

# The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

## Nebraska State Profile

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### NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	861	65,501
Small FCC homes	2,267	22,313
Large/group FCC homes	633	7,543
Other types of licensed facilities	276	5,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,037</b>	<b>101,257</b>

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

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	3
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	23
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	176:1

**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>	✓		✓
• Announced	✓		✓
• Unannounced			
<b>License renewal</b>	✓		✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓		✓
<b>Routine compliance</b>	✓	✓	✓
• 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	Nonexpiring		
Small FCC homes	Nonexpiring		
Large/group FCC homes	Nonexpiring		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
<b>Child care center regulations</b>			
Child Care Centers Standards			9/1/1998
<b>Small FCC home regulations</b>			
Family Child Care Home Standards			9/1/1999

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Regulations Title	Date	
<b>Large/group FCC home regulations</b>		
Family Child Care Home Standards	9/1/1999	
<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	4–8 (plus 2 SAC)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	10, if 2 are SAC during nonschool hours	
Provider's own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	3 younger than 18 months, with no more than 2 younger than 1 year	
<b>Large/Group FCC homes</b>		
Number of children allowed	Up to 12	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	10:1, if none are young preschoolers; 12:1, if all are SAC	
Provider's own children counted	Yes	
CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN		
Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks	4:1	12
9 months	4:1	12
18 months	6:1	NR
27 months	6:1	NR
3 years	10:1	NR
4 years	12:1	NR
5 years	12:1	NR
6 years	15:1	NR
7 years	15:1	NR
8–9 years	15:1	NR
10 years and older	15:1	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
<b>Child care center staff</b>		
Director	High school diploma or GED	0
Master teacher	NR	NR
Teacher	Experience	12
Assistant teacher	Experience	12
Aide	No preservice qualifications	12
<b>Small FCC home providers</b>		
Provider	None	12
Assistant provider	None	12
<b>Large/Group FCC home providers</b>		
Provider	None	12
Assistant provider	None	12

**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