

The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

Georgia State Profile

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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	3,064	315,334
Small FCC homes	5,381	32,286
Large/group FCC homes	259	3,841
Other types of licensed facilities	0	0
Total	8,704	351,461

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	9
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	67
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	130:1

Note: NCCIC/NARA calculated the estimated caseload by dividing the total number of licensed facilities (i.e., centers and FCC homes) by the total number of licensing line staff.

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FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS BY TYPE			
Type	Child Care Centers	Small FCC Homes	Large/Group FCC Homes
Prior to issuing a license	✓		✓
• Announced	✓		✓
• Unannounced			
License renewal	✓		✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓		✓
Routine compliance	✓		✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓		✓
FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Twice a year		
Small FCC homes	Inspected within 6 months of initial registration; 20% of homes are inspected annually		
Large/group FCC homes	Twice a year		
FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Nonexpiring		
Small FCC homes	Once a year		
Large/group FCC homes	Nonexpiring		
REGULATIONS SUMMARY			
Regulations Title			Date
Child care center regulations			
Chapter 591-1-1, Rules for Child Care Learning Centers			3/1/1998
Small FCC home regulations			
Rules and Regulations for Family Day Care Homes			3/1/1994

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
Large/group FCC home regulations		
Rules and Regulations for Group Day Care Homes	12/2/2002	
Note: NCCIC/NARA used child care licensing regulations that were posted on the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education Web site between January 1, 2006, to December 31, 2007. Regulations titles were also copied directly from this site.		
DEFINITION OF LICENSED FCC HOMES		
Small FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	3–6 (plus 2 children 3 years and older)	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	3 younger than 1 year; 6 younger than 3 years; 8 younger than 5 years	
Provider's own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	3 younger than 1 year	
Large/Group FCC homes		
Number of children allowed	7–18	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	6:1 for children younger than 1 year and younger than 18 months and not walking; 8:1 for 1-year-old children who walk; 10:1 for 2 years; 15:1 for 3 years; 18:1 for 4 years and older	
Provider's own children counted	NA	
CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS		
Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks	6:1	12
9 months	6:1	12
18 months	8:1	16
27 months	10:1	20
3 years	15:1	30
4 years	18:1	36
5 years	20:1	40
6 years	25:1	50
7 years	25:1	50
8–9 years	25:1	50
10 years and older	25:1	50

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CRIMINAL BACKGROUND CHECKS REQUIRED BY TYPE			
Type	Child Care Centers	Small FCC Homes	Large/Group FCC Homes
Criminal history records	✓	✓	✓
Fingerprints			
Child abuse and neglect registry			
Sex offender registry			
Signed statement about criminal status			
MINIMUM PRESERVICE QUALIFICATIONS AND ONGOING TRAINING REQUIREMENTS			
Role	Minimum Preservice Qualifications	Ongoing Training Hours	
Child care center staff			
Director	High school diploma or GED	10	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	Experience (with high school diploma/GED)	10	
Assistant teacher	No preservice qualifications	10	
Aide	NR	NR	
Small FCC home providers			
Provider	High school diploma or GED	10	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	
Large/Group FCC home providers			
Provider	Experience	10	
Assistant provider	Experience	10	

Key:

CCP = Certified Child Care Professional Credential awarded by the National Child Care Association
 CDA = Child Development Associate Credential awarded by the Council for Professional Recognition
 ECE = Early childhood education
 FCC = Family child care
 GED = General Educational Development Test
 NA = Not applicable/not addressed
 NAC = National Administrators Credential awarded by the National Child Care Association

NARA = National Association for Regulatory Administration
 NC = No category of facility
 NCCIC = National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center
 NL = Not licensed
 NR = Not regulated
 SAC = School-age children