

# 2019 VANCOUVER CHILD CARE FEE SURVEY

## MONTHLY RATES FOR FULL-TIME LICENSED GROUP CARE

SEPTEMBER 2019

### INFANT CARE (6 weeks to 18 months)

Fee range	2019			2018		
	Full fee	Reduced fee <sup>a</sup>	% reduction	Full fee	Reduced fee <sup>a</sup>	% reduction
Average <sup>b</sup>	\$1,525	\$1,175	23.0%	\$1,429	\$1,079	24.5%
Median <sup>b</sup>	\$1,494	\$1,144	23.4%	\$1,407	\$1,057	24.9%
Lowest	\$750	\$400	46.7%	\$1,060	\$710	33.0%
Highest	\$2,000	\$1,650	17.5%	\$1,625	\$1,275	21.5%
Responses	Number of responses = 28 out of 48 (58%)			Number of responses = 26		

Notes: <sup>a</sup>For 2018 and 2019, the provincial fee reduction was \$350. In 2019, all 28 participating infant centres offered reduced fees; in 2018, 25 of 26 participating centres offered reduced fees. <sup>b</sup>In 2019, the average full fee for infants increased by 6.7%, while the median increased by 6.2%.

### TODDLER CARE (19 months to 3 years)

Fee range	2019			2018		
	Full fee	Reduced fee <sup>a</sup>	% reduction	Full fee	Reduced fee <sup>a</sup>	% reduction
Average <sup>b</sup>	\$1,462	\$1,112	23.9%	\$1,396	\$1,046	25.1%
Median <sup>b</sup>	\$1,462	\$1,112	23.9%	\$1,407	\$1,057	24.9%
Lowest	\$635	\$285	55.1%	\$1,060	\$710	33.0%
Highest	\$2,000	\$1,650	17.5%	\$1,945	\$1,595	18.0%
Responses	Number of responses = 43 out of 66 (65%)			Number of responses = 41		

Notes: For 2018 and 2019, the provincial fee reduction was \$350. In 2019, all 43 participating toddler centres offered reduced fees; in 2018, 40 of 41 participating centres offered reduced fees. <sup>b</sup>In 2019, the average full fee for toddlers increased by 4.7%, while the median increased by 3.9%.

### PRESCHOOL AGE CARE (3 to 5 years)

Fee range	2019			2018		
	Full fee	Reduced fee <sup>a</sup>	% reduction	Full fee	Reduced fee <sup>a</sup>	% reduction
Average <sup>b</sup>	\$1,034	\$934	9.7%	\$982	\$882	10.2%
Median <sup>b</sup>	\$1,050	\$950	9.5%	\$1,014	\$914	9.9%
Lowest	\$650	\$550	15.4%	\$650	\$550	15.4%
Highest	\$1,620	\$1,520	6.2%	\$1,300	\$1,200	8.3%
Responses	Number of responses = 70 out of 124 (56%)			Number of responses = 69 of 125 (55%)		

Notes: For 2018 and 2019, the provincial fee reduction was \$100. In 2019, 66 of 70 participating 3-5 centres offered reduced fees; in 2018, 69 of 125 participating centres offered reduced fees. <sup>b</sup>In 2019, the average full fee for 3-5 care increased by 5.3%, while the median increased by 3.6%.

ADDITIONAL NOTES: Group child care programs in the city of Vancouver were contacted and asked for their full-time, monthly fees as of September 2019. For the purpose of this survey, where there was a public and preferred fee, the public fee was used. Centres listed as Universal Child Care Prototype sites were not included in the survey. AVERAGE = Calculated by adding all of the monthly full time rates and dividing by the number of child care centre responses. MEDIAN = Half the centres have rates that are greater than the median, and half the centres have rates that are less than the median.

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