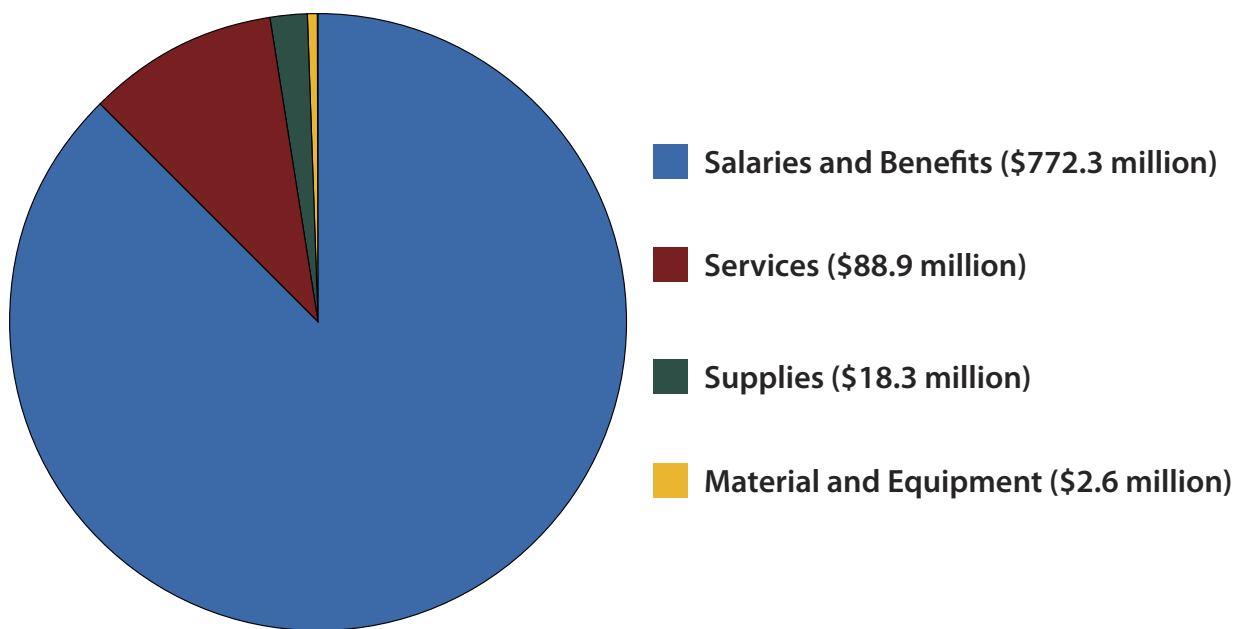


EDUCATION and EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT

Education and Early Childhood Development makes up the second largest share of the government's annual expenses.

School District Budget Allocation 2010-2011 Francophone and Anglophone Districts

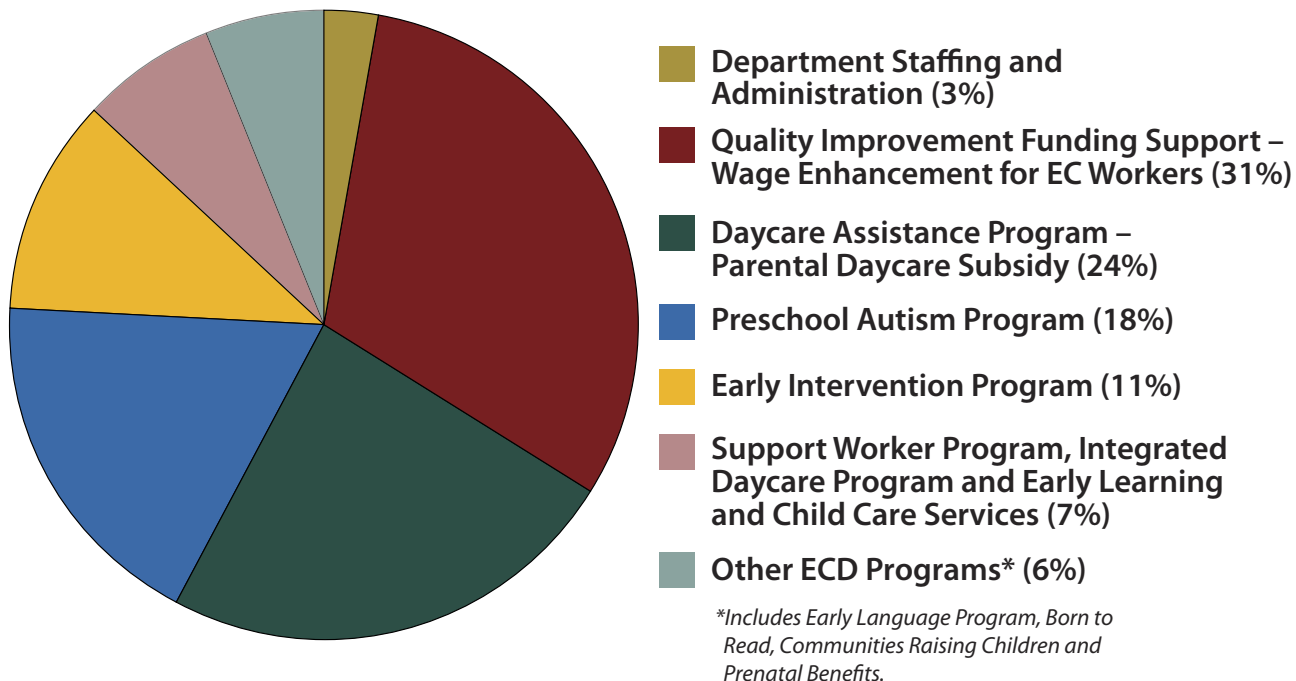


The following table shows the main cost drivers in public education.

	2001-2002 (\$ millions)	2010-2011 (\$ millions)	% change
Teacher's salaries	346.6	533.1	+54%
School buildings	78.7	108.2	+37%
Bus operations	45.8	69.7	+52%

In April 2011, the New Brunswick government formally integrated Early Childhood Development with the Department of Education in order to provide a more seamless and holistic approach to child development from birth to graduation (up to 21 years of age).

Early Childhood Development Budget Allocations 2011-2012



The following table shows the main Early Childhood Development cost drivers over the past 10 years:

	2001-2002 (\$ millions)	2011-2012 (\$ millions)	% change
Quality Improvement Funding Support (wage enhancement for early learning and child care educators)	2.3	18.7	+713%
Daycare Assistance Program (parent subsidy for early learning and child care costs)	6.4	14.2	+122%
Preschool Autism (started in 2004-2005)	2.8 (2004-2005)	10.5	+275%

Facts and Figures

- As of September 30, 2010, there were 321 schools in the province, 224 in the Anglophone Districts and 97 in the Francophone Districts.
- Between 2001 and 2010, the number of students dropped by 15 per cent (18,371 students). During that same time period, the cost to operate schools increased by 37 per cent (\$29.5 million) and the number of schools decreased by eight per cent (28 schools).
- By 2015, the number of students is expected to drop by another five per cent (5,773 students) and the cost to operate schools is expected to increase by another 14 per cent (\$15.4 million).
- The current total expenditure-per-student in the public education system is \$9,670.
- As of March 31, 2011, there were 622 early learning and child care facilities; all are privately owned with 71 per cent or 440 that are for profit and 29 per cent or 182 that are not-for-profit.
- Between 2000 and 2011, the number of early learning and child care spaces increased by 98.6 per cent, from 10,230 spaces to 20,319. The current amount spent per space by government is \$1,885.

