



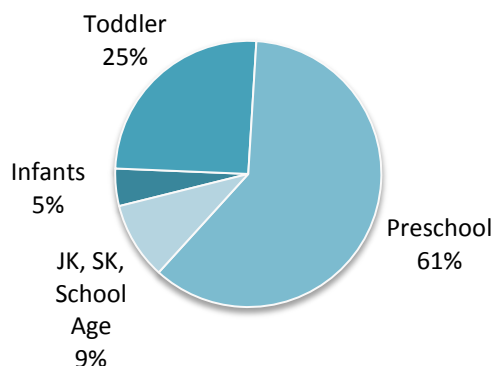
## Early Learning and Child Care Profiles

# Availability

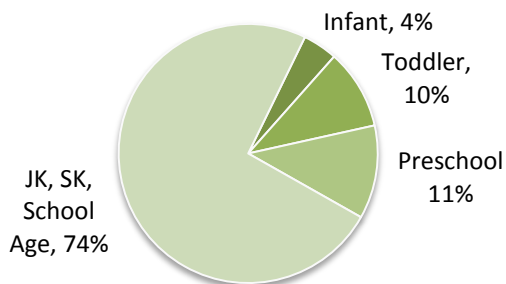
### Centre-Based Early Learning and Child Care

Centre-based Early Learning Child Care (ELCC) includes child care centres, day care programs, nursery schools and preschools. Currently there are 137 licensed ELCC centres in Waterloo Region and approximately 4,889 centre-based ELCC spaces.

**Age Distribution of Children in Licensed Centre-Based Spaces in Waterloo Region**



**Age Distribution of Children in the Region of Waterloo's Directly Operated Home Child Care**



### Home-Based Early Learning and Child Care

Home-based ELCC is care provided in approved private homes by caregivers who have a contract with a licensed Home Child Care agency. Currently there are four licensed home child care agencies in Waterloo Region. There are about 465 homes currently operating with about 1,875 spaces available.

### School-Based Early Learning and Child Care

Before and after school programs are available for children 4-12 years of age. These programs are directly operated by the school boards or by licensed ELCC programs. Before and after school programs operated by the school boards have 2,142 children registered for September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. Before and after school programs operated by licensed ELCC programs have 4,163 spaces available for September 2014. As of September 2014, 84% of schools in Waterloo Region are offering before and after school programs (115 schools).

## Children Birth to Age 12 and Licensed Early Learning and Child Care

There are 30,815 children birth to age four living in Waterloo Region and a total of 81,795 children birth to age 12. The table below shows the distribution of children birth to age 12 living in Waterloo Region.

### Number of Children Birth to Age 12 in Waterloo Region<sup>1</sup>

Under 1 year	1 Year	2 Years	3 Years	4 Years	5 Years	6-12 Years	Total
6,165	6,195	6,155	6,175	6,125	6,325	44,655	81,795

<sup>1</sup> 2014 population projection based on 2011 Census data, provided by Planning Information and Research, Planning Housing and Community Services, Region of Waterloo, on July 28, 2014.

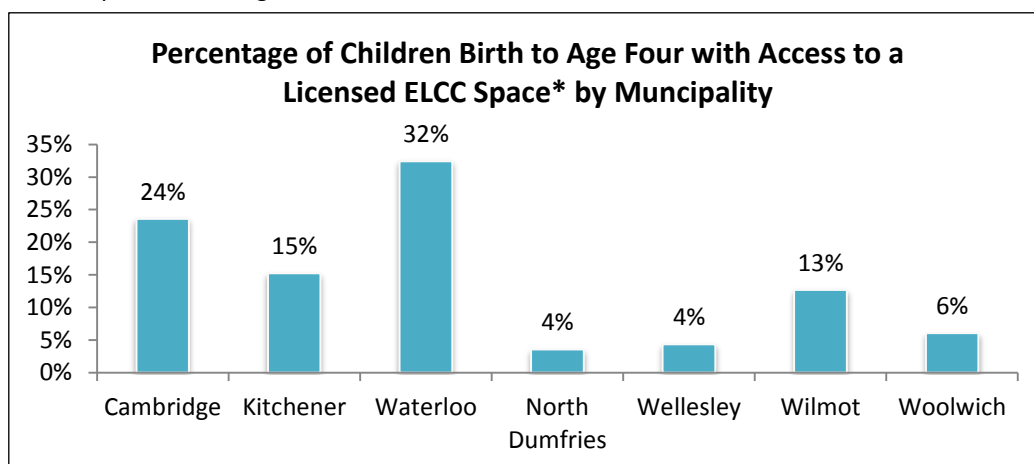
## Access to Licensed Child Care

Only **14%** of children birth to age four have access to centre-based ELCC programs. The chart below shows the distribution of licensed ELCC centre-based spaces by age category and the percentage of children who have access with access to a licensed child care space.

Age Range	# of Children in Waterloo Region <sup>1</sup>	Number of ELCC Centre-Based Spaces <sup>2</sup>	% of Children who have Access to Centre-Based ELCC Space
<b>Infant (0-18 months)</b>	9,262	222	2%
<b>Toddler (18-30 months)</b>	6,175	1,238	20%
<b>Preschool (31 months – 48 months)</b>	15,378	2,971	19%
<b>Total</b>	<b>30,815</b>	<b>4,431</b>	<b>14%</b>

<sup>1</sup> 2014 population projection based on 2011 Census data provided by Planning Information and Research, Region of Waterloo

<sup>2</sup> Centre-Based spaces as of August 29, 2014



\*Number of ELCC Centre-Based spaces 0-4 as of August 29, 2014 and Home-Based spaces as of September 5, 2014

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