

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Oregon State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	988	55,935
Small FCC homes	3,690	35,790
Large/group FCC homes	415	5,708
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	5,093	97,433

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	3
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	40
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	127:1

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	Twice a year		
Small FCC homes	Once every 2 years		
Large/group FCC homes	Twice a year		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once a year		
Small FCC homes	Once every 2 years		
Large/group FCC homes	Once a year		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Rules for Certified Child Care Centers			7/13/2007
Small FCC home regulations			
Registered Family Child Care Homes			7/13/2007

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Rules for Certified Family Child Care Homes	7/13/2007	
<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	4–6 (plus 4 SAC)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	10	
Provider's own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	2 younger than 2 years	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	7–16	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	See notes*	
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	4:1	8
9 months	4:1	8
18 months	4:1	8
27 months	5:1	10
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	Experience	15	
Master teacher	Experience	15	
Teacher	Experience	15	
Assistant teacher	Experience	15	
Aide	None	0	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	FCC overview session	8 every 2 years	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	Experience	15	
Assistant provider	None	15	

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

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***Notes:**

Excludes child care that is provided for the children of only one family. The following tables summarize the child-staff ratios for large/group FCC homes:

(A) If all children in care are in the same age group, the following determines the child-staff ratio.

Table A			
Ages of Children in Care	Group Size	Child-Staff Ratio	Notes
6 weeks to 24 months	12	4:1	If more than 12 children are in care, the groups must be separated; if more than 8 of the 13 children in care are infants or toddlers, the group size may not exceed 8.
24 months to eligible for 1st grade	12	10:1	If more than 12 children are in care, the groups must be separated.
Eligible for 1st grade to age 13	16	15:1	Children may be in 1 group; there must be a second provider if more than 15 SAC are in care.

(B) If children in care include any infants and/or toddlers, the following table determines the child-staff ratio.

Table B			
Ages of Children in Care	Group Size	Child-Staff Ratio	Notes
1 child younger than 24 months	12	8:1	If more than 12 children are in care and 1 is younger than 24 months, the group must be separated. Each group must meet the appropriate child-staff ratio. Practice note: Groups may be arranged to have the younger child in a separate group with an 8:1 ratio. For the other group, use ratios in Table A if all children are the same age; use Table C if mixed ages.
2 children younger than 24 months	12	7:1	If more than 12 children are in care and 2 are younger than 24 months, the group must be separated. Each group must meet the appropriate child-staff ratio. Practice note: Groups may be arranged to have the younger children in a separate group with a 7:1 ratio. For the other group, use ratios in Table A if all children are the same age; use Table C if mixed ages.
3 children younger than 24 months	12	6:1	If more than 12 children are in care and more than 3 are younger than 24 months, the group must be separated. Each group must meet the appropriate child-staff ratio. Practice note: Groups may be arranged to have the younger children in a group with a 6:1 ratio. For the other group, use ratios in Table A if all children are the same age; use Table C if mixed ages.

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Table B (con.)			
Ages of Children in Care	Group Size	Child-Staff Ratio	Notes
4 or more children younger than 24 months	12	4:1	<p>If more than 12 children are in care and 4 are younger than 24 months, the group must be separated. Each group must meet the appropriate child-staff ratio, and if more than 8 infants or toddlers are in care, the group size may not exceed 8.</p> <p>Practice note: Groups may be arranged to have the younger children in a separate group with 4:1 ratios in Table A if all children are the same age; use Table C if mixed ages.</p>

(C) If children in care include a mix of only preschool- and school-age children, the following table determines the staff-child ratio.

Table C			
Ages of Children in Care	Group Size	Child-Staff Ratio	Notes
One child in care age 24 months to eligible for 1st grade; rest of children are school-age	12	1:12	If more than 12 children are in care, the groups must be separated to create groups of 12 or fewer children.
2–12 children are between 24 months and eligible for 1st grade; rest of children in care are school-age	12	1:10	If more than 12 children are in care, the groups must be separated to create groups of 12 or fewer children.