EARLY LEARNING AND CARE IN TORONTO – MAY 2014

Toronto has a variety of early learning and care services to meet the diverse needs of Toronto's children and families including:

- **932** licensed child care centres and **19** licensed home child care agencies.
- **22** agencies providing support for children with special needs who are enrolled in child care.
- **45** family support programs**, 24** Ontario Early Years Centres (with many satellites) offering programs for families and care givers with young children and **99** Parenting and Family Literacy Centres.
- **645** licensed child care centres participate in the Early Learning and Care Quality Assessment.

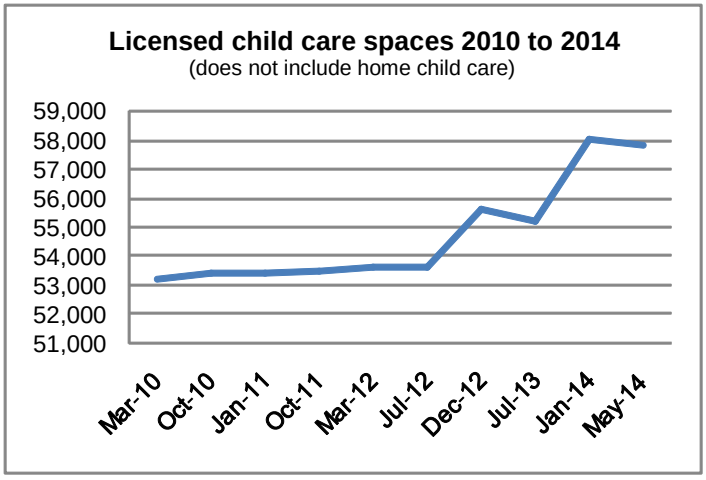
As of September 2013, Full-Day Kindergarten is offered at **442** of Toronto's **592** publicly-funded elementary schools.

As part of Full-Day Kindergarten, schools are required to provide before- and after-school programs when there is sufficient demand. Currently there are **2** programs offered by the school boards and **176** contracted to licensed child care operators, totalling **178** programs with **4,951** spaces available for children attending full-day kindergarten.

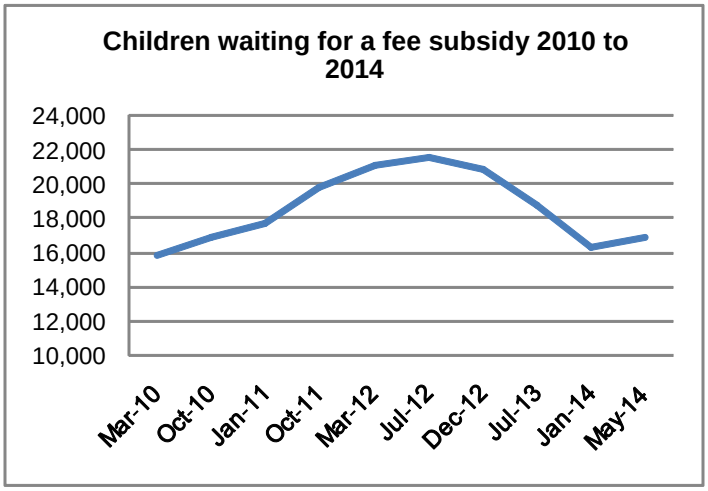
LICENSED CHILD CARE

Centre-based care	# of centres	%	Infant spaces	Toddler spaces	Preschool spaces	Kindergarten spaces	School age spaces	Total spaces
Municipal	52	5.6%	344	590	1,257	126	391	2,708
Non-profit	645	69.2%	1,607	4,582	14,046	6,274	13,653	40,162
Commercial	235	25.2%	1,082	2,795	7,993	848	2,236	14,954
Total	**932**	**100%**	**3,033**	**7,967**	**23,296**	**7,248**	**16,280**	**57,824**

- Child care centres operate **57,824** spaces and home child care agencies manage approximately **3,100** spaces in over **1,100** private homes. Together, they operate nearly **61,000** licensed spaces.
- **376** child care centres are located in elementary schools.
- **645** 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.
- **52** child care centres and **1** home child care agency are operated by the City of Toronto.



CHILD CARE FEE SUBSIDY

A child care fee subsidy helps families with the cost of child care.

The available funding provides 24,932 child care fee subsidies which is only enough to support 32% of Toronto's low-income children (based on 2011 Statistics Canada's Low-Income Cut-off). In May 2014, there were **16,873** children on the waiting list for a child care fee subsidy.