

**TABLE 8 Selected characteristics of kindergarten programs by province/territory – 2003/04**

P/T	Program	Enrollment – Five year olds	Spending (2001)	Other features
NF	• Part-time	5,086	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD \$7,700 per K-12 student	• Kinderstart, a kindergarten orientation program for fours.
PEI	• Part-time • Delivered as part of regulated child care centres	1,452	• TOTAL \$3.2M • PER CHILD \$1,904	
NS	• Full primary school day • Very limited provision for fours • Compulsory	9,852 <sup>1</sup>	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD 5,967	• 4 Plus program available for at-risk populations in Halifax.
NB	• Full primary school day • Compulsory	7,836	n/a	• Ready, Set, Go for 4-year-olds.
QC	• Full-day – fives • Part-day – fours (There are two separate programs for fours: pre-maternelle and passe- partout. Both of these were initiated for low-income children.)	• Fives – 76,200 • Fours – 6,126 pre-maternelle – 8,500 passe-partout	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD – \$1,728 per five – \$2,021 per four (pre-maternelle) – \$970 passe-partout	• Kindergarten for fours are no longer being developed as four year olds may attend full-time child care.
ON	• Part-day in most boards (All French and some Catholic boards have full-day for fives and fours). • Almost all boards provide kindergarten for fours although it is not mandated.	2002/03 • Fives – 129,993 • Fours – 116,194	• TOTAL – Fives – \$496M – Fours – \$440M • PER CHILD – Per five \$3,800 – Per four \$3,800 (part-day rate)	• Both “public” and Catholic school system.
MN	• Part-day in most boards • Limited provision for fours	• Fives – 13,170 • Fours – 2,654	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD – Per five \$3,896	
SK	• Part-day fives • Threes and fours – “At risk” children in targeted communities (limited enrolment)	• Fives – 11,229 • Fours – 1,500 (estimate – includes some threes and younger)	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD – Per five rural \$2,429 – Regina/Saskatoon \$2,330 – Per four \$3,022	• Provision is at the discretion of school boards. • Both “public” and Catholic school system.

<sup>1</sup> Enrolment includes children from public and private schools.

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<b>AB</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-day fives</li> <li>• Two to fours with disabilities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fives – 41,562<sup>2</sup></li> <li>• Fours – 1,704</li> <li>• Threes – 287</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOTAL n/a</li> <li>• PER CHILD \$2,272</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Can be delivered in public schools or in private Early Childhood Services.</li> <li>• Both “public” and Catholic school system.</li> </ul>
<b>BC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-day fives, some full-day special populations</li> <li>• Limited provision for fours</li> </ul>	36,552	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOTAL \$111,460,251</li> <li>• PER CHILD – FTE \$5,520</li> <li>– Part-time \$2,760</li> </ul>	
<b>NT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-day fives</li> </ul>	615 <sup>3</sup>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOTAL \$3,628,500</li> <li>• PER CHILD \$5,900<sup>4</sup></li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both “public” and Catholic school system.</li> </ul>
<b>NU</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-day fives</li> </ul>	671	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOTAL n/a</li> <li>• PER CHILD \$8,545</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Kindergarten is delivered in Inuktitut.</li> </ul>
<b>YT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part-day fives</li> <li>• Limited provision for fours</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fives – 334</li> <li>• Fours – 44</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TOTAL n/a</li> <li>• PER CHILD \$5,500 (per K-12 student)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both “public” and Catholic school system.</li> </ul>

2 Enrolment total includes children attending ECS programs offered by public, separate, Francophone, charter, private school and private ECS operators.

3 Enrolment includes children from all public and private schools.

4 Half of the \$11,800 FTE funding the board receives per K-12 student. This amount excludes capital.