

TABLE 9

Selected characteristics of kindergarten programs by province/territory – 2006

P/T	Program	Enrollment – Five year olds	Spending (2001)	Other features
NL	• Part-time	4,956	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD \$7,879 (per K-12 student)	• Kinderstart, a kindergarten orientation program for fours.
PE	• Part-time • Delivered as part of regulated child care centres	1,409	• TOTAL \$3.1M • PER CHILD \$2,193	
NS	• Full primary school day • Very limited provision for fours • Compulsory	9,056 (public only)	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD \$5,967 (per FTE K-12 student) ¹	• 4 Plus program available for at-risk populations in Halifax. • Pre-primary pilot program
NB	• Full primary school day • Compulsory	7,451	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD \$6,911	
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, though this is no longer their sole clientele.)	• Fives – 69,000 (public) 4,735 (private) • Fours – 6,103 pre-maternelle – 8,500 passe-partout	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD – \$1,728 per five – \$2,124 per four (pre-maternelle) – \$1,020 passe-partout	• Kindergarten for fours are no longer being developed but only maintained, as four year olds may attend full-time child care.
ON	• Part-day, everyday in most urban boards; full day alternate day in some rural 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.	(2003/04 data) ¹ • Fives – 127,571 • Fours – 113,053	• TOTAL – Fives – \$535.9M – Fours – \$504.9M • PER CHILD – Per five \$4,320 – Per four \$4,320 (part-day rate)	• Both “public” and Catholic school system. • Best Start ²
MB	• Part-day in most boards • Limited provision for fours	• Fives – 12,034 (public) – 761 funded independent • Fours – 2,127 (public) – 375 funded independent	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD – Per five \$4,233 (est.) – Per four n/a	
SK	• Part-day fives • Pre-K – Threes and fours – Vulnerable children in targeted communities (limited enrolment)	• Fives – 10,552 • Fours – 1,600 (estimate – includes some threes)	• TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD – Per five \$2,400 – Per four \$3,022	• Provision is at the discretion of school boards. • Both “public” and Catholic school system.

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AB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-day fives • Two-and-a-half to fours with disabilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fives – 43,463³ • Fours – n/a • Threes – n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD \$2,544 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can be delivered in public schools or by Early Childhood Services. • Both “public” and Catholic school system.
BC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-day fives, some full-day special populations • Limited provision for fours 	• 35,319 (public only)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOTAL \$111,465,360 • PER CHILD – FTE \$5,520 – Part-time \$2,760 	
NT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-day or full-day fives (decision is made by the Divisional Educational Council or the District Education Authority) 	647 ⁴	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOTAL \$4,206,000 • PER CHILD \$13,400 (per FTE K-12 student)⁵ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both “public” and Catholic school system.
NU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Part-day fives 	700	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD \$10,521 (per FTE K-12 student) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kindergarten is delivered in Inuktitut.
YT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full day and Part-day fives • Limited provision for fours 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fives – 3374 • Fours – 30 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TOTAL n/a • PER CHILD \$12,581 (per K-12 student) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both “public” and Catholic school system.

1 This is the 2003/04 figure. No information is available for 2005/06.

2 See RECENT DEVELOPMENTS section in the Ontario chapter for more details.

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

4 Includes both part-time and full-time students; breakdown unavailable.

5 This amount excludes capital.