Board of Funeral Services

Ontario Funeral Sector – Quick Facts 2005

The Board of Funeral Services compiles statistics about the funeral sector based on information received by licensees, education programs and associations at October 31, 2005. The accuracy of the information is limited to that provided by licensees and education institutions. Unless otherwise noted, the information refers to data collected during the BOFS's fiscal year ending **October 31, 2005**.

Deaths & Cremations Registered

	All firms	Funeral Establishments	Transfer Services
Deaths Registered	85,400	82,800	2,600
Cremations*	44,024		

* From Ontario Association of Cemetery and Funeral Professionals – for the 2005 calendar year.

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Licensees & Students

Funeral directors	2,557	Active - 1,869	Inactive - 688
Transfer services	35	New - 1	Closed - 1
Funeral establishments	567	New - 6	Closed - 7
Students in FSE program		Year 1 - 148	Year 2 - 85 (Interns)

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Prepaid Contracts

	Contracts	**Amount ($)**	**Provided**	**Cancelled**	**New**
Totals	201,057	1,213,577,637	17,755	3,147	29,080
Trust	113,199	700,402,842	12,250	1,807	11,611
Insurance	87,858	513,174,795	5,505	1,340	17,469

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Pricing

Average cost of services based on the current price list - The amounts that a consumer would have paid, had they purchased a funeral or a direct disposition, excluding taxes and disbursements such as death notices, flowers, cremation, cemetery charges, etc.

Funeral (includes funeral, visitation, body preparation and services to have the body interred or cremated)	Direct disposition (includes the minimum services required to have the body interred or cremated)
$3,985	$1,343

Average of what consumers **actually** purchased in 2005**.

When a funeral was purchased			When a direct disposition was purchased	
Services	Casket or container	Vault	Services	Casket or container
$3,588	$2,316	$879	$1,174	$270

** The figures contained herein are derived from samples taken during inspections. The figures represent a sample of establishments and are based on the last 10 funerals or direct dispositions provided at the date of inspection.

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