GEORGIA CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Georgia'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	under 1 year, or under 18 months and not walking	1 : 6	12
One-year-olds	1 year, walking	1 : 8	16
Two-year-olds	2 years	1 : 10	20
Three-year-olds	3 years	1 : 15	30
Four-year-olds	4 years	1 : 18	36
Five-year-olds	5 years	1 : 20	40
School age	6 years and older	1 : 25	50

- **Mixed ages:** in centers licensed for 19 or more, the ratio follows the youngest age group that makes up more than 20% of the group. In centers licensed for 18 or fewer, the youngest child under 3 sets the ratio; if all are 3 or older, the age of the majority does.
- **Nap time:** during daytime rest periods, ratios may be doubled for children 3 and older, if one staff member stays in each room and all required staff are in the center to help in an evacuation.
- **Group size:** the maximum does not apply to outdoor play on the center's usual playground, to special activities of two hours or less, or to centers licensed for 18 or fewer. Ratios still apply.

Source: Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. 591-1-1-.32 (amended effective June 15, 2017), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.