UTAH CHILD CARE CENTERS

# Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

Utah'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 |
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| **Infants** | birth to 11 months | **1 : 4** | **8** |
| **Younger toddlers** | 12 to 17 months | **1 : 4** | **8** |
| **Older toddlers** | 18 to 23 months | **1 : 5** | **10** |
| **Two-year-olds** | 2 years | **1 : 8** | **16** |
| **Three-year-olds** | 3 years | **1 : 12** | **24** |
| **Four-year-olds** | 4 years | **1 : 15** | **30** |
| **School age** | 5 years and older | **1 : 20** | **40** |

- **Mixed ages:** with no infants or toddlers in the group, the ratio is the oldest child's age group less one child (1:14 if the oldest is 4) and the group size is that age group less two (28). Groups with infants or toddlers have their own limits, such as no more than 8 children when an infant is mixed with toddlers.
- **Nap time:** the ratio may be doubled only if every child is at least 18 months old and resting, and the caregiver can reach another caregiver on site without leaving the children.
- **Two caregivers:** when only one group is on the premises, two caregivers must be present if it has more than 8 children or more than 2 infants or toddlers.
- Out-of-school-time programs and hourly child care centers are licensed under separate Utah rules (R381-70 and R381-60) with their own ratios.

Source: Utah Admin. Code R381-100-10, Table 1 (rule version effective July 7, 2026), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.