

TORONTO'S LICENSED CHILD CARE SYSTEM

- Toronto's licensed system is made up of **939** child care centres and **20** home child care agencies.
- Child care centres operate over **53,402** spaces.
- Home child care agencies manage approximately **3,200** spaces at **930** private homes.
- Together, they operate **56,602** spaces.
- **57** child care centres and **1** home child care agency are operated by the City of Toronto.
- **378** child care centres are located in elementary schools.
- **647** 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
- **52,000** children 4 and 5 years of age live in Toronto

Licensed spaces in child care centres ~ October 2010

Type	# of	%	infant	toddler	preschool	schoolage	total
	centres		spaces	spaces	spaces	spaces	spaces
Municipal	57	6%	350	550	1,567	499	2,966
Non-profit	648	69%	1,391	3,555	17,825	13,224	35,995
Commercial	234	25%	882	2,386	8,993	2,180	14,441
Total	939	100%	2,623	6,491	28,385	15,903	53,402

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.

2010 Daily Public Fee

Age group	low range	mid range	high range
infant	\$ 54.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 89.00
toddler	\$ 43.50	\$ 56.00	\$ 79.00
preschool	\$ 32.50	\$ 40.00	\$ 58.00
school age	\$ 18.00	\$ 28.00	\$ 44.00

(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 2010, approximately **17,000** children were on the waiting list for a fee subsidy.

Children waiting for a fee subsidy

