

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Missouri State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	1,942	121,901
Small FCC homes	1,672	16,448
Large/group FCC homes	187	3,695
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	3,801	142,044

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	8
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	57
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	67:1

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	More than 3 times a year		
Small FCC homes	More than 3 times a year		
Large/group FCC homes	More than 3 times a year		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once every 2 years		
Small FCC homes	Once every 2 years		
Large/group FCC homes	Once every 2 years		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Missouri Licensing Rules for Group Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers			1/1/2002
Small FCC home regulations			
Missouri Division 30: Chapter 61 – Licensing Rules for Family Day Care Homes			5/1/2002

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Missouri Licensing Rules for Group Child Care Homes and Child Care Centers	1/1/2002	
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	5–10	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	10, if 2 younger than 2 years; 6, if 3 younger than 2 years; 4, if all younger than 2 years	
Provider's own children counted	No	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	2 younger than 2 years if 10 children are present; 3 younger than 2 years if 6 children are present; 4, if all children are younger than 2 years	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	11–20	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	4:1 for birth–2 years; 8:1 for 2 years; 10:1 for 3–4 years; 16:1 for 5 years and older; 10:1 for mixed ages older than 2 years; 8:1, with more than 4 2-year-old children	
Provider's own children counted	No	
CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN		
Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks	4:1	8
9 months	4:1	8
18 months	4:1	8
27 months	8:1	16
3 years	10:1	NR
4 years	10:1	NR
5 years	16:1	NR
6 years	16:1	NR
7 years	16:1	NR
8–9 years	16:1	NR
10 years and older	16:1	NR

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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	12
Master teacher	NR	NR
Teacher	No preservice qualifications	12
Assistant teacher	NR	NR
Aide	NR	NR
Small FCC home providers		
Provider	None	12
Assistant provider	None	12
Large/Group FCC home providers		
Provider	CDA credential	12
Assistant provider	NR	NR

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