

## 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 CCAC 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: **3,819**

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 CCAC care coordinator can provide you with information about the options that best meet your individual needs.

Updates are available monthly & 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	133	546			111	566	209	3
Arbour Creek	128	180	*Not available			41	761	210	3
Baywoods Place, Hamilton	128	22	265			0	*Not available	22	3
Blackadar Continuing Care Centre	80	19	148	2	74	7	*Not available	26	2
Chartwell Willowgrove (formerly The Willowgrove)	169	221	*Not available			188	896	377	5
Clarion Nursing Home	100	71	515	33	264	46	*Not available	127	2
Dundurn Place Care Centre	173	20	176	2	168			22	3

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Extendicare - Hamilton	159	225	*Not available			90	528	294	3
Grace Villa Nursing Home	184	48	472	16	140	19	125	71	3
Hamilton Continuing Care	64	13	168	2	*Not available	0	5	14	1
Heritage Green Nursing Home	166	84	578	24	430	21	580	113	2
Idlwyld Manor	192	335	*Not available			219	758	507	5
Macassa Lodge	270	294	*Not available	81	*Not available	158	790	469	6
Orchard Terrace Care Centre	45	28	*Not available	3	186			31	1
Parkview Nursing Centre	126	17	190	1	61	1	138	19	4
Queens Garden Long Term Care Residence	128	219	*Not available			30	251	235	2
Regina Gardens	128	212	*Not available			107	*Not available	304	3
Ridgeview Long Term Care Centre	120	248	*Not available			105	835	326	3
Shalom Village Nursing Home	109	121	833			68	1074	176	2
St. Joseph's Villa	390	221	*Not available	46	642	102	1147	323	11
St. Peter's Residence at Chedoke	210	399	*Not available			246	1061	597	5
The Meadows Long Term Care Centre	128	179	*Not available			169	*Not available	309	2
The Village Of Wentworth Heights	120	353	*Not available			241	854	555	2
The Wellington	102	64	*Not available	17	316	34	*Not available	104	3
Thomas Health Care Corporation, Pine Villa Nursing Home	38	40	*Not available	3	344	12	*Not available	52	1
Victoria Gardens Long Term Care	76	64	*Not available	3	273	3	*Not available	67	1
Wentworth Lodge Home for the Aged	160	192	*Not available	76	*Not available	171	618	339	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.