

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

North Carolina State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	4,990	416,572
Small FCC homes	4,043	59,244
Large/group FCC homes	NC	NC
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	9,033	475,816

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	16
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	108
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	84:1

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	✓	✓	NC
• Announced	✓	✓	
• Unannounced			
License renewal			NC
• Announced			
• Unannounced			
Routine compliance	✓	✓	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	Nonexpiring		
Small FCC homes	Nonexpiring		
Large/group FCC homes	NC		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Chapter 9 – Child Care Rules			12/1/2007
Small FCC home regulations			
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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
NC		
<p>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.</p>		
DEFINITION OF LICENSED FCC HOMES		
Small FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	3–5 (plus 3 SAC)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	8, with no more than 5 preschool age or younger	
Provider's own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	NA	
Large/Group FCC homes		
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		
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	15:1	25
4 years	15:1	25
5 years	25:1	25
6 years	25:1	25
7 years	25:1	25
8–9 years	25:1	25
10 years and older	25:1	25

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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	
Child care center staff			
Director	Experience (with high school diploma/GED)	20	
Master teacher	Experience (with high school diploma/GED)	20	
Teacher	Experience (with high school diploma/GED)	20	
Assistant teacher	NR	NR	
Aide	No preservice qualifications	20	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	None	12	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
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