

CHILDREN'S SERVICES FACT SHEET, FALL 2008

The 2006 Census counted **268,575** children 0 to 9 years living in Toronto. These children make up 11% of the City's population.

Licensed child care in Toronto:

- Toronto's licensed system is made up of **929** child care centres and **21** home child care agencies.
- Together, they operate over **55,900** spaces.
- Child care centres operate **52,367** spaces.
- Home child care agencies manage approximately **3,625** spaces.
- **57** child care centres and **1** home child care agency are operated by the City of Toronto.
- **370** child care centres are located in elementary schools.
- **653** 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.
- Licensed child care serves only **21%** of Toronto's children under the age of 10.

Children in Toronto

Age	Number of children	Cumulative number of children
Under 1 year	28,275	28,275
1 year	27,410	55,685
2 years	26,915	82,600
3 years	26,345	108,945
4 years	26,035	134,980
5 years	26,110	161,090
6 years	26,780	187,870
7 years	26,010	213,880
8 years	27,145	241,025
9 years	27,550	268,575

Statistics Canada 2006 Census

Licensed spaces in child care centres ~ October 2008

Type	# of centres	%	infant spaces	toddler spaces	preschool spaces	schoolage spaces	total spaces
	Municipal	57	6%	365	530	1,575	541
Non-profit	667	72%	1534	3,639	18,484	12,712	36,369
Commercial	205	22%	677	1,929	8,325	2,056	12,987
Total	929	100%	2,576	6,098	28,384	15,309	52,367

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.

Daily Public Fee

Age group	low range	mid range	high range
infant	\$ 50.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 75.00
toddler	\$ 41.00	\$ 52.43	\$ 64.73
preschool	\$ 31.13	\$ 38.40	\$ 49.76
school age	\$ 15.83	\$ 20.00	\$ 33.28

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

Child care subsidy:

- The City's budgeted **24,000** fee subsidy spaces currently serve only 28% of Toronto's low-income families.
- In October 2008, there were **14,338** children on the waiting list for a fee subsidy.
- 39% of children live in families with incomes below \$40,000 and would be eligible for full or partial subsidy. (2006 Census)

Children waiting for a child care subsidy

