



Caring for Seniors, Strengthening Communities

ONTARIO LONG TERM CARE ASSOCIATION

Long-Term Care in Ontario

Ontario's long-term care (LTC) homes play a vital role in Ontario's municipalities, serving as a cornerstone of community life, supporting families, creating jobs and anchoring local economies. Throughout our province, north and south, urban and rural, Ontario families rely on LTC homes to provide specialized care and affordable housing for their loved ones in need.



77,063

Spaces in Ontario



609

Homes across the
province



215

Rural Homes



101

Municipal Homes

Ontario's Most Urgent Healthcare Priority

Ontario's demographics are changing rapidly, with the number of seniors over 80 growing at four times the rate of the rest of the population. Seniors entering long-term care today are older, and their care needs have outpaced what families and community teams can realistically provide.



Fueling Local Economies, Caring for Our Seniors

ONTARIO LTC HOMES OVERVIEW

Long-term care homes anchor Ontario communities, caring for 76,000 residents while driving local jobs and economic activity.

In 2025, homes are contributing:

- ✓ Over **\$12.4 billion** to Ontario's GDP
- ✓ Over **166,000** direct, indirect and induced jobs in Ontario

The government has committed:

- ✓ **\$6.4 billion** to build 30,000 new and redevelop 28,000 spaces
- ✓ **148** projects / 24,101 spaces completed, underway or approved (July 2025)
- ✓ **\$1.92 billion** (2025-26) to fund 4+ hours of daily direct care per resident

New and redeveloped homes create even more value. If all 58,000 new and upgraded spaces announced by the government are built, construction activity alone would add \$31.28 billion to Ontario's GDP and generate thousands of local jobs in construction and skilled trades.

These figures reflect the full potential if every announced space moves forward. But many homes face real barriers to building due to financing, approvals, and local infrastructure. That's where municipalities come in.

Your support can turn plans into homes. Let's move these projects forward so seniors can age in place, close to family, in the community they love.



Delivering Quality Care, Close to Home

- ✓ LTC delivers on-site care, avoiding unnecessary hospital visits
- ✓ Opens hospital beds by supporting patients who no longer need acute care
- ✓ Moving 100 Alternate Levels of Care (ALC) patients to LTC saves hospitals **\$100K+** every day

Ageing at Home is a Challenge

Many older adults have care needs that go far beyond what can be provided at home. Yet in Ontario, the median wait for a long-term care bed is 165 days, with nearly three-quarters of placements coming as critical hospital discharges.



Supporting Families, Easing the Burden

- ✓ **845,000+** hours of unpaid caregiving saved every week — freeing time for work, family and rest
- ✓ Lower out-of-pocket costs for care — reducing the financial strain on families



1-in-5

Seniors over 80 have complex care needs requiring the 24-7 support and care of LTC



80 Years

Average age of admission



Over 48,000

Seniors on the Waitlist



165 Days

Median waiting time for placement

SAVE THE DATE
SEPTEMBER 12, 2025

LTC Community Engagement Day

Across Ontario, long-term care homes will celebrate LTC Community Engagement Day with events that bring together residents, staff, families, and community leaders.



Visit a long-term care home in your community on September 12th.

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ABOUT THE OLTCOA

The Ontario Long Term Care Association (OLTCA) is the province's largest representative of long-term care providers, including private, not-for-profit, municipal, hospital, culturally specific, and First Nations homes in rural, urban, and Northern locations across the province. Our members deliver care and support in 70% of Ontario's long-term care homes. We advocate for data-informed solutions that improve the quality of life, strengthen care, and ensure seniors have access to safe, high-quality, and culturally appropriate support as they age.



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