



Region of Waterloo  
SOCIAL SERVICES  
Children's Services

## Early Learning and Child Care Profiles

# Trends

### Introduction

This profile highlights a number of key indicators for Early Learning and Child Care (ELCC) in Waterloo Region from 2012-2014. Compiling the information into one profile allows for comparison year-over-year and can be used to identify trends and changes in the community.

	2012	2013	2014
<b>Child population 0-12 years</b>	80,155 <sup>1</sup>	81,250 <sup>2</sup>	81,795 <sup>2</sup>
<b>Number of licensed ELCC Centres</b>	120	129	137
<b>Number of licensed Home Child Care agencies</b>	4	4	4
<b>Number of School-Based programs<sup>3</sup></b>	49	75	115
<b>Percentage of schools offering School-Based programs<sup>3</sup></b>	36%	57%	84%
<b>Number of regulated spaces/children</b>			
<b>TOTAL licensed spaces</b>	9,100	10,388	10,927
Licensed Centre-Based spaces	7,100 <sup>4</sup>	4,706	4,889
Licensed Home-Based spaces	2,000	2,001	1,875
Licensed School-Based spaces <sup>5</sup>	NA*	3,681	4,163
<b>Children in school-board operated programs<sup>6</sup></b>	906	1,646	2,142
<b>Percentage of children, 0-4 years old, with access to a Centre-Based licensed child care space</b>	13%	13%	14%
<b>Average Child Care Subsidy caseload (monthly)</b>	2,887	2,926	2,935 <sup>7</sup>
<b>Number of children receiving Special Needs Resourcing Services<sup>8</sup></b>	1,785	1,662	NA*
<b>Starting average hourly wage for Registered Early Childhood Educators (RECE)</b>	\$16.38	\$16.66	\$17.40
<b>Number of participants meeting or exceeding Raising the Bar targets</b>	NA*	80%	89%
<b>Children's Services annual budget</b>	\$39.7M	\$40.9M	\$42.5M

<sup>1</sup>2011 Census data

<sup>2</sup>Projection based on 2011 Census data

<sup>3</sup>Includes all before and after school programs run at schools (i.e., school-board operated, co-located operators and third party operators)

<sup>4</sup>Includes centre-based and school-based spaces

<sup>5</sup>Includes all before and after school programs run at schools by licensed operators (i.e., co-located operators and third party operators running extended day and/or youth development programs)

<sup>6</sup>Includes all before and after school programs operated by the Public, Catholic and French School Boards

<sup>7</sup>Subsidy Caseload year to date

<sup>8</sup>'Children served' includes children referred that year as well as those carried-over from past years. Some duplication exists for children receiving more than one service

\*not available for this year

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