

## Child-Staff Ratio Requirements

Child-Staff Ratio Requirements by Age for Centers (2023)

State	Ratio by Age: 6 Weeks	Ratio by Age: 11 Months	Ratio by Age: 18 Months	Ratio by Age: 35 Months	Ratio by Age: 3 Years	Ratio by Age: 4 Years	Ratio by Age: 5 Years	Ratio by Age: 6 Years	Ratio by Age: 7 Years	Ratio by Age: 8-9 Years	Ratio by Age: 10 Years and Older
Colorado	5	5	5	7	10	12	15	15	15	15	15
Kansas	3	3	5	7	12	12	14	16	16	16	16
Missouri	4	4	4	8	10	10	16	16	16	16	16
Nebraska	4	4	6	6	10	12	12	15	15	15	15
Oklahoma	4	4	6	8	12	15	15	20	20	20	20

Child-Staff Ratio Requirements for FCCH (2023)

State	Maximum Number of Children Allowed for One Provider
Colorado	6 (plus 2 school-age children)
Kansas	10 (plus 2 school-age children)
Missouri	10, if 2 children are younger than 2 years; 6, if 3 children are younger than 2 years; 4, if all children are younger than 2 years
Nebraska	10, if 2 are school-age children
Oklahoma	7

Child-Staff Ratio Requirements for GCCH (2023)

State	Child-Staff Ratio Requirements for GCCH (2023)
Colorado	8:01
Kansas	A second provider shall be present when the number of children exceeds the maximum number allowed for one provider.
Missouri	4:1 for 0–2 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-olds
Nebraska	The number of providers required and the maximum size of the group depends on the ages of children enrolled.
Oklahoma	One caregiver may care for: 5 children of any age; 6 children, with no more than 3 children younger than 2 years; 7 children, with no more than 2 children younger than 2 years; 7 children, if all children are 2 years and older; 8 children, if all children are 3 years and older; 10 children, if all children are 4 years and older; 12 children, if all children are 5 years and older Two caregivers may care for: 8 children younger than 2 years; or 12 children, with no more than 6 children younger than 2 years Three caregivers may care for up to 12 children, with no more than 8 children younger than 2 years of age.

**Definitions:**

**Centers (CTR)** is defined as child care services provided in a nonresidential setting for fewer than 24 hours per day.

**Family Child Care Home (FCCH)** is defined as one provider caring for a group of children in a residence. Based on this definition, Arizona, Idaho, Indiana, Louisiana, New Jersey, Ohio, and South Dakota do not have licensing requirements and policies for this type of child care setting.

**Group Child Care Home (GCCH)** is defined as two or more providers caring for a group of children in a residence. Based on this definition, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Dakota, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin do not have licensing requirements and policies for this type of child care setting.

Child-Staff Ratios for Mixed-age Groups for Centers (2023)

State	Child-staff Ratio Requirements for Mixed-age Groups	Based on Age of the Youngest Child	Based on Age of the Majority of Children in Group	Based on Percentage or Fraction of Children Being in Certain Age Group	Based on Average of Ages of Children in Group	Specific Ratio for Mixed-age Groups
Colorado	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Kansas	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Missouri	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Nebraska	No	No	No	No	No	No
Oklahoma	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes

Group Sizes for Mixed-age Groups for Centers (2023)

State	Group Size Requirements for Mixed-age Groups	Based on Age of the Youngest Child	Based on Age of the Majority of Children in Group	Based on Percentage or Fraction of Children Being in Certain Age Group	Based on Average of Ages of Children in Group	Specific Group Size for Mixed-age Groups
Colorado	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No
Kansas	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes
Missouri	No	No	No	No	No	No
Nebraska	No	No	No	No	No	No
Oklahoma	Yes	No	No	No	No	Yes

Group Size Requirements by Age for Centers (2023)

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Colorado	10	10	10	14	20	24	30	30	30	30	30
Kansas	9	9	10	14	24	24	28	32	32	32	32
Missouri	8	8	8	16	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated
Nebraska	12	12	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated	Not Regulated
Oklahoma	8	8	12	16	24	30	30	40	40	40	40

Group Size Requirements for FCCH (2023)

State	Mimimum Number of Children	Maximum Number of Children Allowed
Colorado	2	6 (plus 2 school-age children)
Kansas	1	10 (plus 2 school-age children)
Missouri	7	10
Nebraska	4	8 (plus 2 school-age children)
Oklahoma	1	7

Group Size Requirements for GCCH (2023)

State	Mimimum Number of Children	Maximum Number of Children Allowed
Colorado	7	12
Kansas	1	12
Missouri	11	20
Nebraska	9	12
Oklahoma	8	12