

Time Out

Child care costs in Canada, 2017

High costs

Median cost of preschool care per month by city

Toronto	\$1212	Vancouver	\$950	Charlottetown	\$586
Mississauga	\$1052	Hamilton	\$931	Regina	\$575
Brampton	\$1050	Edmonton	\$885	Winnipeg	\$451
Vaughan	\$1031	St. John's	\$868	Québec City	\$183
Markham	\$1017	Burnaby	\$840	Longueuil	\$183
London	\$1010	Halifax	\$823	Laval	\$183
Ottawa	\$1009	Surrey	\$800	Gatineau	\$183
Calgary	\$1000	Windsor	\$781	Montréal	\$168
Richmond	\$980	Saskatoon	\$710		
Kitchener	\$975	Saint John	\$694		

Waiting lists

Percentage of centres in each city that have a wait list

Kitchener	100%	Surrey	78%
London	95%	Richmond	78%
Vancouver	95%	Hamilton	69%
Toronto	95%	Edmonton	66%
Saskatoon	94%	Calgary	63%
Regina	93%	Vaughan	62%
Brampton	89%	Markham	55%
Windsor	87%	Saint John	47%
Mississauga	85%	St. John's	43%
Burnaby	84%	Ottawa	37%
Halifax	79%		

Rising fees

Percentage change in preschool fees over the past three years

Toronto	+ 21% (\$214)	Vancouver	+ 9% (\$80)
Québec City	+ 21% (\$31)	Calgary	+ 8% (\$76)
Longueuil	+ 21% (\$31)	Mississauga	+ 8% (\$75)
Laval	+ 21% (\$31)	Brampton	+ 7% (\$73)
Gatineau	+ 21% (\$31)	Ottawa	+ 6% (\$60)
Edmonton	+ 19% (\$139)	Halifax	+ 5% (\$42)
Hamilton	+ 15% (\$124)	Windsor	+ 4% (\$33)
Burnaby	+ 11% (\$85)	Kitchener	+ 3% (\$26)
London	+ 11% (\$99)	St. John's	+ 0%
Montréal	+ 11% (\$16)	Charlottetown	+ 0%
Saskatoon	+ 10% (\$65)	Winnipeg	+ 0%

Inflation in Canada 2014-2017 was +3.7%.
Numbers in parentheses reflect increase in median monthly preschool child care fees 2014-2017.