

3 Child Care Services



What is the Service?

Municipal Children's Services divisions plan and manage their local child care system, focusing on the integration of government initiatives, inter-agency coordination and the development of quality programs and services for children and their families.

Municipalities are mandated by provincial legislation under the Day Nursery Act as Service System Managers to plan, direct and deliver child care services.

Specific objectives include:

- Providing a continuum of quality community-based services accessible to children, their families and caregivers
- Fostering partnerships with the community in planning and service delivery integration to ensure equitable access to high quality child care for children and support for families
- Providing financial support to eligible families to enable them to participate fully in employment, training and developmental opportunities
- Innovating and building on leading practices

Influencing Factors:

Demographics: Mix of child to adult ratio will vary by municipality.

Licensing: Municipalities do not control the licensing framework and are not directly responsible for increasing the number of child care programs.

Mix of Child Care Spaces: Infants vs. toddlers vs. pre-schoolers require different staffing ratios.

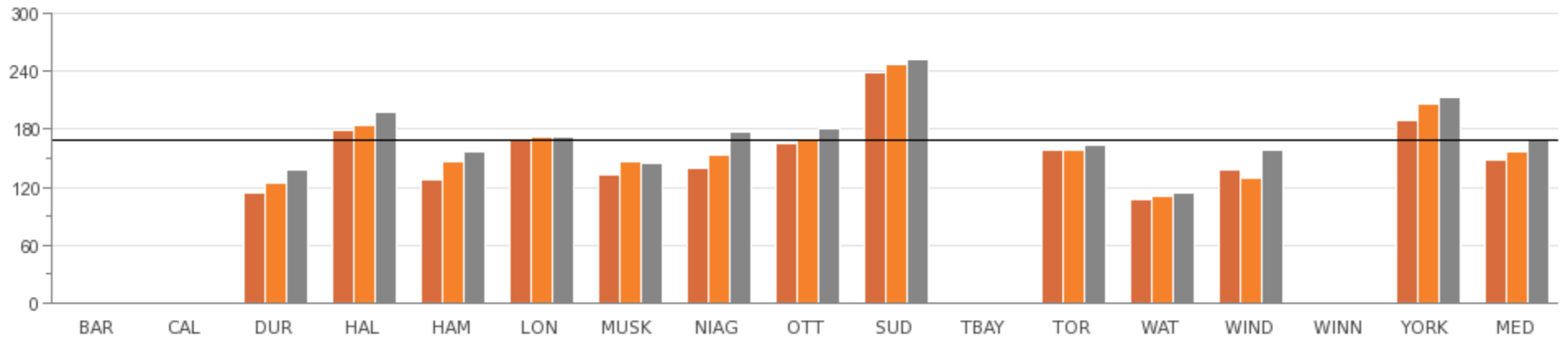
Funding: Provincial capital and operating funding is the main determinant of level of service which impacts the funding flowed through child care divisions to other regulated spaces.

Resources: LICO (Low Income Cut-off) information provided by the Ministry is outdated and difficult to use. Census data is not updated annually which can cause challenges.

Child Care Services

How many regulated child care spaces are available?

Fig 3.1 Regulated Child Care Spaces in Municipality per 1,000 Children (12 and under)

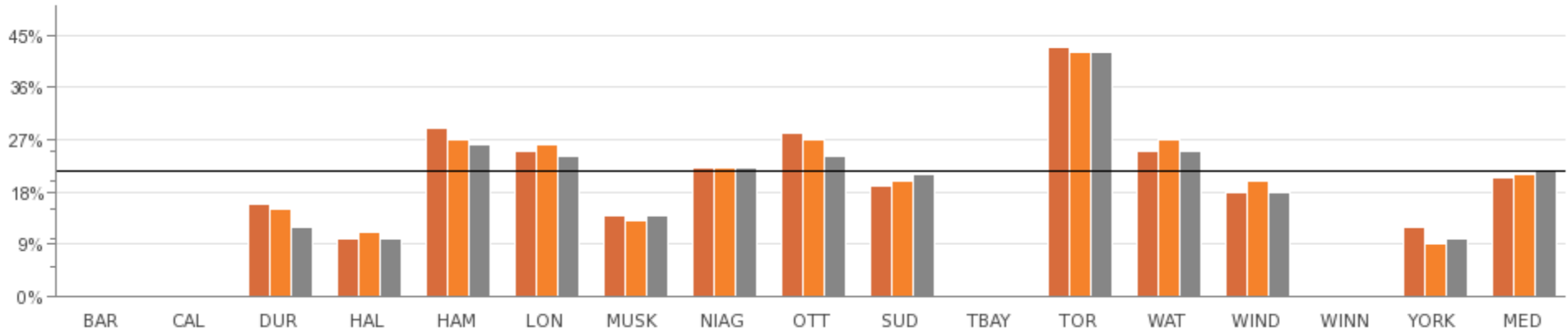


2009	N/A	N/A	114	179	128	170	133	140	166	239	N/A	158	107	138	N/A	190	149
2010	N/A	N/A	124	184	146	172	146	154	171	248	N/A	158	111	129	N/A	206	156
2011	N/A	N/A	138	198	156	173	145	177	180	252	N/A	164	114	158	N/A	214	169

Source: CHDC105 (Community Impact)

What percent of available spaces is subsidized?

Fig 3.2 Percent of Spaces that are Subsidized.



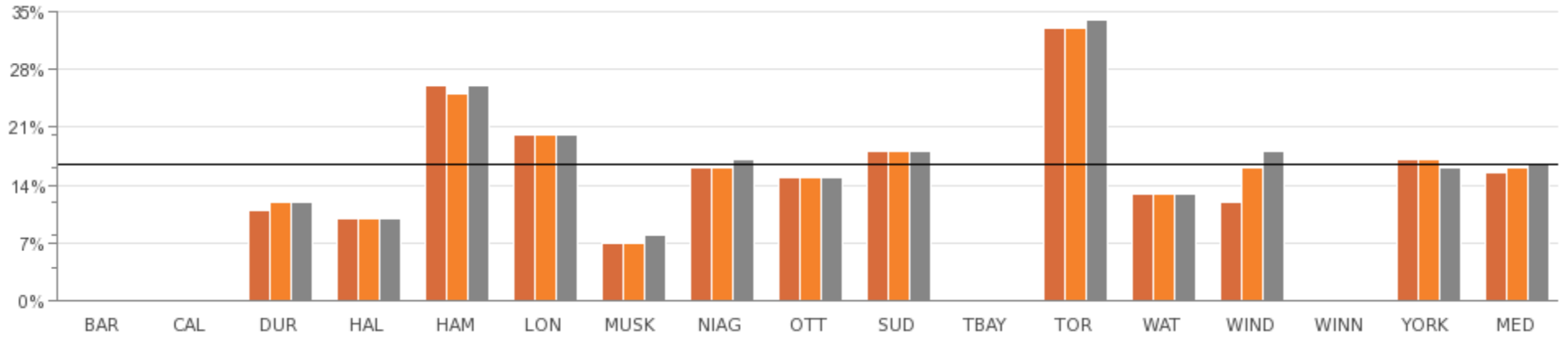
2009	N/A	N/A	16%	10%	29%	25%	14%	22%	28%	19%	N/A	43%	25%	18%	N/A	12%	21%
2010	N/A	N/A	15%	11%	27%	26%	13%	22%	27%	20%	N/A	42%	27%	20%	N/A	9%	21%
2011	N/A	N/A	12%	10%	26%	24%	14%	22%	24%	21%	N/A	42%	25%	18%	N/A	10%	22%

Source: CHDC112 (Community Impact)

Comment: The results illustrate that high demand can be indicative of the number of lower-income families requiring child care, e.g. Toronto. Refer to Figure 3.3 for more information.

What percent of children come from low-income families?

Fig 3.3 Percent of Children in the Municipality (12 and under) that are LICO Children



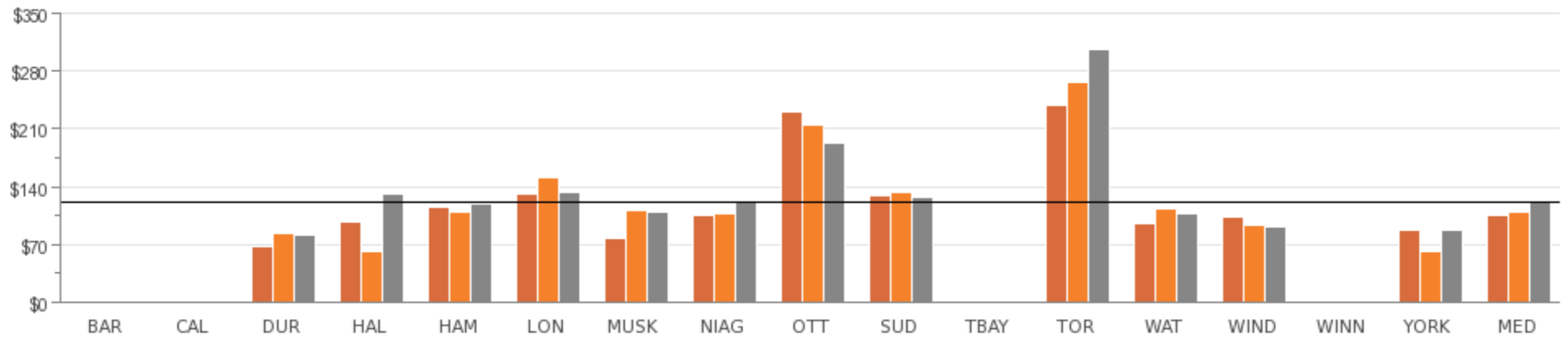
2009	N/A	N/A	11%	10%	26%	20%	7%	16%	15%	18%	N/A	33%	13%	12%	N/A	17%	16%
2010	N/A	N/A	12%	10%	25%	20%	7%	16%	15%	18%	N/A	33%	13%	16%	N/A	17%	16%
2011	N/A	N/A	12%	10%	26%	20%	8%	17%	15%	18%	N/A	34%	13%	18%	N/A	16%	17%

Source: CHDC115 (Community Impact)

Comment: Lower-income families tend to drive the demand for subsidized spaces for children 12 and under.

What is the total net investment per child in the municipality?

Fig 3.4 OMBI Total Net Cost per Child (12 and Under) in the Municipality (includes amortization)



2009	N/A	N/A	\$67	\$98	\$115	\$132	\$77	\$105	\$231	\$130	N/A	\$238	\$96	\$104	N/A	\$87	\$105
2010	N/A	N/A	\$84	\$61	\$109	\$151	\$111	\$108	\$214	\$133	N/A	\$267	\$114	\$94	N/A	\$61	\$110
2011	N/A	N/A	\$81	\$131	\$119	\$134	\$109	\$122	\$193	\$128	N/A	\$306	\$107	\$92	N/A	\$87	\$121

Source: CHDC225T (Service Level)

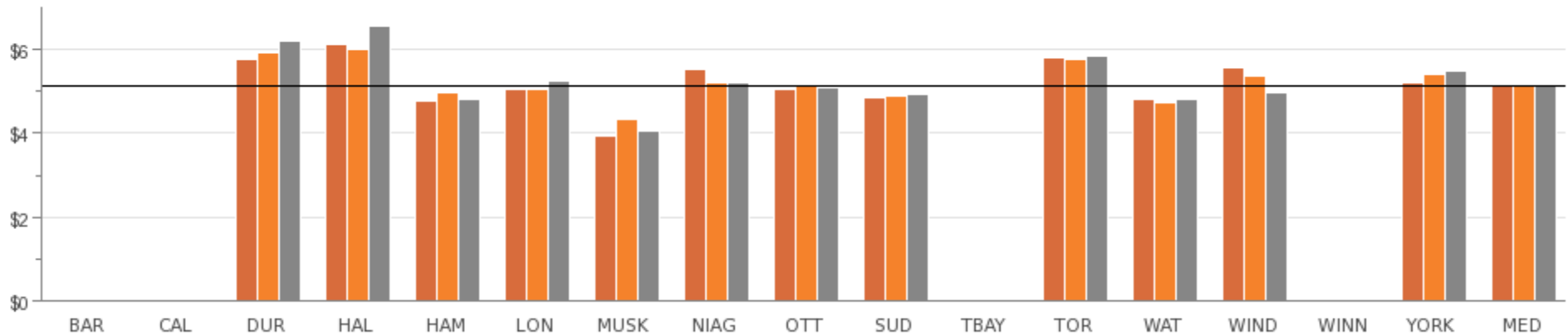
Note: Calculation includes amortization.

Comment: The majority of funding is from the province; however should a municipality chose to increase their spending, those additional dollars are 100% municipally funded.

How much does a subsidized child care space cost?

Fig 3.5 Annual Child Care Cost per Normalized Subsidized Child Care Space

(In Thousands)



2009	N/A	N/A	\$5,781	\$6,130	\$4,758	\$5,059	\$3,945	\$5,547	\$5,042	\$4,848	N/A	\$5,816	\$4,824	\$5,568	N/A	\$5,231	\$5,145
2010	N/A	N/A	\$5,953	\$6,006	\$4,975	\$5,049	\$4,327	\$5,201	\$5,168	\$4,896	N/A	\$5,770	\$4,741	\$5,362	N/A	\$5,424	\$5,185
2011	N/A	N/A	\$6,195	\$6,557	\$4,816	\$5,252	\$4,058	\$5,209	\$5,080	\$4,920	N/A	\$5,867	\$4,803	\$4,968	N/A	\$5,484	\$5,145

Source: CHDC305 (Efficiency)

Comment: The annual gross fee subsidy cost has been normalized to reflect the mix of age groups and required staff ratios. A high cost result could reflect a higher percent of spaces being directly operated by the municipality with higher wages or the higher cost of care in large urban cities.