

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.

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact programs and vacancy rates. The following information is based on normal operations and does not take into account reduced operating capacities resulting from the pandemic.

Licensed Child Care Centres (1,034 centres have a capacity to serve 78,098 full-time children)

Type	Fee subsidy agreement	# of centres	Infant spaces	Toddler spaces	Preschool spaces	Before/After Kindergarten spaces	Before/After School age spaces	Total spaces
City-operated	Yes	38	342	515	840	85	90	1,872
Non-profit	Yes	583	2,038	5,124	11,321	13,165	20,423	52,071
Non-profit	No	109	93	1,016	2,992	361	634	5,096
Commercial	Yes	77	484	1,214	2,543	525	1,387	6,153
Commercial	No	227	1001	3,292	7,057	767	789	12,906
Total		1034	3,958	11,161	24,753	14,903	23,323	78,098

2022 Public Fees for Licensed Centres (only includes centres with City service agreements for fee subsidy)

Program	Low range 10 th percentile	Median 50 th percentile	High range 90 th percentile
Infant	\$74.70	\$89.70	\$99.26
Toddler	\$55.00	\$66.00	\$85.66
Preschool	\$41.83	\$51.00	\$64.22
Kindergarten	\$26.59	\$30.80	\$36.78
School Age	\$21.49	\$27.16	\$39.41

Licensed Home Child Care Agencies

- 27 licensed agencies operate in Toronto and 10 have a City of Toronto, Fee Subsidy Agreement

Before & After School Programs for kindergarten and grade school children

- 555 licensed child care centres operate before & after school programs.
- 18 schools offer an Extended Day Program (EDP) operated by the respective school board
- Authorized recreation programs also operate in Toronto and provide unlicensed recreation programming*
- 46 After-school, recreation and care (ARC) programs are City-run

*the number of authorized recreation programs operating in Toronto is not available, as they are not funded by the City

Child Care Fee Subsidy

- Based on current funding levels, 30,700 Child Care Fee Subsidies are available for eligible families. This supports 33% of Toronto's low-income children (newborn to 12 years) based on the 2016 Census, Statistics Canada's Low-Income Measure after-tax
- Currently there are 17,462 children on the waitlist for a Child Care Fee Subsidy

EarlyON Child and Family Centres

There are 53 organizations that have a City of Toronto Service Agreement to offer free programs for families with children (six years and younger). In total, they operate 262 locations across the city.

Every Child Belongs

The City partners with 19 organizations through a Service Agreement to provide the Every Child Belongs program in licensed child care and EarlyON Child and Family Centres for children with extra support needs.