2012 Parent Census
Kindergarten to Grade 6: Previews

TDSB Parent Census
Return Rates: 2008 and 2012

Over 89,500 parents from more than 430 TDSB elementary schools
Student Demographics

2012 Parent Census: Kindergarten to Grade 6

Demographic Changes Over Time: 2008 vs. 2012

For most demographic variables, the patterns remain identical or similar to those in the 2008 Parent Census. For example:

- Parent place of birth (21% with both parents born in Canada in the 2008 Census vs. 23% in the recent Census)
- Parental presence at home (81% living with both parents in the 2008 Census vs. 83% in the recent Census)
- Parent educational level (similar)
- Family SES (similar)
Student Demographics

Racialized Groups: Kindergarten to Grade 6 (2012)

2012 Parent Census

- White: 29%
- South Asian: 26%
- East Asian: 14%
- Black: 10%
- Mixed: 11%
- Middle Eastern: 5%
- Southeast Asian: 4%
- Latin American: 3%
- Aboriginal: 0.3%

This is similar to that of the 2008 Parent Census.

TDSB Elementary Student Population by Ethno-racial Background
(2012 Parent Census: Kindergarten to Grade 6)

TDSB Elementary Student Population
- 1 Dot = 1 Student
- Black
- White
- East Asian
- Major Road

Date: 03/04/2013
Family Income: Kindergarten to Grade 6 (2012)

This is similar to that of the 2008 Parent Census.

- 26%: $100,000+
- 10%: $75,000 to $99,999
- 15%: $50,000 to $74,999
- 21%: $30,000 to $49,999
- 28%: Less than $30,000

TDSB Elementary Student Population by Ethno-racial Background
(2012 Parent Census: Kindergarten to Grade 6)
TDSB Elementary Student Population by Annual Household Income
(2012 Parent Census: Kindergarten to Grade 6)

Family Income by Race: Kindergarten - Grade 6 (2012)

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Child’s Experience *Outside* of School

2012 Parent Census: Kindergarten to Grade 6

Pre-school Support by Family Income: 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)
Students' Out-of-School Activities by Family Income: 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)

- **The Arts**
  - Total: 59%
  - $100,000+: 43%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 58%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 68%
  - $30,000 to $49,999: 44%
  - Less than $30,000: 32%

- **Sports/Recreation**
  - Total: 49%
  - $100,000+: 58%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 44%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 38%
  - $30,000 to $49,999: 42%
  - Less than $30,000: 37%

- **Other Activities**
  - Total: 42%
  - $100,000+: 42%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 54%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 44%
  - $30,000 to $49,999: 49%
  - Less than $30,000: 68%

The rate is higher for girls than boys (52% vs. 35%).
The rate is higher for boys than girls (61% vs. 54%).

Parent Perception of Their Child’s Safety Outside of School by Family Income: 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)

- **On their street or in their neighbourhood**
  - Less than $30,000: 80%
  - $30,000 to $49,999: 82%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 90%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 91%
  - $100,000+: 95%

- **On their way to and from school**
  - Less than $30,000: 88%
  - $30,000 to $49,999: 89%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 91%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 94%
  - $100,000+: 96%

Parent perception of their child’s safety is higher for boys than girls (91% vs. 91%).
Child’s Experience in School

Parent Census: 2008 and 2012

“My child enjoys school” by Family Income: 2008 and 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)

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All the time/Often

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“My child is treated with respect in school” by Family Income: 2008 and 2012 (Kindergarten – Grade 6)

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“Differences among all people are respected in school” by Family Income: 2008 and 2012 (Kindergarten – Grade 6)

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Vision Assessment by Family Income: 2008 and 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)

Hearing Assessment by Family Income: 2008 and 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)
Parent-School Relationships

Parent Census: 2008 and 2012

“I feel welcome in my child’s school” by Family Income: 2008 and 2012

(Kindergarten – Grade 6)
"I attend parent-teacher interviews" by Family Income: 2008 and 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)

"I attend school meetings/events" by Family Income: 2008 and 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)
New Items on Child’s School Experience

2012 Parent Census: Kindergarten to Grade 6

Parent Perception of Their Child’s School Experiences: 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)

These responses are consistent across students’ family income backgrounds, gender or grade divisions.

- My child’s schools is a friendly and welcoming place: 93%
- My child gets along well with other students: 92%
- My child gets the support needed: 88%
- School rules have been applied to my child in a fair way: 88%
Parent Perception of School Safety by Family Income: 2012 (Kindergarten – Grade 6)

Child’s Social-emotional Well-being

2012 Parent Census: Kindergarten to Grade 6
Parent Perception of Their Child’s Positive Feelings by Family Income: 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)

- Seem happy
  - All the time/Often
  - Less than $30,000: 92%
  - $30,000 to 49,999: 96%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 94%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 93%
  - $100,000+: 91%
  - Total: 91%

- Seem to enjoy their daily activities
  - All the time/Often
  - Less than $30,000: 94%
  - $30,000 to 49,999: 94%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 93%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 91%
  - $100,000+: 90%
  - Total: 90%

- "Seem happy"
  - More so for girls than boys (32% vs. 27%)

- "Seem to enjoy their daily activities"
  - More so for boys than girls (21% vs. 16%)

Parent Perception of Their Child’s Negative Emotions by Family Income: 2012
(Kindergarten – Grade 6)

- Not want to go to school
  - All the time/Often/Sometimes
  - Less than $30,000: 10%
  - $30,000 to 49,999: 17%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 18%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 15%
  - $100,000+: 13%
  - Total: 15%

- Seem nervous/anxious
  - All the time/Often/Sometimes
  - Less than $30,000: 20%
  - $30,000 to 49,999: 25%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 28%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 18%
  - $100,000+: 20%
  - Total: 21%

- Complain of headaches/stomach aches
  - All the time/Often/Sometimes
  - Less than $30,000: 20%
  - $30,000 to 49,999: 25%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 25%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 15%
  - $100,000+: 15%
  - Total: 15%

- Seem irritable/in a bad mood
  - All the time/Often/Sometimes
  - Less than $30,000: 40%
  - $30,000 to 49,999: 30%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 40%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 35%
  - $100,000+: 40%
  - Total: 35%

- Seem tired in the morning
  - All the time/Often/Sometimes
  - Less than $30,000: 45%
  - $30,000 to 49,999: 35%
  - $50,000 to $74,999: 45%
  - $75,000 to $99,999: 40%
  - $100,000+: 40%
  - Total: 40%
Parent Perception of Their Child’s Positive Feelings by Grade Division: 2012 (Kindergarten – Grade 6)

- **Seem happy**
  - Total: 92%
  - JK-SK: 95%
  - Gr.1-3: 92%
  - Gr.4-6: 91%

- **Seem to enjoy their daily activities**
  - Total: 91%
  - JK-SK: 94%
  - Gr.1-3: 91%
  - Gr.4-6: 89%

Parent Perception of Their Child’s Negative Emotions by Grade Division: 2012 (Kindergarten – Grade 6)

- **Not want to go to school**
  - Total: 18%
  - JK-SK: 19%
  - Gr.1-3: 20%
  - Gr.4-6: 19%

- **Seem irritable/in a bad mood**
  - Total: 40%
  - JK-SK: 39%
  - Gr.1-3: 38%
  - Gr.4-6: 40%

- **Seem nervous/anxious**
  - Total: 34%
  - JK-SK: 32%
  - Gr.1-3: 22%
  - Gr.4-6: 40%

- **Complain of headaches/stomach aches**
  - Total: 32%
  - JK-SK: 23%
  - Gr.1-3: 30%
  - Gr.4-6: 32%

- **Seem tired in the morning**
  - Total: 55%
  - JK-SK: 41%
  - Gr.1-3: 48%
  - Gr.4-6: 55%
Students’ Tiredness by Grade Division
(2012 Parent Census: Kindergarten–Grade 6 vs. 2011 Student Census: Grade 7-12)

Parent Census: My child seemed tired in the morning.
Student Census: I felt tired for no reason.

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Students’ Nervousness/Anxiety by Grade Division
(2012 Parent Census: Kindergarten–Grade 6 vs. 2011 Student Census: Grade 7-12)

Parent Census: My child seemed nervous or anxious.
Student Census: I felt nervous or anxious.

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Some key summary points about the 2012 Parent Census

• Demographics: The TDSB population continues to be ethno-racially very diverse, and socio-economic disparities persist with the dwindling middle-class sector in the city.
• Outside of schools, opportunity gaps remain wide.
• On the other hand, parent confidence in TDSB schools has risen significantly between 2008 and 2012.
• More importantly, our schools have been effective in reducing some of the students’ opportunity and parents’ engagement gaps related to socio-economic background.
• Students’ social-emotional well-being: Attention is needed, esp. in light of the findings in the 2011 Student Census for Grade 7-12s.