Inventory of Child Care Establishments

Overall, there are 628 child care services programs operating within 460 facilities, representing an available capacity of 23,814 child care services spaces licensed by the Province to operate within Edmonton. This number does not include day homes, nannies, informal child care arrangements or single income families where one parent chooses to provide full time child care. There may be some spaces occupied by children from outside the city.

The child care facilities are generally evenly distributed across the city, with more facilities in the peripheral neighbourhoods, relative to the established and core neighbourhoods. A map on the next page shows the distribution of child care facilities by postal code.

The demand for child care services, as indicated by the number of families on a waitlist, is much higher in the central areas compared to the rest of the city. The survey data shows that there are 750 children on a waitlist in the six child care facilities downtown, and an additional 250 in the central neighbourhoods.

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