



Community Action Toward Children's Health

2008 Parent Fee Survey

Central Okanagan Group Child Care Facilities

Prepared on behalf of Community Action Toward Children's Health

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Information for this survey was provided by 57 organizations. Four of the organizations operate more than one childcare centre.

Since organizations that operate more than one centre charge the same parent fee at each centre for the same type of care, some people might consider them to be one facility with one rate. As the average and median of the parent fees is slightly different depending on whether the multi-centre organizations are treated as having one rate for all centres, or having one rate for each centre, both calculations have been provided.

The first chart in this report calculates the average and median of the parent fees in the Central Okanagan by treating each centre in a multi-centre organization as a separate facility with a separate rate. This is the most common method of reporting, and the one used in previous surveys.

The second chart in this report calculates the average and median of the parent fees in the Central Okanagan by treating all centres in multi-centre organization as one facility with a single rate.

The range of fees for each type of care is the same for each method of calculation, only the average and median is different.



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2008 Parent Fee Survey – Results by Individual Centre

Group Child Care (Monthly and Daily Rates)

Category	Infants 0-18 months	Toddlers 19-35 months	Group Daycare 3-5 years	Kindercare
Monthly Average	\$908.30	\$876.64	\$663.84	\$599.84
Monthly Median	\$950.00	\$886.50	\$650.00	\$614.25
Monthly Range	\$700 - \$975	\$600 - \$975	\$500 - \$777	\$375 - \$777
# of Centres	13	14	26	28
Daily Average	\$57.12	\$51.15	\$33.88	\$28.57
Daily Range	\$35.00 - \$75.00	\$30.00 - \$75.00	\$25.00 - \$42.00	\$18.00 - \$37.00
# of Centres	4	5	17	28

Preschool (Monthly Rates only)

Averages	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
Average	\$48.60	\$113.83	\$157.40	\$222.46	\$318.00
Median	\$47.25	\$100.00	\$142.87	\$202.00	\$365.00
Range	\$45 - \$55	\$65 - \$200	\$105 - \$289	\$189 - \$295	\$204 - \$365
# of Centres	12	39	36	13	3

School Age (Monthly and Daily Rates)

Averages	After School Only	Before & After School	Full Days School Breaks Pro D Days
Monthly Average	\$280.82	\$346.23	\$627.03
Monthly Median	\$283.50	\$330.75	\$614.25
Monthly Range	\$190 - \$357	\$261 - \$546	\$525 - \$798
# of Centres	32	26	32
Daily Average	\$13.37	\$16.48	\$29.94
Daily Range	\$9.04 - \$17.00	\$12.42 - \$26.00	\$25.00 - \$38.00
# of Centres	32	26	32



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2008 Parent Fee Survey – Results by Organization

Group Child Care (Monthly and Daily Rates)

Category	Infants 0-18 months	Toddlers 19-35 months	Group Daycare 3-5 years	Kindercare
Monthly Average	\$885.37	\$838.66	\$672.72	\$595.76
Monthly Median	\$894.00	\$850.00	\$672.50	\$604.62
Monthly Range	\$700 - \$975	\$600 - \$975	\$500 - \$777	\$375 - \$777
# of Orgs	8	9	18	18
Daily Average	\$51.16	\$45.18	\$37.93	\$28.38
Daily Range	\$35.00 - \$75.00	\$30.00 - \$75.00	\$25.00 - \$42.00	\$18.00 - \$37.00
# of Orgs	3	4	11	18

Preschool (Monthly Rates only)

Averages	1 Day	2 Days	3 Days	4 Days	5 Days
Average	\$49.28	\$117.01	\$161.65	\$237.33	\$318.00
Median	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$150.00	\$250.00	\$365.00
Range	\$45 - \$55	\$65 - \$200	\$105 - \$289	\$189 - \$295	\$204 - \$365
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Program Extras

Of the 57 Child Care Organizations surveyed, the following program extras were offered at no cost (this listing includes all types of care):

- 5 include free field trips
- 6 include a gym time
- 5 include drama
- 5 include music
- 4 include guest speakers of various kinds
- 10 supply snacks
- 4 supply hot lunch

The following program extras are included by centres at a very low cost (\$2 to \$5, depending on event or transportation fees):

- Cooking once a month (charge for food provided)
- 3 include low cost music program
- 6 include field trips for minimal fee
- 6 charge for hot lunch (\$2 to \$3)
- 3 charge for extra snacks
- 3 charge for special events or speakers

The following program extras are included in regularly scheduled programming:

Specialty curriculum (eg. Montessori, Waldorf, Parent Education, H.O.P. program); Drama; Library visits; Special yearly concerts; Okanagan College Workshop participation; Senior Facility visits; Marital Arts; Theatre visits; Exercise program; Okanagan Language instruction; Out of School activities that include swimming, bowling, curling, breakfast provision, special parties and recreation centre visits.

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Family Discounts

Of the 57 Child Care Organizations surveyed, the following information was obtained on discounted rates for families with more than one child registered in the program:

In Preschools surveyed:

- 4 organizations offer percentage discounts for extra children, ranging from discounts of 5% to 20% off of monthly fees
- 1 organization offers a graduated discount for more than one child (from 60% of fees for first extra child; 40% of fees for second extra child; no fees for third extra child or more)
- 4 organizations make general discounts, depending on family circumstance and subsidy needs
- 3 organizations discount registration fees for extra children
- 2 organizations discount \$5 a month from fees for extra children

In 3 to 5 Daycares and Kindercares:

- 1 organization discounts 10% for each additional child
- 1 discounts 5% for 2 or more children
- 1 takes \$50.00 a month off of fees for second and more children
- 1 takes \$100.00 a month off of fees for more than one child

Out of School Care:

- 1 organization takes \$2.00 a day off of fees for more than two in a family
- 1 takes \$2.00 a day off of fees for 3 or more children
- 1 takes \$5.00 a day off of fees for 2 or more children

Infant and Toddler Care:

- 1 organization discounts \$100.00 a month for second or more children

*All other centres surveyed do not discount facility rates for more than one child registered in a program.

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Vacancies

Of the **57 Child Care Organizations surveyed**, the following information was obtained on vacancies in all types of child care in the Central Okanagan:

Kindercare:

- **5 vacancies** in one organization, due to school demographics

Out of School Care:

- 4 organizations reported vacancies; part time and full time; generally because of economy
- 1 organization had **4 vacancies**; a new, large facility just starting out
- Out of School care facilities in school settings report long wait lists

Infant Toddler Care

- 1 organization had **3 vacancies**; due to specialized parent program
- 1 had **1 vacancy** due to a recent move

Kindercare and 3 to 5 Daycare:

- 2 Kindercare programs report vacancies (no number given) due to kindergarten transitions
- 4 organizations report **1 or 2 vacancies**; due to location, cutbacks, economy, low demand, children moving from one program to another, location move
- 1 organization has **1 part time space**
- 1 organization has **3 part time spaces**
- 1 organization has **5 vacancies**; due to kindergarten transition last year

Preschools:

- 3 report having only **1 vacancy**; due to family changes and kindergarten transition; could change in new year
- 3 report having **2 vacancies**; due to kindergarten transition, economy and difficulty filling afternoon groups
- 2 report having **3 vacancies**; due to kindergarten transition; a new program added on; difficulty filling afternoon groups
- 6 report having **5 to 8 vacancies**; due to kindergarten transition; the economy and some trouble with advertising
- **Overall, 24 preschool organizations report 1 or more vacancies**; due to demographic changes; keeping numbers down due to choice; the economy and loss of group of 4 year olds due to kindergarten transition