

ST. THOMAS – ELGIN CHILDREN'S SERVICES

REVIEW REPORT
2018



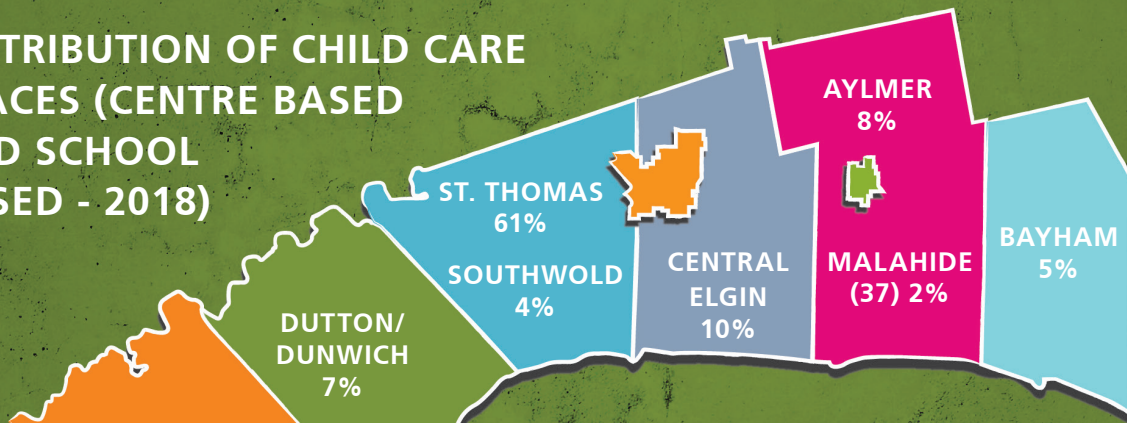
LICENSED SPACES PROFILE

Child care plays a key role in promoting healthy child development and helping children to reach their full potential. It is an essential support for many families, helping them to balance the demands of career and family, enabling participation in the workforce, and allowing more parents to pursue a diverse range of postsecondary education and training opportunities.

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Infant	77	94	94	94	84
Toddler	147	172	172	187	162
Preschool	366	430	430	509	447
JK/SK	323	425	425	464	503
School aged	866	940	940	964	1054
Number of centre and school based programs	34	37	37	36	35
Number of licensed home care locations	15	10	11	19	26
Centre-based spaces	681	798	798	801	783
School-based spaces	944	1128	1128	1338	1381
Recreation or summer only based spaces	154	135	135	30	86
Total Spaces	1779	2061	2061	2218	2250

2014-2018 Licensed Child Care Spaces (Child Care Licensing System)

DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD CARE SPACES (CENTRE BASED AND SCHOOL BASED - 2018)



CHILD POPULATION, 2016 CENSUS OF CANADA

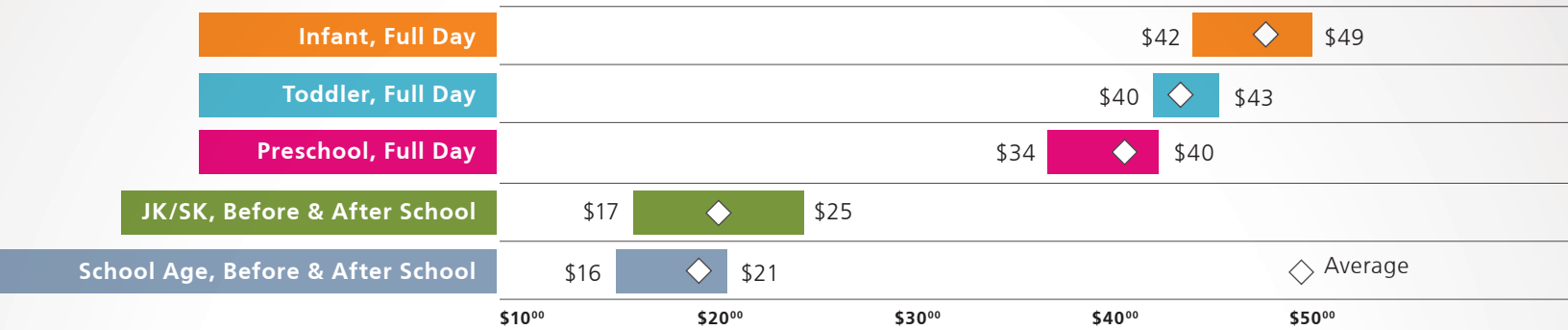
Municipality	Age 0-4	Age 5-9	Age 10-12	% of St. Thomas-Elgin Children
West Elgin	235	240	175	4.5%
Dutton/Dunwich	210	205	135	3.8%
Southwold	225	240	195	4.6%
St. Thomas	2,065	2,460	1,405	41.0%
Central Elgin	530	720	465	11.8%
Aylmer	550	485	265	9.0%
Malahide	710	840	465	13.9%
Bayham	590	680	390	11.5%
Elgin County Total	5,115	5,870	3,495	100%

Source: Statistics Canada, 2016 Census of Canada, Catalogue number 98-400-X2016004

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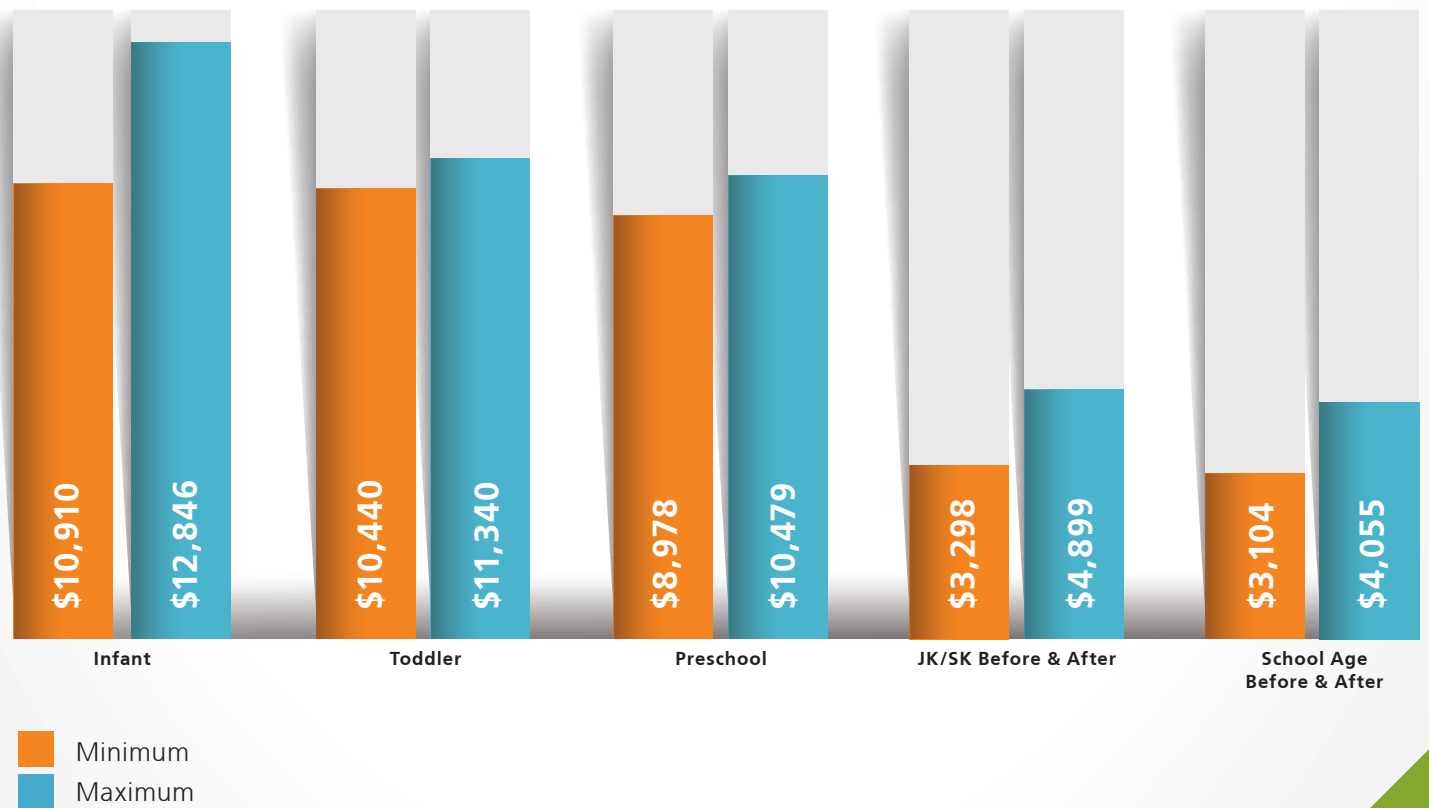
DAILY FEES

Range of daily fees for full-time licensed care



YEARLY COSTS FOR FULL TIME CHILD CARE

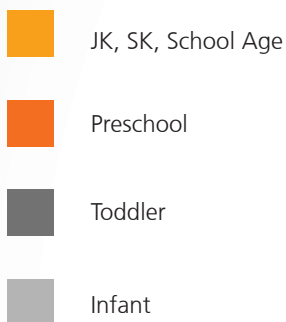
Minimum & maximum yearly costs for full-time licensed child care



FEE SUBSIDY PROFILE

The child care fee subsidy program supports Ontario's children and families in accessing a responsive, high-quality, accessible, and increasingly integrated system of licensed child care and early years programs and services that contribute to healthy child development and positive early learning experiences that are linked to strengthened economic outcomes.

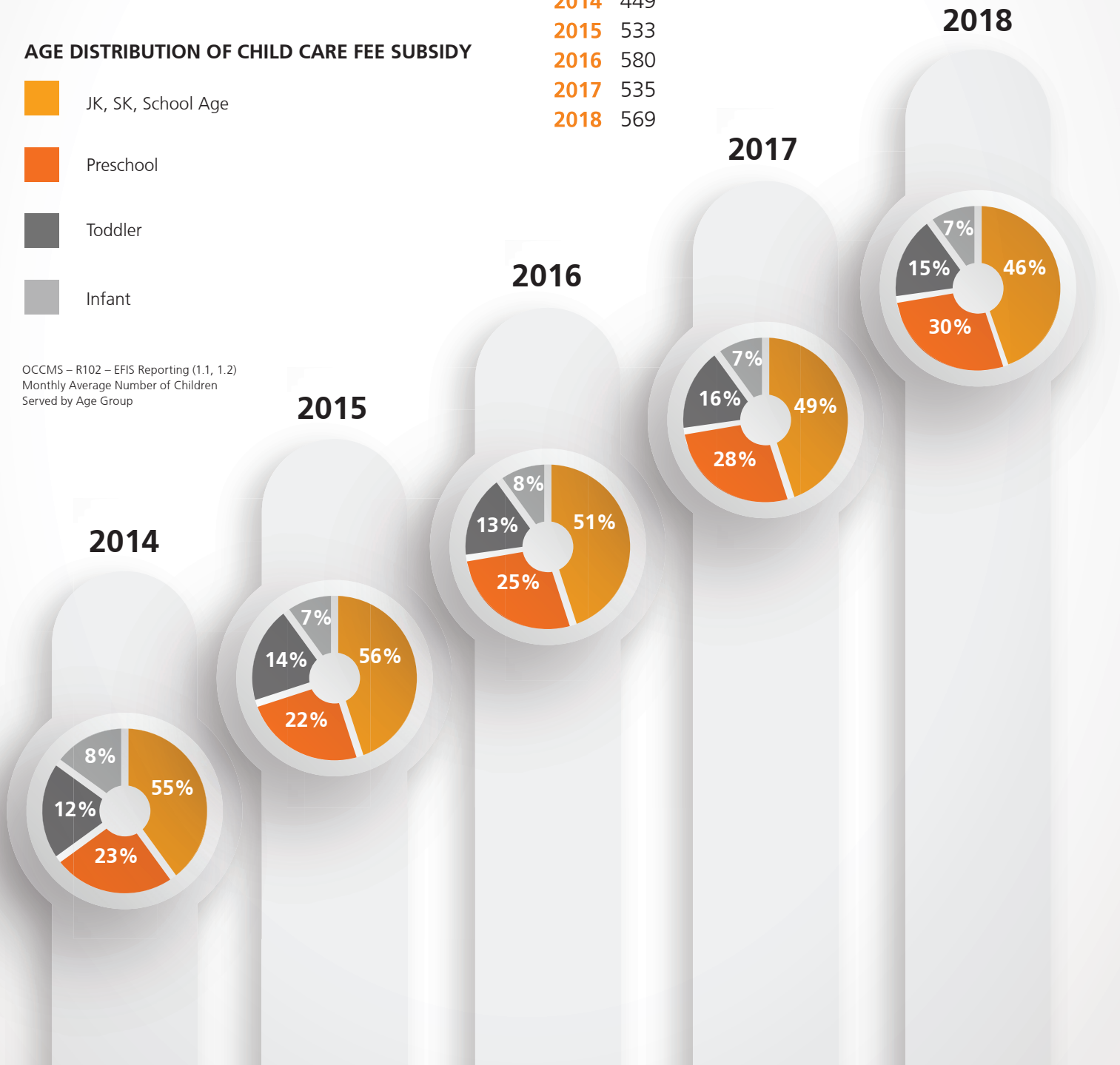
AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD CARE FEE SUBSIDY



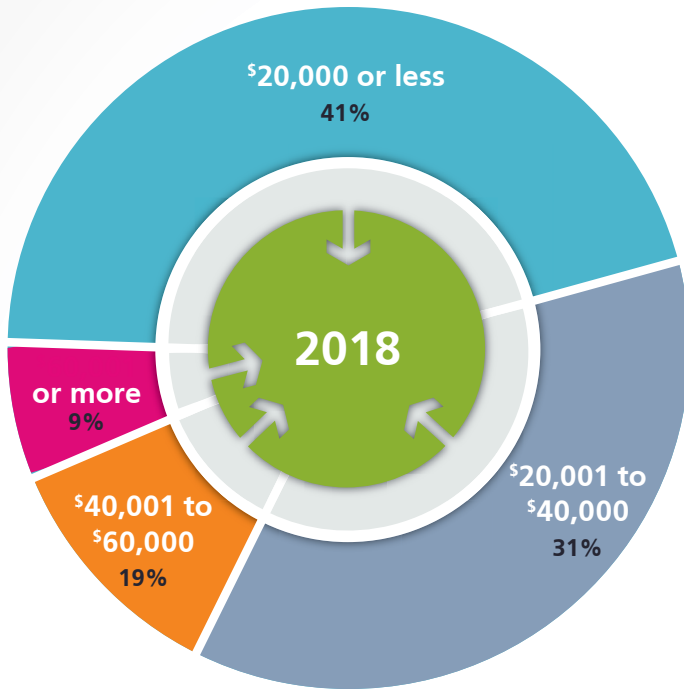
OCCMS – R102 – EFIS Reporting (1.1, 1.2)
Monthly Average Number of Children Served by Age Group

AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING FEE SUBSIDY MONTHLY

2014	449
2015	533
2016	580
2017	535
2018	569



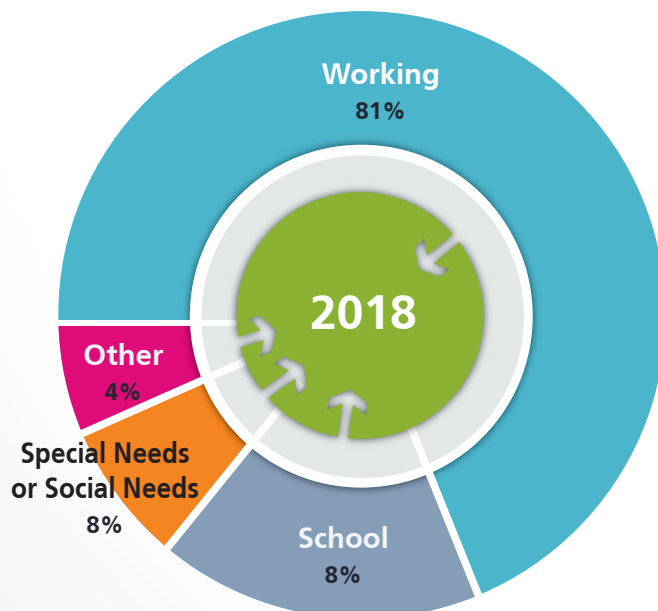
INCOME DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES RECEIVING FEE SUBSIDY



Percentage of children served by fee subsidy in different income categories.

OCCMS – R017 – Profile of Households Receiving Child Care Fee Assistance

REASONS FAMILIES RECEIVING SUBSIDY ARE ACCESSING CHILD CARE

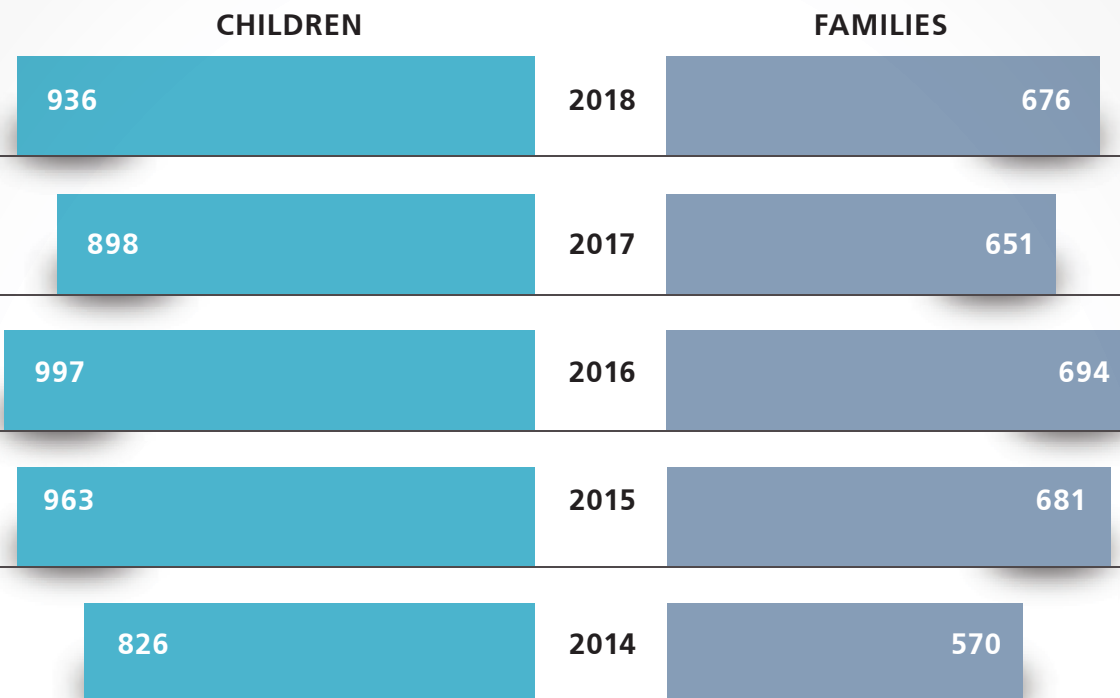


Reasons for receiving fee subsidy as categorized by OCCMS.

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FAMILIES SERVED BY CHILD CARE FEE SUBSIDY

Total Unduplicated Number Served



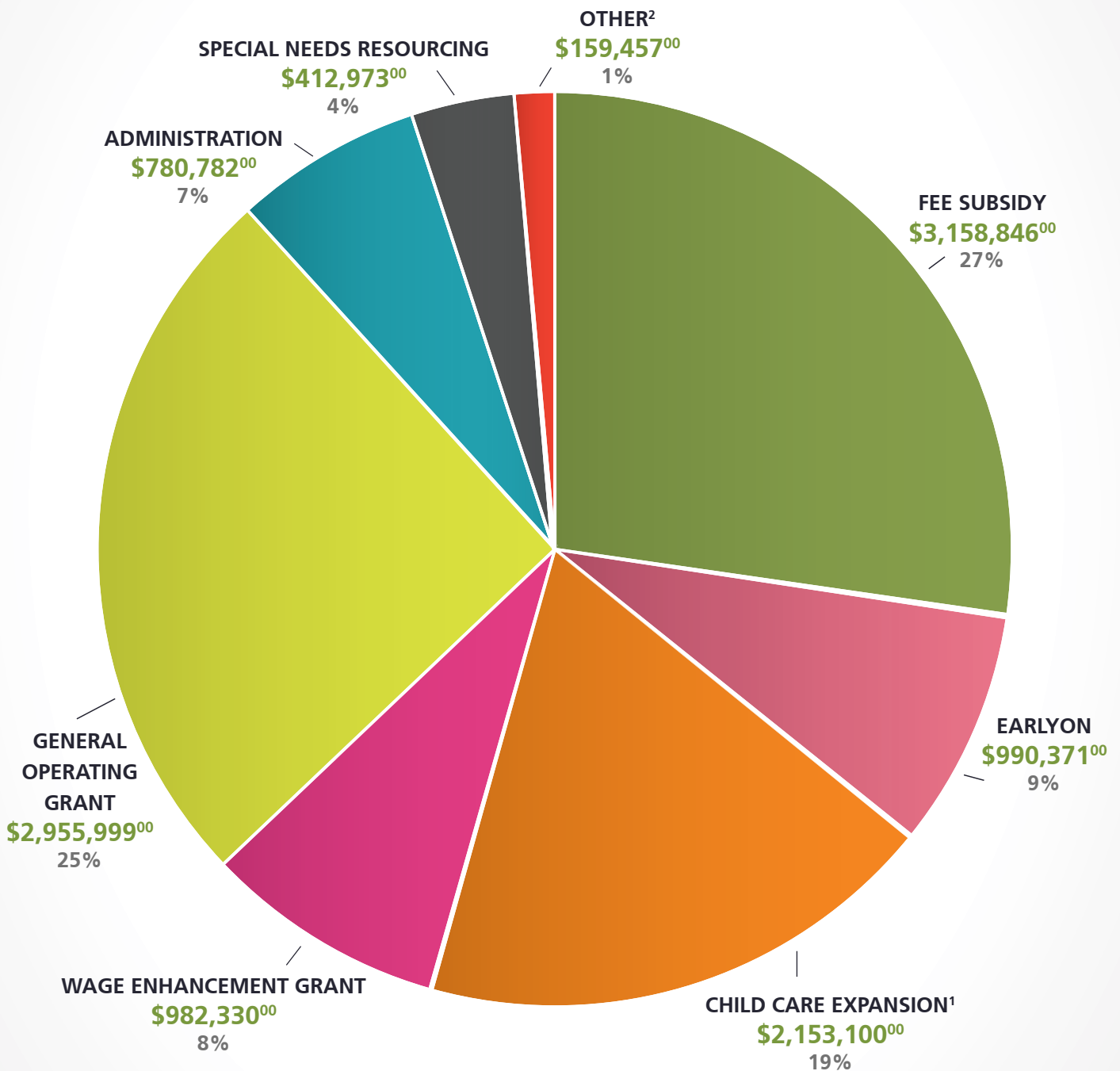
In 2018, affordable access to child care was enabled for 676 families in St. Thomas and Elgin County through the child care fee subsidy program, a 13% increase from 2014 in the number of families supported.

The majority of recipients of child care fee subsidy are single parents or caregivers.

OCCMS – R018 - New Unduplicated Children by Funding Source in the Month and Year Selected

2018 BUDGET

St. Thomas Elgin Social Services – Children’s Services is the designated Consolidated Municipal Service Manager (CMSM). The Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014 recognizes the role of the CMSM as the local service system manager in ensuring an increasingly integrated, high quality child care and early years system.



1 - Child Care Expansion includes:
 Ontario Child Care Expansion Plan: \$1,498,794
 Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement: \$654,306

2 - Other includes:
 Capacity Building: \$48,489
 Child Care Fee Stabilization: \$110,968

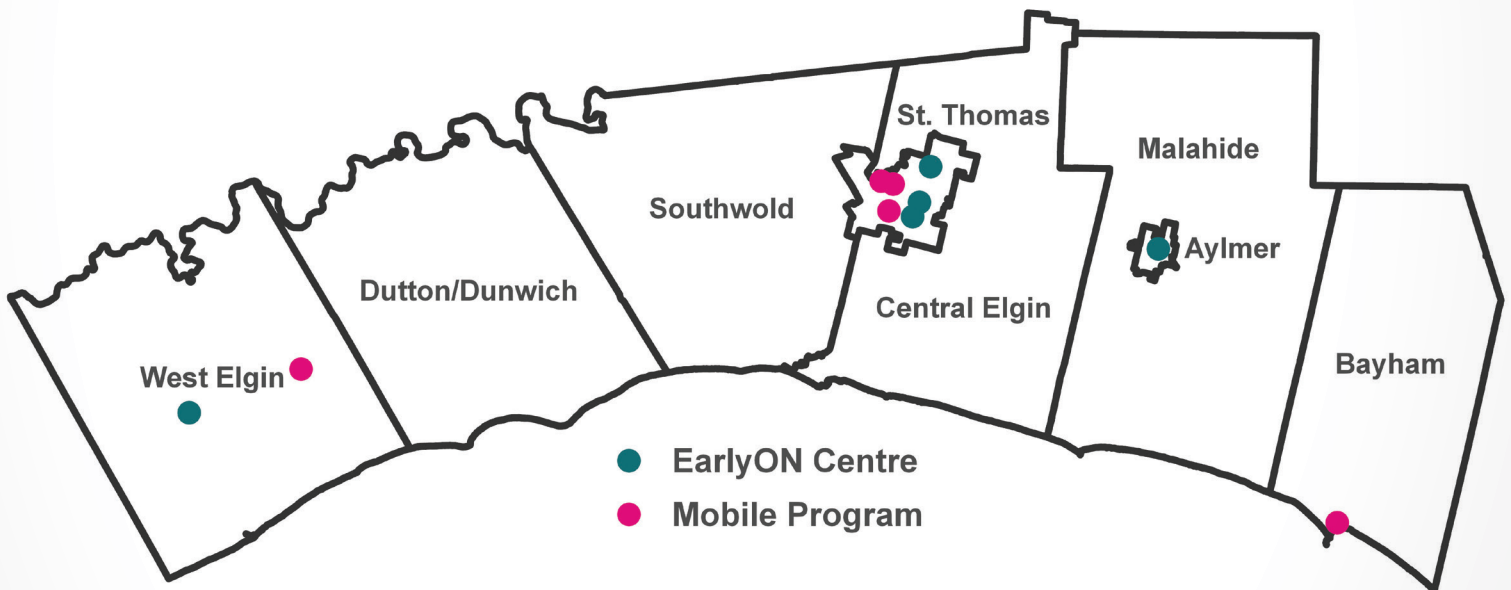
EarlyON

In 2018, St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services became responsible for the local management of EarlyON Child and Family Centres as part of an integrated and cohesive system of child care and early years programs and services in St. Thomas and Elgin County.

Guided by *How Does Learning Happen? Ontario's Pedagogy for the Early Years*, EarlyON Child and Family Centres offer an environment that engages parents and caregivers as co-learners and leaders in influencing positive child, family, and community experiences and outcomes.



Child and Family Centre



VISITS BY PARENTS/CAREGIVERS: 12,163

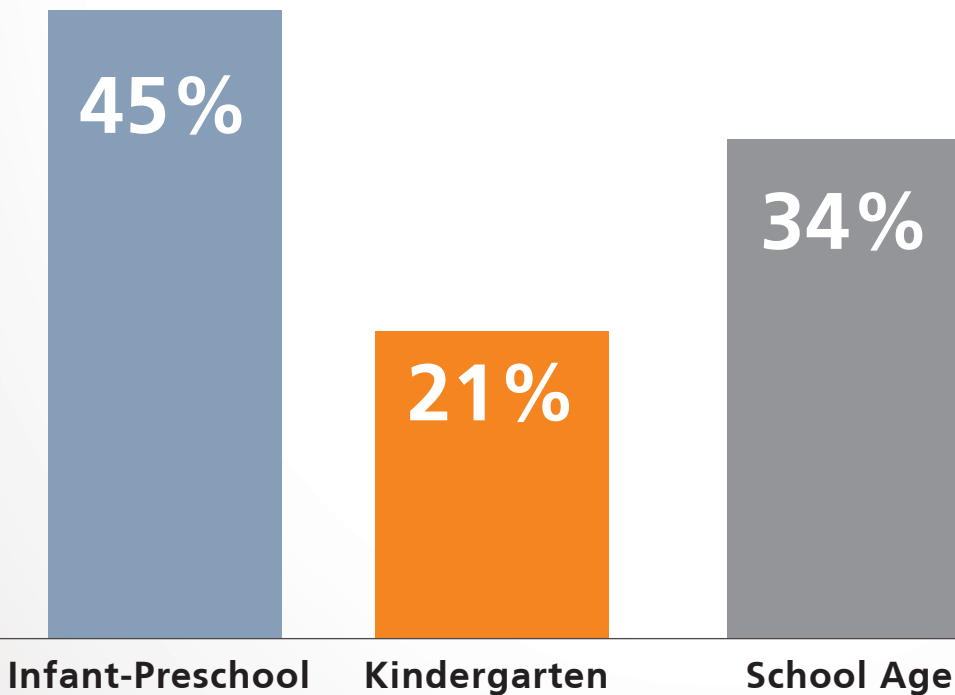
VISITS BY CHILDREN: 18,760

SPECIAL NEEDS RESOURCING

Special Needs Resourcing supports the inclusion of children with special needs in licensed child care settings, including home child care, camps and authorized recreation programs at no additional cost to parents.

In St. Thomas and Elgin County, this support is provided through Merrymount Children's Centre's All Kids Belong program, which integrates the support of Resource Consultants, responsible for case management, and Program Assistants, support staff working in conjunction with regular program staff and the Resource Consultant to support the inclusion of children with special needs.

Age distribution of children who received special needs supports in 2018



QUALITY AND CAPACITY BUILDING

Children’s Services continually assesses and, through capacity building activities, improves quality in licensed child care and early learning programs.

In 2018, professional learning was provided through the Elgin Professional Learning Committee, in collaboration with Strive. A focus on the unique context of St. Thomas and Elgin County ensures that professional learning is intentional and responsive to local needs.

In 2018, **14 opportunities, totaling 28.5 hours of professional learning**, were made available to Elgin child care and early learning professionals.

The **Elgin Children’s Network**, a collaborative of professionals working to support children and families and strengthen communities, builds further capacity through inter-professional collaboration and networking, positively impacting the scope of professional learning and dialogues in Elgin County.

WORKSHOP FOCUS	NUMBER
Environments	4
Literacy/Professionalism	2
Outdoor/Risky Play	3
Pedagogical Documentation	2
Professionalism	4
Program/Curriculum	1
Relationships	3
Well-Being	4



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EXPANSION, ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY

In 2017 and 2018, the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada made new investments in child care intended to enable expansion in licensed child care through additional fee subsidy support, increased access to child care, and affordability measures.

\$2,153,100

Total child care expansion in St. Thomas and Elgin County in 2018

Investments included:

\$411,283

Long-term Affordability Grant

Supported long-term viability and affordability of licensed child care centres and home care through minor repairs and the purchase of play-based and program materials.

Provided all families with infants, toddlers or preschool children in a licensed child care program in St. Thomas and Elgin County with a 100% savings for November & December 2018.

\$789,078

Parental Affordability Grant

\$521,347

Capital Projects

Supported capital renovations and additions at two licensed child care centres to increase the number of infant child care spaces.



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