ARIZONA CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Arizona'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
Infants	birth to 12 months (to 18 months if not yet walking)	1 : 5 or 2 : 11	none
One-year-olds	12 to 24 months	1 : 6 or 2 : 13	none
Two-year-olds	2 years	1 : 8	none
Three-year-olds	3 years	1 : 13	none
Four-year-olds	4 years	1 : 15	none
Five-year-olds	5 years, not yet school age	1 : 20	none
School age	kindergarten and up	1 : 20	none

- **Mixed ages:** the youngest child's ratio applies to the whole group. When six or more children are present, an infant may not be placed for supervision with a child who is not an infant.
- **Group size:** the rule sets no maximum group size; only the licensed capacity limits how many children are in care.
- **Swimming:** a certified lifeguard must be on the premises at a pool, and a staff member serving as lifeguard does not count toward the ratio.
- Since August 3, 2025, programs that serve only school-age children before school, after school or during school breaks can be licensed as out-of-school-time programs under Article 7 of the same chapter; the school-age ratio there is also 1:20.

Source: Ariz. Admin. Code R9-5-404 (amended effective August 3, 2025), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.