

TORONTO'S LICENSED CHILD CARE SYSTEM – FALL 2011

- Toronto's licensed system is made up of **924** child care centres and **20** home child care agencies.
- Child care centres operate **53,500** spaces.
- Home child care agencies manage approximately **3,200** spaces in **930** private homes.
- Together, child care centres and home child care agencies operate **56,700** spaces.
- **54** child care centres and **1** home child care agency are operated by the City of Toronto.
- **364** child care centres are located in elementary schools.
- **635** child care centres and **10** home child care agencies have a service contract with the City of Toronto to provide child care to families receiving fee subsidy.
- **268,575** children 0 to 9 years live in Toronto and licensed child care serves only 21% of these children

Licensed spaces in child care centres ~ October 2011

Type	# of centres	%	infant spaces	toddler spaces	preschool spaces	schoolage spaces	total spaces
	Municipal	54	6%	350	525	1,471	474
Non-profit	637	69%	1,395	3,669	17,815	13,112	35,991
Commercial	233	25%	945	2,520	9,003	2,221	14,689
Total	924	100%	2,690	6,714	28,289	15,807	53,500

PUBLIC FEES

Each child care is responsible for setting their public fee. These fees vary across age groups and between centres. The table to the right shows the wide range of public fees charged by centres located in Toronto.

2011 Daily Public Fee

Age group	low range	mid range	high range
infant	\$ 56.00	\$ 72.00	\$ 91.00
toddler	\$ 45.00	\$ 57.75	\$ 81.00
preschool	\$ 35.00	\$ 42.00	\$ 61.80
school age	\$ 23.70	\$ 35.00	\$ 46.00

(Note: While the majority of centres fall within these ranges, there are still some that may charge higher or lower fees.)

FEE SUBSIDY

A child care fee subsidy helps families with the cost of child care.

- The available funding provides for **24,000** child care fee subsidies which is only enough to support 28% of Toronto's low-income children (based on Statistics Canada's Low-Income Cut-off)
- In October 2011, approximately **19,796** children were on the waiting list for a fee subsidy.

Children waiting for a fee subsidy

