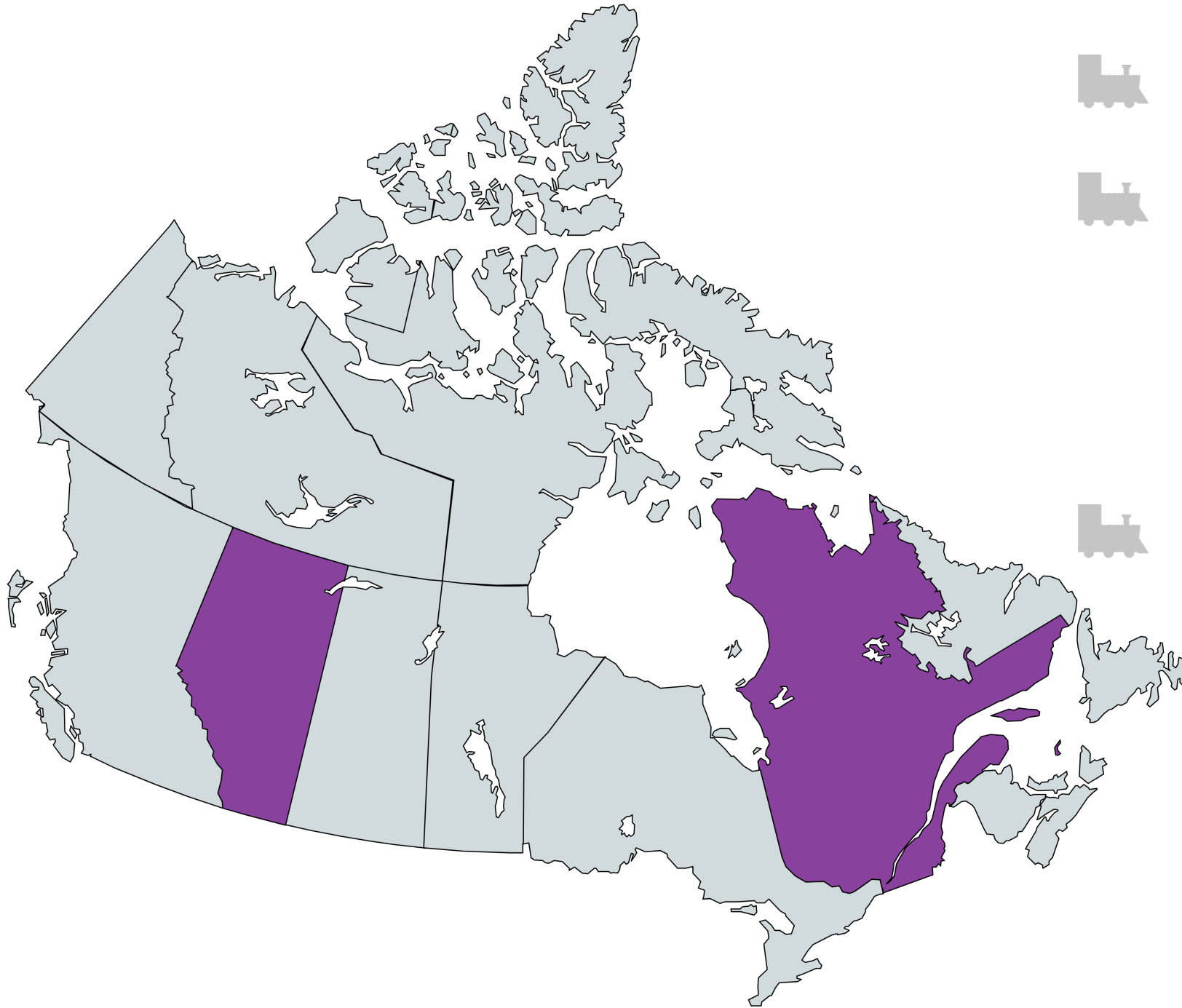
# ACCESS AT A GLANCE



Regions that have reached or surpassed 50% licensed capacity for 2- to 4-year-olds



# GOVERNANCE STRUCTURES



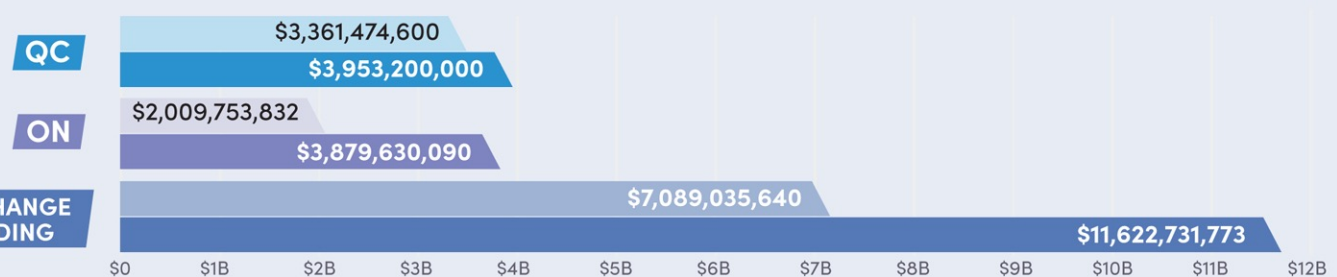
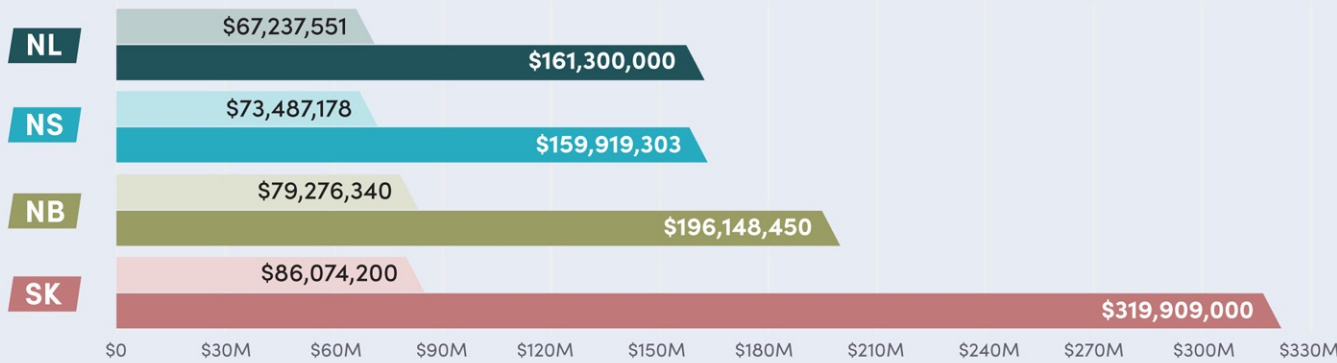
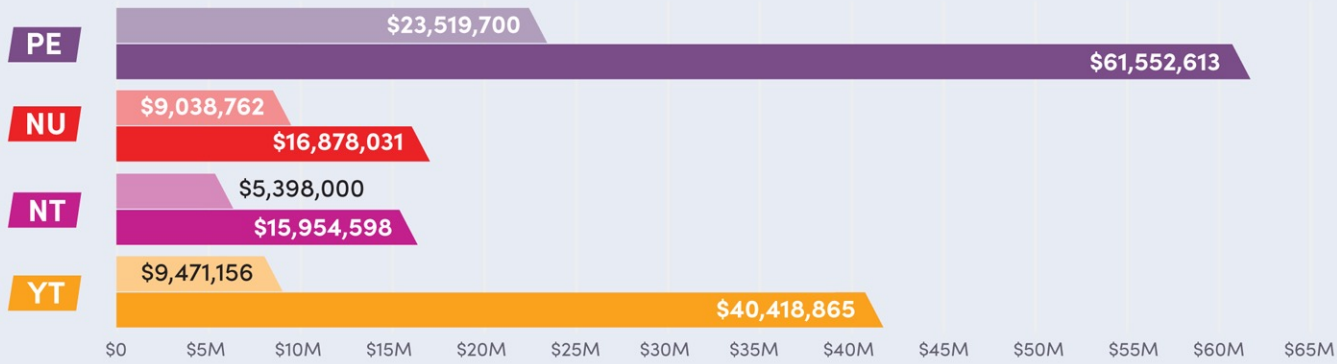
At the onset of the report in 2011, only 4 jurisdictions had an integrated governance, and had child care and education under one ministry



Across the country, governance is now integrated with the exception in Alberta and Quebec. Alberta has moved their responsibility for child care from the Ministry of Children and Families to the Ministry of Labour. Although Quebec has separated ministries, they have an integrated coordinating group between the ministries.

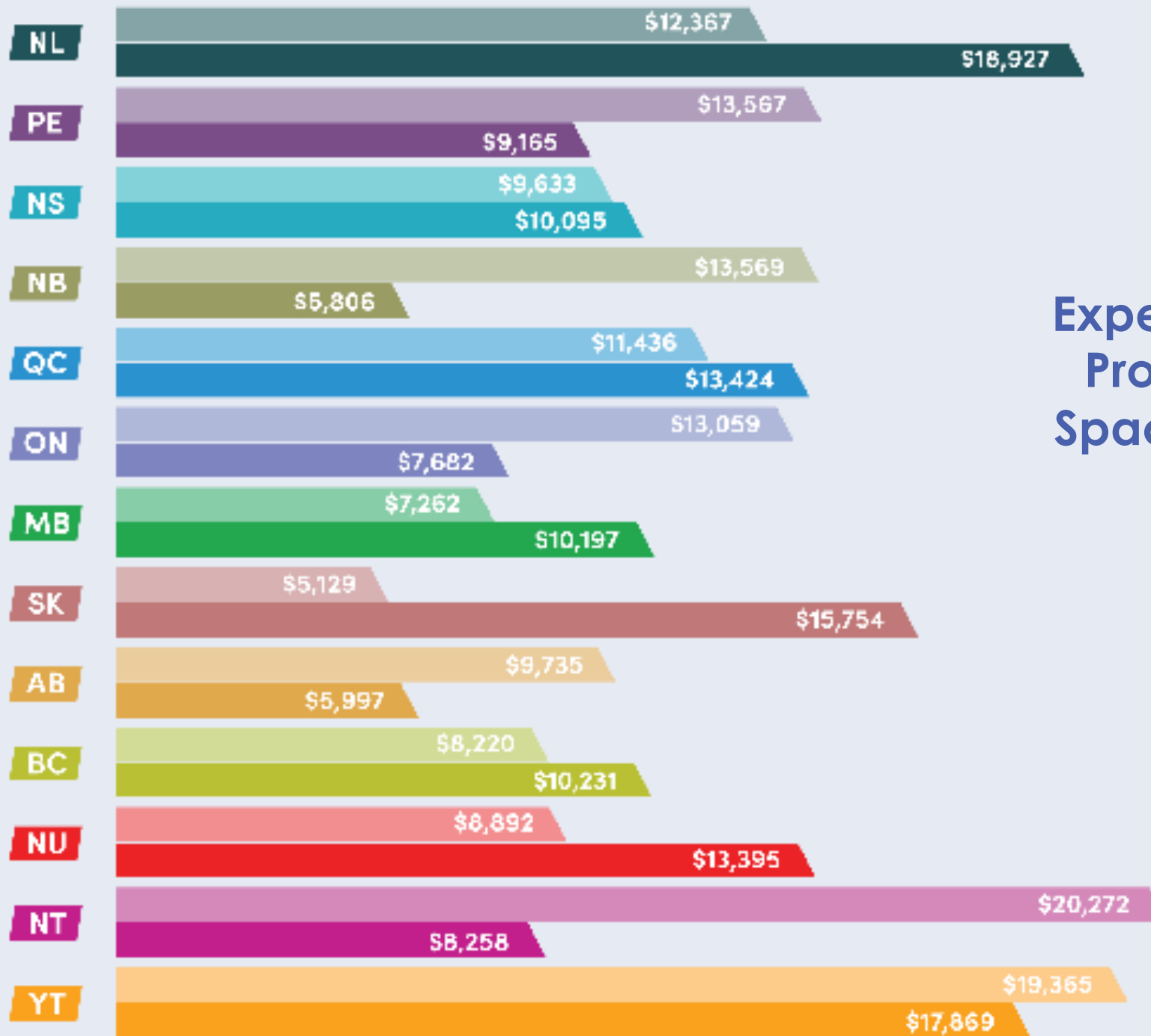


Due to CWELCC and its policy coverage of 0- to 5-year-olds, we have seen fragmentation of policy frameworks and ECEC supervisory units between that of child care and education



## Change in Spending on Regulated Child Care by Province and Territory (2020 ● 2023)

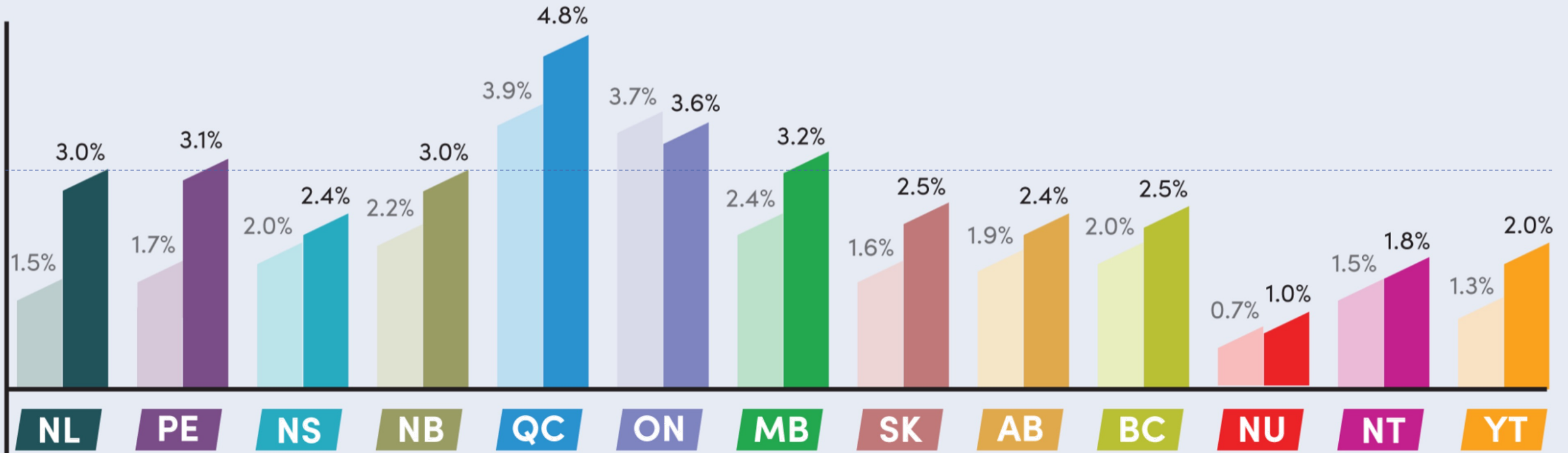
 Includes federal funding



**Expenditures per Child in school Programs and per Child Care Space by Province and Territory**  
 (school programs ● child care)

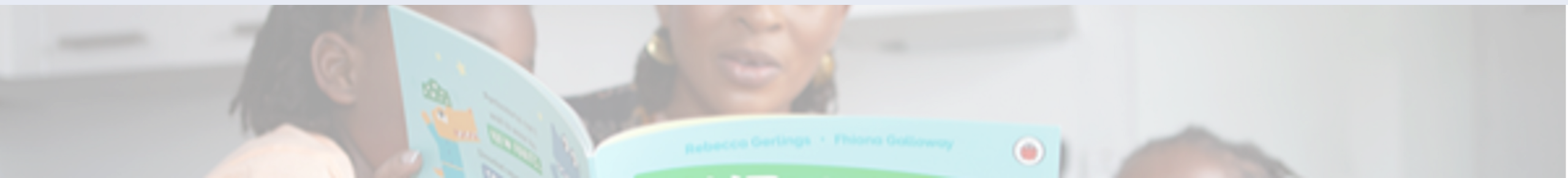
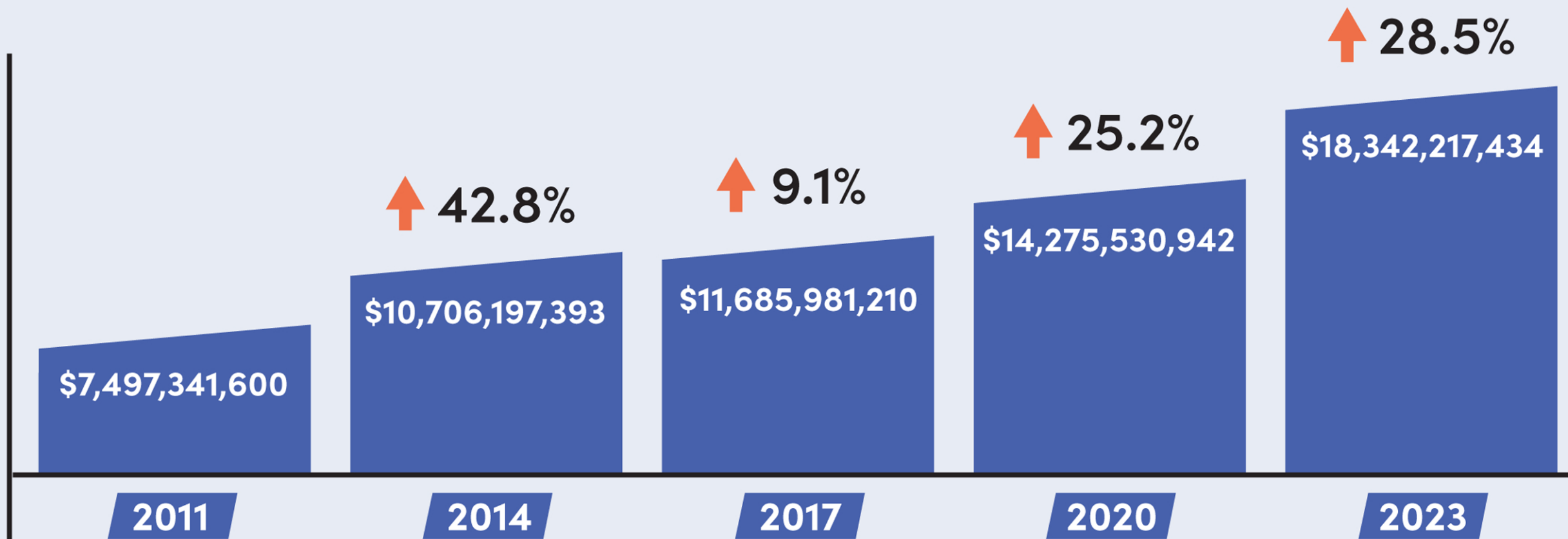
# CHANGE IN ECEC SPENDING AS A PER CENT OF TOTAL PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL BUDGET

2020 · 2023



# CHANGE IN TOTAL PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL ECEC SPENDING

Per cent change from previous report.






% NON-PROFIT CENTRES



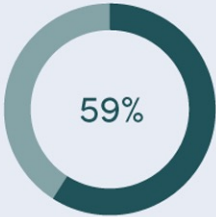
% FOR-PROFIT CENTRES

# Child Care Spending on For-Profit Facilities by Province and Territory (2023)

 **SK** and **MB** license for-profit centres, but they are not eligible for funding

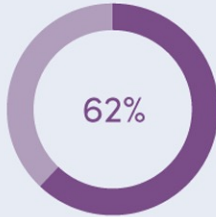
 **NU** and **NT** only license and fund non-profit and public centres

\$95,167,000



**NL**

\$38,162,620



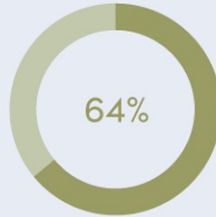
**PE**

\$89,554,810



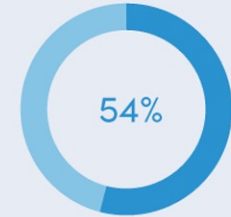
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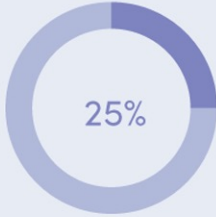
**NB**

\$2,134,728,000



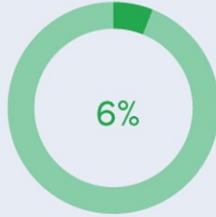
**QC**

\$969,907,523



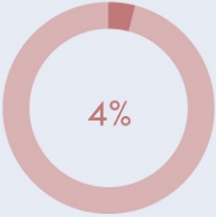
**ON**

\$0



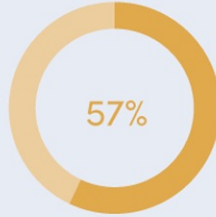
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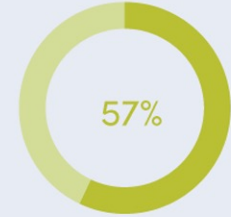
**SK**

\$556,323,990



**AB**

\$812,037,960



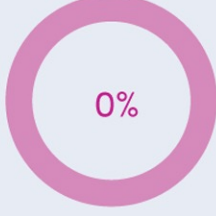
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\$0



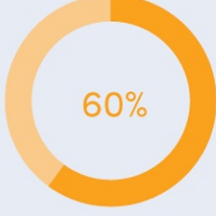
**NU**

\$0



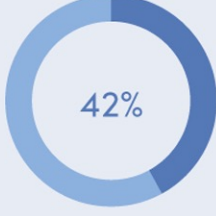
**NT**

\$24,251,319



**YT**

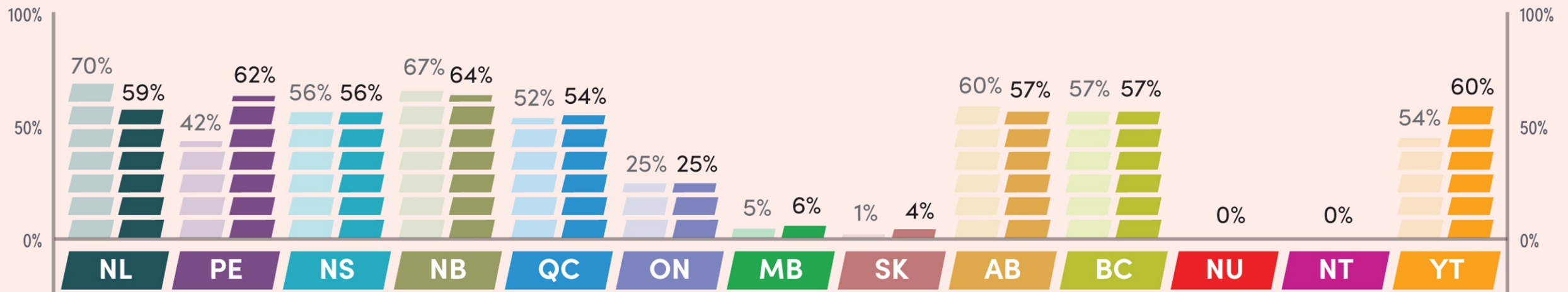
\$4,845,668,229



**CANADA**

# Percent Change in For-Profit Facilities/Spaces by Province and Territory

(2020 • 2023)



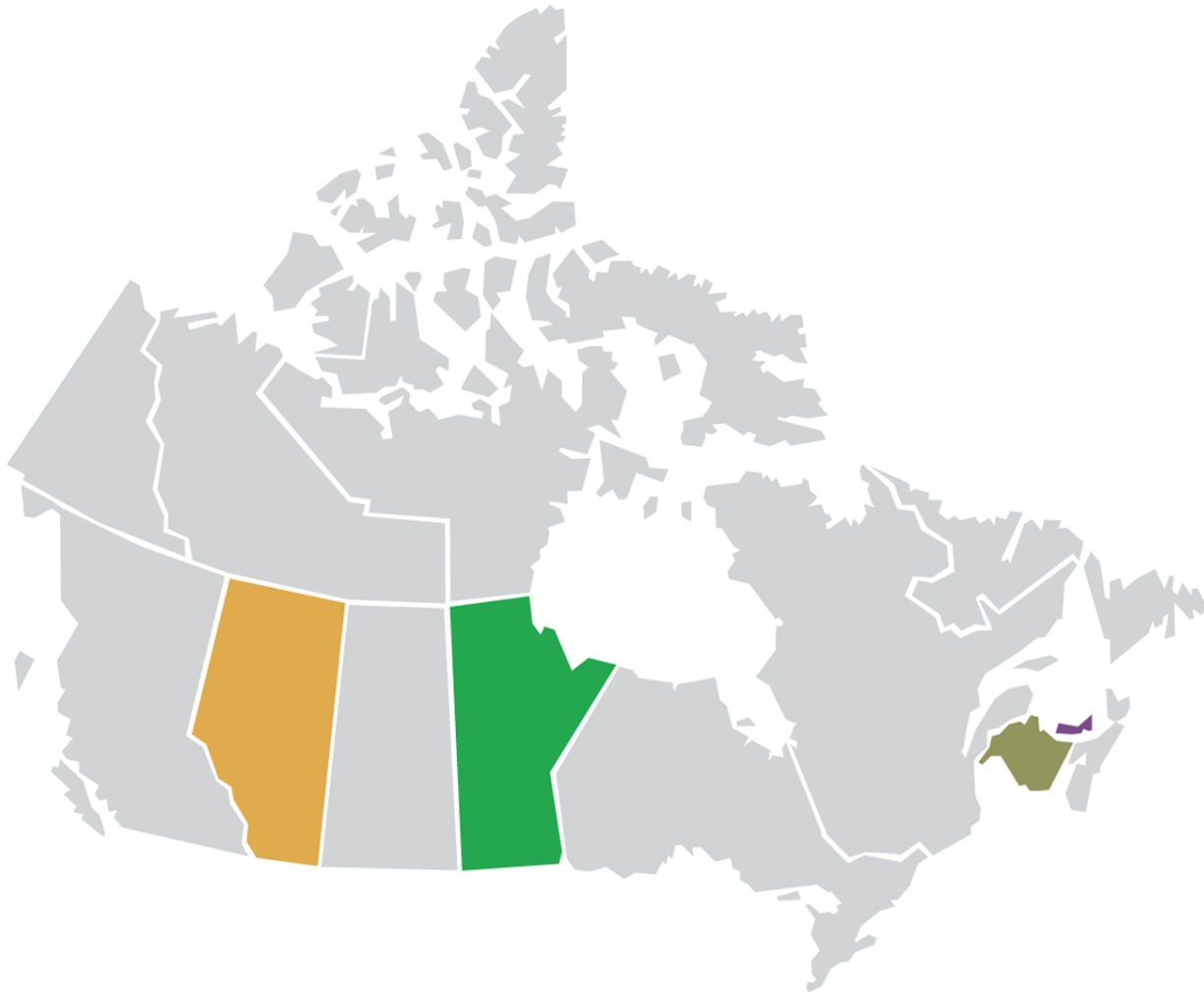
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# JURISDICTIONS WHERE PUBLIC FUNDING FOR CHILD CARE IS CONDITIONAL ON INCLUDING CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS



## Prince Edward Island

In Designated Early Years Centres only

## New Brunswick

In Designated Early Learning and Child Care centres only

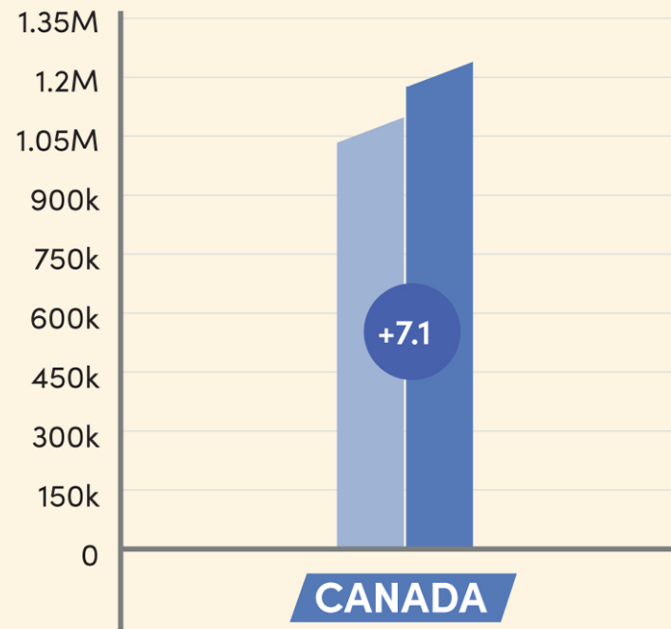
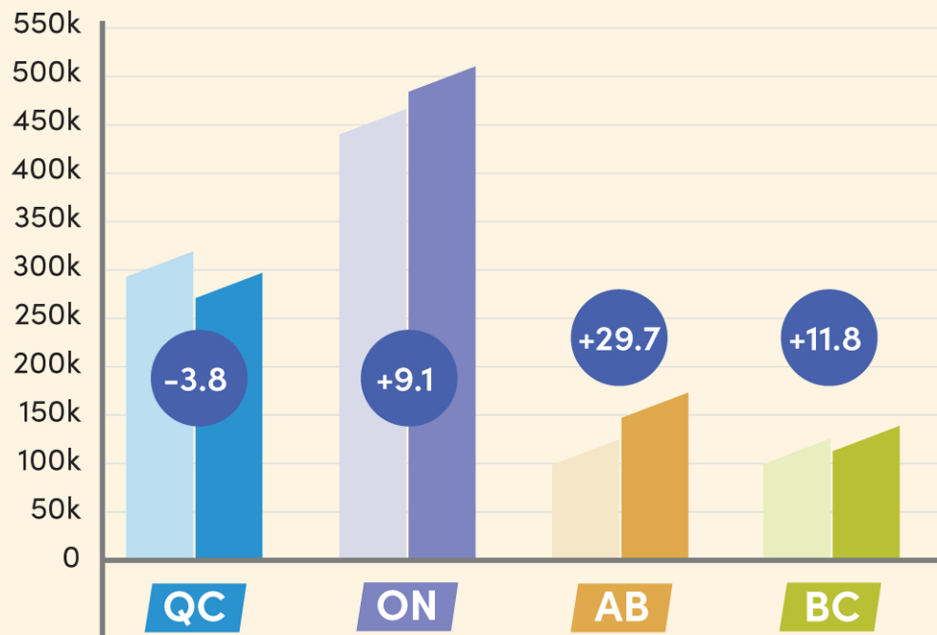
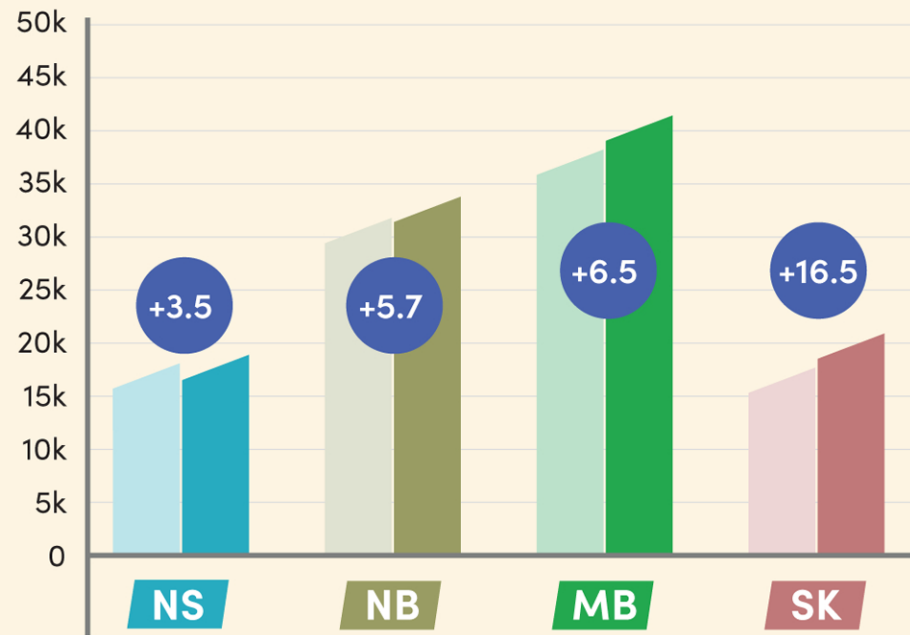
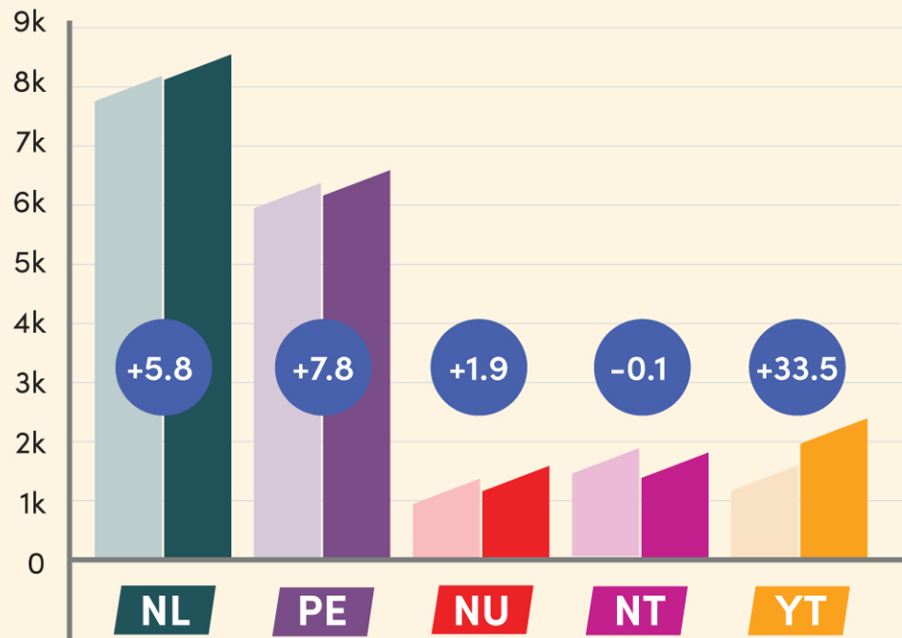
## Manitoba

In all publicly funded child care programs

## Alberta

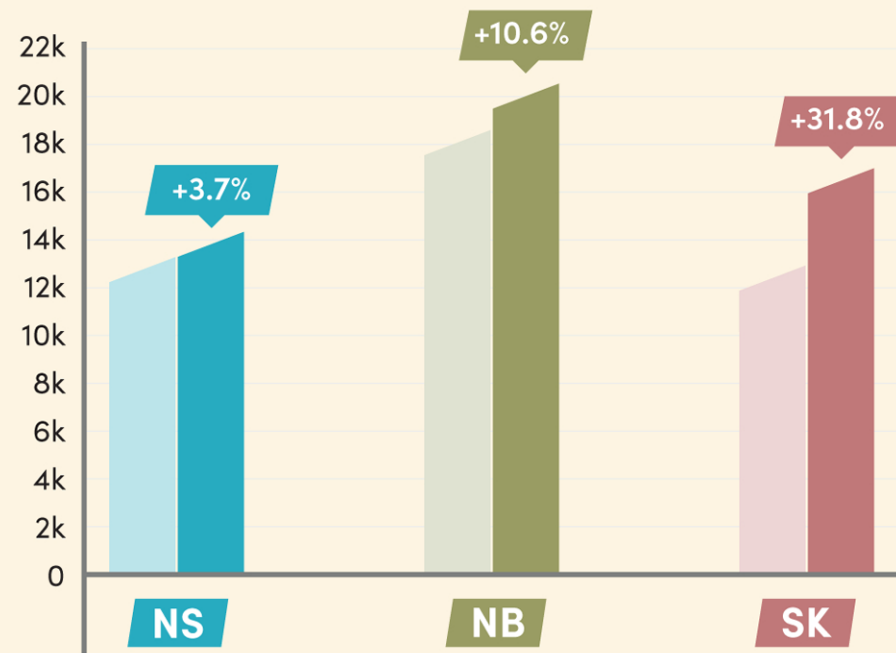
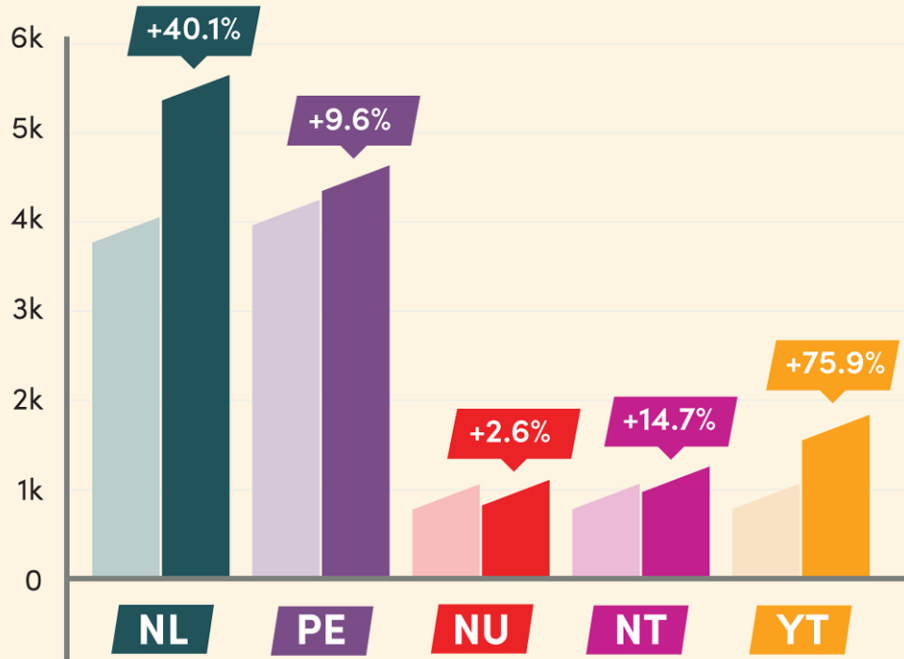
In Early Childhood Services programs only



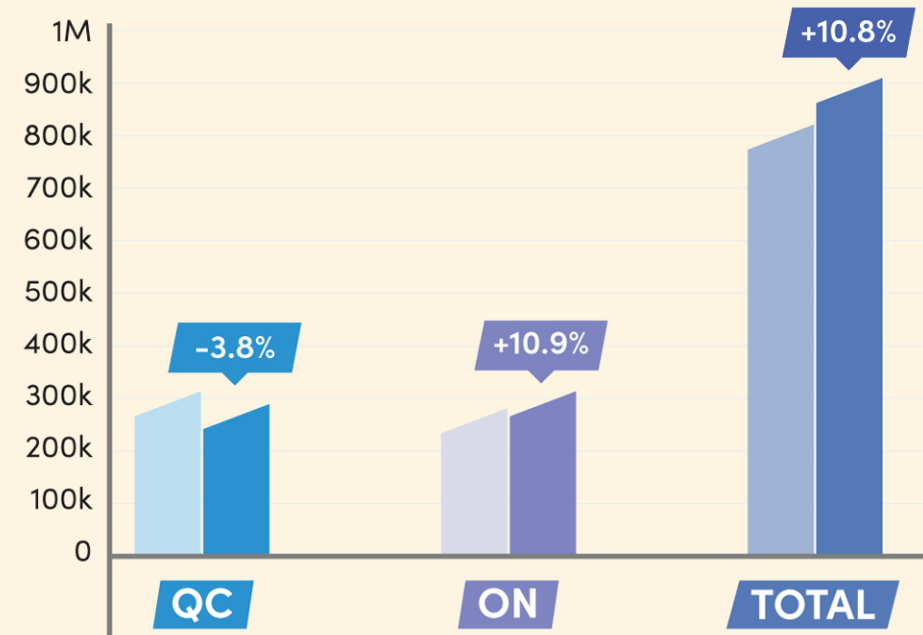
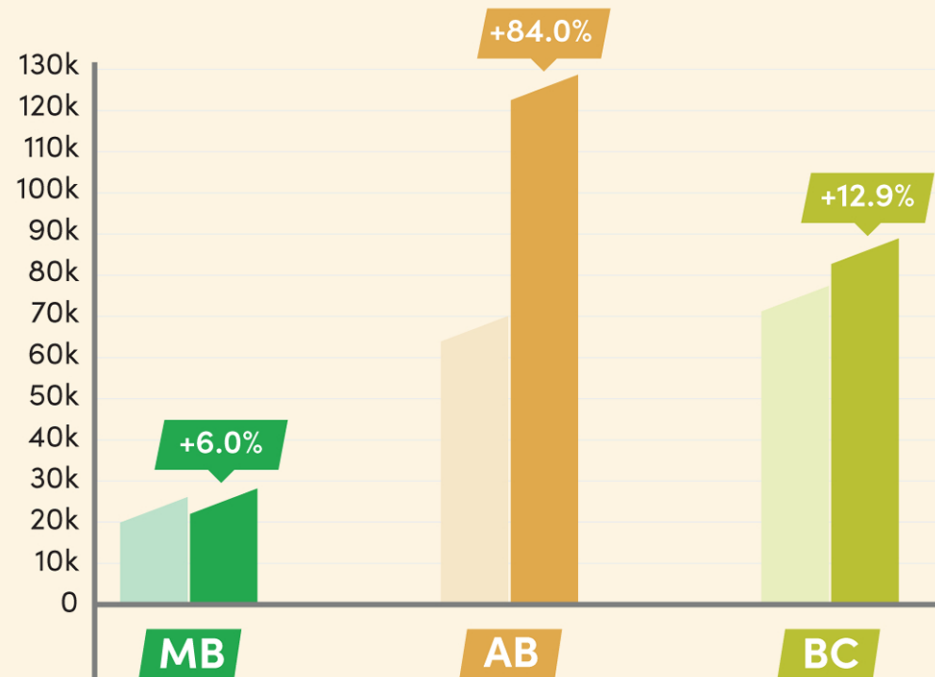


## Percent Change in Regulated Child Care Spaces 0 to 12 Years of Age (2020 • 2023)

= % change



## Changes in the Number of Child Care Spaces 0 to 5 Years Old (2020 • 2023)



# CURRICULUM FRAMEWORKS



All 13 provinces and territories now have a curriculum framework in place



Their use is mandatory in all jurisdictions except for YT, AB, and SK.



In some regions such as BC and ON, their use is mandated in specific programs such as StrongStart or EarlyON centres



In all regions early years curriculums are aligned with that of Kindergarten

# KINDERGARTEN/PRE-KINDERGARTEN TEACHER QUALIFICATIONS BY PROVINCE/TERRITORY

## KINDERGARTEN

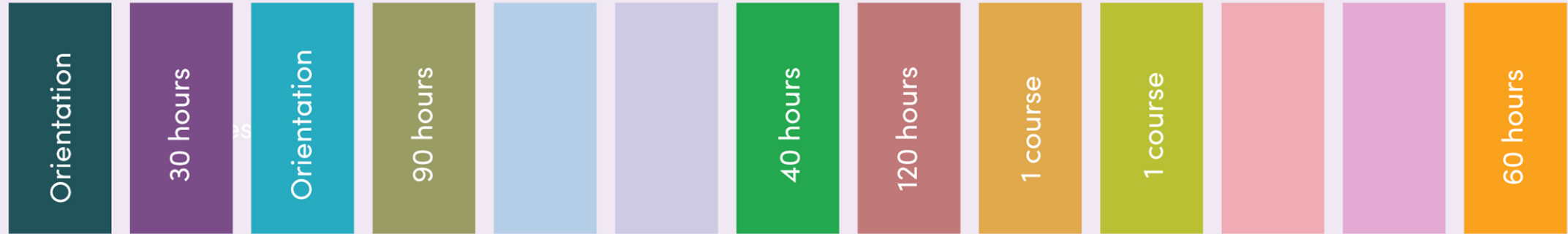
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B.Ed. or equivalent	BA + primary speciality	BA + speciality	B.Ed.	BA with EC speciality	B.Ed. + ECE with diploma	BA + education speciality	BA	BA + 2 years experience	BA + education speciality	B.Ed. or ECE Diploma	B.Ed.	B.Ed. or equivalent

## PRE-KINDERGARTEN

<b>NL</b>	<b>PE</b>	<b>NS</b>	<b>NB</b>	<b>QC</b>	<b>ON</b>	<b>MB</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>AB</b>	<b>BC</b>	<b>NU</b>	<b>NT</b>	<b>YT</b>
ECE degree or Kindergarten experience	ECE diploma	ECE-BA or ECE diploma		BA with EC speciality + ECE diploma	B.Ed. + ECE with diploma	BA with ECE speciality	BA with ECE speciality	BA + 2 years EC experience	Teacher + ECE with diploma		B.Ed. or ECE diploma	B.Ed. or equivalent

# QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED IN LICENSED CHILD CARE BY PROVINCE/TERRITORY

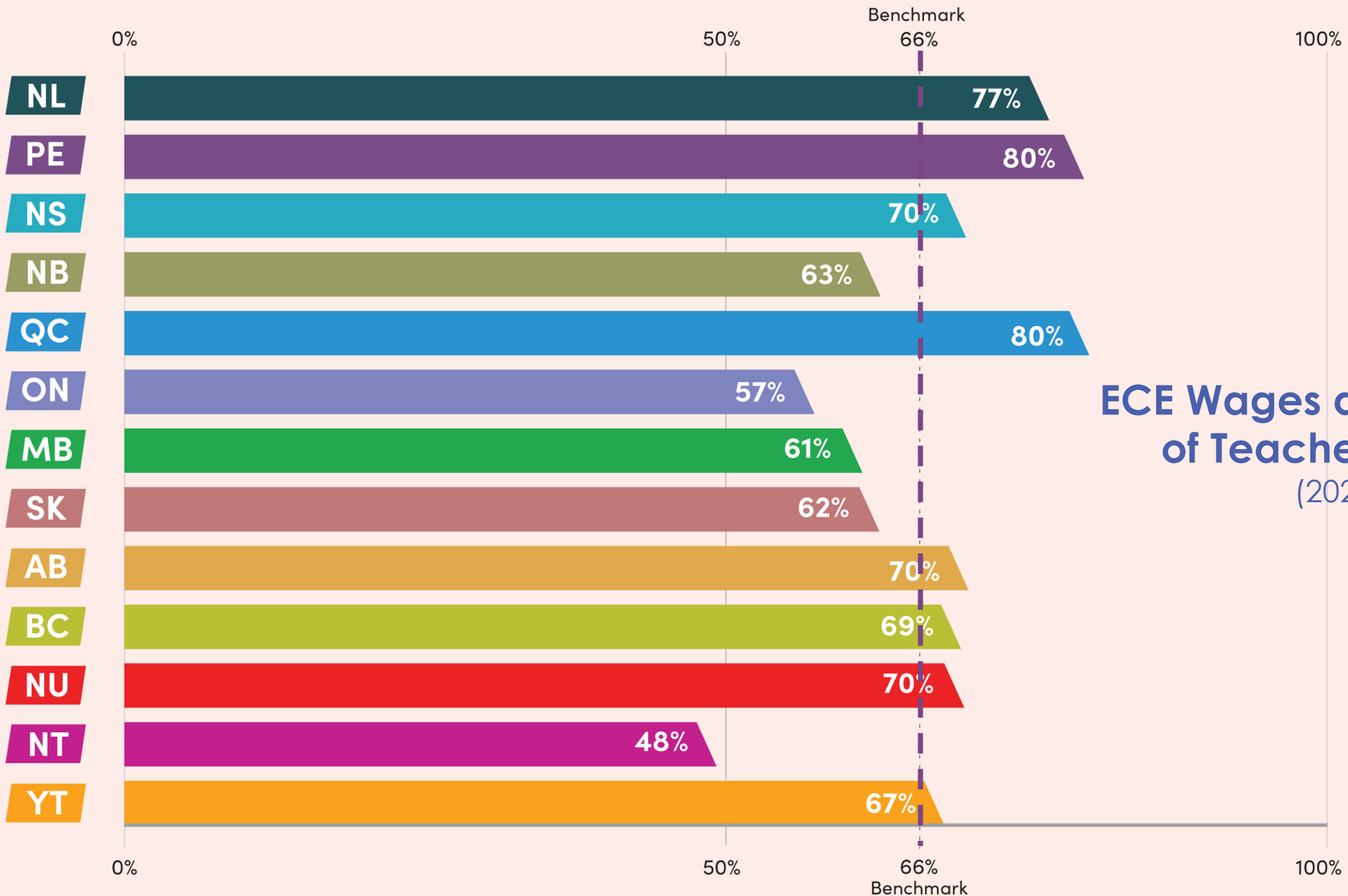
## ENTRY LEVEL



## NUMBER OF LEVELS OF QUALIFICATION

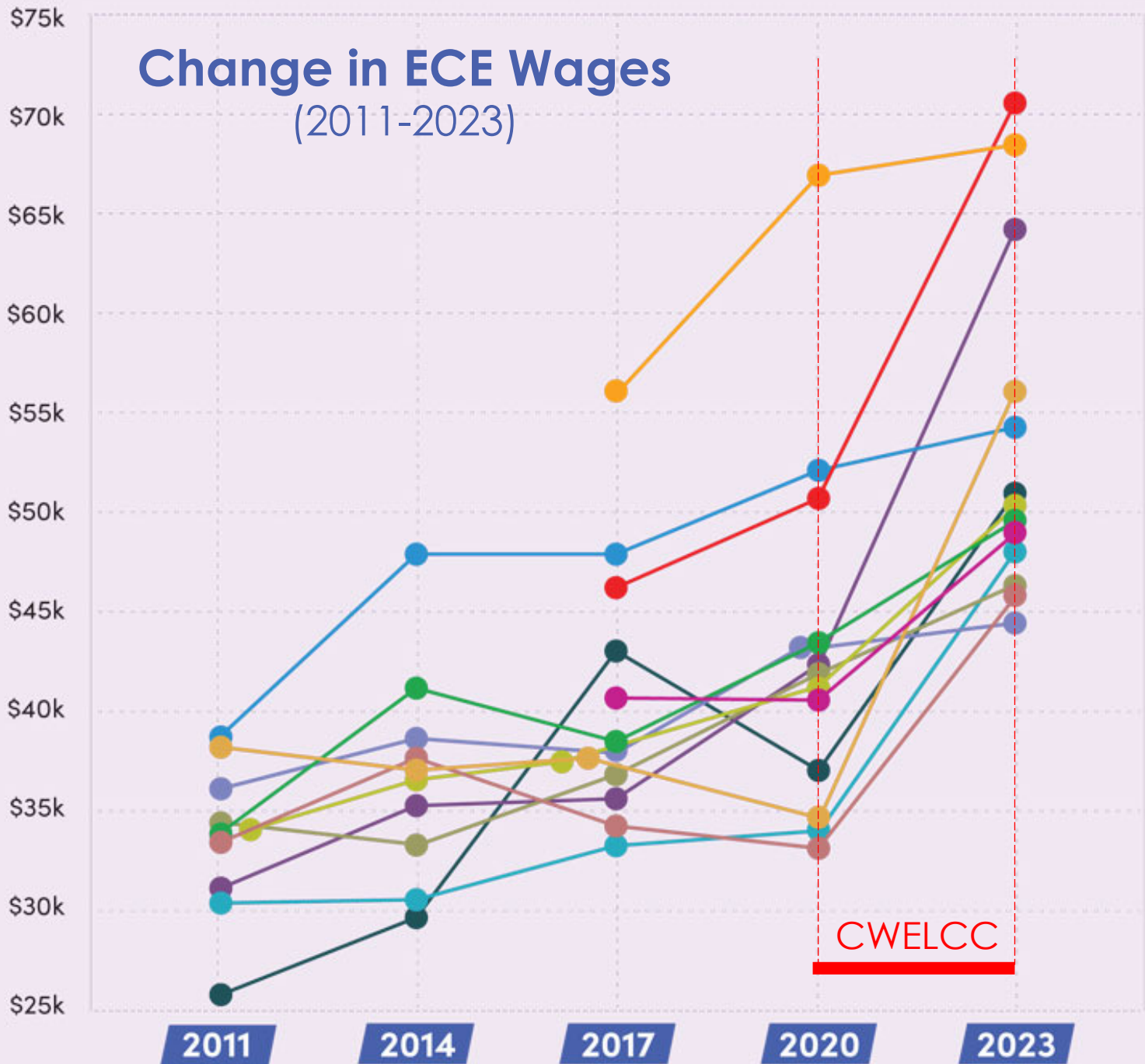


## QUALIFIED



## ECE Wages as a Percent of Teacher Wages (2023)

# Change in ECE Wages (2011-2023)



## \$ CHANGE FROM 2020

- NL \$13,662
- PE \$21,320
- NS \$14,531
- NB \$3,944
- QC \$2,343
- ON \$1,269
- MB \$5,615
- SK \$12,896
- AB \$21,449
- BC \$9,528
- NU \$21,029
- NT \$9,250
- YT \$1,560



# Accountability



All regions have an annual progress report. Although data collections remains uneven

**Annual Report**



Most regions now have facility standards that include Kindergarten, except PEI and NU

**Facility Standards**



All regions collect population measures for preschool children, however use different tools and thus not comparable

**Population Measures**



# FINDINGS



## GOVERNANCE



## FUNDING



## ACCESS



## LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



## ACCOUNTABILITY



# RESULTS

## GOVERNANCE



## FUNDING



## ACCESS



## LEARNING ENVIRONMENT



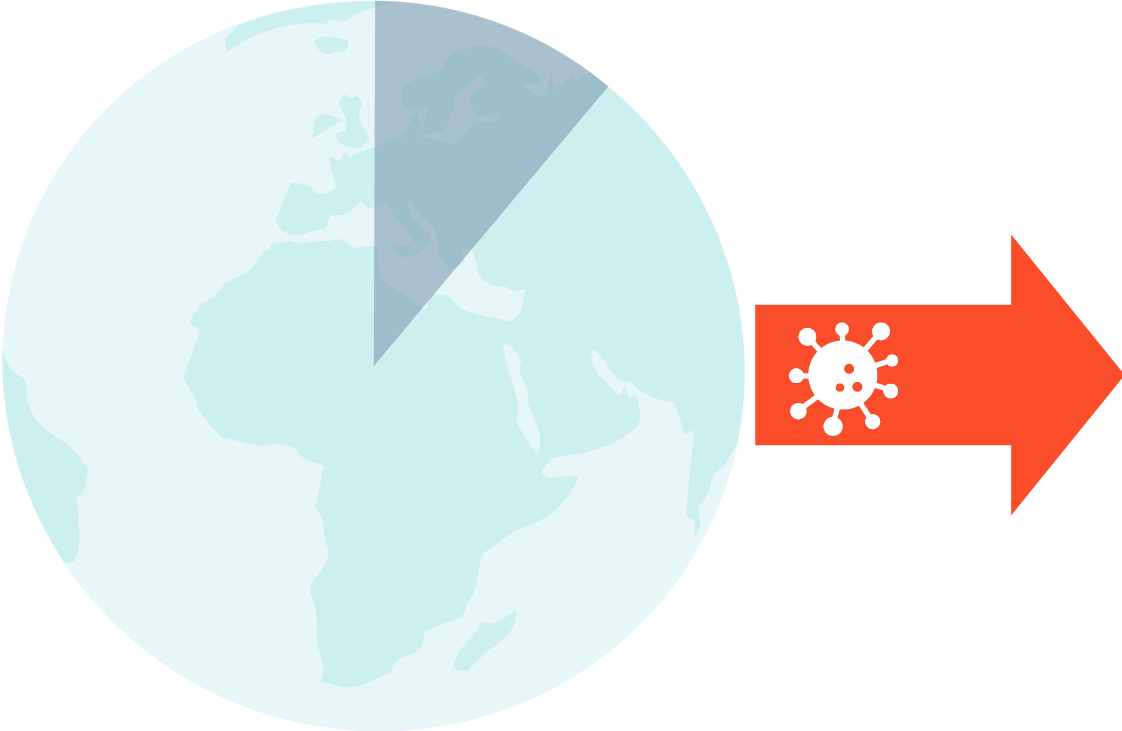
## ACCOUNTABILITY



**NL** **PE** **NS** **NB** **QC** **ON** **MB** **SK** **AB** **BC** **NU** **NT** **YT**



# Aftermath of the COVID-19 Pandemic



## Program Closures

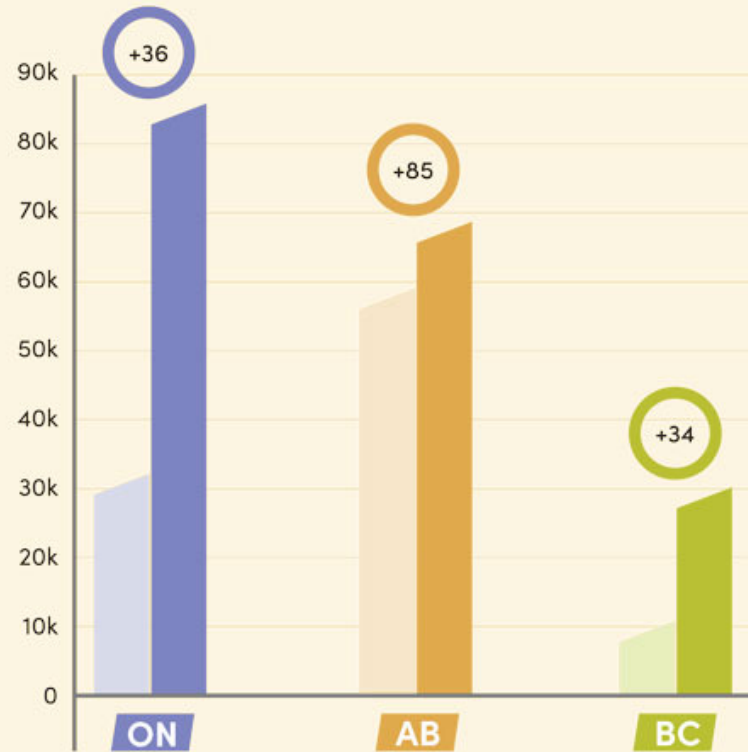
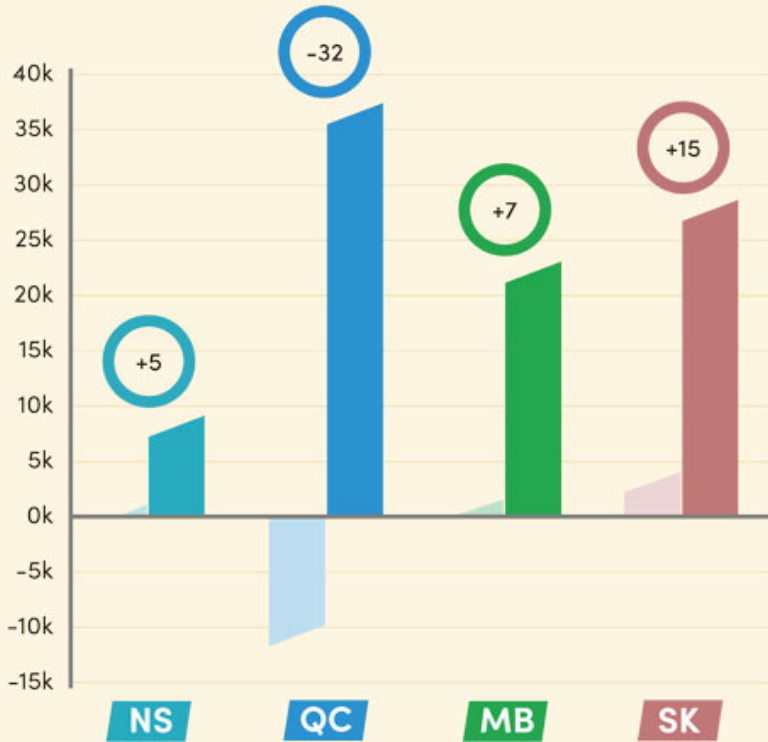
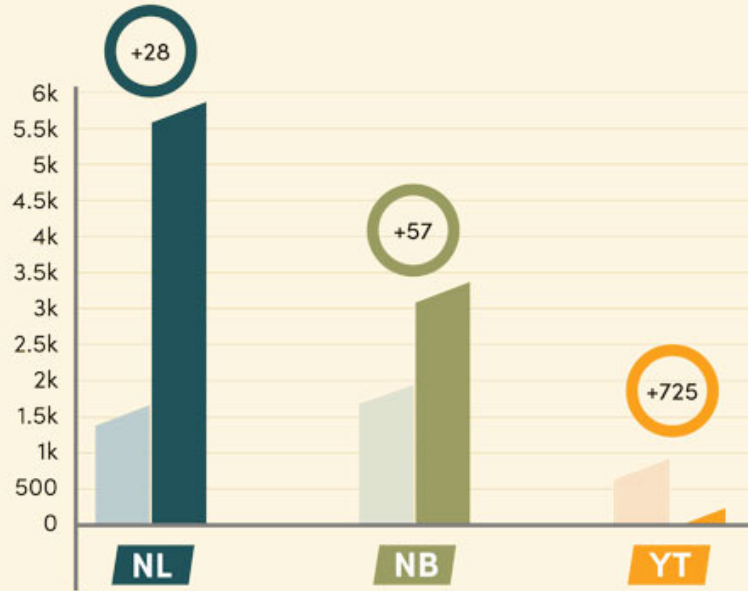
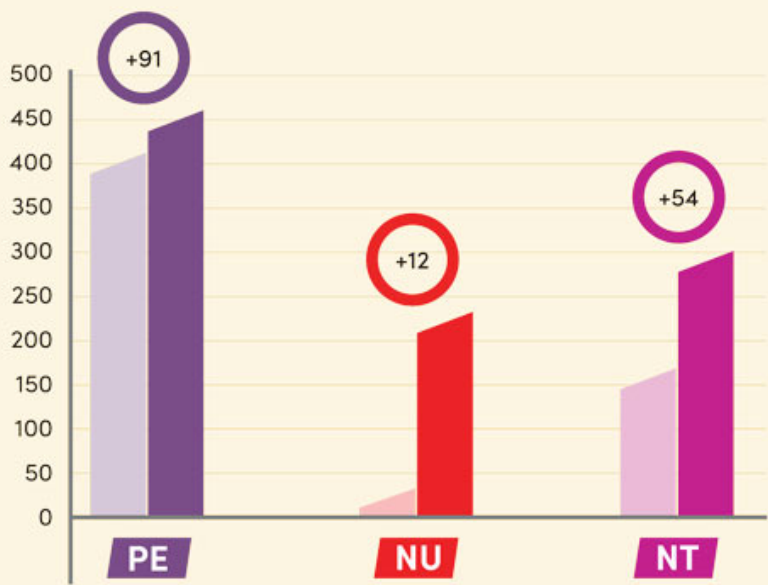


## Job loses






# Attention to the Workforce



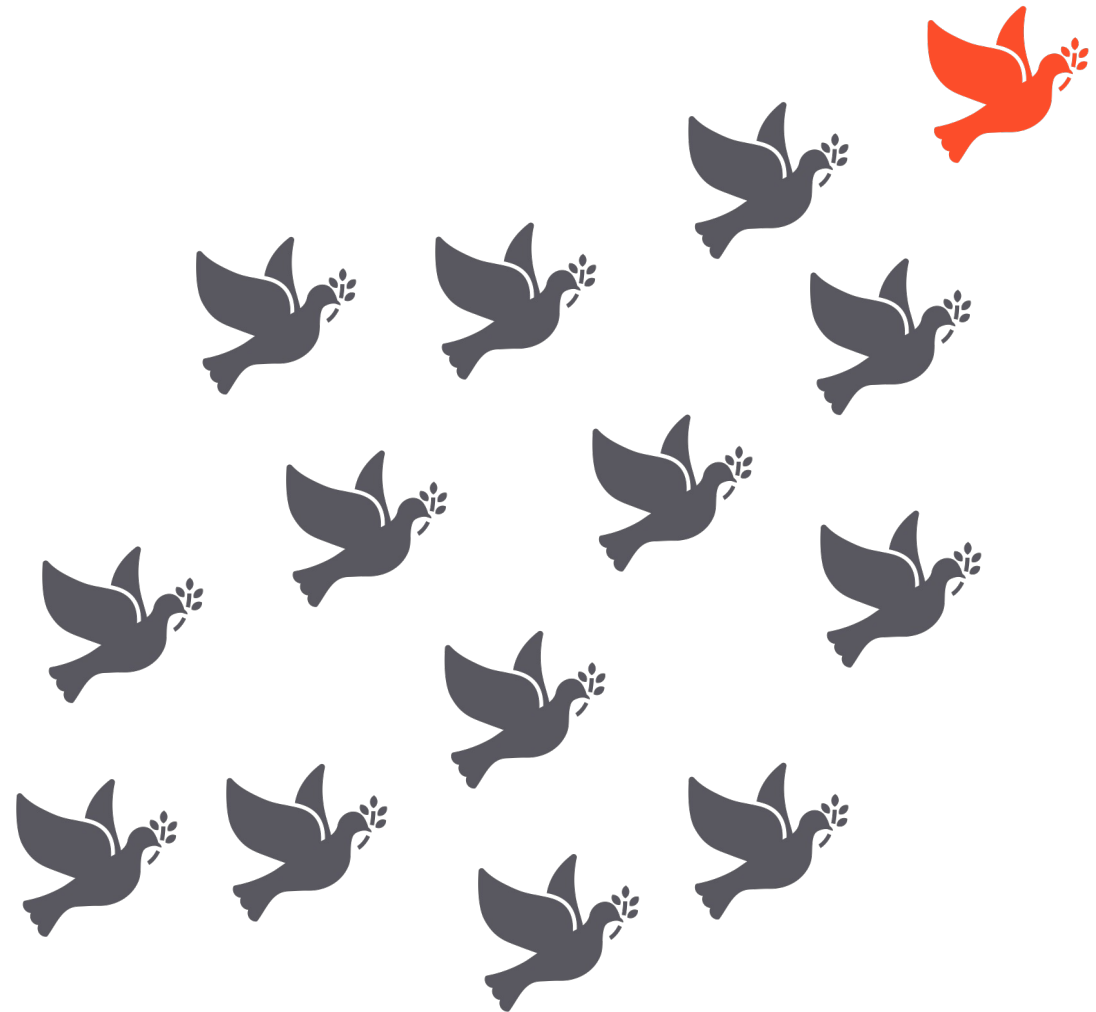
## Percentage of New Child Care Spaces (0 to 5 years) Created Against 2026 Goals (spaces added/lost ● 2026 CWELCC goal)

 = % achieved



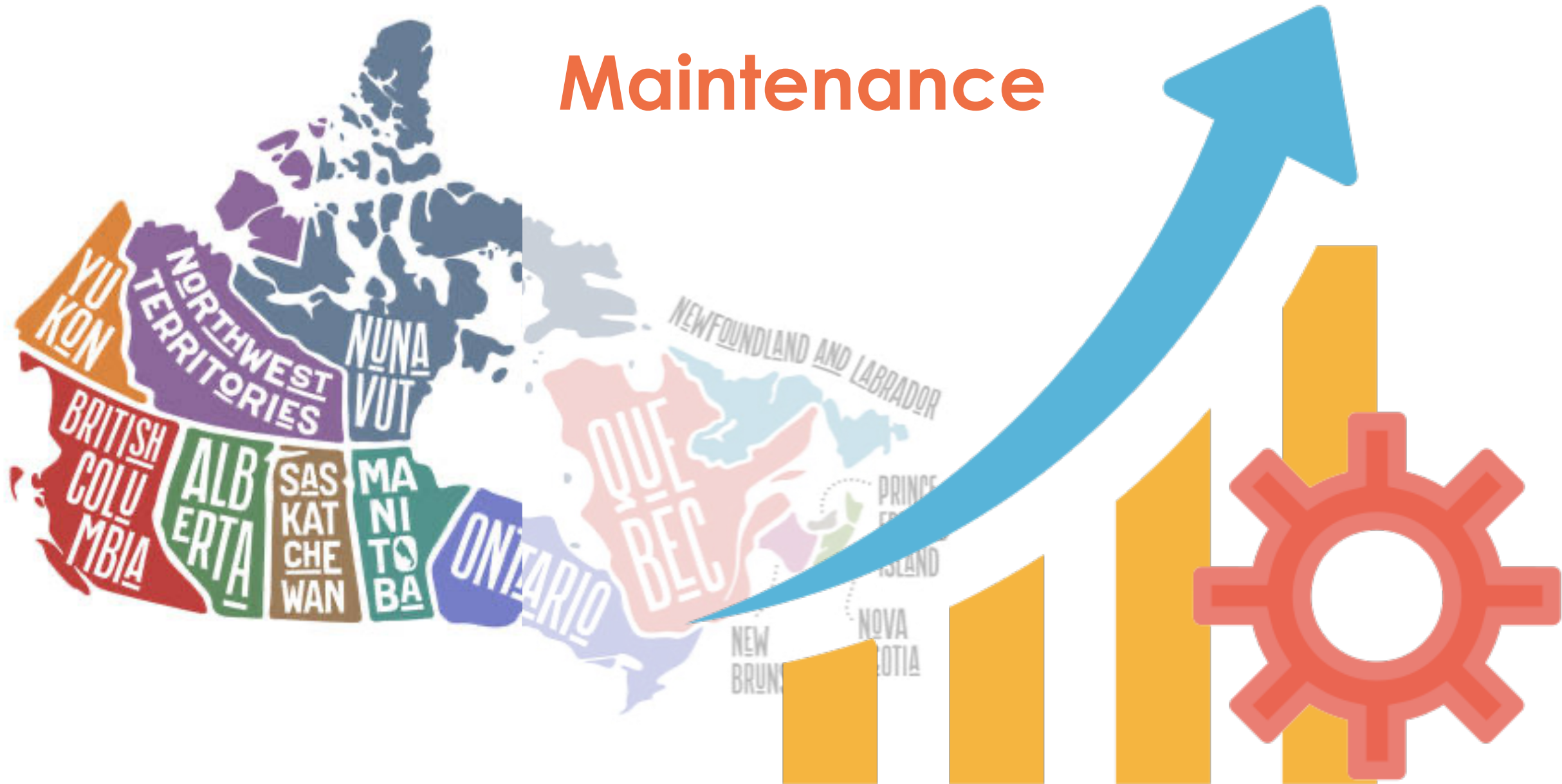
# The for-profit challenge

# Leadership in a time of change





# Maintenance



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