NEBRASKA CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Nebraska'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	6 weeks to 18 months	**1 : 4**	**12**
Toddlers	18 months to 3 years	**1 : 6**	**none**
Three-year-olds	3 years	**1 : 10**	**none**
Four- and five-year-olds	4 and 5 years	**1 : 12**	**none**
School age	kindergarten and older	**1 : 15**	**none**

- **Mixed ages:** Nebraska measures ratios across the whole center, not room by room, but every room with children must have a teacher, and at nap time a teacher must be in the nap room.
- **Infant rooms:** a room where infants are cared for may hold no more than 12 children; with 5 or more infants at least two staff must be in the room, and with 9 or more, three.
- **Pool on the premises:** swimming ratios are 1:1 for infants, 1:2 for toddlers, 1:4 for preschoolers and 1:6 for school age.
- This chapter covers child care centers. Part-day preschools and school-age-only programs are licensed under their own chapters of Title 391.

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