

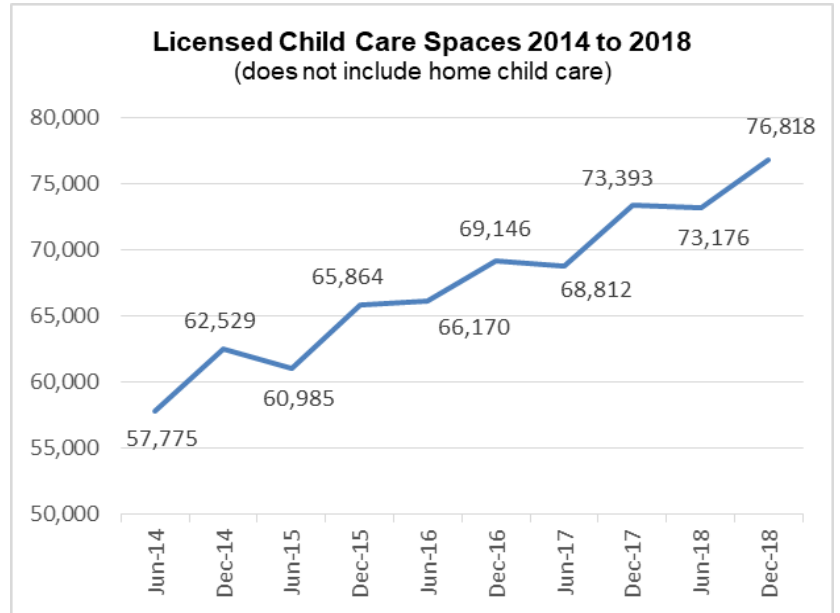
Toronto's Early Learning and Child Care System has a variety of programs to meet the diverse needs of families with children from newborn to 12 years.

**EarlyON Child and Family Centres** offer free programs for families with children newborn to six years. They offer an opportunity for children to engage in play-based learning activities and they give parents an opportunity to make connections with other families and with an early childhood professional who can connect them to services that promote child and family well-being.

- 52 organizations have a service agreement with the City and in total they operate 273 community based programs throughout Toronto.

### Licensed Child Care

- 1,041 licensed child care centres operate 76,818 spaces.
- 433 child care centres are located in elementary schools.
- 19 licensed [home child care agencies](#) offer approximately 3,180 spaces in over 1,000 private homes.
- 49 child care centres and 1 home child care agency are City operated.
- 21 organizations (including the City) provide service and [support for children with extra support needs](#) who are enrolled in licensed child care.



| Type of operator | Fee subsidy contract | # of centres | %           | Infant spaces | Toddler spaces | Preschool spaces | Before/After Kindergarten spaces | Before/After School spaces | Total spaces  |
|------------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| City             | Yes                  | 49           | 4.7%        | 382           | 595            | 924              | 300                              | 375                        | 2,576         |
| Non-profit       | Yes                  | 578          | 55.5%       | 1,837         | 4,866          | 10,555           | 13,296                           | 19,988                     | 50,542        |
|                  | No                   | 128          | 12.3%       | 70            | 1,028          | 3,178            | 440                              | 1,097                      | 5,813         |
| Commercial       | Yes                  | 86           | 8.3%        | 574           | 1,359          | 2,821            | 593                              | 1,546                      | 6,893         |
|                  | No                   | 200          | 19.2%       | 798           | 2,683          | 6,057            | 673                              | 783                        | 10,994        |
| <b>Total</b>     |                      | <b>1041</b>  | <b>100%</b> | <b>3,661</b>  | <b>10,531</b>  | <b>23,535</b>    | <b>15,302</b>                    | <b>23,789</b>              | <b>76,818</b> |

### Before – After School Programs

- 603 licensed child cares offer a before-after school program for kindergarten and/or school age children.
- 10 school board operated extended day programs for kindergarten and school age children.
- 206 low-cost or no-cost authorized recreation programs, including 65 City operated programs.

**Child Care Fee Subsidy** helps eligible families with all or part of the cost of licensed child care.

- 30,490 Child Care Fee Subsidies are available for eligible families.
- 11,886 children are on the waiting list for a Child Care Fee Subsidy.
- 713 child care centres, 10 home child care agencies and 10 school board operated Extended Day Programs have an agreement with the City to provide service to families receiving a fee subsidy.
- There are only enough fee subsidies to support 33% of Toronto's low-income children newborn to 12 years (based on 2016 Statistics Canada's low-income measure after tax).

