

Licensed child care

Toronto's licensed child care system operates approximately 72,000 spaces for children from birth to 12 years.



Centre based child care

- ◆ 1,009 licensed child care centres operate 68,812 spaces
- ◆ 54 child care centres are operated by the City of Toronto.
- ◆ 406 child care centres are located in elementary schools.

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	54	5.4%	368	615	984	340	391	2,698
Non-profit	Yes	531	52.6%	1,727	4,578	10,367	10,466	15,906	43,044
	No	138	13.7%	70	927	3,240	405	1,198	5,840
Commercial	Yes	94	9.3%	619	1,389	2,863	612	1,578	7,061
	No	192	19.0%	718	2,363	5,638	649	801	10,169
Total		1009	100%	3,502	9,872	23,092	12,472	19,874	68,812



Home child care

In Toronto, there are 19 licensed home child care agencies offering approximately 3,180 spaces in over 1,000 private homes. The City directly operates one home child care agency.



Cost of child care

Child care operators set their own public fees and these vary across age groups and between centres.

The table shows the range of full-day fees that parents can expect to pay (note: this only includes centres which have a City of Toronto fee subsidy contract).

While most centre's full-

day fees fall within these ranges, there are a few centres that charge higher or lower fees.

Program	Low range	Mid range	High range
Infant	\$ 70.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 106.90
Toddler	\$ 52.65	\$ 65.00	\$ 95.16
Preschool	\$ 40.23	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.00
Before & After Kindergarten	\$ 27.13	\$ 32.07	\$ 40.19
Before & After School age	\$ 20.46	\$ 25.00	\$ 33.89



Fee subsidy

For families who cannot afford the public fee, a child care fee subsidy is available to help with all or part of the cost.

- ◆ 28,975 child care fee subsidies are available for eligible families.
- ◆ 14,365 children are on the waiting list for a child care fee subsidy.
- ◆ 679 child care centres and 10 home child care agencies have a contract with the City of Toronto to provide child care to families receiving fee subsidy.
- ◆ There are only enough fee subsidies to support 30% of Toronto's low-income children newborn to 12 years (based on 2011 Statistics Canada's low-income measure after tax)



Support for children with special needs

21 agencies provide services and support for children with special needs who are enrolled in licensed child care.

Child and family programs

Child and family programs offer a place for children (newborn to 6 years) to play and learn while providing opportunities for their parents and caregivers to develop skills and socialize.

There are more than 250 programs in Toronto. In 2018, the following Provincially funded programs will be transferred to the City to plan, manage and integrate into Toronto's Early learning and child care system.



- ◆ 45 family support programs
- ◆ 24 Ontario Early Years Centres (with many satellites)
- ◆ 98 Parenting and Family Literacy Centres
- ◆ 2 Better Beginnings, Better Futures locations.