

VANCOUVER CHILD CARE FEE SURVEY

LICENSED GROUP CARE FULL-TIME MONTHLY RATES

DECEMBER 2022

INFANT CARE (6 weeks to 18 months)

Fee range	2022			2021		
	Full fee	Reduced fee	% reduction	Full fee	Reduced fee	% reduction
Average	\$2,069	\$1,257	39.25%	\$1,781	\$1,431	19.65%
Median	\$2,150	\$1,250	41.86%	\$1,910	\$1,560	18.32%
Lowest	\$1,210	\$375	69.01%	\$1,310	\$960	26.72%
Highest	\$2,816	\$1,916	31.96%	\$2,735	\$2,385	12.80%
Responses	34 out of 45 (76%)			40 out of 61 (66%)		

Notes: Starting in December 2022, the amount of the provincial fee reduction increased from \$350 to \$900 per month. Of the 92 infant care programs that were sent the fee survey, 47 were \$10 a Day centres, and therefore their fees were excluded from the results. Of the remaining 45 programs, 34 (76%) completed the survey.

ANALYSIS: As the table shows, the median full fee increased by \$240 from 2021 to 2022. However, consistent with the change in provincial fee reduction, the difference between the median full fee and reduced fee increased significantly to \$900 in 2022, vs. \$350 in 2021. Consequently, the percentage of reduction more than doubled, from 18% in 2021 to 42% in 2022.

TODDLER CARE (19 months to 3 years)

Fee range	2022			2021		
	Full fee	Reduced fee	% reduction	Full fee	Reduced fee	% reduction
Average	\$1,984	\$1,157	41.68%	\$1,731	\$1,387	19.87%
Median	\$2,076	\$1,250	39.79%	\$1,790	\$1,440	19.55%
Lowest	\$1,176	\$276	76.53%	\$1,135	\$930	18.06%
Highest	\$2,816	\$1,916	31.96%	\$2,735	\$2,385	12.80%
Responses	40 out of 54 (80%)			54 out of 79 (68%)		

Notes: Starting in December 2022, the amount of the provincial fee reduction increased from \$350 to \$900 per month. Of the 101 toddler care programs that were sent the fee survey, 47 were \$10 a Day centres, and therefore their fees were excluded from the results. Of the remaining 54 programs, 40 (80%) completed the survey.

ANALYSIS: As the table shows, the median full fee increased by \$286 from 2021 to 2022. However, consistent with the change in provincial fee reduction, the difference between the median full fee and reduced fee increased significantly to \$826 in 2022, vs. \$350 in 2021. Consequently, the percentage of reduction doubled, from 20% in 2021 to 40% in 2022.

PRESCHOOL AGE CARE (3 to 5 years)

Fee range	2022			2021		
	Full fee	Reduced fee	% reduction	Full fee	Reduced fee	% reduction
Average	\$1,277	\$744	41.74%	\$1,164	\$1,061	8.85%
Median	\$1,190	\$645	45.80%	\$1,100	\$999	9.18%
Lowest	\$700	\$330	52.86%	\$700	\$600	14.29%
Highest	\$2,144	\$1,599	25.42%	\$2,050	\$1,950	4.88%
Responses	64 out of 98 (65%)			71 out of 134 (53%)		

Notes: Starting in December 2022, the amount of the provincial fee reduction increased from \$100 to \$545 per month. Of the 143 3 to 5 care programs that were sent the fee survey, 45 were \$10 a Day centres, and therefore their fees were excluded from the results. Of the remaining 98 programs, 64 (65%) completed the survey.

ANALYSIS: As the table shows, the median full fee increased by \$90 from 2021 to 2022. However, consistent with the change in provincial fee reduction, the difference between the median full fee and reduced fee increased significantly to \$545 in 2022, vs. \$101 in 2021. Consequently, the percentage of reduction increased five-fold, from 9% in 2021 to 46% in 2022.

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