



DIRECTED GROWTH PLAN

2022-2026

Appendix to the Early Years
and Child Care Service Plan

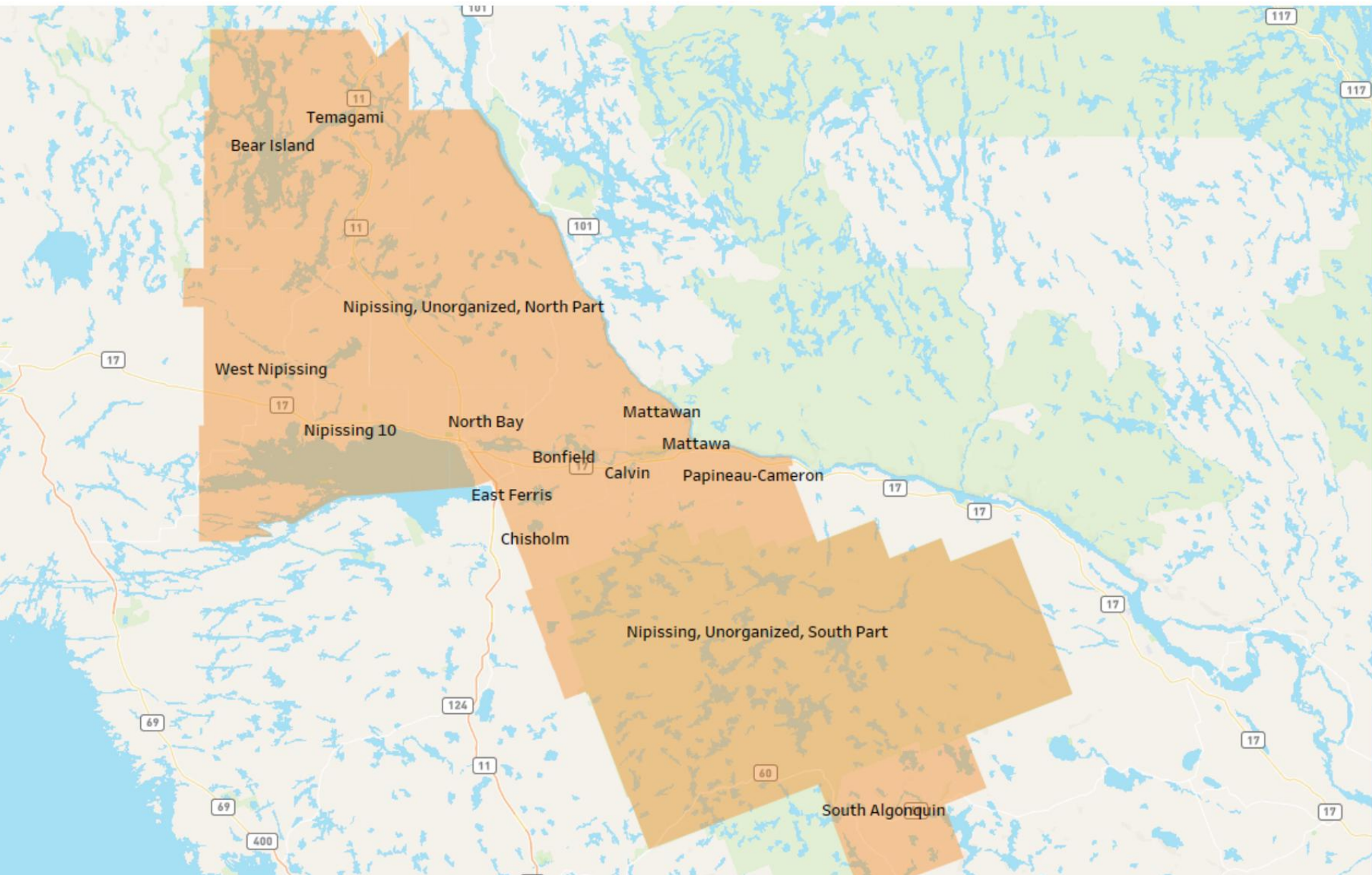
**District of Nipissing Social Services
Administration Board**

Revised June 2025





This revision serves to provide updates to the original Directed Growth Plan 2022-2026, which represents Appendix A of the District of Nipissing Early Years and Child Care Service Plan 2024-2034. It aims to inform planning and approval of space expansions within the District of Nipissing and will be updated as necessary. The most recent version of this document will be made available on the DNSSAB website at [DNSSAB | Children's Services](https://www.dnssab.ca/Childrens-Services).





BACKGROUND

In 2021, the federal budget proposed to invest up to \$27.2 billion over five years towards a national early learning child care plan, starting in 2021-22 as part of initial 5-year agreements.

On March 27, 2022, the Governments of Ontario and Canada signed the Canada-Wide Early Learning and Child Care (CWELCC) Agreement. Funding under the CWELCC Agreement will be used to build and leverage the success of Ontario's existing early years and child care system by increasing quality, accessibility, affordability and inclusivity in early years and child care.



Ontario families will have access to affordable, high-quality and inclusive child care through investments to build a CWELCC system.

Ontario's Key Commitments



Affordability

Reduce parent fees for children aged 0-5 to achieve \$10/day average fees.



Inclusion

Develop an inclusion plan that supports child care access for low income children, vulnerable children, children from diverse communities, Francophone children and Indigenous children.



Access

86,000 new child care spaces created in high-need areas by December 2026.



Quality

Increase number of RECEs to 60% of workforce & implement wage minimums



Data and Reporting

Support successful implementation through data and reporting



In 2022, during Phase 1 of the implementation of the CWELCC System, the focus for the Ministry of Education was on enrolling the existing licensed child care service providers into the CWELCC System.

While the emphasis of the CWELCC Agreement has been to reduce the daily cost of child care for families and improving staff salaries, the province has also been funded to support with expansion of licensed child care for children from infancy up to 5 years of age.

The direct approach for growth in licensed child care was introduced in 2023.

ONTARIO'S DIRECTED GROWTH PLAN

Ontario's Action Plan for early years and child care commits to creating 86,00 new licensed child care spaces before December 2026 (relative to 2019 spaces).

Under this framework, the Ministry has developed a model to allocate spaces and funding for the creation of new licensed child care spaces for children from infancy up to 5 years of age. This model provides Service System Managers across the province with a notional space allocation for expansion of licensed child care services within schools as well as community-based services for 2022 through to 2026.





The District of
Nipissing's access
to care ratio is
48%.

The focus is to improve access to inclusive licensed child care services by working towards a common provincial access ratio of 37%. Access to care refers to the number of licensed child care spaces available for children from infancy up to 5 years of age in proportion to the number of children who live in the District.

While DNSSAB has created new spaces through the Directed Growth Plan, the access to care ratio is lower than previously reported. In 2024, DNSSAB reviewed the licensed capacity and identified that some licensees had reported JK/SK spaces from their alternate capacity that do not form part of their primary licensed capacity and therefore should not have been included. Furthermore, in line with Ministry reporting and calculations for access to care, licensed homes are now being counted as 4 spaces/home rather than the 6 spaces/home that was previously utilized. These adjustments in 2024-2025 resulted in a lower total licensed capacity in the district, consequently decreasing the access to care ratio despite the expanded spaces.





RESPONSIBILITIES OF CHILD CARE OPERATORS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS

Current service providers, operators and prospective licensees, as independent business owners, are solely responsible for ensuring the most current directed growth plan data and information is used to inform the agency's expansion plans and business activities related to the creation of new licensed child care spaces within the CWELCC System.

To support the guiding principles of the directed growth plan, current and prospective licensed child care service providers interested in participating in the CWELCC system must demonstrate that their programs and services align with Nipissing's Directed Growth Plan for child care expansion.

Before proceeding with any project, current service providers, operators or prospective licensees are encouraged to consult with DNSSAB to ensure that the planned expansion aligns with the District's directed growth plan. This can be done by completing [the LCC Expression of Interest to Expand Form](#) (for centre-based care) or the [HCC Notice of Intent to Expand Form](#) (for home child care), both of which can be found on the [DNSSAB Website](#).

It is important to note that any expression of interest to expand licensed child care may be denied if the application received is inconsistent with DNSSAB's Early Years and Child Care Service System Plan with respect to the demand for child care, and the capacity and locations of existing child care centres and premises where home child care is provided. Furthermore, if the proposed new spaces do not align with the local Directed Growth Plan or auspice targets established by the Ministry, DNSSAB may decline the application.

Approval or denial of CWELCC eligible licensed child care space expansions will be provided by DNSSAB in accordance with established policies and guidelines.

Licensed child care spaces created by service providers or operators who advised DNSSAB that they will not seek enrolment in CWELCC will not be eligible for CWELCC funding.



NIPISSING'S TARGETED GROWTH

In May 2023, the Ministry of Education issued a memo to all Service System Managers across the province, confirming expansion targets related to the provincial directed growth plan.

DNSSAB received a mandate from the Ministry of Education to expand the CWELCC System by 182 spaces in school and community-based locations between 2022 to 2026, as follows.

Year	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Expansion Target*	26	83	19	19	35	182

*Adjustments to expansion targets must be approved by the Ministry of Education

When planning for directed growth, DNSSAB has the flexibility to move unopened spaces from previous years to the current year, if the total number of spaces does not exceed the overall space allocation. In addition, the existing ratio of not-for-profit to for-profit spaces must be monitored to ensure that it is maintained or increased. In 2025, the Ministry granted DNSSAB permission to decrease the not-for-profit ratio from 88% to 87% to accommodate the creation of 0-5 spaces in a rural community that did not have access to full day care.

The not-for-profit ratio for CWELCC eligible child care spaces in the District of Nipissing is **87%**.

It is important to note that the total number of net new spaces created takes into consideration closures within the home child care system, as well as closures and delays with the creation of centre-based spaces. As a result, the net new number of spaces reported for the year is determined on December 31st, annually.

In 2022-2023, a total of 121 spaces were created within the District. Of these, only 40 spaces are counted as net new within the space allocation plan, moving the remaining 69 spaces allotted for 2022-2023 for planning into 2024. The



difference between the number of spaces created and the net new spaces is primarily due to the consolidation of two sites into a single new child care centre, resulting in a net gain of only 15 spaces (originally reported as 53 school-based spaces in the allocation). Additionally, one site that was expanded in 2022 was closed in 2023, further affecting the net total.

In 2024, 45 net new licensed home child care spaces and 18 new centre-based spaces were created. However, the closure of two centre-based programs in 2024 resulted in a net new increase of only 3 centre-based spaces.

On March 31, 2025, the Ministry of Education issued a memo to all Service System Managers across the province, confirming the recalibration of space expansion targets related to the provincial directed growth plan. The new recalibration requires DNSSAB to expand the CWELCC System by an additional 186 spaces in community-based locations between 2024 to 2026, as follows.

Year	2024	2025	2026
Expansion Target*	0	80	106

Taking into consideration the 40 spaces previously created in 2022-2023, this leaves DNSSAB with a total space allocation of 226 spaces to be created by the end of 2026. Although there was no allocation provided for 2024, 48 net new spaces were already created between licensed home child care and centre-based programs prior to receiving the space recalibration allocations. As mentioned previously, DNSSAB does have the flexibility to move spaces within each year, so long as the total allocation is not exceeded.

For the 2025 planning year, DNSSAB anticipates creating an additional 96 centre-based spaces by utilizing the allocated 80 spaces as well as using spaces allocated in 2026. That would leave 42 spaces available for expansion in 2026, whereby 38 of those spaces are already accounted for by an approved centre-based expansion.



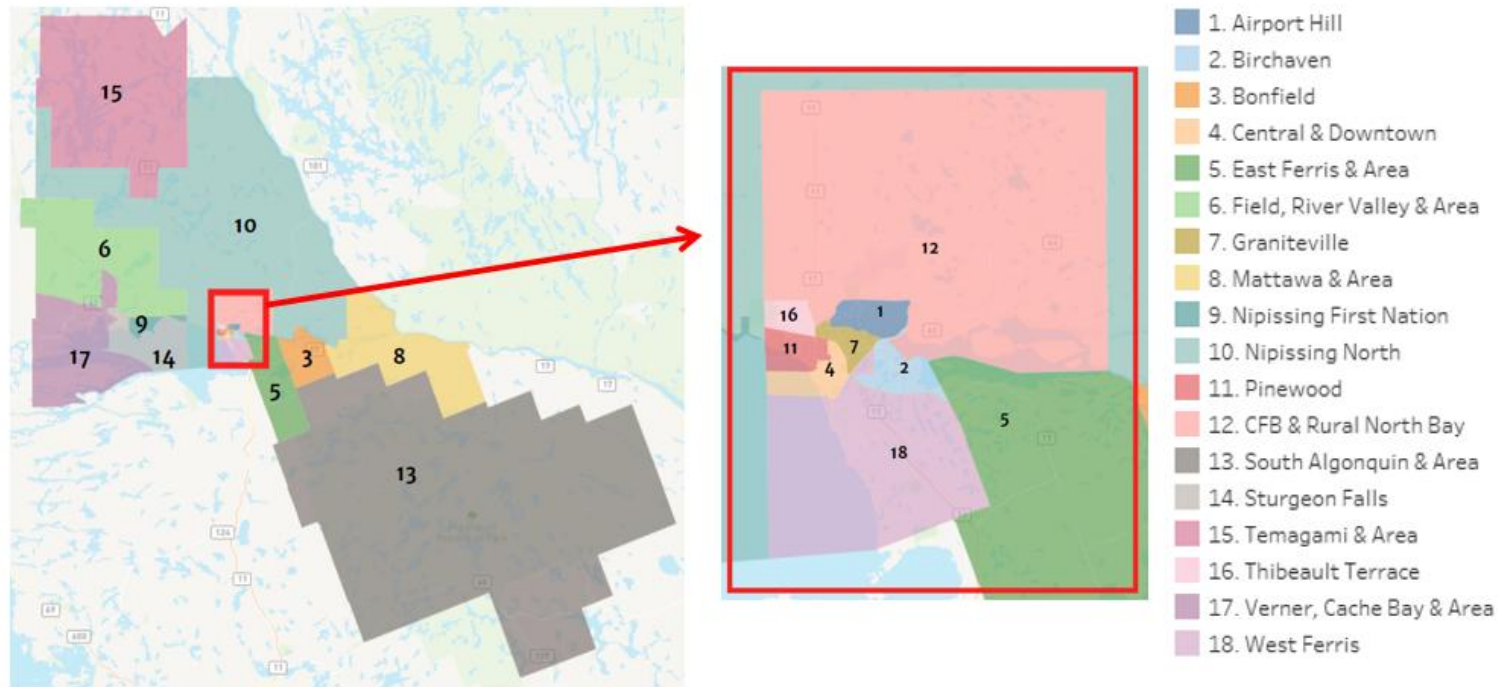
Despite these planned expansions and increase in overall space allocation, DNSSAB is currently in a waitlist situation for further expansion, with requests from five current centre-based providers totaling an additional 123 spaces required to meet that demand. Furthermore, DNSSAB has received expressions of interest from three other service providers (without current service agreements) to expand services in the district totaling over 220 spaces requested. Of the total waitlist for spaces, 167 are requested by for-profit operators, which cannot be supported by our growth plan due to the auspice ratio requirements, regardless of any future space recalibration or additional allocation.

DISTRICT ANALYSIS

The District of Nipissing covers 17,000 km² and includes 11 municipalities¹, two First Nations² and two unorganized areas: Nipissing North and Nipissing South. In 2017, the Children's Services Division began to develop an in-depth and enhanced way of planning for early years and child care services across the District.

The process involved combining Statistic Canada Dissemination Areas³ (DAs) to create 18 neighbourhoods across the District, allowing for a deeper analysis of Census information to ensure that the needs of all neighbourhoods within the District are appropriately captured. This approach allows for data-driven and evidence-based decisions on where services are needed most and where enhancements or attention is needed within the system.

The image on the following page provides a visual representation as well as a list of the neighbourhoods used for planning across the District of Nipissing.



¹ Municipalities: Bonfield Township, Calvin Township, Chisholm Township, City of North Bay, East Ferris Township, Mattawan Township, Mattawa, Temagami, Papineau-Cameron Township, South Algonquin Township, West Nipissing

² The two First Nation Communities located within the Nipissing District, Nipissing First Nation and Temagami First Nation do not form part of this plan as the Ministry of Education recognizes the two First Nation Communities as Service System Managers responsible for planning early years and child care programs.

³ A dissemination area is a small area composed of one or more neighbouring dissemination blocks and is the smallest standard geographic area for which all census data are disseminated.



DETERMINING NEIGHBOURHOOD NEEDS

This plan adheres to the expectations outlined in Ontario's Access and Inclusion Framework 2023, developed by the Ministry of Education. The vision for the CWELCC System is to enable children of all abilities and socio-economic backgrounds in Ontario to actively and meaningfully participate in child care, fostering authentic and caring relationships with peers and educators.

When planning for licensed child care services, it is essential to consider several factors including the existing supply of licensed child care, the number of new spaces with confirmed CWELCC funding and the current and projected demand for child care based on waitlist data.

Note: This report does not include spaces for children from 6 to 12 years of age, or spaces in authorized recreation programs which operate outside of the CWELCC system.

The presence of vulnerable populations is another key consideration when identifying priority neighbourhoods. This report, based on the Access to Inclusion Framework, considers specific population groups including:

- Low-income families
- Vulnerable children
- Children from diverse communities
- Children with exceptional needs
- Newcomer families
- Indigenous families
- Francophone families



Statistics Canada's Census 2021 data was used in this document to identify the presence of vulnerable populations in each of the municipalities in the District. Although the estimated number of children with exceptional needs is not available through Census data, services for children with exceptional needs remains a priority across the District.

In addition to the previously mentioned priorities, flexible models of child care for families working during non-traditional hours, including part-time, evening, weekend, and overnight care remain at the forefront.

PRIORITY NEIGHBOURHOODS

Nipissing's Directed Growth Plan has identified four priorities for targeted expansion. The primary focus is on increasing capacity within the existing home child care system to better meet the needs of the vulnerable populations and enhance opportunities for quality child care services that are accessible, affordable, flexible and inclusive for all families. Targeted communities for recruitment of home child care providers will focus on the rural and underserved areas within the Nipissing District.

This approach will enable DNSSAB to collaborate effectively with the current sector to strengthen and stabilize the existing licensed centre-based programs. The creation of new centre-based spaces will target underserved neighbourhoods where licensed child care waitlists persist even when all existing spaces are filled. Additionally, it is crucial to ensure that any proposed project aligns with DNSSAB's Children's Services budget and Ministry allocations.

District of Nipissing – Licensed Home Child Care

This priority focuses on increasing licensed child care capacity with the existing licensed home child care system in underserved and rural neighbourhoods. These areas may have services available but continue to experience



waitlist pressures or may not have opportunities readily available for the expansion of licensed centre-based child care services at this time.

These neighbourhoods include Bonfield, East Ferris & Area, Airport Hill, Birchaven, Rural & CFB North Bay, Thibeault Terrace, Mattawa & Area, Nipissing North, Field, River Valley & Area, and Verner, Cache Bay & Area.

As of 2025, ten new licensed home child care providers have delivered services in these neighbourhoods, supplementing the six providers that were already active prior to 2024. Following recent closures, there are currently 11 licensed home child care providers continuing to offer services in these priority areas.

Neighborhood: West Ferris – Licensed Centre-Based Child Care

This priority focuses on increasing licensed child care capacity within the West Ferris neighbourhood, which has the highest child care waitlist. This expansion project has been planned since the beginning of 2022 and is currently underway. Thirty-nine (39) new toddler and preschool spaces will be made available by the Fall of 2025.

Neighbourhood: Nipissing North – Licensed Centre-Based Child Care

This priority focuses on increasing licensed child care options within the rural neighbourhood of Nipissing North, more specifically in Redbridge.

As planned, 13 JK/SK spaces opened at Phelps Public School in September 2024. In addition, there will be a further expansion of services in this school-based program to include a family grouping of 15 spaces, which will primarily serve children from infancy up to 5 years of age.



Neighbourhood: Graniteville – Licensed Centre-Based Child Care

This neighbourhood is adjacent to Airport Hill and Thibeault Terrace, where licensed child care options and opportunities for expansion are limited. Planned expansions in this neighbourhood will service families in neighboring areas that have no or limited access to care.

In May 2025, the Lindsay Weld Centre for Children moved to their new location in the Graniteville neighbourhood (previously located in the Central & Downtown neighbourhood). Along with the move, they have expanded their licensed child care spaces by 43 spaces (4 Infant, 15 Toddler, 23 Preschool). Due to the recalibration of spaces for the district, there is also a plan to further expand services in this licenced child care program to include another 38 spaces in 2026, including 15 Toddler and 23 Preschool spaces.

The following section provides a detailed overview of demographic information and the current services available within the Nipissing District as a whole, as well as within each neighbourhood. This focused approach aims to determine neighbourhood needs and support current and future service system planning. It will also assist service providers, operators, potential licensees and school board partners in planning for potential expansions.





DISTRICT & NEIGHBOURHOOD OVERVIEWS

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the District of Nipissing had a population count of 84,715. This was an increase of 1.9% (+1,565 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 12.3% of the total population (10,425 children). The table and infographics below provide more a more detailed look at the District's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: District of Nipissing

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
13%	9%	3%	4%	14%	21%



POPULATION

Total population of 84,715 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population increase by 1.9 %.

4,395 of children from birth up to 5 years (5.2% of the population)

LICENSED CHILD CARE SERVICES



15 Agencies
43 Child Care Sites

2099



Licensed Child Care Spaces
(0-5 years)



3 Home Agencies
36 Providers



Family Median Income **\$93,000**

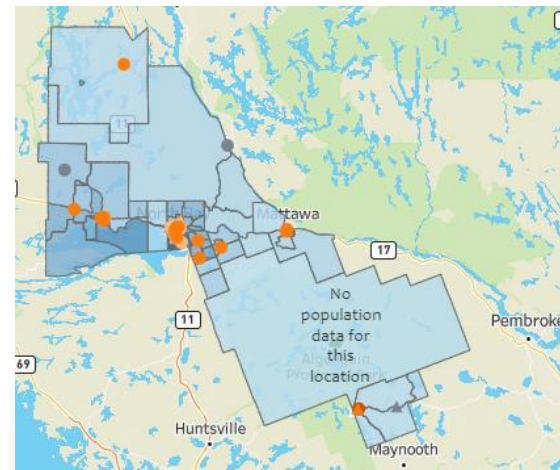
Overall Median after-tax income **\$75,000**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$113,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$57,200**



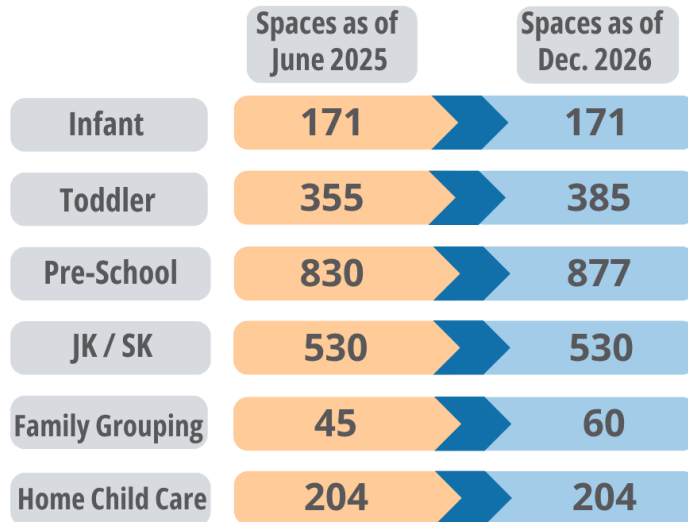


District of Nipissing: The following infographic provides details related to licensed child care space counts and availability from infancy up to 5 years of age.

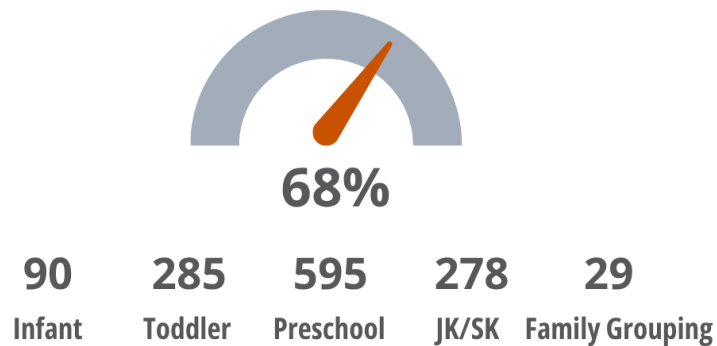


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

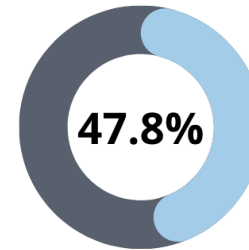
Children birth up to 5 years of age



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity

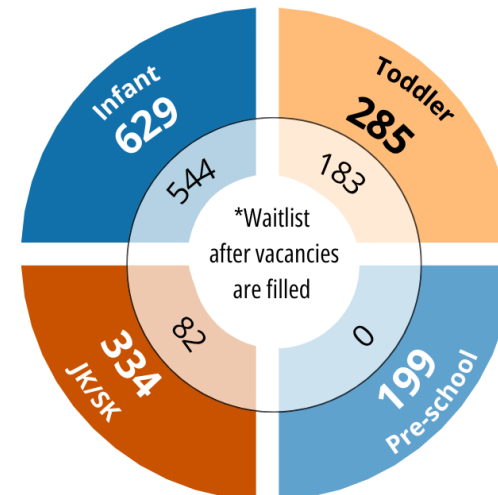


Access to Care (June 2025)



Access to Care will increase to 49.8% by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care



*Assuming 17 Family Grouping vacancies are assigned to Toddlers



Municipality: Bonfield Township

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the Municipality of Bonfield had a population count of 2,146. This was an increase of 7.8% (+156 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 12.8% of the total population (275 children). The Bonfield Township comprises the rural communities of Blanchard's Landing, Bonfield, Grand Desert, and Rutherglen.

For planning purposes, Bonfield has been identified as one neighbourhood. The table and infographics below provide a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Municipality of Bonfield

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
11%	2%	1%	2%	17%	20%



POPULATION

Total population of 2,146 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population increase by 7.8%.

125 of children from birth to 5 years (5.8% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$95,000**

Overall Median after-tax income **\$73,000**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$103,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$53,600**



Neighbourhood: Bonfield



There is one licenced child care centre, and two home child care sites located within this neighbourhood.

- Garderie Beausoleil, a school-based centre located in École catholique Lorrain, provides francophone services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age in this community and surrounding areas.

The family grouping license at this location provides the child care agency flexibility to meet family needs within this community. There may be opportunity to explore an alternate license capacity to provide targeted services that would meet the community's evolving needs. Further discussion with the service provider and school board partner would be necessary to pursue this option.

Since the last update, two new home child care sites are operating in this neighbourhood and offer services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The lower operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the long-standing recruitment challenges that exist within the early years and child care sector.

To enhance licensed child care options in this neighbourhood, DNSSAB will continue to support and collaborate with the licensed home child care agencies operating within the District. This collaboration aims to provide additional child care options to families in the area. Additionally, DNSSAB continues to explore innovative and creative solutions to support and enhance the recruitment and retention efforts currently implemented by local early years and child care service providers.

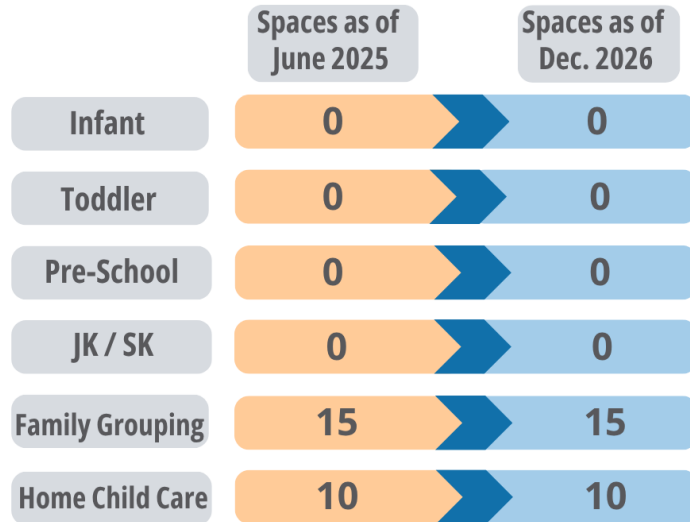


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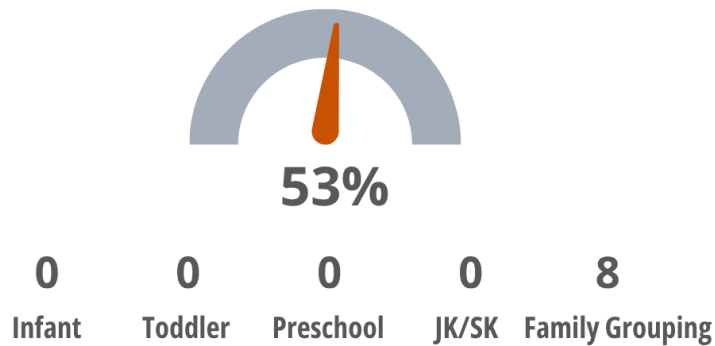


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

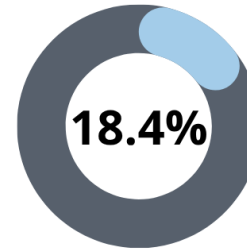
Children birth up to 5 years of age



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity

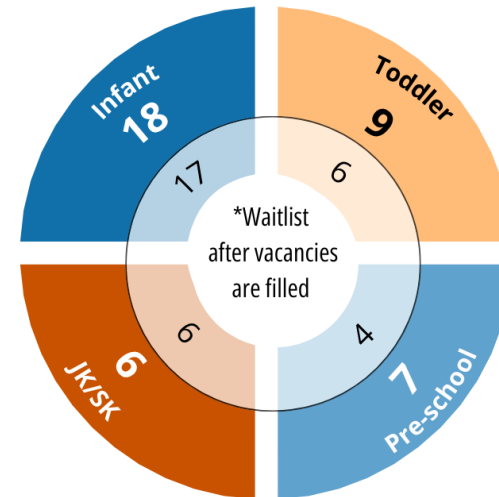


Access to Care (June 2025)



Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care



*Assuming placements for 1 Infant, 3 Toddlers & 3 Preschoolers



Municipality: Chisholm Township

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the Municipality of Chisholm had a population count of 1,312. This was an increase of 1.6% (+21 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 16.8% of the total population (220 children).

The Chisholm Township comprises the rural communities of Alderdale, Booth's Landing, Chiswick, Fossmill, Grahamvale and Wasing.

For planning purposes, the Municipality of Chisholm has been combined with the Municipality of East Ferris as one neighbourhood – East Ferris & Area. The table and infographics below provide more a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Municipality of Chisholm

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
16%	4%	2%	8%	7%	12%



POPULATION

Total population of 1,312 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population increase by 1.6%.

100 of children from birth to 5 years
(7.6% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$91,000**



Overall Median after-tax income **\$69,000**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$101,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$52,200**





Municipality: East Ferris

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the Municipality of East Ferris had a population count of 4,946. This was an increase of 1.7% (+84 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 13.3% of the total population (660 children).

The East Ferris Township comprises the rural communities of Astorville and Corbeil as well as two smaller residential areas Derland Road and Lake Nosbonsing.

For planning purposes, the Municipality of East Ferris has been combined with the Municipality of Chisholm as one neighbourhood – East Ferris & Area. The table and infographics below provide more a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Municipality of East Ferris

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
6%	2%	1%	4%	11%	20%



POPULATION

Total population of 4,946 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population increase by 1.7%.

280 of children from birth to 5 years
(5.7% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$120,000**



Overall Median after-tax income **\$88,000**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$125,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$70,500**





Neighbourhood: East Ferris & Area



As previously mentioned, the Municipality of East Ferris has been combined with the Municipality of Chisholm as one neighbourhood – East Ferris & Area.

There are two licensed child care centres, and three home child care sites located within this neighbourhood.

- Garderie Sol, a school-based centre located in École catholique St. Thomas D'aquin (Astorville) provides francophone services from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- West Ferris Day Nursery – Ferris Glen Learning Centre, a school-based centre located in Ferris Glen Public School (Corbeil), provides services from 18 months up to 12 years of age.

The three home child care sites are located throughout this neighbourhood and offer services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The lower operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the long-standing recruitment challenges that exist within the early years and child care sector.

DNSSAB has been advised that there is no space for expansion of full day child care within the local schools at this time. To enhance licensed child care options in this neighbourhood, DNSSAB will continue to support and collaborate with the licensed home child care agencies operating within the District. This collaboration aims to provide additional child care options to families in the area. Additionally, DNSSAB continues to explore innovative and creative solutions to support and enhance the recruitment and retention efforts currently implemented by local early years and child care service providers.

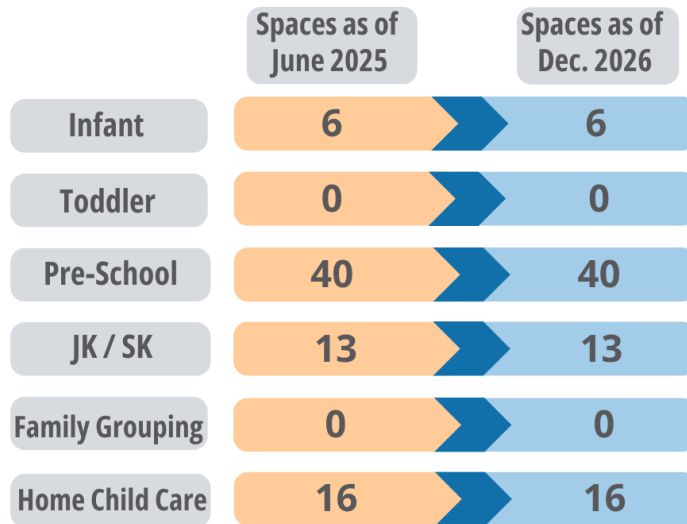


East Ferris & Area: The following infographic provides details related to licensed child care space counts and availability from infancy up to 5 years of age. Home Child Care spaces reflect current active home providers.

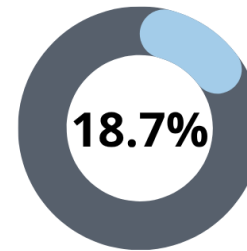


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

Children birth up to 5 years of age

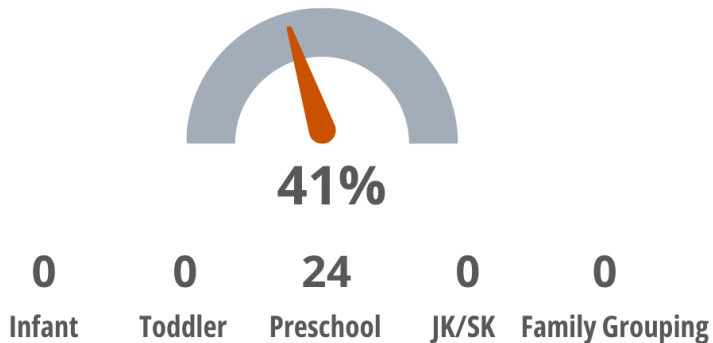


Access to Care (June 2025)

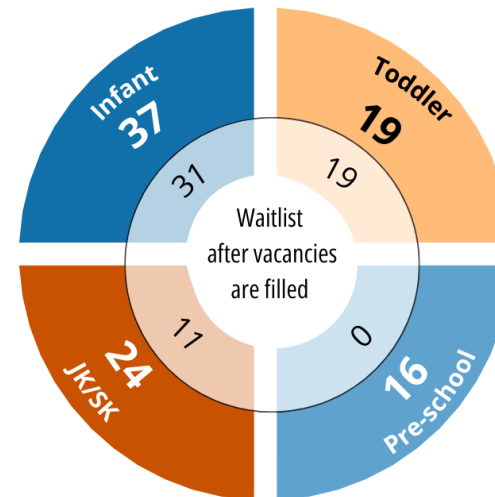


Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity



Children Waiting for Care





Municipality: City of North Bay

The City of North Bay has the largest population and highest population density in the service delivery area.

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the City of North Bay had a population count of 52,662. This was an increase of 2.2% (+1,109 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 12.5% of the total population (6,565 children).

The City of North Bay comprises the neighbourhoods of Birchaven, Camp Champlain, Champlain Park, Cooks Mills, Eastview, Feronia, Gateway, Graniteville, Hornell Heights, La Fuente (Lobby Bar), Lounsbury, Kenwood Hills, Marshall Park, P.J. Clowe Rotary Park, Nipissing Junction, Pinewood, Sage, Ski Club, St. John's Village, Sunset Park, Thibeault Terrace, Thorncliff, Trout Mills, Tweedsmuir, Wallace Heights, West Ferris and Widdifield.

For planning purposes, the City of North Bay has been divided into 8 neighbourhoods using Census Dissemination Areas (DAs) which include Airport Hill, Birchaven, Central & Downtown, Graniteville, Pinewood, Rural & CFB North Bay, Thibeault Terrace and West Ferris. The table and infographics below provide more a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: City of North Bay

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
13%	9%	4%	5%	11%	12%



POPULATION

Total population of 52,662 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population increase by 2.2%.

2,805 of children from birth to 5 years
(5.3% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$77,500**



Overall Median after-tax income **\$114,000**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$94,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$57,200**





Neighbourhood: Airport Hill



There is one licenced child care centre as well as one licensed home child care site located within this neighbourhood.

- YMCA, Vincent Massey School-Age Program, a school-based centre located in Vincent Massey Public School, provides services to school aged children up to 12 years of age.

The full day licensed child care options available to families in this neighbourhood are provided through the licensed home child care site. While there is currently no space available in the school for expansion of full day child care services, the neighbouring areas such as Graniteville and Rural & CFB North Bay do provide additional care options for families living in this neighbourhood due to the proximity.

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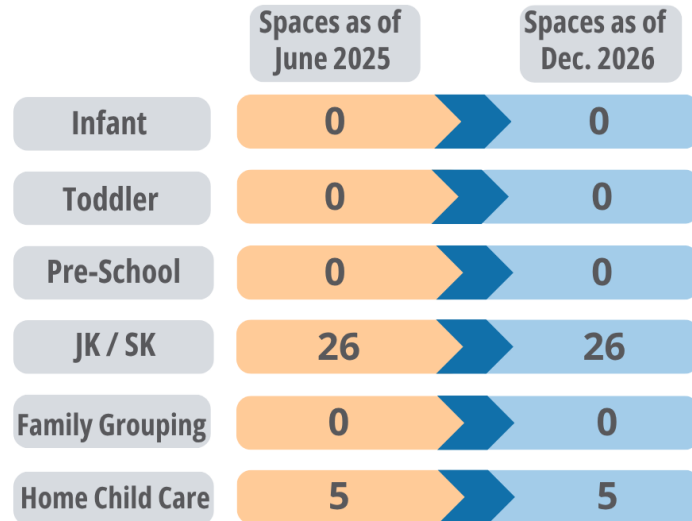


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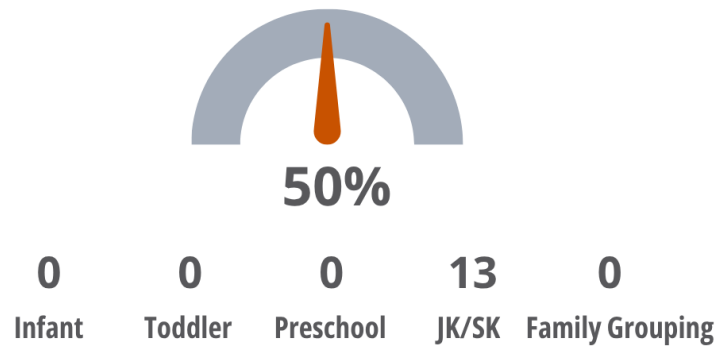


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

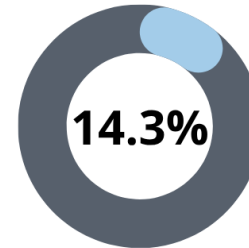
Children birth up to 5 years of age



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity

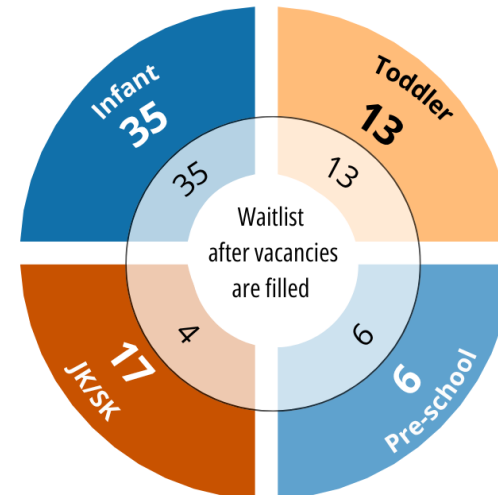


Access to Care (June 2025)



Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care





Neighbourhood: Birchaven



There is one licenced child care centre as well as one home child care provider located within this neighbourhood.

- Lindsay Weld Centre for Children – Kids Campus, a school-based centre located in Holy Cross Catholic School, provides services to school aged children up to 12 years of age.

The operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the lack of licensed child care services for children from infancy up to 5 years of age in this neighbourhood. In 2023, the school-based licensed child care centre located within EW Norman Public School was moved to Maple View Public School, located in the Graniteville neighbourhood, thereby reducing the full day licensed child care options in this neighbourhood.

While there is currently no space available in the school for expansion of full day child care services, neighbouring areas such as Central Downtown and Graniteville would provide additional child care options for families living in this neighbourhood due to their proximity.

To further enhance licensed child care options in this neighbourhood, DNSSAB will explore centre-based options and continue to support and collaborate with the licensed home child care agencies operating within the District. This collaboration aims to provide additional child care options to families in the area.

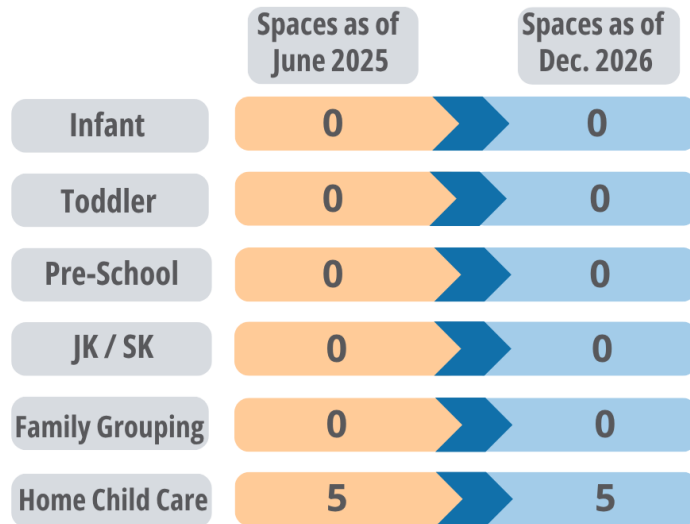


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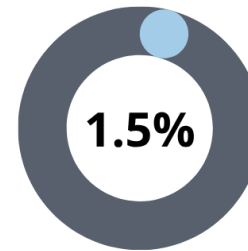


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

Children birth up to 5 years of age

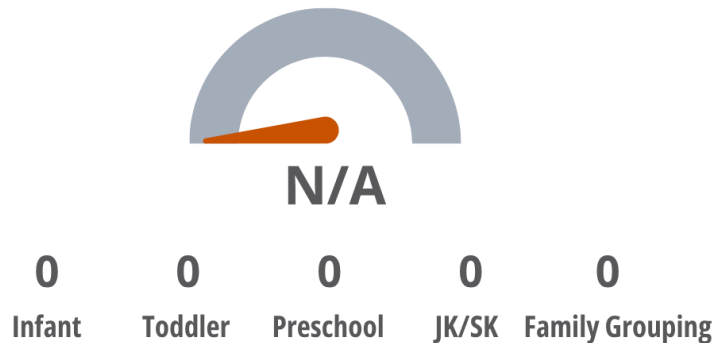


Access to Care (June 2025)

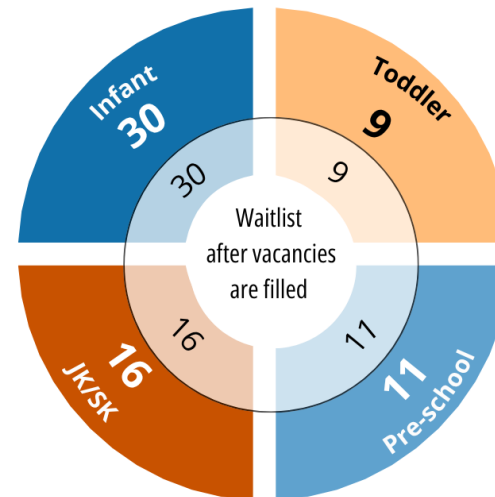


Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity



Children Waiting for Care





Neighbourhood: Central & Downtown



There are ten licenced child care centres located within this neighbourhood, as well as nine home child care sites.

- Friends Forever Child Care Centre, a community-based child care centre, provides services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- Garderie Soleil, a school-based centre adjacent to École catholique Saints-Anges, provides francophone services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- Garderie La Place Ensoleillée, a school-based centre located in École catholique St. Vincent, provides francophone services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- Lindsay Weld Centre for Children – Kids Connection, a school-based centre located in St. Hubert Catholic School, provides services to families with school aged children up to 12 years of age.
- North Bay Daycare & Learning Centre, a community-based child care centre, provides services to families with children from 18 months up to 12 years of age.
- North Bay Daycare & Learning Centre – School Age Program, a community-based child care centre, provides services to families with school aged children up to 12 years of age.
- North Bay Indigenous Hub, a community-based child care centre, provides Indigenous services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- YMCA, Alliance School Age Program, a school-based child care located in Alliance Public School, provides services to families with school aged children up to 12 years of age.
- YMCA, Chippewa Early Learning and Child Care Centre, a community-based child care, provides services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.



- YMCA, Mother St. Bride Early Learning and Child Care Centre, a school-based child care located in Mother St. Bride Catholic School, provide services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The nine home child care sites are located throughout this neighbourhood and offer services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The lower operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the long-standing recruitment challenges that exist within the early years and child care sector.

As noted below, access to care in this neighbourhood has reached 100%. To increase operating capacity in this neighbourhood, DNSSAB will continue to explore innovative and creative solutions to support and enhance the recruitment and retention efforts currently implemented by local early years and child care service providers.



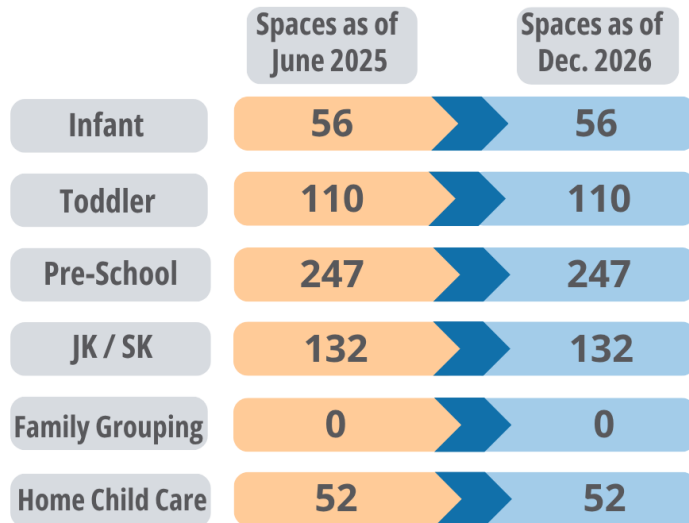


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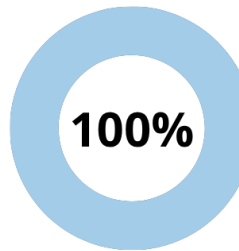


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

Children birth up to 5 years of age

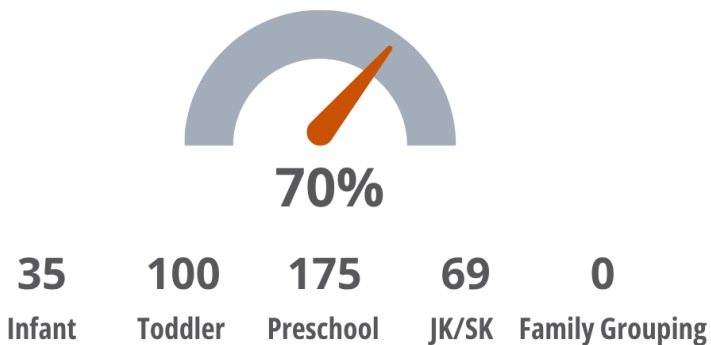


Access to Care (June 2025)

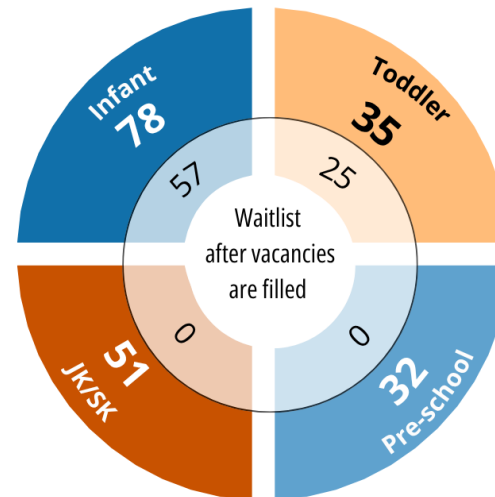


Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity



Children Waiting for Care





Neighbourhood: Graniteville



There are six licenced child care centres located within this neighbourhood as well as four home child care sites.

- Garderie Le Petit Dragon, a school-based centre located in École Publique Odysée, provides francophone services from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- Garderie Dragon D'or, a school-based centre located in École Publique Héritage, provides francophone services to school aged children up to 12 years of age.
- KIND Forest School, a community-based centre, provides a full-day forest school program as well as a before and after school program to school age children up to 12 years of age.
- Lindsay Weld Centre for Children, a community-based centre, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- Lindsay Weld Centre for Children – Kids Club, a school-based centre located in St. Luke Catholic School, provides services to school aged children up to 12 years of age. As of June 30th, 2025, this program will be moved out of the school and into the Lindsay Weld Centre for Children.
- YMCA, Maple View Early Learning and Child Care Centre, a school-based centre located in Maple View Public School, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The four home child care sites located throughout this neighbourhood offer services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

This neighbourhood is adjacent to Airport Hill, Pinewood, and Thibeault Terrace, where licensed child care options and opportunities for expansion are limited. Therefore, the additional expansion of the Lindsay Weld Centre for Children planned for 2026 will help service families in the neighbouring areas.



The lower operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the long-standing recruitment challenges that exist within the early years and child care sector.

DNSSAB will continue to explore innovative and creative solutions to support and enhance the recruitment and retention efforts currently implemented by local early years and child care service providers.



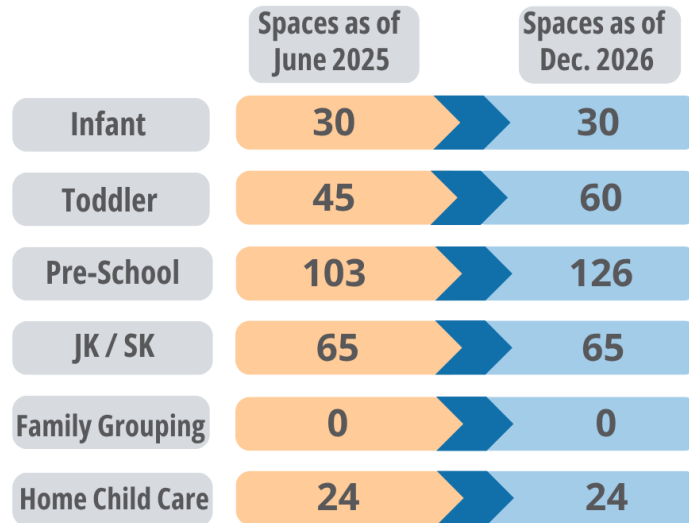


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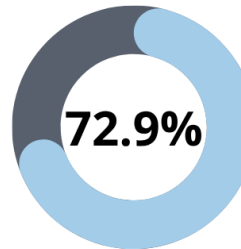


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

Children birth up to 5 years of age

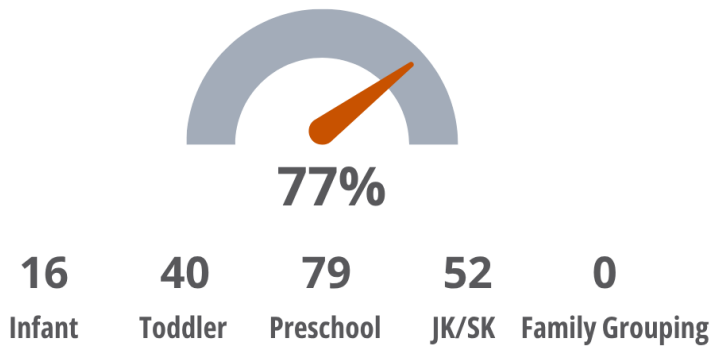


Access to Care (June 2025)

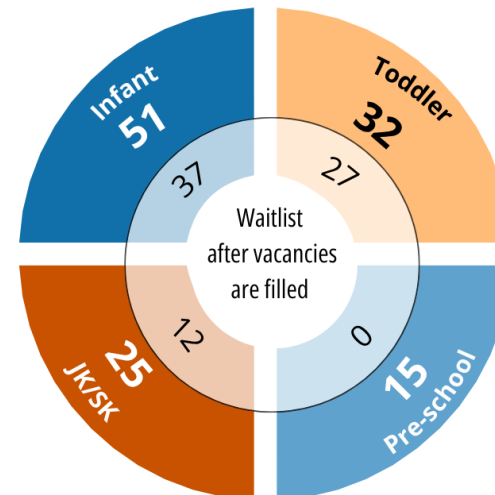


Access to Care will increase to 83.7% by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity



Children Waiting for Care





Neighbourhood: Pinewood



There are two licenced child care centres located within this neighbourhood, as well as two home child care sites.

- Lindsay Weld Centre for Children – Kids Crew, a school-based centre located in St. Alexander's Catholic School, provides services to school aged children up to 12 years of age.
- YMCA, Woodland Early Learning and Child Care Centre, a school-based centre located in Woodland Public School, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The two home child care sites are located throughout this neighbourhood and offer services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The lower operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the long-standing recruitment challenges that exist within the early years and child care sector.

DNSSAB will continue to explore innovative and creative solutions to support and enhance the recruitment and retention efforts currently implemented by local early years and child care service providers.

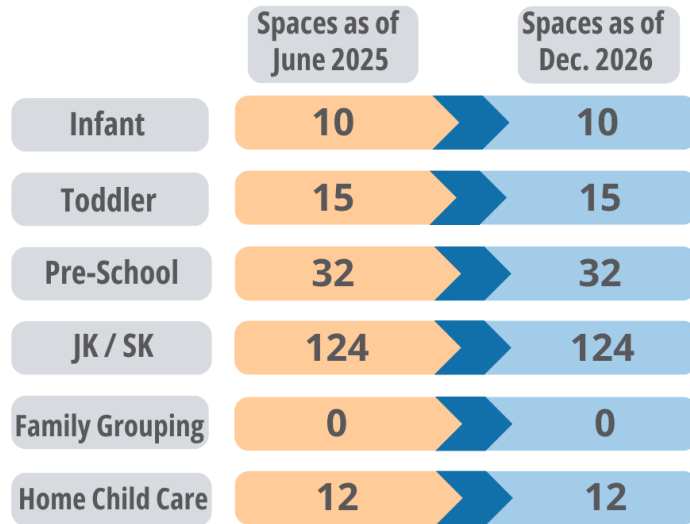


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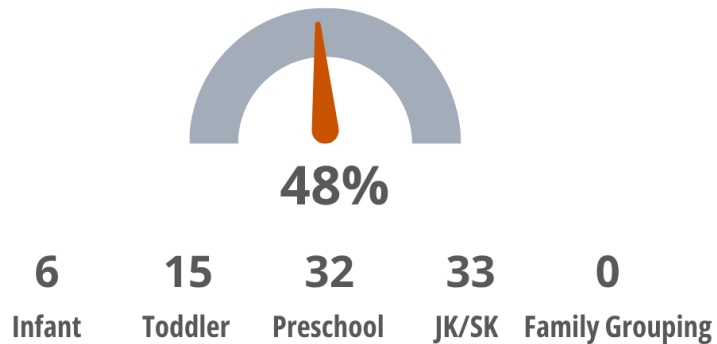


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

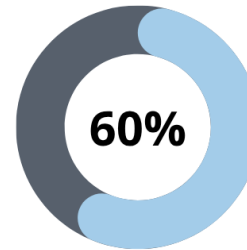
Children birth up to 5 years of age



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity

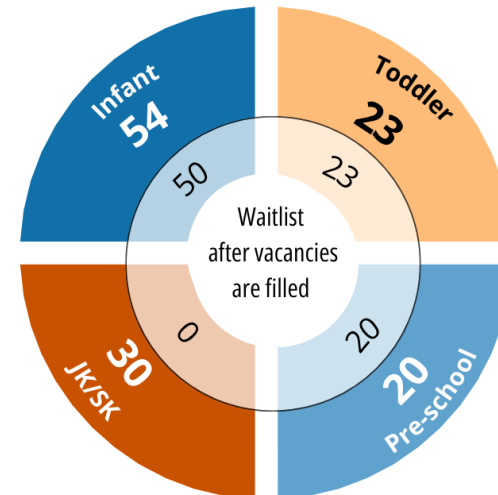


Access to Care (June 2025)



Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care





Neighbourhood: Rural & CFB North Bay



There is one licenced child care centre, and two home child care sites located within this neighbourhood.

- Little Wings Child Care Centre, a community-based child care, provides services to families with children from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The child care centre is located at CFB North Bay and offers services to military and civilian families within this neighbourhood and surrounding areas.

The two home child care sites are located throughout this neighbourhood and offer services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

There may be opportunity to enhance licensed child care options in this neighbourhood. DNSSAB will continue to support and collaborate with the agency as well as licensed home child care agencies operating within the District. The collaboration aims to provide additional child care options of care to families in the area.



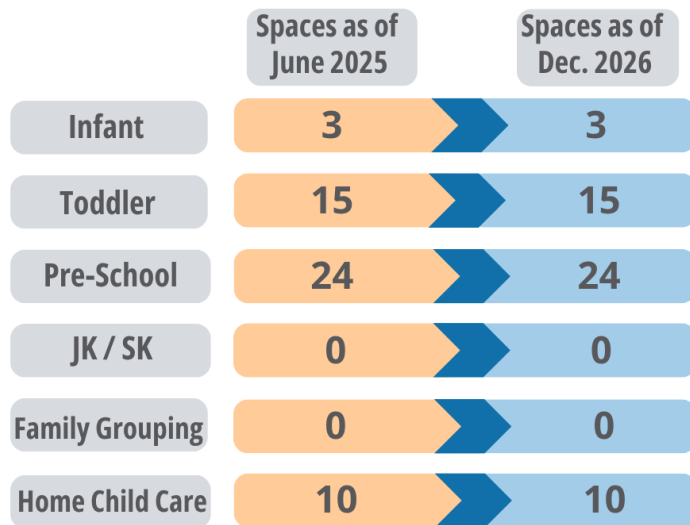


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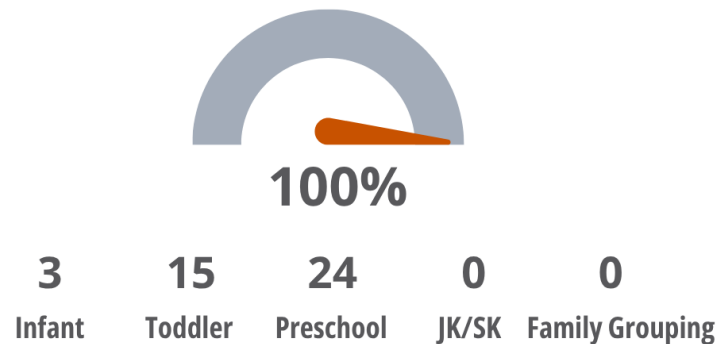


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

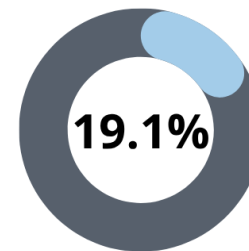
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Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity

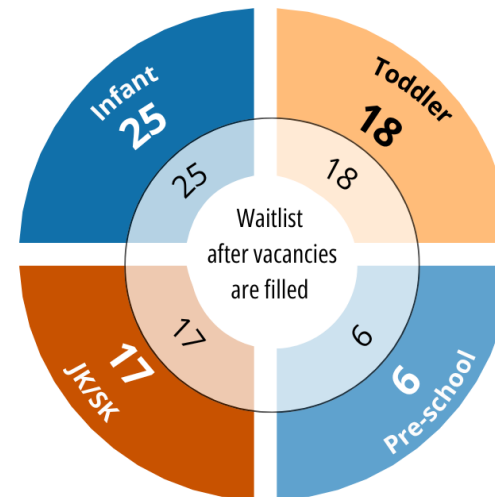


Access to Care (June 2025)



Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care





Neighbourhood: Thibeault Terrace



There are no licenced child care options available in this neighbourhood.

While there currently is no space available for expansion of full day centre-based child care services in this neighbourhood, neighbouring areas such as Graniteville and Pinewood would provide child care options for families living in this neighbourhood due to the proximity.

The operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the lack of licensed child care services available in this neighbourhood.

To further enhance licensed child care options to families living in this neighbourhood, DNSSAB will continue to support and collaborate with the licensed home child care agencies operating within the District. This collaboration aims to provide additional child care options to families in the area.



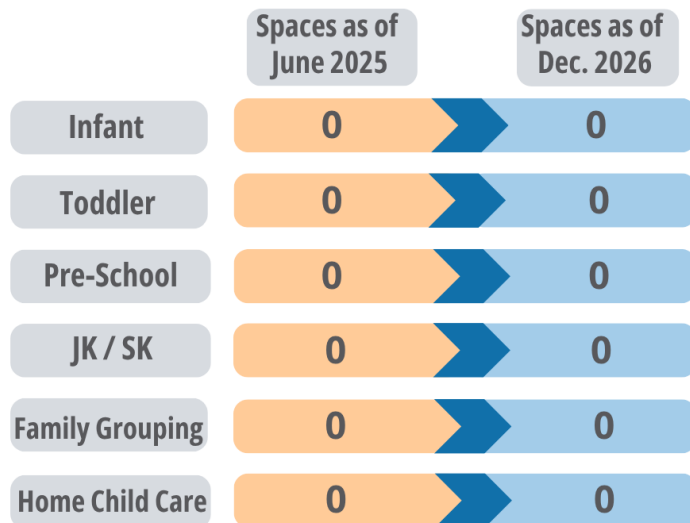


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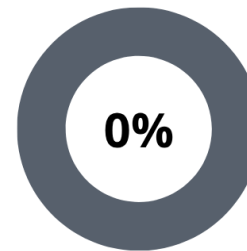


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

Children birth up to 5 years of age

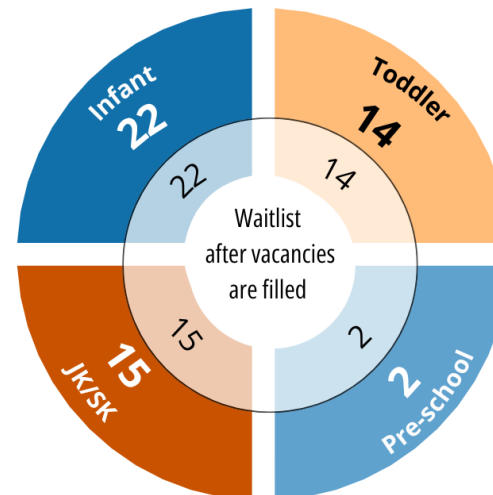


Access to Care (June 2025)



Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity



N/A





Neighbourhood: West Ferris



There are eight licenced child care centres located within this neighbourhood, as well as eight home child care sites.

- Garderie Tournesol, a school-based centre located in École catholique St. Raymond, provides francophone services from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- Montessori Children's House, a community-based centre, provides services from 18 months up to 12 years of age.
- Montessori Learning Centre, a community-based centre, provides services from 18 months up to 12 years of age.
- West Ferris Day Nursery, a school-based centre located in West Ferris High School, provides services from infancy up to 5 years of age.
- West Ferris Day Nursery – Silver Birches Child Care, a school-based centre located in Silver Birches Public School, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- West Ferris School Age Learning Centre – Sunset Park, a school-based centre located in Sunset Park Public School, provides services to school aged children up to 12 years of age.
- YMCA, Our Lady of Fatima Early Learning and Child Care Centre, a school-based centre located in Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School, provides services from 18 months up to 12 years of age.
- YMCA, St. Francis Early Learning and Child Care Centre, a school-based centre located in St. Francis Catholic School, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.



The eight home child care sites are located throughout this neighbourhood and offer services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The lower operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the long-standing recruitment challenges that exist within the early years and child care sector.

There is currently a project underway which will add an additional thirty-nine centre-based spaces in this neighbourhood, which will provide additional toddler and preschool care options to families waiting for licensed child care services. DNSSAB will continue to explore innovative and creative solutions to support and enhance the recruitment and retention efforts currently implemented by local early years and child care service providers.



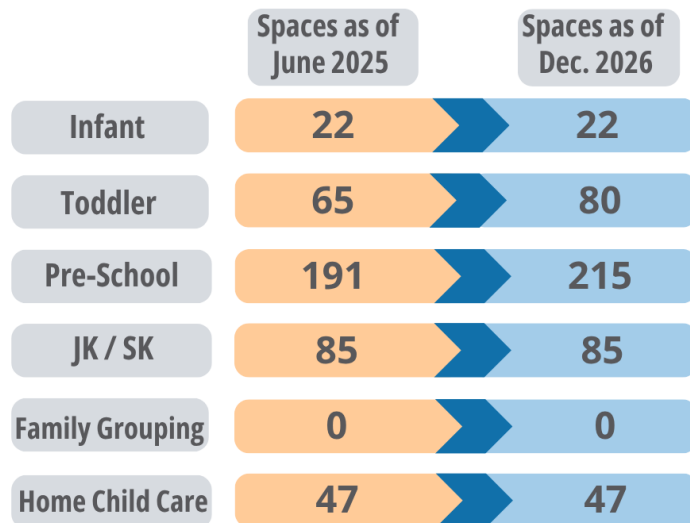


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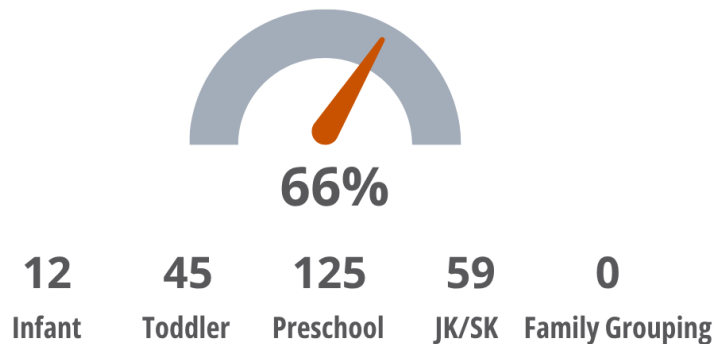


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

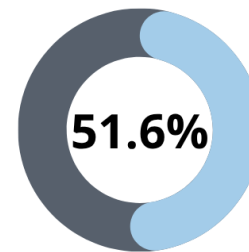
Children birth up to 5 years of age



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity

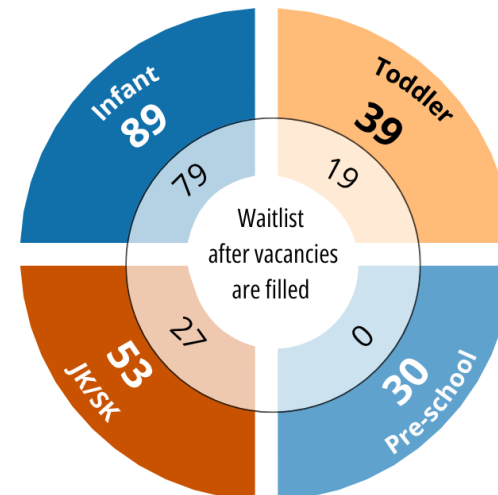


Access to Care (June 2025)



Access to Care will increase to 56.7% by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care





Municipality: Calvin Township

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the Calvin Township had a population count of 557. This was an increase of 7.9% (+41 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 12.6% of the total population (70 children).

The Calvin Township comprises the rural communities of Eau Claire and Eau Claire Station.

For planning purposes, the Calvin Township has been combined with the Municipality of Mattawa, Mattawan Township and Papineau-Cameron Township as one neighbourhood – Mattawa & Area.

The table and infographics below provide more a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Calvin Township

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
12%	21%	0%	3%	21%	10%



POPULATION

Total population of 557 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population increase by 7.9%.

35 of children from birth to 5 years (6.2% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$89,000**



Overall Median after-tax income **\$66,000**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$102,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$61,600**





Municipality: Mattawa

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the Municipality of Mattawa had a population count of 1,881. This was a decrease of 5.6% (-112 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 12.2% of the total population (230 children).

For planning purposes, the Municipality of Mattawa has been combined with the Calvin Township, Mattawan Township and the Papineau Cameron Township as one neighbourhood – Mattawa & Area. The table and infographics below provide more a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Municipality of Mattawa

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
21%	28%	1%	2%	32%	26%



POPULATION

Total population of 1,881 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population decrease of 5.6%.

90 of children from birth to 5 years (4.8% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$78,000**



Overall Median after-tax income **\$60,800**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$106,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$52,800**





Municipality: Mattawan Township

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the Municipality of Mattawan had a population count of 153. This was a decrease of 5% (-8 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 9.8% of the total population (15 children).

For planning purposes, the Municipality of Mattawan has been combined with the Municipality of Mattawa, Calvin Township and the Municipality of Papineau Cameron as one neighbourhood – Mattawa & Area. The table and infographics below provide more a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Municipality of Mattawan

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
N/A	N/A	0%	0%	15%	28%



POPULATION

Total population of 153 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population decrease of 5%.

5 of children from birth to 5 years (3.3% of the population)



Family Median Income . **

Overall Median after-tax income **



Median after-tax income for couples with children **



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **

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Municipality: Papineau Cameron Township

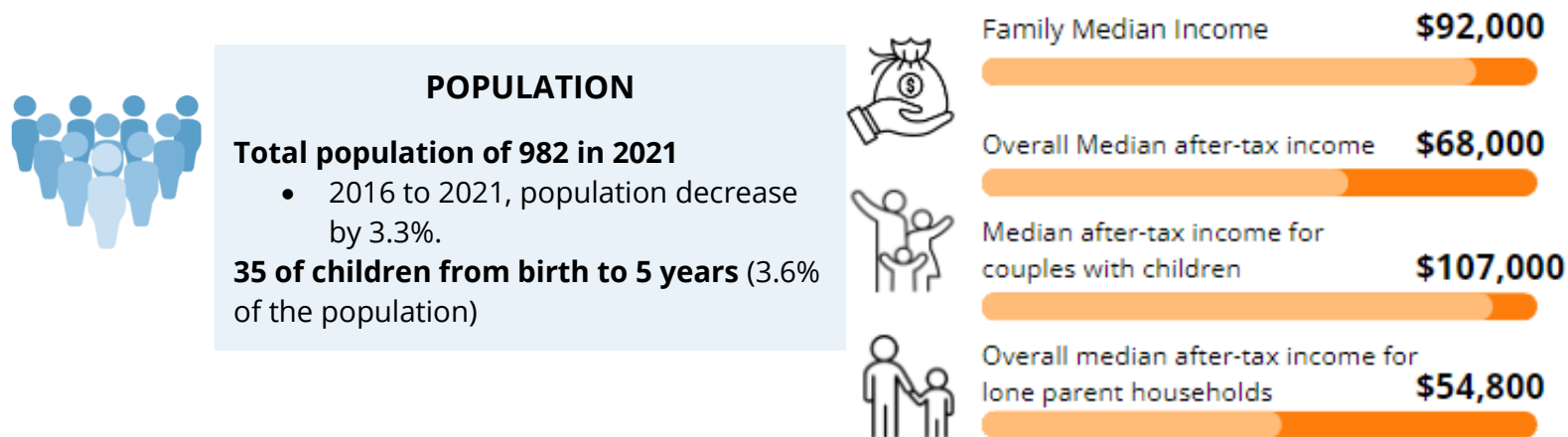
According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the Municipality of Papineau Cameron had a population count of 982. This was a decrease of 3.3% (-34 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 11.7% of the total population (115 children).

The Papineau Cameron comprises the rural communities of Klock, Morel, and Rankin.

For planning purposes, the Papineau-Cameron Township has been combined with the Calvin Township, Municipality of Mattawa, and the Mattawan Township as one neighbourhood – Mattawa & Area. The table and infographics below provide more a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Municipality of Papineau Cameron

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
15%	13%	2%	2%	27%	23%





Neighbourhood: Mattawa & Area



As previously mentioned, Calvin Township, the Municipality of Mattawa, Mattawan Township, and Papineau-Cameron Township have been combined into one neighbourhood – Mattawa & Area.

There are two licensed child care centres located within this neighbourhood.

- Garderie Rayons de Soleil, a school-based centre located in École catholique Sainte-Anne, provides francophone services from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- Mattawa Child Care Centre, a school-based centre located in St. Victor Catholic School, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The lower operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the long-standing recruitment challenges that exist within the early years and child care sector.

To enhance licensed child care options in this neighbourhood, DNSSAB will continue to support and collaborate with the licensed home child care agencies operating within the District. This collaboration aims to provide additional options of care to families in the area. In addition, DNSSAB will continue to explore new and creative solutions to support and enhance the recruitment and retention efforts that are currently implemented by local early years and child care service providers.

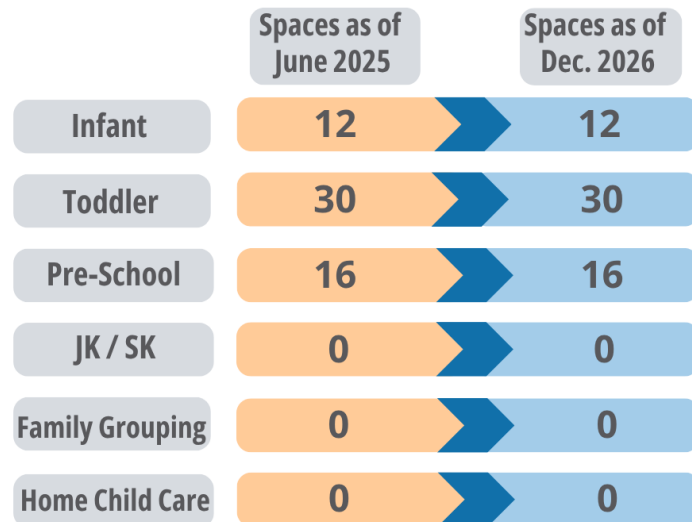


Mattawa & Area: The following infographic provides details related to licensed child care space counts and availability from infancy up to 5 years of age. Home Child Care Spaces reflect the current active home providers.

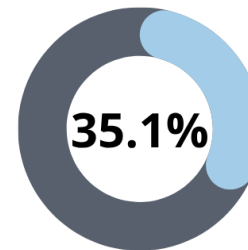


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

Children birth up to 5 years of age

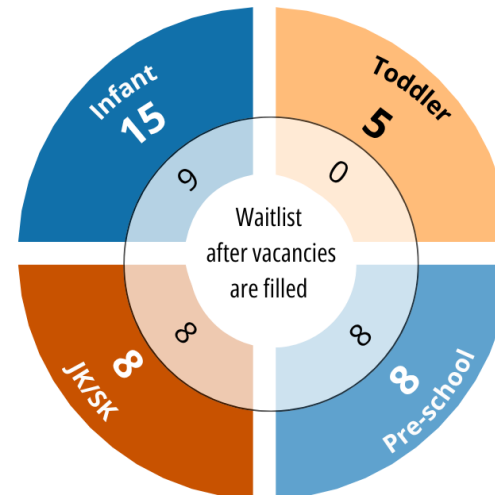


Access to Care (June 2025)

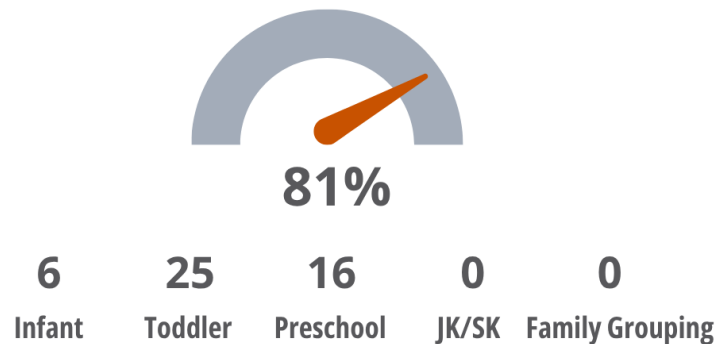


Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity





Unorganized Area: Nipissing North

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, Nipissing North had a population count of 1,591. This was a decrease of 10.8% (-193 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 8.2% of the total population (130 children).

The Unorganized Area of Nipissing North comprises the rural communities of Balsam Creek, Eldee, Jocko, Mulock, Redbridge, Songis, Thorne, Tomiko and Tilden Lake.

For planning purposes, the Unorganized Area of Nipissing North has been identified as one neighbourhood. The table and infographics below provide a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Nipissing North

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
13%	0%	3%	4%	14%	14%



POPULATION

Total population of 1,591 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population decrease by 10.8%.

50 of children from birth to 5 years (3.1% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$86,000**



Overall Median after-tax income **\$68,500**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$103,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$54,400**





Neighbourhood: Nipissing North



There is one licensed child care centre located within this neighbourhood.

- Friends Forever Child Care - Phelps, a school-based centre located in Phelps Public School provides services for children from school age up to 12 years of age.

As a result of the space recalibration and the Ministry's adjustment to Nipissing's auspice ratio, DNSSAB can support the expansion of this site to include full day licensed child care services (i.e. family grouping spaces) beginning in September 2025.

The lower operating capacity shown in the infographic below is due to the provider's current operation under a school age license for children 6-12 years of age. The provider does have the ability to operate their JK/SK license should the need arise.

To further enhance licensed child care options in this neighbourhood, DNSSAB will continue to support and collaborate with the licensed home child care agencies operating within the District. This collaboration aims to provide additional options of care to families in the area.

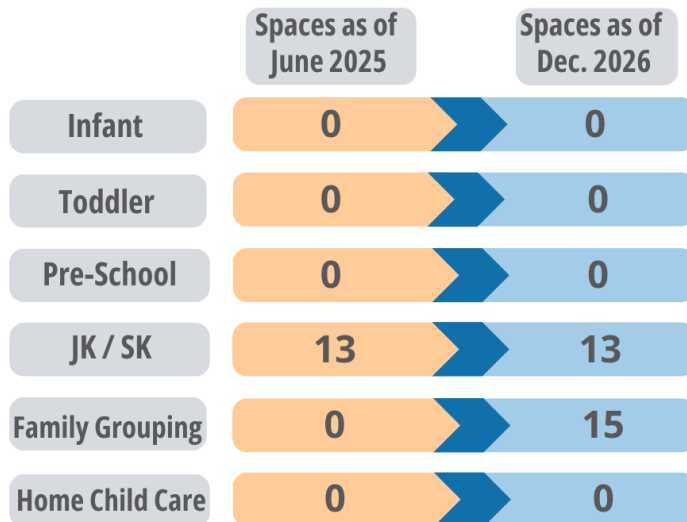


Nipissing North: The following infographic provides details related to licensed child care space counts and availability from infancy up to 5 years of age. Home Child Care Spaces reflect current active home providers.

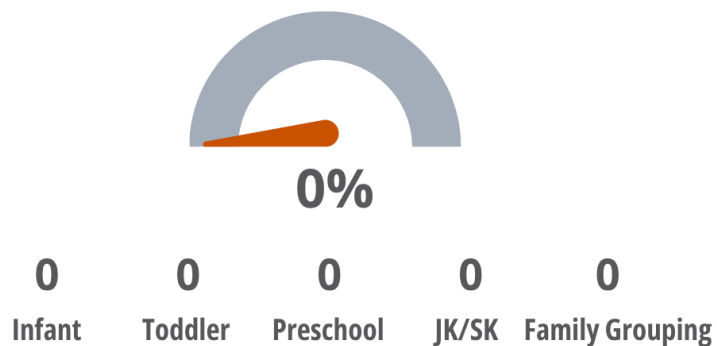


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

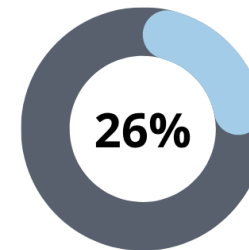
Children birth up to 5 years of age



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity

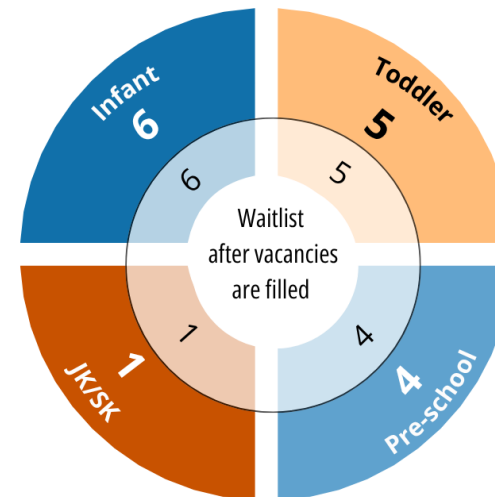


Access to Care (June 2025)



Access to Care will increase to 56% by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care





Unorganized Area: Nipissing South

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, Nipissing North had a population count of 102. This was a decrease of 1% (-1 person) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 0% of the total population (0 children). Most of the population lives outside of Algonquin Park on the northern or northwestern fringes of the region.

The Unorganized Area of Nipissing South comprises the rural communities of Acanthus, Achray, Brent, Canoe Lake, Coristine, Davernty, Government Park – Algonquin Park, Kilrush, Kiosk, Lake Traverse, Mink Lake, Odenback, Raidant and Stuart.

For planning purposes, the Unorganized Area of Nipissing North has been combined with the Municipality of South Algonquin as one neighbourhood – South Algonquin & Area.

The table and infographics below provide a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Nipissing South

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
N/A	N/A	0%	0%	0%	11%



POPULATION

Total population of 102 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population increase by 1%.

0 of children from birth to 5 years (0% of the population)



Family Median Income

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Overall Median after-tax income

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Median after-tax income for couples with children

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Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households

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**** Data Suppressed**



Municipality: South Algonquin Township

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, the Township of South Algonquin had a population count of 1,055. This was a decrease of 3.7% (-41 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 5.2% of the total population (55 children).

The Municipality of South Algonquin comprises the rural communities of Aylen Lake, Cross Lake, Gunters, Madawaska, McKenzie Lake, Murchison, Opeongo, Wallace and Whitney.

For planning purposes, the Municipality of South Algonquin has been combined with the Unorganized Area – Nipissing South as one neighbourhood – South Algonquin & Area.

The table and infographics below provide a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: South Algonquin Township

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
16%	13%	0%	5%	21%	0%



POPULATION

Total population of 1,055 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population decrease by 3.7%.

40 of children from birth to 5 years (3.8% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$77,500**



Overall Median after-tax income **\$63,600**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$94,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$56,400**





Neighbourhood: South Algonquin & Area



As previously mentioned, the Municipality of South Algonquin has been combined with the Unorganized Area – Nipissing South as one neighbourhood – South Algonquin & Area.

There is one licensed child care centre located within this neighbourhood.

- Community Resource Centre - Kidz Kastle (Whitney), a community-based child care centre, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

Currently, there are no plans for expansion within this neighbourhood. The family grouping license at this location allows the child care agency flexibility to meet family needs within this community. There is potential to increase the licensed capacity within this center. However, any plans for future expansions must be discussed with the agency to ensure the program's viability and sustainability. Additionally, the District's space allocation must be taken into consideration



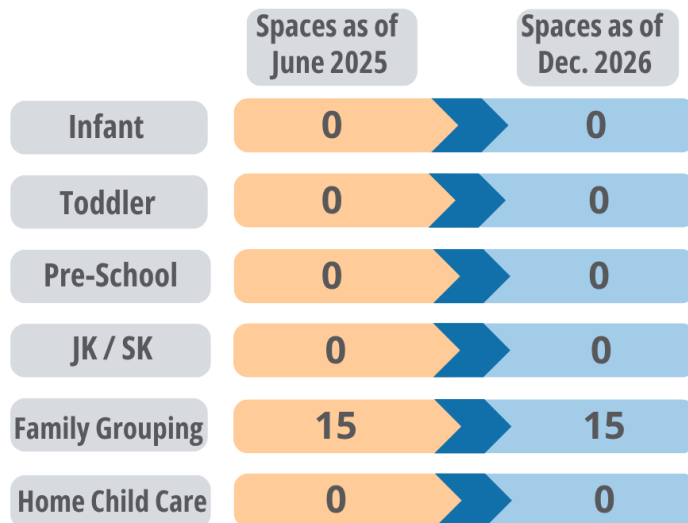


South Algonquin & Area: The following infographic provides details related to licensed child care space counts and availability from infancy up to 5 years of age. Home Child Care spaces reflect current active home providers.

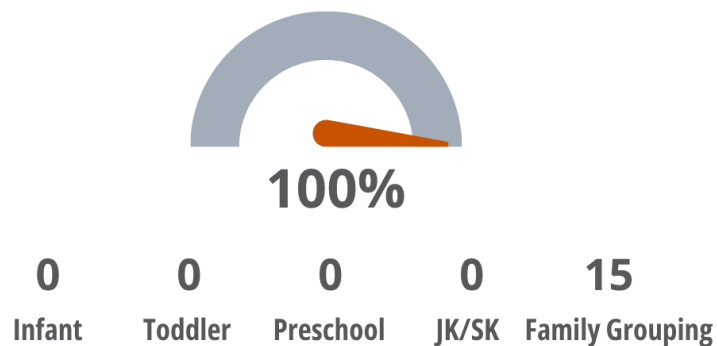


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

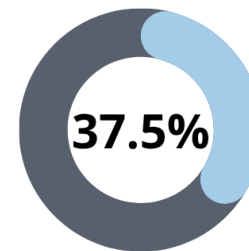
Children birth up to 5 years of age



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity

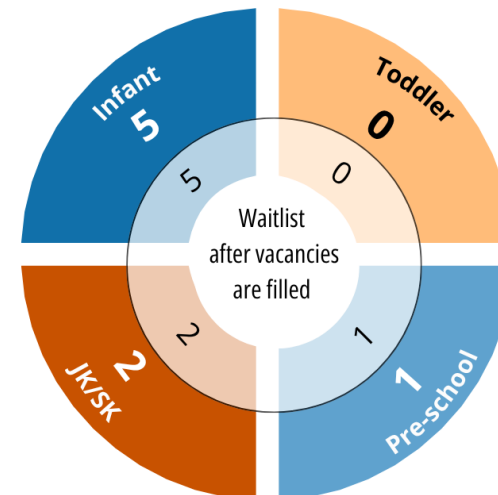


Access to Care (June 2025)



Access to Care is not expected to change by December 2026 based on the current space expansion plan.

Children Waiting for Care





Municipality: West Nipissing

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, West Nipissing had a population count of 14,583. This was an increase of 1.5% (+219 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 12% of the total population (1,760 children).

The Municipality of West Nipissing comprises the communities of Cache Bay, Caderette, Crystal Falls, Desaulniers, Evansville, Field, Harfred, Kirk, Lavigne, Notre-Dame-du-Lac, Domrémy, Sturgeon Falls, River Valley and Verner. It also includes part of North Monetville area.

For planning purposes, the Municipality of West Nipissing has been divided into three neighbourhoods: Field, River Valley, & Area, Verner, Cache Bay & Area, and Sturgeon Falls.

The table and infographics below provide a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Municipality of West Nipissing

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
14%	5%	1%	2%	20%	60%



POPULATION

Total population of 14,583 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population increase by 1.5%.

715 of children from birth to 5 years
(4.9% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$89,000**



Overall Median after-tax income **\$70,000**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$113,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households **\$56,400**





Neighbourhood: Field, River Valley and Area



Currently, there are no licensed child care centres located in this neighbourhood.

To enhance licensed child care options in this neighbourhood, DNSSAB will continue to support and collaborate with the licensed home child care agencies operating within the District. This collaboration aims to provide additional child care options to families in the area.



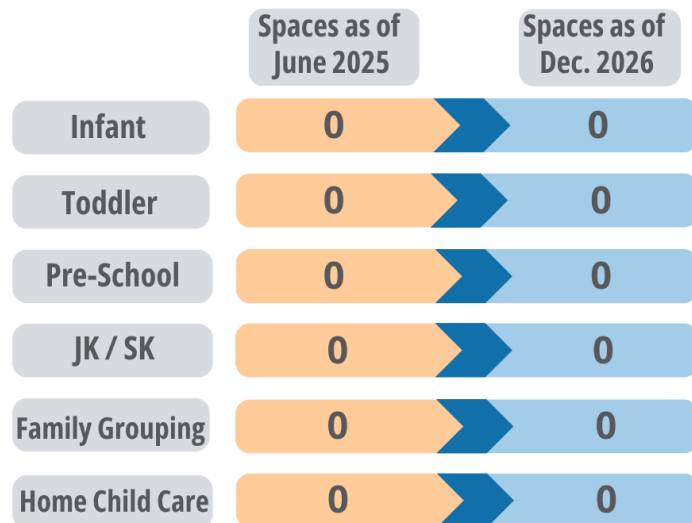


Field, River Valley and Area The following infographic provides details related to licensed child care space counts and availability from infancy up to 5 years of age. Home Child Care spaces reflect the current active home providers.

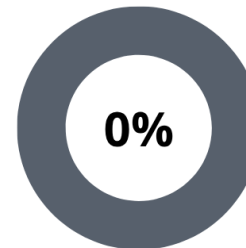


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

Children birth up to 5 years of age

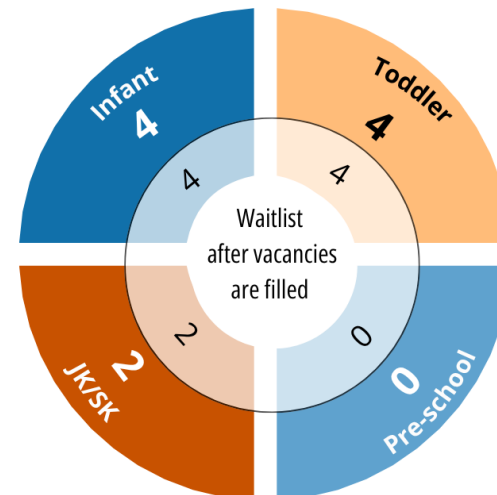


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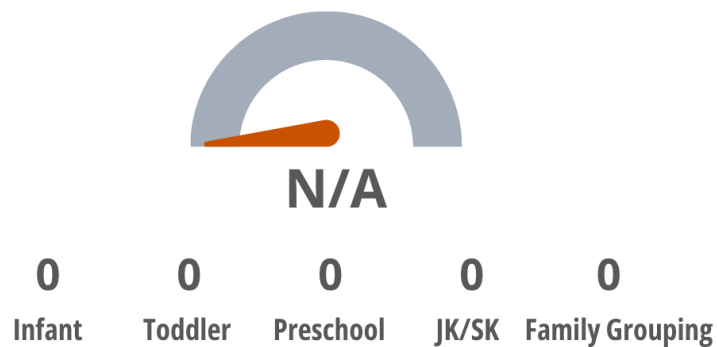


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Children Waiting for Care



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity





Neighbourhood: Sturgeon Falls



There are five licenced child care centres located within this neighbourhood, as well as two home child care sites.

- West Nipissing Child Care Corporation – Main Site, a community-based centre, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- West Nipissing Child Care Corporation – La tanière des tout-petits, a school-based centre located in École Publique Jeunesse Active, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- West Nipissing Child Care Corporation – La niche des lionceaux, a school-based centre located in École catholique la Résurrection, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.
- West Nipissing Child Care Corporation – Services de garde des louveteaux, a school-based centre located in École catholique Saint-Joseph, provides services from 18 months up to 12 years of age.
- West Nipissing Child Care Corporation, White Woods School Age Program, a school-based centre located in White Woods Public School, provides services to school aged children up to 12 years of age.

The two home child care sites are located throughout this neighbourhood and offer services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The lower operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the long-standing recruitment challenges that exist within the early years and child care sector.

DNSSAB will continue to explore innovative and creative solutions to support and enhance the recruitment and retention efforts currently implemented by local early years and child care service providers.

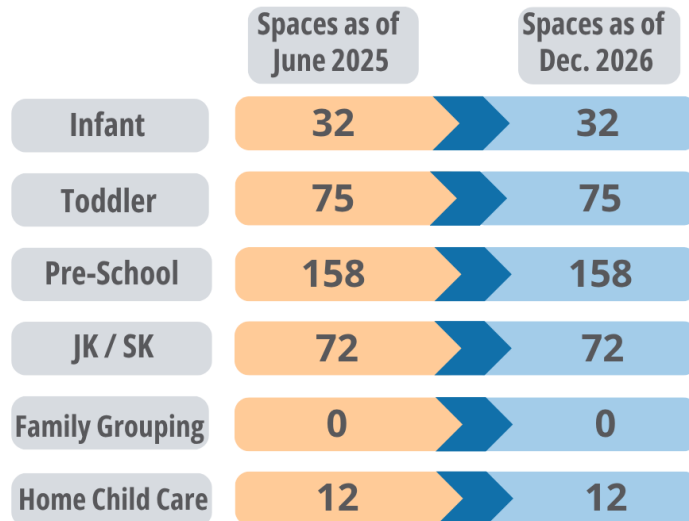


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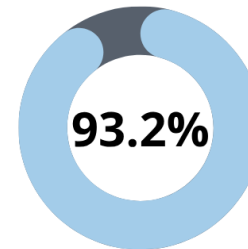


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

Children birth up to 5 years of age

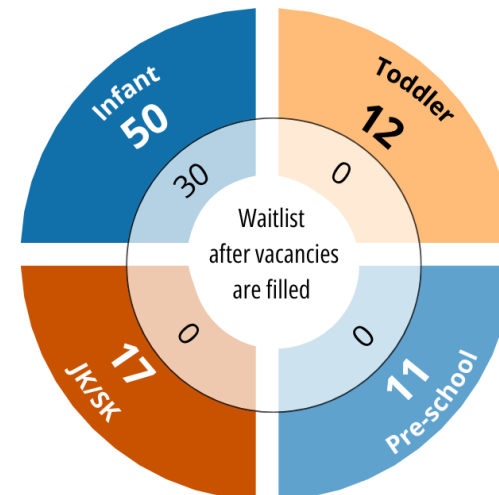


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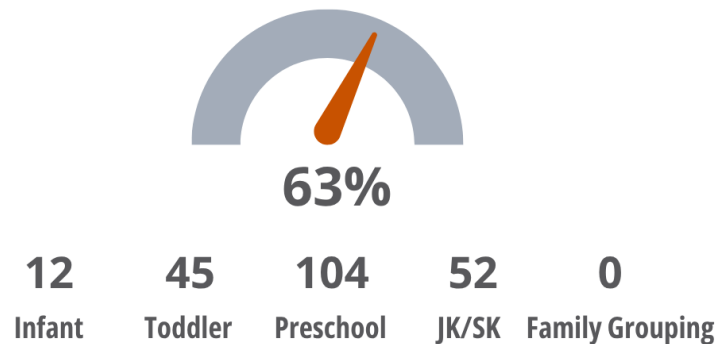


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Children Waiting for Care



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity





Neighbourhood: Verner, Cache Bay & Area



There is one licenced child care centre located within this neighbourhood, as well as two home child care sites.

- West Nipissing Child Care Corporation, La Ruche des Petites Abeilles, a school-based centre located in École catholique Sainte- Marguerite-D'Youville, provides services from 18 months up to 12 years of age.

The home child care sites are located throughout this neighbourhood and offer services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The lower operating capacity referenced in the following infographic is due to the long-standing recruitment challenges that exist within the early years and child care sector.

Although the community of Cache Bay has been combined with Verner & Area, many families living in the Cache Bay area have indicated a preference for services in Sturgeon Falls, given the closer proximity to that community.

To enhance licensed child care options in this neighbourhood, DNSSAB will continue to support and collaborate with the licensed home child care agencies operating within the District. This collaboration aims to provide additional child

care options to families in the area. In addition, DNSSAB will continue to explore innovative and creative solutions to support and enhance the recruitment and retention efforts currently implemented by local early years and child care service providers.

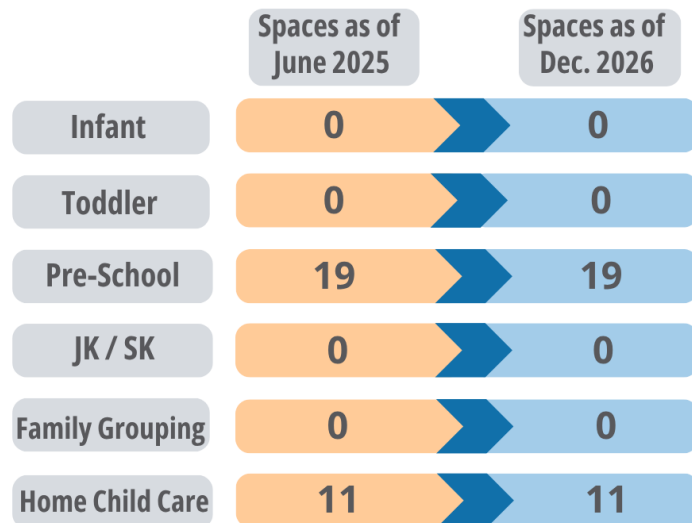


Verner, Cache Bay & Area: The following infographic provides details related to licensed child care space counts and availability from infancy up to 5 years of age. Home Child Care spaces reflect current active home providers.

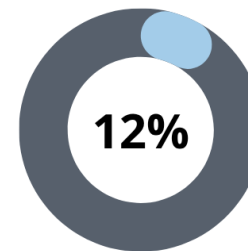


Number of Licensed Child Care Spaces

Children birth up to 5 years of age

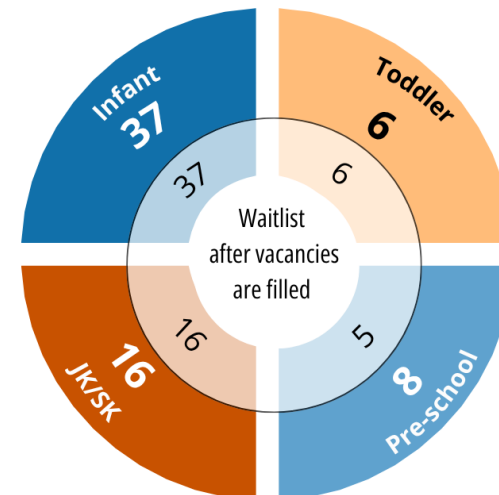


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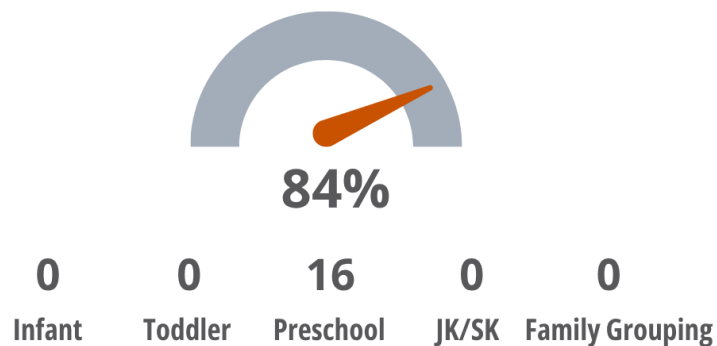


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Children Waiting for Care



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity





Municipality: Temagami

According to Statistics Canada, in 2021, Temagami had a population count of 862. This was an increase of 7.5% (+60 people) from 2016 levels. The child population from infancy up to 12 years of age represented 5.2% of the total population (45 children).

The Municipality of Temagami comprises the communities of Lake Temagami, Marten River, and Temagami North. The table and infographics below provide a more detailed look at the municipality's demographic profile.

Demographic Profile: Municipality of Temagami

Prevalence of Low Income	Core Housing Need	Visible Minority	Newcomers	Indigenous Ancestry	Francophone
12%	12%	0%	6%	10%	14%



POPULATION

Total population of 862 in 2021

- 2016 to 2021, population increase by 7.5%.

15 of children from birth to 5 years (1.7% of the population)



Family Median Income **\$88,000**

Overall Median after-tax income **\$74,500**



Median after-tax income for couples with children **\$92,000**



Overall median after-tax income for lone parent households ******

**** Data Suppressed**



Neighbourhood: Temagami and Area



There is one licenced child care centre located within this neighbourhood.

- Timiskaming Child Care Centre - Temagami Daycare, a school-based centre located in Temagami Public School, provides services from infancy up to 12 years of age.

The family grouping license at this location allows the child care agency flexibility to meet family needs within this community.

There is currently a minimal waitlist for licensed child care services in this neighbourhood. Should a need for additional child care options arise, DNSSAB will continue to support and collaborate with the licensed home child care agencies operating within the District to make available additional child care options to families in this area.



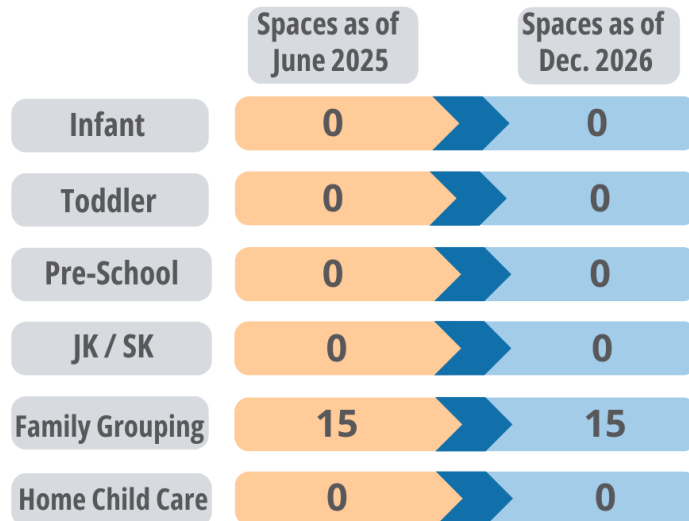


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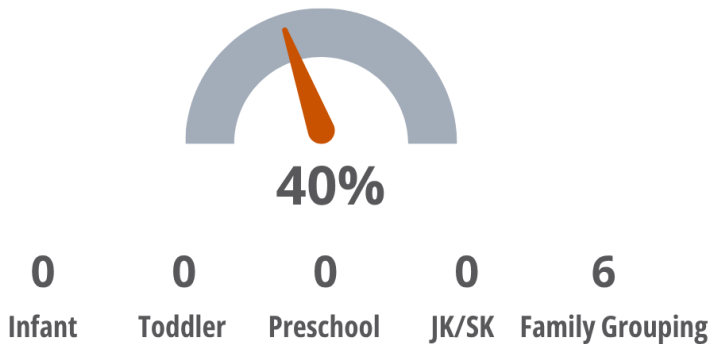


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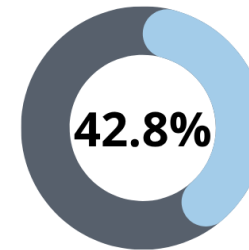
Children birth up to 5 years of age



Current Centre-Based Operating Capacity

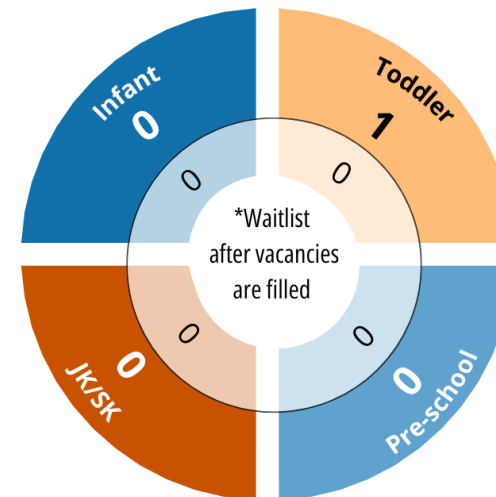


Access to Care (June 2025)



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Children Waiting for Care



*Assuming Family Grouping vacancies are assigned to Toddlers