

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Massachusetts State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	2,225	116,943
Small FCC homes	5,221	28,526
Large/group FCC homes	3,514	29,339
Other types of licensed facilities*	1,650	55,321
Total	12,610	230,129

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	10
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	78
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	162:1

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 every 2 years		
Small FCC homes	Once every 3 years		
Large/group FCC homes	Once every 3 years		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once every 2 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			
Standards for the Licensure or Approval of Group Day Care and School Age Child Care Programs			9/1/1997
Small FCC home regulations			
102 CMR 8.00: Standards for the Licensure of Family Child Care and Large Family Child Care Homes			10/10/2003

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
102 CMR 8.00: Standards for the Licensure of Family Child Care and Large Family Child Care Homes	10/10/2003	
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	1–6	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	6	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	3 younger than 2 years, if at least 1 is 15 months and can walk unassisted	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	Up to 10	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	6:1, with no more than 3 younger than 2 years and no more than 2 younger than 15 months	
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	3:1 or 7:2	7
9 months	3:1 or 7:2	7
18 months	4:1 or 9:2	9
27 months	4:1 or 9:2	9
3 years	10:1	20
4 years	10:1	20
5 years	15:1	30
6 years	15:1	30
7 years	15:1	30
8–9 years	15:1	30
10 years and older	15:1	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 credential and additional credit hours in ECE	20	
Master teacher	CDA credential and additional credit hours in ECE	20	
Teacher	Graduate of a vocational program in ECE	20	
Assistant teacher	High school diploma or GED	20	
Aide	NR	NR	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	Experience	15 over 3 years	
Assistant provider	None	0	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	Clock hours in ECE and experience	30 hours over 3 years	
Assistant provider	None	0	

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:** Other licensed facilities include school-age programs, residential programs, and placement programs.