

# The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

## Kentucky State Profile

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### NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	2,294	178,293
Small FCC homes*	786	4,716
Large/group FCC homes	NC	NC
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,080</b>	<b>183,009</b>

### NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	4
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	42
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	73:1

**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
<b>Prior to issuing a license</b>	✓	✓	NC
• Announced	✓	✓	
• Unannounced			
<b>License renewal</b>	✓	✓	NC
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓	✓	
<b>Routine compliance</b>	✓	✓	NC
• 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	NC		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once a year		
Small FCC homes	Once a year		
Large/group FCC homes	NC		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
<b>Child care center regulations</b>			
922 KAR 2:090. – Child Care Center Licensure			6/14/2002
<b>Small FCC home regulations</b>			
922 KAR 2:110. – Child Care Facility Provider Requirements 922 KAR 2:120. – Child Care Facility Health and Safety Standards			8/15/2001

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
<b>Large/group FCC home regulations</b>		
NC		
<b>Note:</b> 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		
<b>Small FCC homes</b>		
Number of children allowed	7–12	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	5:1 for younger than 1 year; 6:1 for 1–2 years; 10:1 for 2–3 years; 12:1 for 3–4 years; 14:1 for 4–5 years; 15:1 for 5–7 years	
Provider's own children counted	Not specified	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	Yes	
<b>Large/Group FCC homes</b>		
Number of children allowed	NC	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	NC	
Provider's own children counted	NC	
CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS		
Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks	5:1	10
9 months	5:1	10
18 months	6:1	12
27 months	10:1	20
3 years	12:1	24
4 years	14:1	28
5 years	15:1	30
6 years	15:1	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	✓	✓	NC
Fingerprints			NC
Child abuse and neglect registry	✓	✓	NC
Sex offender registry			NC
Signed statement about criminal status			NC
MINIMUM PRESERVICE QUALIFICATIONS AND ONGOING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS			
Role	Minimum Preservice Qualifications	Ongoing Training Hours	
<b>Child care center staff</b>			
Director	Experience (with high school diploma/GED)	12	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	No preservice qualifications	12	
Assistant teacher	NR	NR	
Aide	NR	NR	
<b>Small FCC home providers</b>			
Provider	Clock hours in ECE and experience	12	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	
<b>Large/Group FCC home providers</b>			
Provider	NC	NC	
Assistant provider	NC	NC	

**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

**\*Note:** The state also has certified FCC homes. Information reported is only for licensed FCC homes.