CONNECTICUT CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Connecticut'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 and young toddlers	6 weeks to 2 years	**1 : 4**	**8**
Two-year-olds	2 years	**1 : 5**	**10**
Preschoolers	3 years to school age	**1 : 10**	**20**
School age	5 by September 1, through 12 years	**1 : 15**	**30**

- **Mixed ages:** the youngest child's ratio and the smaller group size apply to the whole group.
- **School age:** a program needs a separate school-age endorsement. A child born September through December who turns five by January 1 and is not in kindergarten may join the school-age group with written permission from the parent and the director.
- **Nap time:** when every child in a group is asleep, the overall ratio must still be met on the licensed premises, and no group may ever be left unsupervised.

Source: Regs. Conn. State Agencies §§ 19a-79-4a(d), 19a-79-10(c), 19a-79-11 (amended effective October 16, 2024), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.