KENTUCKY CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Kentucky'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	**1 : 5**	**10**
Toddlers	12 to 24 months	**1 : 6**	**12**
Two-year-olds	24 to 36 months	**1 : 10**	**20**
Three-year-olds	3 years	**1 : 12**	**24**
Four-year-olds	4 years	**1 : 14**	**28**
Five and six	5 to 6 years	**1 : 15**	**30**
School age, full day	7 years and older	**1 : 20**	**30**
School age, before and after school	7 years and older	**1 : 25**	**30**

- **Mixed ages:** the youngest child in the group sets the ratio and the maximum group size.
- **Group size** applies to Type I centers. A Type II center has no maximum group size from this table.
- **Accredited centers:** during traditional school hours, mixed-age groups from 30 months to six years may follow the accreditor's ratios instead.

Source: 922 KAR 2:120, Section 2(2) (amendment effective February 13, 2025), read on October 25, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.