IDAHO CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Idaho'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 toddlers	under 24 months	**1 : 6**	**none**
Two-year-olds	24 months to under 36 months	**1 : 9**	**none**
Preschool	36 months to under 5 years	**1 : 13**	**none**
School age	5 years to under 13 years	**1 : 25**	**none**

- **Point system:** each staff member may have at most 12 points: 2 per child under 24 months, 1.33 per child 24 to 35 months, 0.923 per child from 3 to under 5, and 0.48 per child from 5 to under 13. The ratios above are what 12 points allow when every child is the same age; for a mixed group, add up the points.
- **Every child counts:** every child in attendance is counted toward the points, and at least one adult employee must be present whenever children are in care.
- **Nap time:** sleeping children must be within sight and normal hearing range of a provider.

Source: Idaho Code § 39-1109(4) (amended effective July 1, 2025), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.