

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Illinois State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	3,141	217,472
Small FCC homes	10,462	72,957
Large/group FCC homes	511	5,383
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	14,114	295,812

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	22
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	178
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	79:1

Note: NCCIC/NARA calculated the estimated caseload by dividing the total number of licensed facilities (i.e., centers and FCC homes) by the total number of licensing line staff.

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FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS BY TYPE			
Type	Child Care Centers	Small FCC Homes	Large/Group FCC Homes
Prior to issuing a license	✓	✓	✓
• Announced	✓	✓	✓
• Unannounced			
License renewal	✓	✓	✓
• Announced	✓	✓	✓
• Unannounced			
Routine compliance	✓	✓	✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓	✓	✓
FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once a year		
Small FCC homes	Once a year		
Large/group FCC homes	Once a year		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once every 3 years		
Small FCC homes	Once every 3 years		
Large/group FCC homes	Once every 3 years		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Part 407 – Licensing Standards for Day Care Centers			3/15/2006
Small FCC home regulations			
Part 406 – Licensing Standards for Day Care Homes			11/13/2006

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Part 408 – Licensing Standards for Group Day Care Homes	11/13/2006	
Note: NCCIC/NARA used child care licensing regulations that were posted on the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education Web site between January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2007. Regulations titles were also copied directly from this site.		
DEFINITION OF LICENSED FCC HOMES		
Small FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	4–8 (plus 4 SAC)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	8	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	3 younger than 2 years, if no more than 5 are younger than 5 years	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	4–16 (12 plus 4 SAC)	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	8:1; 12:1, if SAC	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS		
Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks	4:1	12
9 months	4:1	12
18 months	5:1	15
27 months	8:1	16
3 years	10:1	20
4 years	10:1	20
5 years	20:1	20
6 years	20:1	30
7 years	20:1	30
8–9 years	20:1	30
10 years and older	20:1	30

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY TYPE			
Type	Child Care Centers	Small FCC Homes	Large/Group FCC Homes
Criminal history records	✓	✓	✓
Fingerprints	✓	✓	✓
Child abuse and neglect registry	✓	✓	✓
Sex offender registry	✓	✓	✓
Signed statement about criminal status	✓	✓	✓
MINIMUM PRESERVICE QUALIFICATIONS AND ONGOING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS			
Role	Minimum Preservice Qualifications	Ongoing Training Hours	
Child care center staff			
Director	CDA or CCP credential and additional credit hours in ECE	15	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	CDA or CCP credential	15	
Assistant teacher	High school diploma or GED	15	
Aide	No preservice qualifications	15	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	None	15	
Assistant provider	None	0	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	CDA or CCP credential	15	
Assistant provider	None	15	

Key:

CCP = Certified Child Care Professional Credential awarded by the National Child Care Association
 CDA = Child Development Associate Credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition
 ECE = Early childhood education
 FCC = Family child care
 GED = General Educational Development Test
 NA = Not applicable/not addressed
 NAC = National Administrators Credential awarded by the National Child Care Association

NARA = National Association for Regulatory Administration
 NC = No category of facility
 NCCIC = National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center
 NL = Not licensed
 NR = Not regulated
 SAC = School-age children