WEST VIRGINIA CHILD CARE CENTERS

Staff-to-child ratios at a glance

West Virginia'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 12 months	**1 : 4**	**8**
Toddlers	13 to 24 months	**1 : 4**	**12**
Two-year-olds	25 to 35 months	**1 : 8**	**16**
Three-year-olds	36 to 47 months	**1 : 10**	**20**
Four-year-olds	48 to 59 months	**1 : 12**	**24**
Five to school age	60 months to school age	**1 : 12**	**24**
School age	5 to 13, in school	**1 : 16**	**32**

- **Mixed ages:** the youngest child in the group sets the ratio and the maximum group size.
- **Nap time:** ratios don't relax. For babies 12 months and under, every staff member in the ratio stays in the nap room, able to see and hear every child.
- **Water play** has its own ratios: 1:1 at 12 months and under, 1:2 at 13–24 months, 1:4 at 25–59 months, 1:8 at 60 months and up.
- A school-age-only program is licensed under a different rule, 78CSR21.

Source: W. Va. Code R. §78-1-10.5, Appendix 78-1-E, Tables A, B (effective April 1, 2023), read on November 24, 2026. This sheet is a summary, not legal advice: always check the current regulation and your licensing consultant.