

24-hour chain restaurants and coffee shops on the TTC Blue Night Network

Winter 2020/21

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<u>Changes in informal access to selected indoor public spaces in Toronto</u>

What these maps capture

Chain restaurants and coffee shops with 24-hr indoor seating that were within 200 metres of a Blue Night Network bus stop in 2019. We found 105 locations in total. McDonalds had 48 per cent of locations, while Tim Hortons had 46 per cent. The remaining locations include A&W, Fran's, Denny's, Burger King and T-Bones.

In January 2021, due to pandemic restrictions, all these coffee shops and restaurants were closed to indoor dining. As a result, we've left the winter 2020/21 map blank. However, some 24-hour locations were still open for take-out. Bathroom access in these locations was variable.

How to read the maps

Quick information

- Toronto has lost approximately 105 spaces across the city that were open and accessible by transit overnight.
- Some independent restaurants and coffee shops are also open 24-hrs our data is an underestimate of lost space.
- This map does not speak to how safe or welcoming any of these spaces would be to people looking to come in out of the cold.



Methods

- We called 536 chain restaurants that were: a) located within 200 metres of a TTC Blue Night Network bus stop; and b) were known to have some 24-hour locations. We asked these locations if they had 24-hour indoor seating before the indoor dining lockdown. We did not include 24-hour locations in hospitals or 24-hour drive-throughs.
- We also checked Coffee Time and Starbucks, but found no 24-hour locations of these chains on the Blue Night Network.
- Some locations were entirely closed and could not be reached to determine their previous hours. Unless it was clearly stated on their website that they had been open 24-hours, these sites were not included on this map.
- We did not look at how welcoming specific location are or were to people looking to come in out of the cold. There will be significant variation between sites.



