

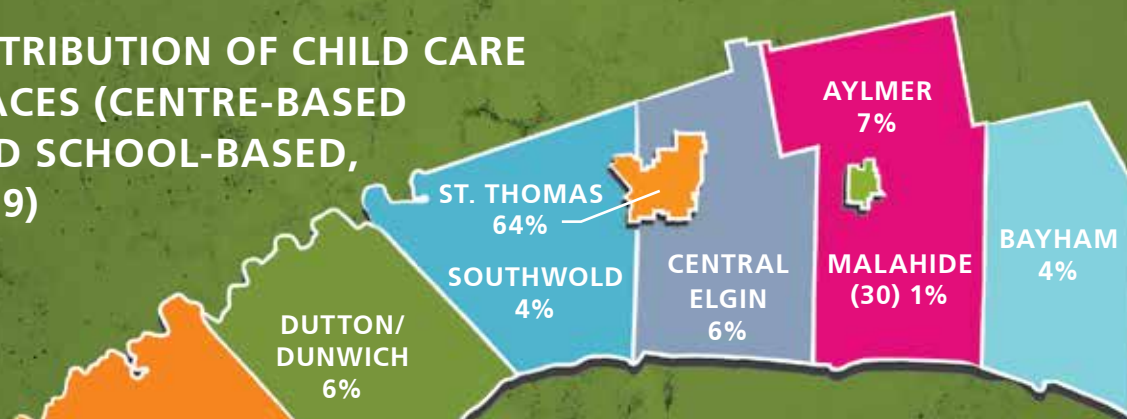
LICENSED SPACES PROFILE

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.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Infant	94	94	94	84	97
Toddler	172	172	187	162	178
Preschool	430	430	509	447	431
JK/SK	425	425	464	503	522
School aged	940	940	964	1054	1077
Number of centre and school based programs	37	37	36	35	35
Number of licensed home care providers	10	11	19	26	30
Centre-based spaces	798	798	801	783	796
School-based spaces	1128	1128	1338	1381	1423
Recreation or summer only based spaces	135	135	30	86	86
Total Spaces	2061	2061	2218	2250	2305

2015-2019 Licensed Child Care Spaces (Child Care Licensing System)

DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD CARE SPACES (CENTRE-BASED AND SCHOOL-BASED, 2019)



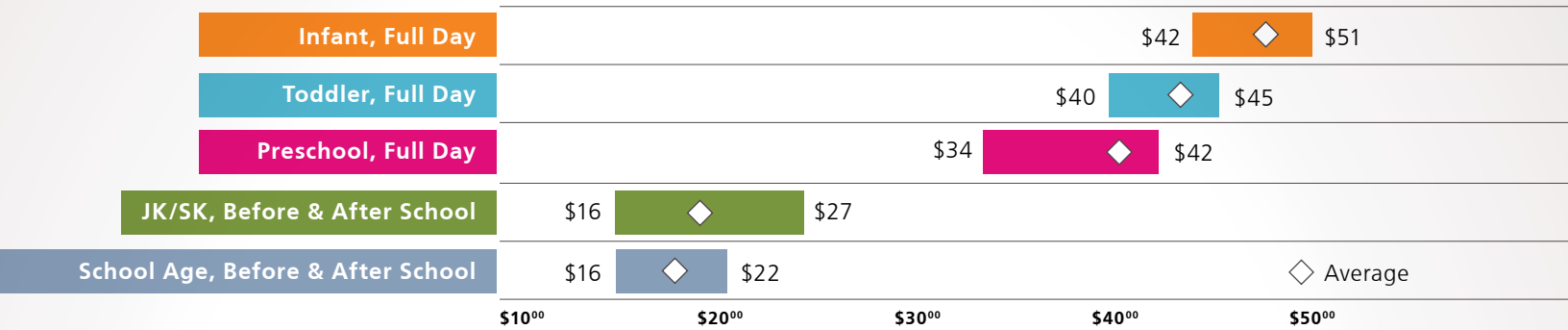
CHILD POPULATION, 2016 CENSUS OF CANADA

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

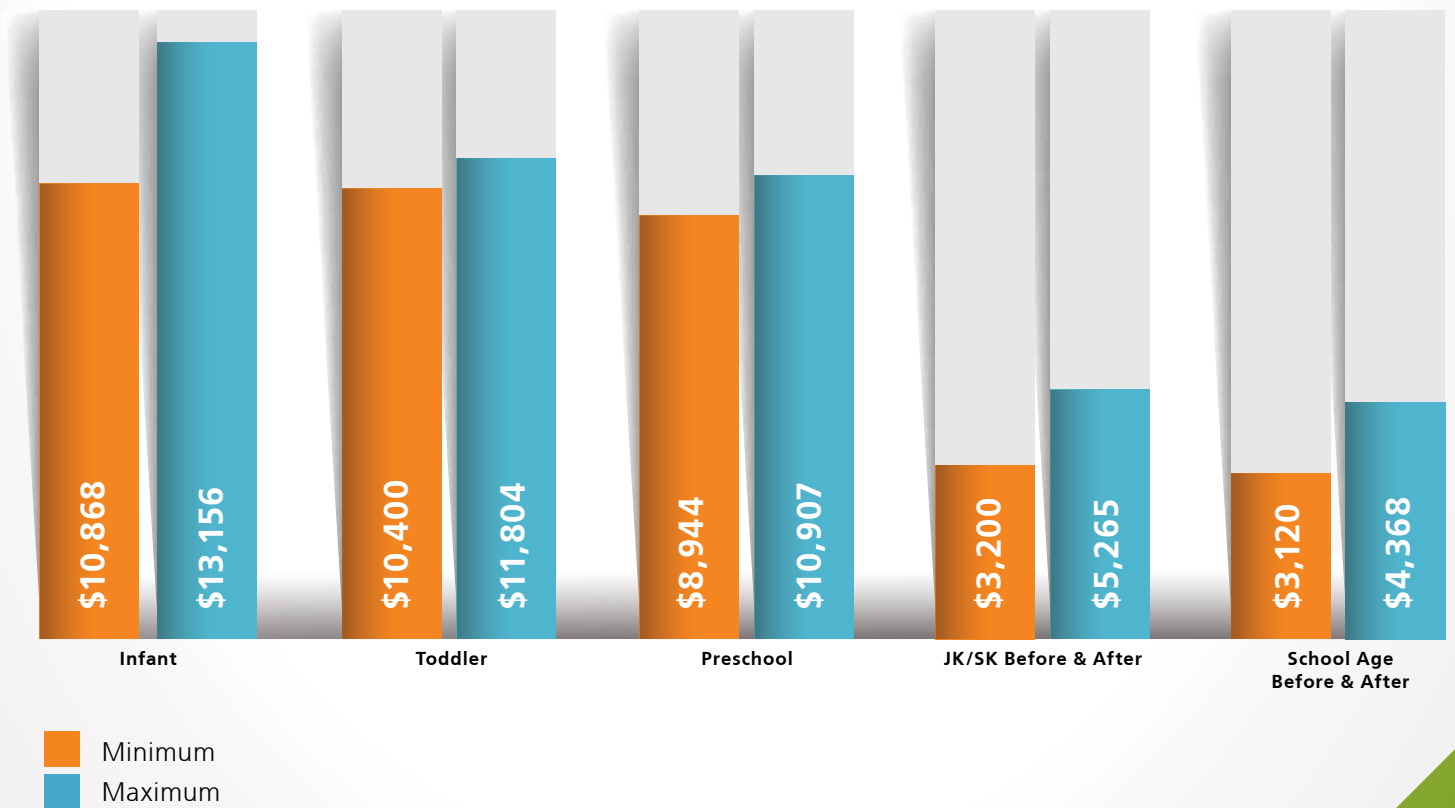
DAILY FEES

Range of daily fees for full-time licensed care



YEARLY COSTS FOR FULL TIME CHILD CARE

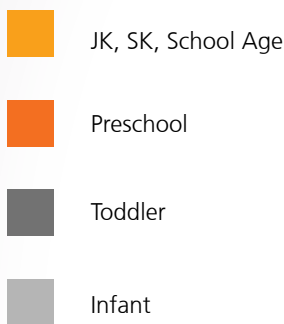
Minimum & maximum yearly costs for full-time licensed child care



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.

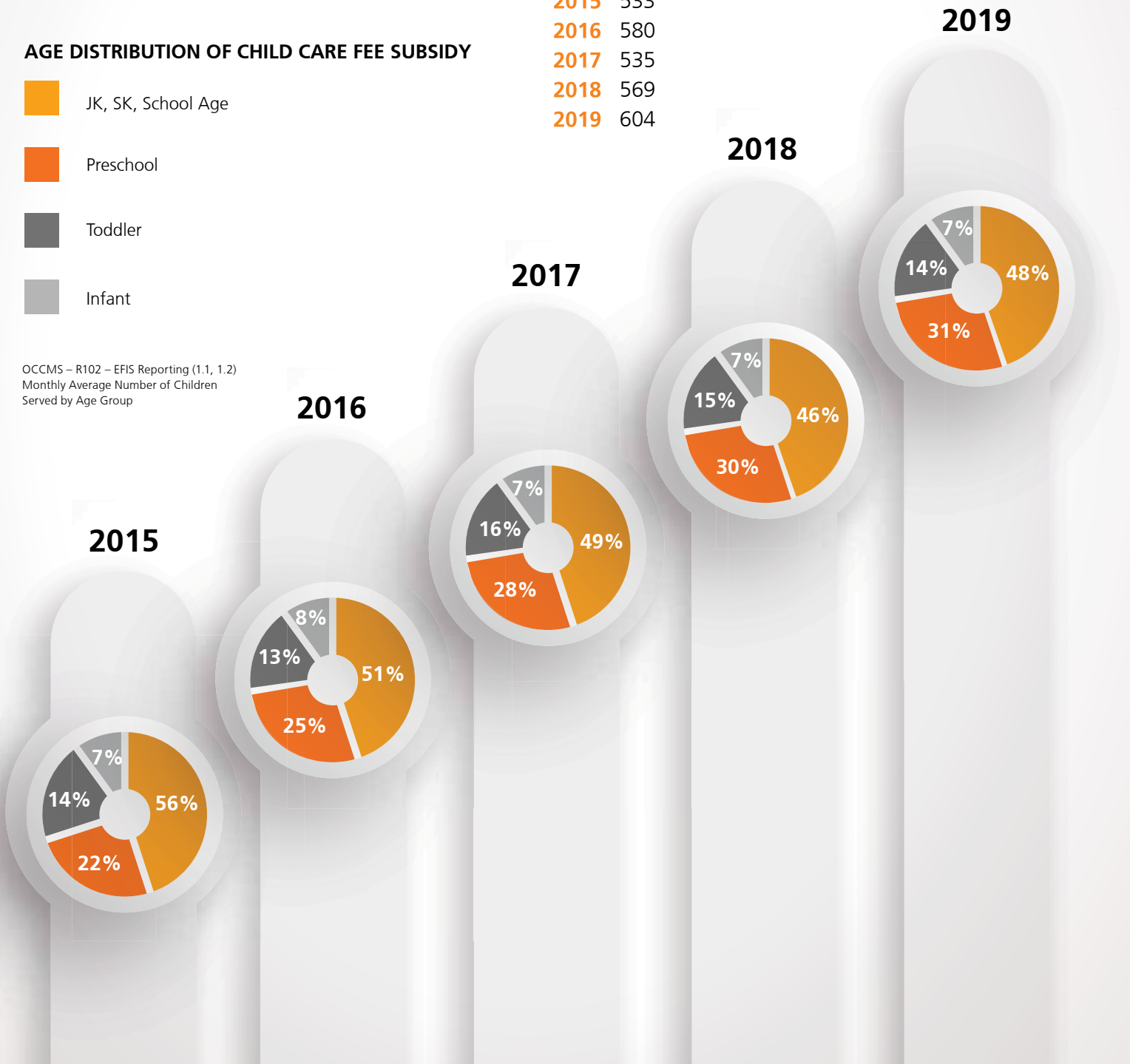
AGE DISTRIBUTION OF CHILD CARE FEE SUBSIDY



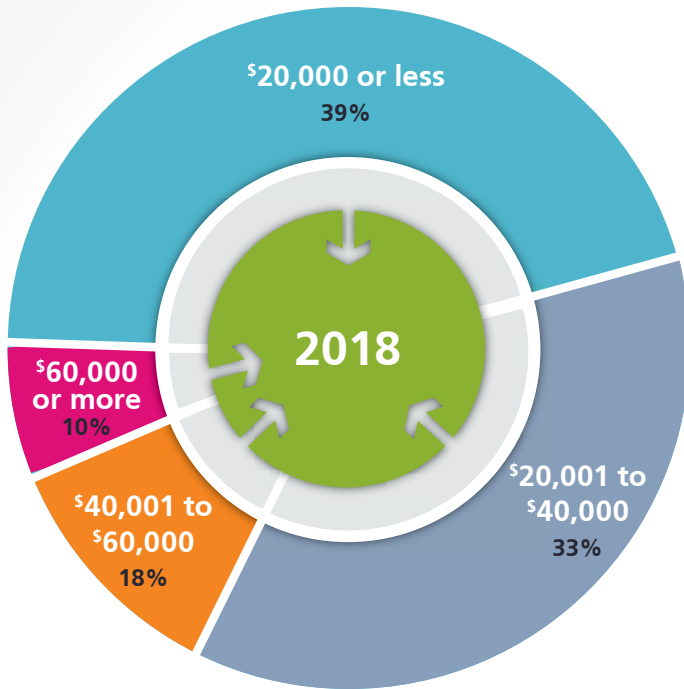
AVERAGE NUMBER OF CHILDREN RECEIVING FEE SUBSIDY MONTHLY

2015	533
2016	580
2017	535
2018	569
2019	604

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



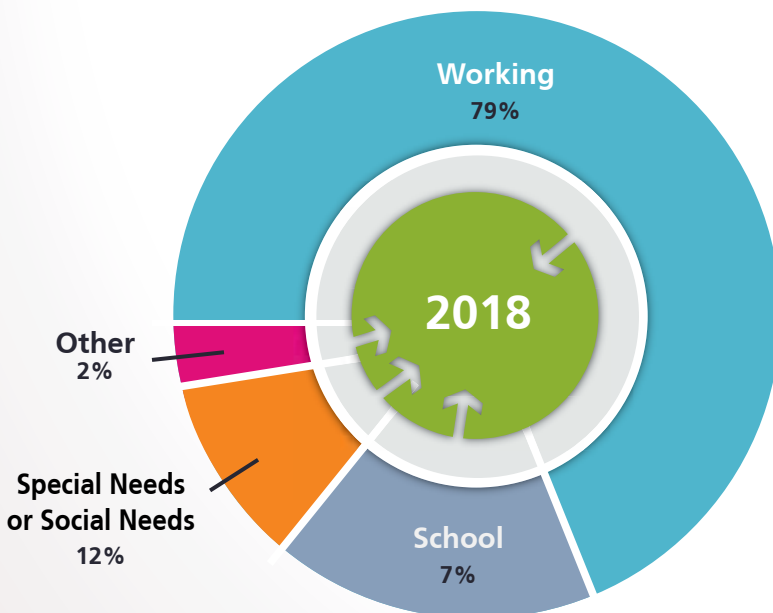
INCOME DISTRIBUTION OF FAMILIES RECEIVING FEE SUBSIDY



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

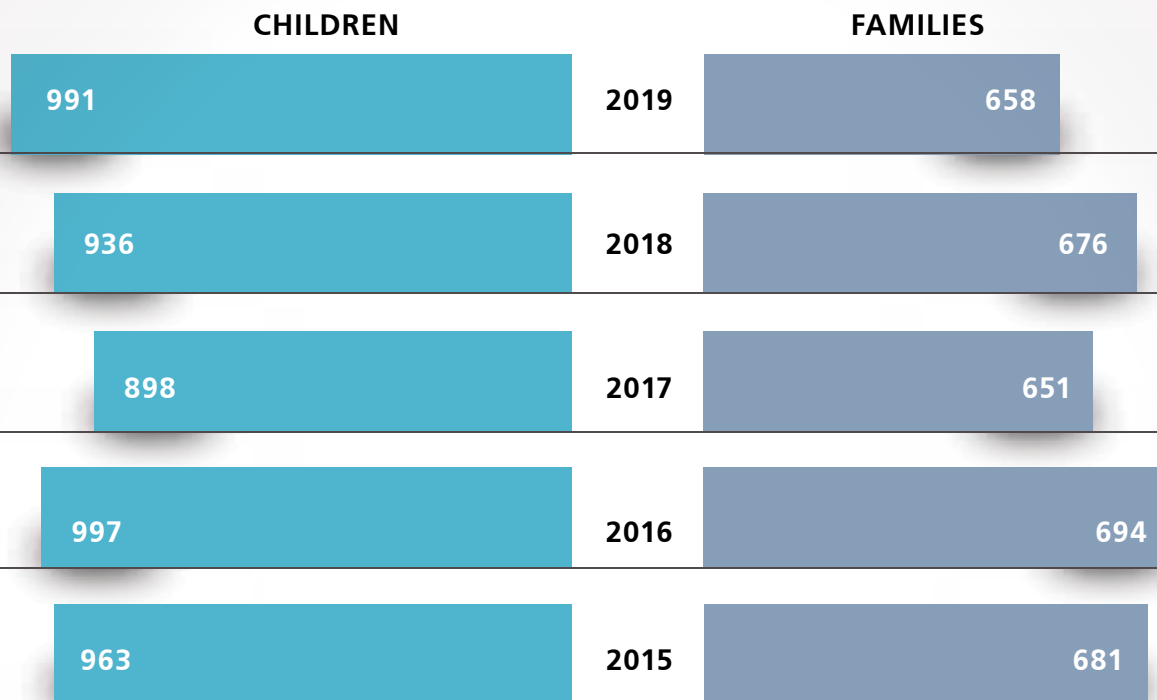


Reasons for receiving fee subsidy as categorized by OCCMS.

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FAMILIES SERVED BY CHILD CARE FEE SUBSIDY

Total Unduplicated Number Served

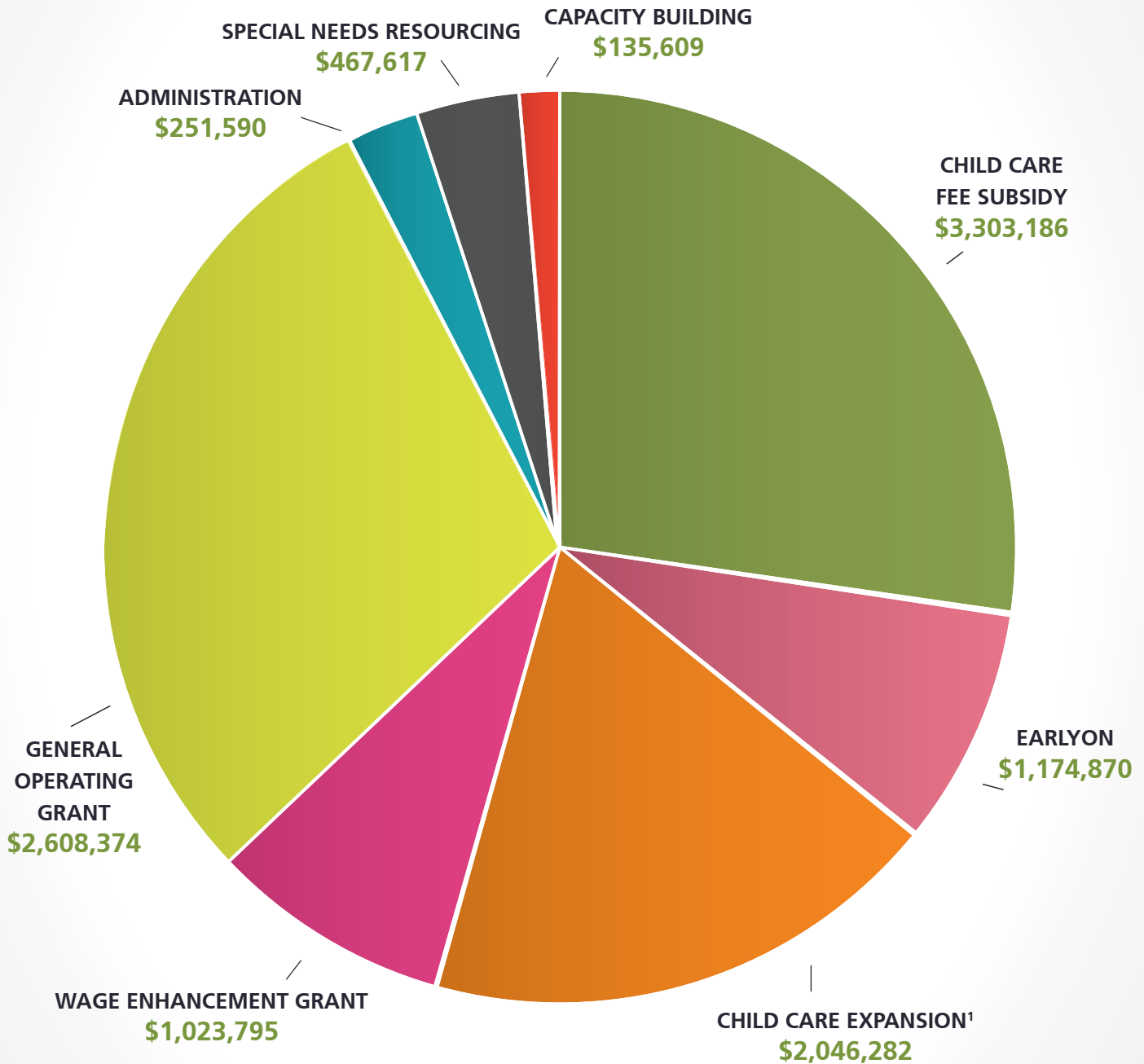


In 2019, affordable access to child care was enabled for 658 families in St. Thomas and Elgin County through the child care fee subsidy program.

The majority of recipients apply as a sole applicant for assistance.

2019 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: \$1,696,225
 Canada-Ontario Early Learning and Child Care Agreement: \$350,057

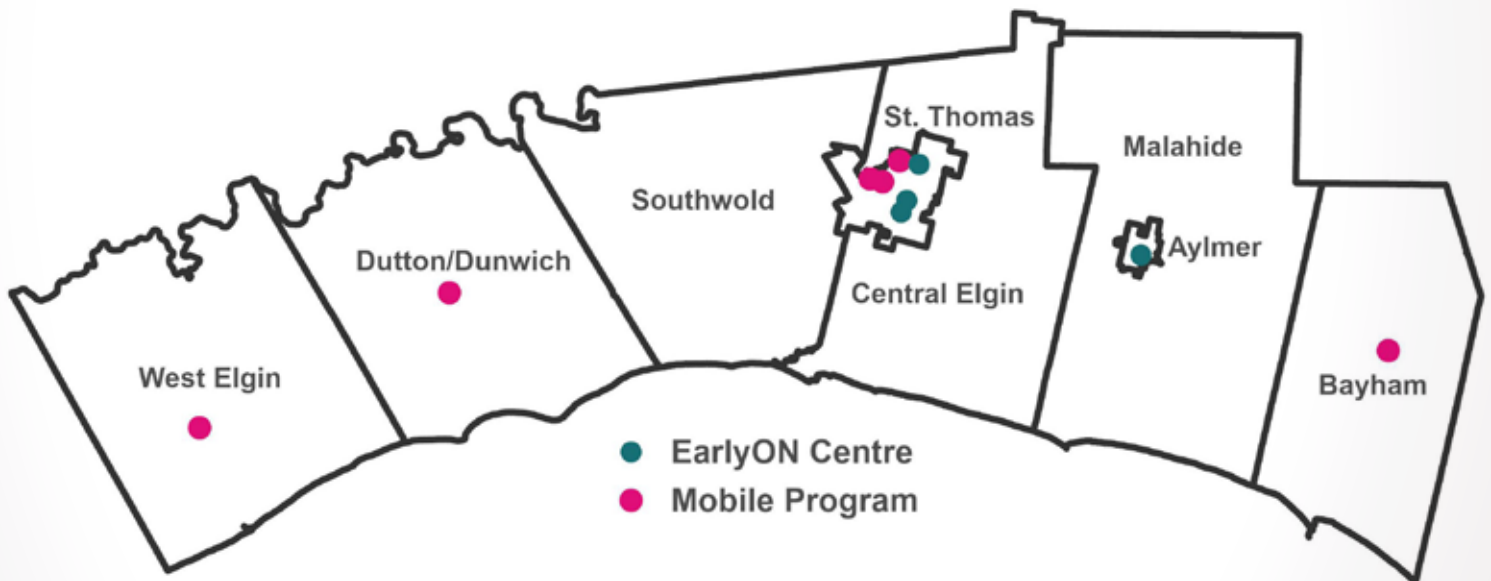
EarlyON

St. Thomas-Elgin Social Services is 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, EarlyON Child and Family Centres are operated by Community Living Elgin.

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: 12,454

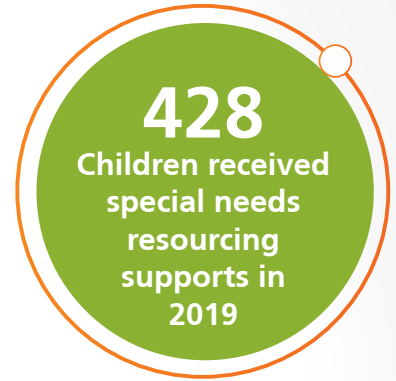
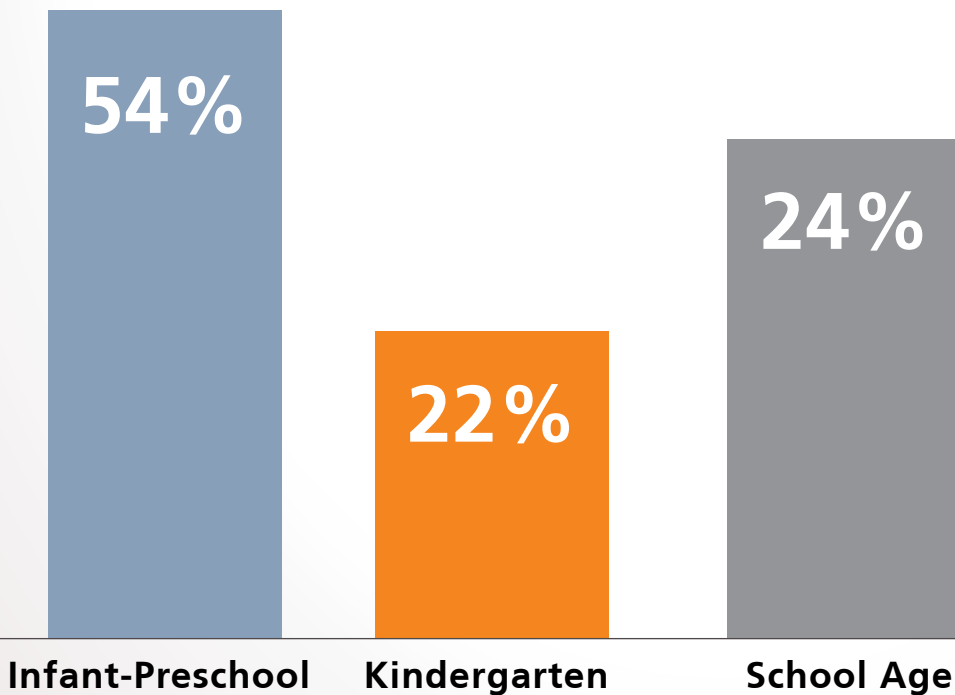
VISITS BY CHILDREN: 18,671

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 2019



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 2019, 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 2019, 12 professional learning opportunities 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
Pedagogical Documentation	2
Pedagogical Leadership	5
Relationships	6
Well-Being	5



www.elginchildrensnetwork.ca

EXPANSION, ACCESS & AFFORDABILITY

In 2019, the Province of Ontario and Government of Canada continued 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.

\$2,046,282

Total child care expansion in St. Thomas and Elgin County in 2019

Investments included:

\$416,829

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 2019.

\$826,558

Parental Affordability Grant

\$150,700

Special Needs Resourcing

Supported the inclusion of children in summer programs, the purchase of materials to support children with special needs in child care, and equipment to improve accessibility.



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