ALASKA CHILD CARE CENTERS

# Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Alaska's ratios and maximum group sizes for licensed child care centers. Print it, pin it up by the door.

| Group | Ages | Staff : children | Max group |
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| **Infants** | birth through 18 months | **1 : 5** | **10** |
| **Toddlers** | 19 to 36 months | **1 : 6** | **12** |
| **Preschoolers** | 3 and 4 years | **1 : 10** | **20** |
| **Kindergarten age** | 5 and 6 years | **1 : 14** | **28** |
| **School age** | 7 through 12 years | **1 : 18** | **36** |

- **Mixed ages:** when infants, toddlers and preschoolers are mixed, the youngest child's ratio applies and the group may be no larger than twice that ratio; when kindergartners and school-age children are mixed, the ratio follows the age of the majority.
- **Children 13 and older:** a child in care who is 13 or older counts as a school-age child for the ratio.
- **Nap time:** when every child in the napping room is asleep, the ratio may double (based on the youngest child), with the other counted staff on the same floor and able to come at once. Group-size limits do not apply at nap, lunch, outdoor play or field trips.
- Centers in Anchorage are also licensed by the Municipality under Anchorage Municipal Code 16.55; since July 15, 2025 its ratios match the state's.

Source: 7 AAC 57.505(c), 7 AAC 57.510 (amended effective May 15, 2016), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.