

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

California State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	14,957	753,112
Small FCC homes	32,626	261,009
Large/group FCC homes	7,162	100,268
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	54,745	1,114,389

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	34
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	251
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	218:1

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	Nonexpiring license	Nonexpiring license	Nonexpiring license
• Announced			
• Unannounced			
Routine compliance	✓	✓	✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓	✓	✓
FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once every 5 years if no compliance issues		
Small FCC homes	Once every 5 years if no compliance issues		
Large/group FCC homes	Once every 5 years if no compliance issues		
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			
Title 22, Div 12, Chapter 1 – Child Care Center			9/27/2006
Small FCC home regulations			
Title 22, Div. 12, Chapter 3 – Family Child Care Homes			9/28/2006

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Title 22, Div. 12, Chapter 3 – Family Child Care Homes	9/28/2006	
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	2–6 (plus 2 SAC)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	8	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes, if younger than age 10	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	See notes	
Large/Group FCC homes**		
Number of children allowed	Up to 12 (plus 2 SAC)	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	8:1	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes, if younger than age 10	
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	NR
9 months	4:1	NR
18 months	6:1	12
27 months	6:1	12
3 years	12:1	NR
4 years	12:1	NR
5 years	14:1	NR
6 years	14:1	NR
7 years	14:1	NR
8–9 years	14:1	NR
10 years and older	14:1	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	
Child care center staff			
Director	Credit hours in ECE	0	
Master teacher	CDA and experience	0	
Teacher	Regional occupation program certificate and clock hours in ECE	0	
Assistant teacher	NR	0	
Aide	Credit hours in ECE	0	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	Clock hours in preventive health practices	0	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	Clock hours in preventive health practices and experience	0	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	

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. For small FCC homes, the maximum number of children for whom care shall be provided, including children younger than age 10 who live in the licensee's home, are four infants; six children, no more than three of whom may be infants; or eight children, if at least two of the children are at least 6 years of age, no more than two infants are cared for during any time when more than six children are cared for, and the licensee notifies each parent that there may be up to seven or eight children in the home at one time.

**Large/group FCC homes may care for up to 14 children when at least 2 are at least 6 years of age, no more than 3 infants are in care, and the licensee notifies each parent that there may be up to 13 or 14 children in the home at one time.