

## Review of Toronto’s Street Vending & Artists By-laws – Attachment 6 Data Overview by License and Permit Type

### *Licences and Permits*

Table 1: Number of licences held by vendors in Toronto, whether on public or private property from 2019 to 2025

License Name	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Non-motorized licences (Licence Type)</b>							
Pedlar Assistant (T22)	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Hawker/Pedlar On Foot (T23)	54	29	33	33	48	60	69
Hawker/Pedlar With Push Cart (V23)	10	8	5	6	6	11	28
Non-Motorized Refreshment Vehicle Owner (V27)	180	135	140	139	136	167	173
<b>Motorized licences (Licence Type)</b>							
Refreshment Vehicle Driver (D13)	116	76	85	81	96	113	151
Motorized Refreshment Vehicle Owner (V15)	331	221	211	219	224	240	263
Hawker/Pedlar With Motor Vehicle (V22)	29	25	25	23	24	35	32

The total number of non-motorized licenses in 2025 have returned to pre-pandemic levels while motorized licenses have not. The number of motorized licenses in 2025 remained 21% below 2019 levels. Meanwhile, both non-motorized and motorized hawker/pedlar licenses have surpassed 39% since pre-pandemic levels, reflecting a growing business area.

Table 2: Number permits held by different types of vendors, buskers and artists from 2019 to 2025

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Sidewalk-permitted activity (Permit type)</b>							
Busker (R40)	497	159	243	281	321	365	351
Sidewalk Artist (R41)	9	3	5	5	3	5	5
Portrait Artist (R42)	9	1	1	3	2	21	23
Sidewalk Vending (R53)	75	62	57	56	53	51	47
<b>Street (road) permitted activity (Permit type)</b>							
Mobile Vending (Food Truck) (R54)	11	8	11	12	23	24	25
Curblane Vending (R55)	22	21	16	16	15	15	15
Mobile Vending (Ice Cream Truck) (R56)	8	10	4	14	10	6	13

The number of permits held by sidewalk and street (road) permitted activity decreased for most permit types, with the exception of portrait artists, food trucks, and ice cream trucks. Permit types that saw the largest decrease compared to 2019 levels were buskers, motorized refreshment vehicles owners, and sidewalk vendors.

Table 3: Number of sidewalk vending permits from 2002 and 2015 to present in Toronto

	2002	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
R53 - Sidewalk Vending	134	109	100	92	82	75	62	57	56	53	51	47

## Service Requests

Table 1: Number of service requests by licence type from 2019 to 2025

License Name	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Non-motorized licences (Licence Type)</b>							
Pedlar Assistant (T22)	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
Hawker/Pedlar On Foot (T23)	24	7	10	4	8	8	10
Hawker/Pedlar With Push Cart (V23)	15	0	6	2	3	9	7
Non-Motorized Refreshment Vehicle Owner (V27)	21	1	9	3	8	11	21
<b>Motorized licences (Licence Type)</b>							
Refreshment Vehicle Driver (D13)	1	0	1	8	6	2	6
Motorized Refreshment Vehicle Owner (V15)	88	21	75	81	76	73	61
Hawker/Pedlar With Motor Vehicle (V22)	18	7	17	12	16	32	35

Table 2: Number of service requests by permitted activity from 2019 to 2025

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Sidewalk-permitted activity (Permit type)</b>							
Busker (R40)	217	31	163	274	317	336	286
Sidewalk Artist (R41)	0	0	1	0	1	3	2
Portrait Artist (R42)	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

Sidewalk Vending (R53)	10	3	10	134	119	221	275
<b>Street (road) permitted activity (Permit type)</b>							
Mobile Vending (Food Truck) (R54)	4	0	1	13	26	37	47
Curblane Vending (R55)	1	0	0	0	0	3	1
Mobile Vending (Ice Cream Truck) (R56)	4	0	1	32	18	35	40

### Charges

Table 1: Number of charges by licence type from 2019 to 2025

License Name	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Non-motorized licences (Licence Type)</b>							
Pedlar Assistant (T22)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hawker/Pedlar On Foot (T23)	18	0	1	3	1	11	15
Hawker/Pedlar With Push Cart (V23)	3	0	2	0	0	2	1
Non-Motorized Refreshment Vehicle Owner (V27)	16	2	0	2	1	34	44
<b>Motorized licences (Licence Type)</b>							
Refreshment Vehicle Driver (D13)	32	20	17	6	22	31	81
Motorized Refreshment Vehicle Owner (V15)	64	11	45	16	86	186	194
Hawker/Pedlar With Motor Vehicle (V22)	16	2	10	7	12	31	31

Table 2: Number of charges by permitted activity from 2019 to 2025

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
<b>Sidewalk-permitted activity (Permit type)</b>							
Busker (R40)	2	1	1	0	16	22	25
Sidewalk Artist (R41)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portrait Artist (R42)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sidewalk Vending (R53)	7	2	4	1	4	22	37
<b>Street (road) permitted activity (Permit type)</b>							
Mobile Vending (Food Truck) (R54)	8	8	3	2	22	111	39
Curblane Vending (R55)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Mobile Vending (Ice Cream Truck) (R56)	16	2	6	5	10	22	11

In 2019, MLS issued a total of 150 charges. In 2020, 2021 and 2022, the total number of per year was charges were much lower at 28, 72 and 36, respectively. In 2023, 152 charges were issued. However, in 2024, 442 charges were issued, and in 2025, there were 397 total charges.