

In choosing child care, check the ratios of children to adults.

An important indicator of high quality child care is that the number of children per adult provider is small enough so that each child receives sufficient individual attention and care.

State licensing has established ratios of the number of children to adult providers that licensed providers must adhere to.

Inside this brochure you will see the various types of child care licenses (A, B.1, B.2, C.1, C.2, C.3, D) and the ratios. Ask the providers what type of license they hold.

See the back for ratios in child care centers, preschools and school-age programs.



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Child to Adult Ratios

LICENSED CHILD CARE IN MINNESOTA



AGE DEFINITIONS

Family and Group Family Child Care Homes Licenses

Infants – 6 weeks to 11 months

Toddlers – 12 to 24 months (30 months for B.1, B.2 and D licenses)

Preschoolers – 24-30 months to Kindergarten

School-age – Kindergarten to 11 years (or after May 10, if child is eligible to attend Kindergarten that fall)

FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES

Licensed capacity includes the provider's own children as well as school-age children (under 11 years of age) who attend on a part-time basis. Variations in licensed capacity may be granted upon approval by licensing. See chart above for definitions of age groupings.

LICENSE A 10 CHILDREN : 1 ADULT

Of the 10 children, 6 may be below kindergarten age. Up to 3 children may be below the age of 2, and of those 3, no more than 2 may be infants.

LICENSE B.1 5 CHILDREN : 1 ADULT

(Specialized Infant/Toddler License)*

Of the 5 children, 3 may be below kindergarten age. No more than 3 infants and/or toddlers.

LICENSE B.2 6 CHILDREN : 1 ADULT

(Specialized Infant/Toddler License)*

Of the 6 children, 4 may be below kindergarten age. No more than 4 children may be below the age of 2-1/2. Of these 4, there may be no more than 2 infants.

GROUP CHILD CARE HOMES

LICENSE C.1 10 CHILDREN : 1 ADULT

Of the 10 children, 8 may be below kindergarten age. Up to 3 children may be below the age of 2, and of those 3, no more than 2 may be infants.

LICENSE C.2 12 CHILDREN : 1 ADULT

Of the 12 children, 10 may be below kindergarten age. Up to 2 children may be below the age of 2, and of those 2, only 1 may be an infant.

LICENSE C.3 14 CHILDREN : 2 ADULTS

Of the 14 children, 10 may be below kindergarten age. Up to 4 children may be below the age of 2, and of those 4, no more than 3 may be infants.

LICENSE D 9 CHILDREN : 2 ADULTS

(Specialized Infant/Toddler License)*

Of the 9 children, 7 may be below the age of 2-1/2, and of those 7, no more than 4 may be infants.

AGE DEFINITIONS

Child Care Centers, Preschools and School-Age Program Licenses

Infants – 6 weeks to 15 months

Toddlers – 16 to 32 months

Preschoolers – 33 months to first day of Kindergarten

School-age – Kindergarten to 12 years

CHILD CARE CENTERS, PRESCHOOLS AND SCHOOL-AGE PROGRAMS

4 INFANTS : 1 ADULT

7 TODDLERS : 1 ADULT

10 PRESCHOOLERS : 1 ADULT

15 SCHOOL-AGE : 1 ADULT



* For a specialized license (B.1, B.2 or D), a toddler is defined as under 30 months of age.