LOUISIANA CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Louisiana'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	**1 : 5**	**15**
One-year-olds	1 year	**1 : 7**	**21**
Two-year-olds	2 years	**1 : 10**	**20**
Three-year-olds	3 years	**1 : 13**	**26**
Four-year-olds	4 years	**1 : 15**	**30**
Five-year-olds	5 years	**1 : 19**	**38**
Six and older	6 years and up	**1 : 23**	**46**

- **Mixed ages:** a group of 2- to 5-year-olds may average the ratios, and so may a group of only children 5 and older. If any child is under 2, the youngest child's ratio applies.
- **Field trips and outings on foot:** keep the ratio plus one extra adult.
- **Two staff members** must be at the center whenever more than four children are present.

Source: LAC 28:CLXI.1711 (Bulletin 137) (latest amendment LR 52:27, January 2026), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.