

City of London

Child Care in London-Middlesex: Statistical Profile

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Provincial Funding

In 2013, as a result of the new Child Care Funding Formula, the annual funding allocation to the London–Middlesex CMSM was reduced by approximately \$1.7 million from the 2012 level.

To offset the impact of that reduction, the Province provided one-time “Mitigation Funding” to the CMSM of \$6.5 million. The CMSM used these funds to establish the “Child Care and Early Childhood Development Reserve Fund”.

The CMSM has been drawing on the Reserve Fund to supplement the Annual Allocation. Reserve Funds have been used to maintain and increase the number of children benefiting from Child Care Fee Subsidy.

In 2014, the Annual Allocation increased, returning to the 2012 level.

Provincial Funding London-Middlesex CMSM			
	Min. of Education Annual Allocation	One-Time Mitigation Funding	Transfer from Mitigation Funding to Annual Budget
2011	\$27,924,050		
2012	\$28,377,264		
2013	\$26,565,043	\$6,562,958	\$200,000
2014	\$28,344,343		\$1,000,000
2015			\$1,000,000

Child Care Fee Subsidy – City of London Only

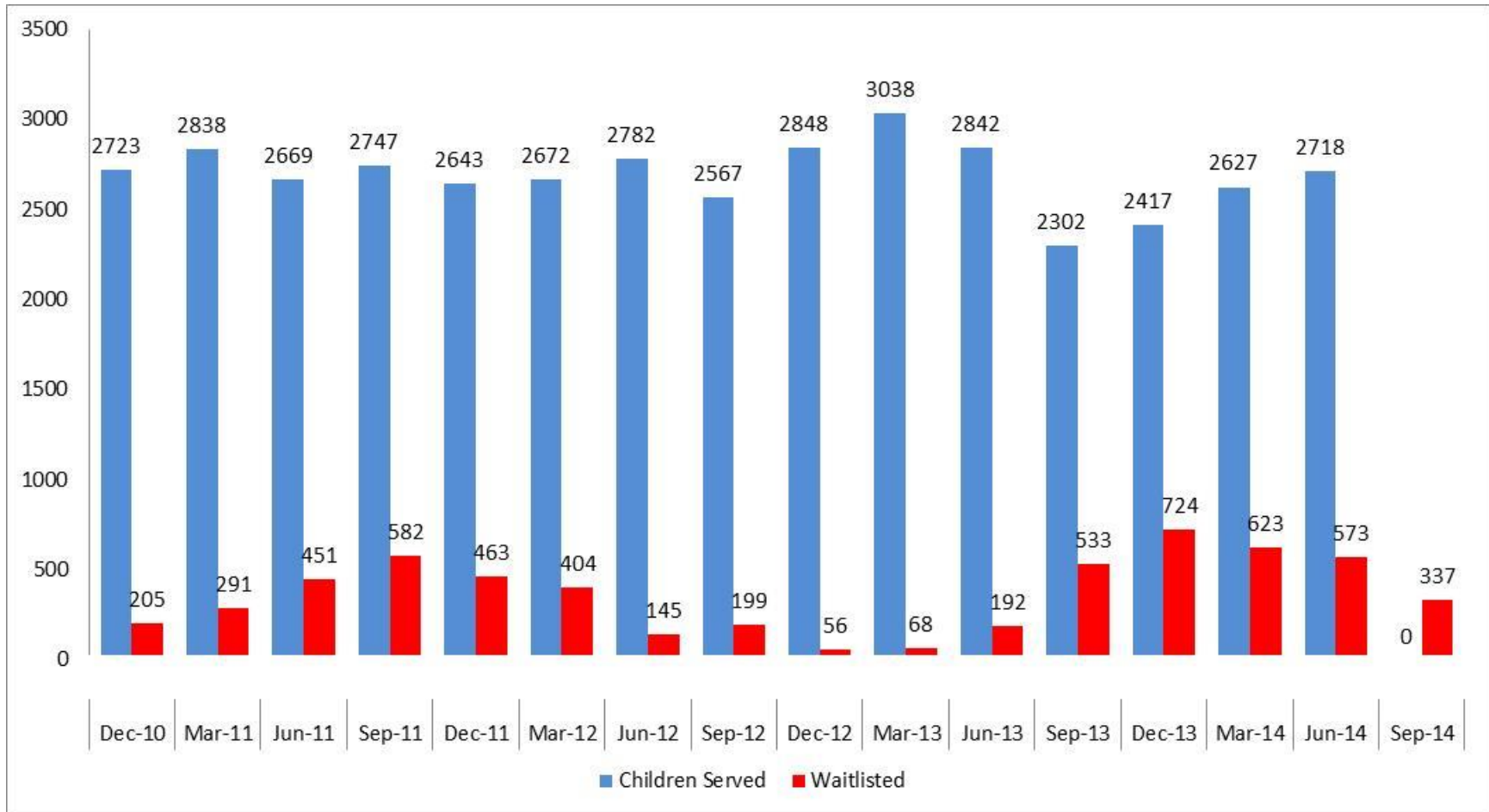
2013 was a year of transition as the CMSM adjusted to the impact of the new Child Care Funding Formula. Child Care Fee Subsidy Case Loads decreased, and the Child Care Fee Subsidy Wait List¹ increased as the CMSM moved to establish a case load that was financially sustainable for the long term.

City of London Fee Subsidy		
Quarterly	Unique Children Served or Caseloads	# of Children on the Waitlist
Dec-10	2723	205
Mar-11	2838	291
Jun-11	2669	451
Sep-11	2747	582
Dec-11	2643	463
Mar-12	2672	404
Jun-12	2782	145
Sep-12	2567	199
Dec-12	2848	56
Mar-13	3038	68
Jun-13	2842	192
Sep-13	2302	533
Dec-13	2417	724
Mar-14	2627	623
Jun-14	2718	573
Sep-14		337

In September 2014, with the full implementation of Full Day Kindergarten, the Child Care Fee Subsidy program finally saw the long anticipated decrease in the number of 4 and 5 year old children requiring Full Day Fee Subsidy. The savings from the decreased demand for full day 4 and 5 year old Child Care Fee Subsidy were proactively invested in placing children off of the Wait List. Between January and September 2014 the Wait List was reduced from approximately 725 to 335 children.

¹ The Child Care Wait List number includes all children on the wait list who have been deemed eligible and who require care by the end of that month.

Child Care Fee Subsidy Case Load and Wait List – City of London Only



Child Care Operators, Openings and Closures – London-Middlesex

The total number of Child Care Operators has remained relatively stable over the past four years. Where Operators have closed, they have been replaced by new Operators, often located in different areas of the CMSM.

Number of Child Care Provider Head Offices in London & Middlesex County	
September 2011	64
September 2012	62
September 2013	59
September 2014	60

Thirteen child care centres in London-Middlesex have closed between September 2011 and September 2014. However, 8 new child care centres have opened.

	City of London & Middlesex County Child Care Licensed Site Closures	City of London & Middlesex County Child Care NEW Licensed Sites
Sept 2011 to Sept 2012	3	3
Sept 2012 to Sept 2013	6	0
Sept 2013 to Sept 2014	4	5
Total Change Sept 2011 to Sept 2014	13	8

Child Care Licensed Spaces – London-Middlesex

Centre Based Programs

London-Middlesex has seen a significant increase in the total number of child care spaces between September 2011 and September 2014. Almost all of this increase has been in the Extended Day (before and after school for FDK children) and School Age (before and after school for children 6 to 12 years old).

London-Middlesex has seen a significant decrease in the total number of Preschool spaces as child care operators have changed their license configuration to serve younger children, notably Toddlers. Anecdotal evidence suggests that child care centres located in schools have been more successful in changing their licenses to serve younger children, although there are many successful stories of this change taking place in community based child care programs.

City of London & Middlesex County # of Licensed Spaces of Fee Subsidy Child Care Providers						
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	JK/SK	School Age	Total
Sep-11	526	1098	3460	856	3225	9165
Sep-12	520	1130	3482	1070	3496	9698
Sep-13	532	1153	3365	1598	3782	10430
Sep-14	541	1283	3166	2023	3994	11007

City of London & Middlesex County CHANGE in # of Licensed Spaces of Fee Subsidy Child Care Providers						
	Infant	Toddler	Preschool	JK/SK	School Age	Total
Sept 2011 to Sept 2012	-6	32	22	214	271	533
Sept 2012 to Sept 2013	12	23	-117	528	286	732
Sept 2013 to Sept 2014	9	130	-199	425	212	577
Total Change Sept 2011 to Sept 2014	15	185	-294	1167	769	1842

Licensed Private Home Child Care

Historical data on the number of licensed private home child care spaces is not as accessible as it is for centre-based programs. However, available data indicates a significant decrease in the number of available spaces between 2013 and 2014. The anecdotal evidence is that this is related to the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten.

City of London & Middlesex County Licensed Home Care Sites		
	# of Licensed Homes	Maximum Placements = 5 per home
September 2013 Totals	92	460
September 2014 Totals	84	420

Child Care Reported Occupancy Rates – City of London Only

Occupancy Rates in child care centres in London decreased around the September 2012 period. This is likely related to a combination of the implementation of Full Day Kindergarten or to economic conditions in London. Occupancy Rates have been relatively stable for the past two years.

Licensed Space Occupancy as Reported - City of London Child Care Subsidy Sites					
	Infant	Toddler	PRE/JK/SK	School Age	Totals
March 2012	92.1%	94.6%	94.7%	86.4%	91.5%
June 2012	84.6%	85.8%	93.9%	87.7%	90.1%
September 2012	88.1%	84.8%	84.6%	81.9%	83.9%
December 2012	87.3%	89.3%	89.1%	82.0%	86.5%
March 2013	88.6%	92.0%	92.5%	81.6%	88.4%
June 2013	80.8%	82.8%	89.5%	82.3%	85.6%
September 2013	84.8%	81.2%	86.7%	81.6%	84.1%
December 2013	82.0%	82.6%	87.9%	79.4%	83.9%
March 2014	87.4%	85.5%	89.8%	80.5%	85.8%
June 2014	85.6%	82.6%	90.1%	83.1%	86.3%

