**Board of Funeral Services**

# Ontario Funeral Sector – Quick Facts 2007

The Board of Funeral Services compiles statistics about the funeral sector based on information provided by licensees, education programs and the Ontario Government. 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, 2007**.

## Deaths & Cremations Registered

| | All firms | Funeral Establishments | Transfer Services |
|---|---|---|---|
| Deaths Registered | 86,131 | 83,095 | 3,036 |
| Cremations* | 45,846 | | |

* From the Office of the Registrar General, for the calendar year. Deaths registered in Ontario, where the body was cremated.

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## Licensees & Students

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| Funeral directors | 2,622 | Active - 1,890 | Inactive - 732 |
| Transfer services | 39 | New - 2 | Closed - 2 |
| Funeral establishments | 565 | New - 6 | Closed - 5 |
| Students in FSE program | | Year 1 - 129 | Year 2 - 60 (Interns) |

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## Prepaid Contracts

| | **Contracts** | **Amount** | **Provided** | **Cancelled** | **New** |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Totals** | 217,029 | 1,319,477,313 | 18,585 | 2,849 | 30,437 |
| **Trust** | 109,709 | 683,143,179 | 11,982 | 1,654 | 12,690 |
| **Insurance** | 107,320 | 636,334,134 | 6,603 | 1,195 | 17,747 |

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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. | |
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| 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) |
| $4,120 | $1,554 |

| Average of what consumers **actually** purchased in 2007 **. | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| When a funeral was purchased | | | When a direct disposition was purchased | |
| Services | Casket or container | Vault | Services | Casket or container |
| $3,731 | $2,280 | $976 | $1,252 | $278 |

** 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.