

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Texas State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	9,091	860,738
Small FCC homes	7,488	44,928
Large/group FCC homes	1,604	19,042
Other types of licensed facilities*	3,895	11,685
Total	22,078	936,393

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	30
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	249
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	89:1

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 a year		
Small FCC homes	Once every 3 years		
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
Child care center regulations			
Chapter 746: Minimum Standard Rules for Licensed Child Care Centers			9/1/2007
Small FCC home regulations			
Minimum Standard Rules for Registered and Licensed Child-Care Homes			9/1/2006

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Minimum Standard Rules for Registered and Licensed Child-Care Homes	9/1/2006	
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	4–6 (plus 6 SAC)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	12	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	4 younger than 17 months	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	Up to 12	
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	10
9 months	4:1	10
18 months	9:1	18
27 months	11:1	22
3 years	15:1	30
4 years	18:1	35
5 years	22:1	35
6 years	26:1	35
7 years	26:1	35
8–9 years	26:1	35
10 years and older	26:1	35

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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	State director credential	20	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	Experience (with high school diploma/GED)	15	
Assistant teacher	Completion of a vocational program	0	
Aide	Enrolled in vocational program	0	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	None	20	
Assistant provider	None	15	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	Clock hours in ECE and administration and experience	20	
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:

*Other licensed facilities include listed homes.

**The following tables present the child-staff ratios and maximum group sizes allowed by the state. A large (licensed) FCC home with 3 providers may care for up to 12 children birth through age 13.

Large (Licensed) FCC Combinations With 1 Provider			
0–17 Months	18 Months–3 Years	4 Years and Older	Maximum
0	8	4	12
0	7	5	12
0	6	6	12
0	5	7	12
0	4	8	12
0	3	9	12
0	2	10	12
0	1	11	12
0	0	12	12
1	6	4	11
1	5	5	11
1	4	6	11
1	3	7	11
1	2	8	11
1	1	9	11
1	0	10	11
2	5	3	10
2	4	4	10
2	3	5	10
2	2	6	10
2	1	7	10
2	0	8	10
3	2	1	6
3	1	2	6
4	0	0	4

Large (Licensed) FCC Combinations With 2 Providers		
0–17 Months	18 Months and Older	Maximum
0	12	12
1	11	12
2	10	12
3	9	12
4	8	12
5	7	12
6	6	12
7	5	12
8	4	12
9	3	12
10	0	10