Board of Funeral Services

Ontario Funeral Sector – Quick Facts 2008

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, 2008**.

Deaths & Cremations Registered

	All firms	Funeral Establishments	Transfer Services
Deaths Registered	87,855	84,712	3,143
Cremations*	47,795 (54.4%)		

* 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

Funeral directors	2,656	Active - 1,909	Inactive - 747
Transfer services	39	New - 3	Closed - 3
Funeral establishments	565	New - 6	Closed - 6
Students in FSE program		Year 1 - 108	Year 2 - 81 (Interns)

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Prepaid Contracts

	Contracts	**Amount**	**Provided**	**Cancelled**	**New**
Totals	224,257	1,380,893,449	19,276	2,961	30,024
Trust	108,293	672,497,651	12,333	1,434	12,791
Insurance	115,964	708,394,798	6,943	1,527	17,233

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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)
$4,475	$1,614

Average of what consumers **actually** purchased in 2008 **.				
When a funeral was purchased			When a direct disposition was purchased	
Services	Casket or container	Vault	Services	Casket or container
$3,989	$2,347	$1030	$1,427	$295

** 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.