FLORIDA CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Florida'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 1 year	**1 : 4**	**none**
One-year-olds	1 year to under 2 years	**1 : 6**	**none**
Two-year-olds	2 years to under 3 years	**1 : 11**	**none**
Three-year-olds	3 years to under 4 years	**1 : 15**	**none**
Four-year-olds	4 years to under 5 years	**1 : 20**	**none**
Five and older	5 years and older	**1 : 25**	**none**

- **Mixed ages:** if any child under 1 is in the group, one staff member may have no more than 4 children of any age; if any 1-year-old is in it, no more than 6. When all children are 2 or older, the ratio follows the age group with the most children.
- **School-age programs:** licensed school-age child care facilities follow Rule 65C-22.008 and its own handbook, which also sets 1:25 for children 5 and older.
- **Field trips and nap time:** one adult beyond the ratio must go on every field trip. At nap time, staff must be within sight and hearing of all the children, the rest of the required staff must be in the building on the same floor, and children under 24 months need direct supervision at all times.

Source: s. 402.305(4), F.S.; Rule 65C-22.001(6), F.A.C. (Child Care Facility Handbook, December 2025) (Rule 65C-22.001 amended effective September 1, 2026), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.