Board of Funeral Services

Ontario Funeral Sector – Quick Facts 2009

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, 2009**.

Deaths & Cremations Registered

	All firms	Funeral Establishments	Transfer Services
Deaths Registered	88,174	84,497	3,677
Cremations*	49,429 (56.1%)		

* Deaths registered in Ontario, where the body was cremated. Figures provided by the Office of the Registrar General.

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Licensees & Students

Funeral directors	2,667	Active - 1,913	Inactive - 754
Transfer services	40	New - 3	Closed - 1
Funeral establishments	562	New - 1	Closed - 3
Students in FSE program		Year 1 - 149	Year 2 - 100 (Interns)

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Prepaid Contracts

	Contracts	**Amount**	**Provided**	**Cancelled**	**New**
Totals	230,814	1,444,939,915	19,041	3,954	30,509
Trust	106,029	664,736,974	11,880	1,824	12,258
Insurance	124,785	780,202,941	7,161	2,130	18,251

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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)
$4,663	$1,626

Average of what consumers **actually** purchased in 2009 **.

When a funeral was purchased			When a direct disposition was purchased	
Services	Casket or container	Vault	Services	Casket or container
$4,097	$2,238	$1,097	$1,530	$340

** 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.