

## Choosing a Long-Term Care Home



Making the decision to move to a long-term care home is a life-changing step for you and your family. It's important that you have all of the information you need to choose the home that is right for you. There are many things to consider, including the level of care you require, location, availability and cost.

Your care coordinator can help. We recommend that you or your family visit the homes you are interested in and ask questions before making a decision.

Each person who applies for long-term care may choose up to five (5) homes anywhere in Ontario in order of preference. These decisions will help determine the amount of time a person waits for long-term care. If you need care urgently, you are able to add more homes to your choice list. If you move to a home that is not your first choice, you may stay on the waiting list for your first choice.

For more information, please speak with your Care Coordinator at 1-800-810-0000. We're here to help.

As you make your decision, here's some information to keep in mind:

Number of long-term care homes in Hamilton Region: **27**

Number of long-term care home spaces in Hamilton Region: **3,820**

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT INDIVIDUAL LONG-TERM CARE HOMES, VISIT:

<http://publicreporting.ltchomes.net/en-ca/default.aspx>

[www.hqontario.ca/en/reporting/ltc/](http://www.hqontario.ca/en/reporting/ltc/)

# About the Information in this Report

There are many factors to be considered when choosing a home. The number of people on the wait list in homes you are considering may be important to you. This document provides information about waiting lists in long-term care homes in this region. The wait list is not an indication of how long an individual will wait to access care.

When reviewing this information, please note the following:

- Each individual may choose up to 5 homes and up to 3 bed types in each home. This means that one person may be represented on multiple wait lists.
- The # on wait list represents the number of people still waiting for a bed at the end of the month.

- The number of days waited is presented as the experience of 9 out of 10 people and is based on people admitted to each long-term care home in the past 2 years who did not need immediate admission to the long-term care home. You may wait for a longer or shorter period of time depending on your circumstances and the number of available beds.
- The numbers below can change based on a variety of factors. Your care coordinator can provide you with information about the options that best meet your individual needs.

Wait lists/times can be viewed at [www.healthcareathome.ca/hnhb](http://www.healthcareathome.ca/hnhb).

Long-Term Care Home	Approximate # of Long-Stay Beds	Basic		Semi-Private		Private		# of Distinct Individuals on Wait List	Average # of beds that become available each month
		# on Wait List	Days Waited for 9 out of 10 people	# on Wait List	Days Waited for 9 out of 10 people	# on Wait List	Days Waited for 9 out of 10 people		
Alexander Place	126	68	*Not available			82	1469	132	4
Arbour Creek	128	153	*Not available			56	630	198	5
Baywoods Place	128	65	395			14	*Not available	78	2
Blackadar Continuing Care Centre	80	8	309	1	212	2	*Not available	9	1
Chartwell Willowgrove	169	156	*Not available			169	*Not available	301	8
Clarion Nursing Home	100	71	*Not available	24	476	44	*Not available	115	2
Dundurn Place Care Centre	173	29	116	3	128			30	5

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Extendicare Hamilton	159	126	*Not available			85	364	193	6
Grace Villa Long Term Care Home	184	23	294	1	176	7	269	29	7
Hamilton Continuing Care	64	37	*Not available	2	*Not available	1	*Not available	40	2
Heritage Green Nursing Home	167	83	*Not available	17	381	36	*Not available	115	3
Idlewyld Manor	192	272	*Not available			241	*Not available	475	6
Macassa Lodge	270	288	*Not available	81	*Not available	212	993	500	8
Orchard Terrace Care Centre	45	36	*Not available	15	170			46	1
Parkview Nursing Centre	126	36	*Not available	5	51	6	176	43	2
Pine Villa Nursing Home	38	45	*Not available	12	*Not available	16	*Not available	67	1
Queens Garden Long Term Care Residence	128	161	*Not available			33	237	189	3
Regina Gardens	128	241	*Not available			197	*Not available	402	3
Ridgeview Long Term Care Centre	120	209	*Not available			134	1585	321	5
Shalom Village Long Term Care	109	76	*Not available			52	*Not available	120	5
St. Joseph's Villa	390	130	*Not available	36	323	100	285	222	13
St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke	210	330	*Not available			285	*Not available	564	6
The Meadows Long Term Care Centre	128	118	*Not available			145	*Not available	236	5
The Village Of Wentworth Heights	120	343	*Not available			331	*Not available	620	4
The Wellington	102	73	*Not available	25	286	61	*Not available	133	3
Victoria Gardens Long Term Care	76	60	*Not available	3	289	7	*Not available	70	1
Wentworth Lodge	160	137	*Not available	59	1361	165	*Not available	302	4

 Bed type not available in this home.

\* Data not available for this bed type; placements for this time period have been for crisis (urgent) placements only.

*Long-term care wait time information is provided for general information only. Please be advised that wait times for admission to a long-term care home can change without notice and are not guaranteed. Long-term care home bed availability varies by home, bed type, eligibility category, and according to individual patient need.*

*For this reason, posted wait times may not reflect the time you or your loved one may wait for admission to a long-term care home. This information should not be used to plan for the specific wait time of an individual or for providing notice to vacate (or for timing the sale or closing of) a current residence.*

# Placement Priority Categories

Each person who applies for long-term care is assigned a priority category. The priority category of each person on the wait list also affects wait time.

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**Category 1** People who need immediate admission to long-term care and cannot have their needs met at home, or who are in hospital, when hospital is in crisis. People in a long-term care home that is closing within 12 weeks.

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**Category 2** People who need to be reunified with their spouses/partners who are currently residing in a long-term care home, and who meet eligibility requirements (including care needs).

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**Category 3A** People waiting for a long-term care home serving those of a particular religion, ethnic origin or culture. People who have high care needs, but can still be supported at home until a bed becomes available. People in hospital waiting for long-term care. People in a long-term care home seeking transfer to their home of choice.

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**Category 3B** People waiting for a long-term care home serving those of a particular religion, ethnic origin or culture. People with care needs who are currently managing at home with supports. Wait times for clients in this category are much longer.

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**Category 4A** People who have high care needs, but can still be supported at home until a bed becomes available. People in hospital waiting for long-term care. People in a long-term care home seeking transfer to their home of choice.

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**Category 4B** People with care needs who are currently managing at home with supports. Wait times for people in this category are much longer.

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**Veteran** People with care needs who are currently managing at home with supports. Wait times for clients in this category are much longer.