

CFD-2019-93992 - Provide information on the number of families who have benefited, since the introduction April 1, 2018, from the childcare fee reduction initiative (Date Range for Record Search: From 04/01/2018 To 07/09/2019)

The ministry does not track individual families who use spaces approved for the Child Care Fee Reduction Initiative (CCFRI) but does track the number of facilities and spaces that opt into the program and those that are approved for funding. Included here is the CCFRI information as of March 2019 (end of the 2018/19 fiscal year) that was previously provided and the CCFRI information as of July 16, 2019.

As of the end of March 2019, 3,550 facilities and 55,274 spaces in BC were approved to receive CCFRI funding. This was 88.6% of the core eligible spaces in March 2019 (infant/toddler, age 3-kindergarten, group multi-age, and family). The table below shows the estimated core eligible counts of organizations, facilities and spaces, the number that opted in and the number and percentage approved as of March 2019.

	Estimated Core Eligible to Opt-In (based on 2017/18 CCOF contracts)	Core Eligible to Opt-In (based on 2018/19 contracts in CCOF pay in March 2019) ¹	Applied to Opt-In ^{2,4}	Approved to Opt-In ^{3,4}	% of Applied to Opt-in that were Approved
Organizations	2,850	3,018	2,766	2,683	97%
Facilities	3,300	3,552	3,550	3,452	97%
Spaces	50,000	60,715	55,274	53,807	97%

Notes:

1. Core Eligible to Opt-in column counts the organizations, facilities, and spaces for providers with licenses for Infant/Toddler, 3 years to Kindergarten, Group Multi-age and Family spaces from all facilities that have a Child Care Operating Funding (CCOF) program contract in March 2019. School age facilities can be also eligible for their kindergarten children using before and after school care so there will be some kindergarten children enrollment in school age spaces but historically, kindergarten enrollments have been very low at school age only facilities so these facilities were not included in the core eligible counts.
2. Applied to Opt-In column counts the organizations, facilities, and spaces for providers for providers with licenses for Infant/Toddler, 3 years to Kindergarten, Group Multi-age and Family spaces from any facility that was approved to opt-in and also includes 418 facilities that only had school age spaces. School age facilities are not included in the facility count of the Core Eligible to Opt-In column.
3. The approved to opt-in column includes 409 facilities that had only school age spaces. School age facilities are not included in the facility count of the Core Eligible to Opt-In column.
4. School Age spaces receiving CCFRI are not included anywhere in the table.

As of the end of July 16, 2019, 3,103 facilities and 55,354 spaces in BC were approved to receive CCFRI funding. This was 89.9% of the core eligible spaces in March 2019 (infant/toddler, age 3-kindergarten, group multi-age, and family). The table below shows the estimated core eligible counts of organizations, facilities and spaces, the number that opted in and the number and percentage approved as of July 17, 2019. Unlike the table above, the counts of facilities and organizations in the table do not include facilities that provide only school age care (see notes below table).

	Estimated Core Eligible to Opt-In (based on 2018/19 CCOF contracts)	Core Eligible to Opt-In (based on 2018/19 contracts in CCOF pay in July 2019) ^{1,3}	Applied to Opt-In ²	Approved to Opt-In ²	% of Applied to Opt-in that were Approved
Organizations	3,000	3,008	2,674	2,595	97%
Facilities	3,500	3,556	3,195	3,103	97%
Spaces	60,000	61,552	56,805	55,345	97%

Notes:

1. This table does not include facilities that are only licensed for school age and preschool spaces. Preschool spaces are not eligible for CCFRI and school age spaces are only eligible for children 5 and under. These facilities are able to opt-in to the CCFRI program if they have eligible children but we expect only a small percentage of their spaces would qualify to receive the CCFRI.

2. In addition to the core eligible applications, 523 school age and preschool only facilities have applied to the CCFRI program with 478 of them currently approved.

3. School Age and Preschool spaces for CCFRI Core Eligible facilities are not included for the same reasons as Note 1.