

DID YOU KNOW?

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How do we compare?

- Canada has among the highest percentage of working mothers of young children, but it invests less than half of what other developed nations in Europe devote on average to early childhood education.
- Only 12% of BC's children can access a licensed child care space, while 60% of young children in the U.K. and 78% of young children in Denmark are in regulated child care.
- British Columbia, with a similar number of newborn to 4-year-olds as New Zealand, allocated approximately \$48 million in a previous budget year to support child care operating expenses, while New Zealand's government allocated \$451 million to support its child care operating expenses.
- In some instances, parent fees in BC equal as much as 80% of a child care centres' revenue.
 - In New Zealand approximately 85% of basic operating costs for early childhood care programs are publicly funded by government.
 - The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) report recommends that federal and provincial governments each pay 40% of child care costs, with parents making up only 20%.



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