

# The 2007 Child Care Licensing Study

## Kansas State Profile

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### NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY

Facility Type	Number of Licensed Facilities	Licensed Capacity
Child care centers	930	51,265
Small FCC homes	2,730	16,380
Large/group FCC homes	4,341	43,849
Other types of licensed facilities*	393	25,208
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,394</b>	<b>136,702</b>

### NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS

Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	4
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	74
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	113:1

**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
<b>Prior to issuing a license</b>	✓		✓
• Announced	✓		✓
• Unannounced			
<b>License renewal</b>	✓		✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓		✓
<b>Routine compliance</b>			
• Announced			
• Unannounced			
FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE			
Type	Frequency		
Child care centers	Once a year		
Small FCC homes	Facility not inspected		
Large/group FCC homes	Once 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
<b>Child care center regulations</b>			
Kansas: Regulations for Licensing Preschools and Child Care Centers			2/26/1990
<b>Small FCC home regulations</b>			
Kansas Child Care Licensing and Registration Laws			7/1/2001

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REGULATIONS SUMMARY, CON.		
Regulations Title	Date	
<b>Large/group FCC home regulations</b>		
Regulations for Licensing Day Care Homes and Group Day Care Homes	2/26/1990	
<p><b>Note:</b> 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.</p>		
DEFINITION OF LICENSED FCC HOMES		
<b>Small FCC homes</b>		
Number of children allowed	1–6	
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	6	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	3 younger than 18 months	
<b>Large/Group FCC homes</b>		
Number of children allowed	7–12 (plus 4 SAC)	
Ratio of children to 1 provider	See notes**	
Provider’s own children counted	Yes	
CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS		
Age of Children	Child-Staff Ratio	Group Size
6 weeks	3:1	9
9 months	3:1	9
18 months	5:1	10
27 months	7:1	14
3 years	12:1	24
4 years	12:1	24
5 years	14:1	28
6 years	16:1	32
7 years	16:1	32
8–9 years	16:1	32
10 years and older	16:1	32

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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	
<b>Child care center staff</b>			
Director	CDA credential	5	
Master teacher	NR	NR	
Teacher	Observation in licensed preschools or child care centers	10	
Assistant teacher	No preservice qualifications	0	
Aide	NR	NR	
<b>Small FCC home providers</b>			
Provider	None	0	
Assistant provider	NR	NR	
<b>Large/Group FCC home providers</b>			
Provider	Observation in licensed centers or FCC homes	5	
Assistant provider	None	0	

**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

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**Notes:**

\* Other licensed facilities include school-age programs, drop-in programs, and child care resource and referral agencies. The state also reported that there were 62 child placement agencies in 2007.

\*\*In a licensed large/group FCC home serving 7–12 children, the maximum number of children is as follows:

License Capacity, One Adult	
Age of Children Enrolled	License Capacity
2½ years to 11 years	9
3 years to 11 years	10
Kindergarten-age to 11 years	12

License Capacity, Two Adults						
Max. Younger Than 18 Months	Max. 18 Months to Kindergarten-Age	Kindergarten-Age to 11 Years	License Capacity	Max. Younger Than 18 Months	Max. 18 Months to 2½ years	License Capacity
0	7	3	10	0	5	12
1	5	4	10			
2	4	3	9			

Kansas also licenses homes with 7–10 children. In these FCC homes, one provider may care for the following:

Max. Number Younger Than 18 months	Max. Number 18 Months to Kindergarten-Age	Kindergarten-Age to 11 Years	Total Maximum
0	7	3	10
1	5	4	10
2	4	3	9
3	3	2	8