

Early Learning Coalition of Escambia County State of Florida Mandated “Adult to Child” Ratios

Early Care and Education Centers

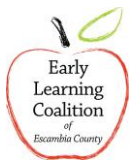
The following table outlines the minimum standards for the care of children in a licensed early care and education facility as established by rule of the department. When children two years of age, and older are in care, the staff-to-children ratio shall be based on the age group with the largest number of children within the group.

Adult to Child Ratio	State Statute 402.305 (4)
1:4	For children from birth through 1 year of age, there must be one personnel for every four children.
1:6	For children 1 year of age or older, but under 2 years of age, there must be personnel for every six children
1:11	For children 2 years of age or older, but under 3 years of age, there must be one personnel for every 11 children
1:15	For children 3 years of age or older, but under 4 years of age, there must be one personnel for every 15 children.
1:20	For children 4 years of age or older, but under 5 years of age, there must be personnel for every 20 children.
1:25	For children 5 years of age or older, there must be one for every 25 children.

Large Family Childcare Home

The following table outlines the different combinations that TWO family child care providers may care for at one time. This home can only meet one category (a. or b) at a time. However, he/she is not limited to one category on the Registration/license and may change to a different category at various times throughout the day or week. Both of the providers own children are included in the count (0-12yrs)

Infant - Toddlers (0-24 months old)	24 months - 12 Years old	Adult to Childcare Ratio	State Statute 402.302 (8)
8	0	2-8	A maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of age
7	1	2-8	
6	2	2-8	
5	3	2-8	
4	8	2-12	A maximum of 12 children, with no more than 4 children under 24 months of age
3	9	2-12	
2	10	2-12	
1	11	2-12	
0	12	2-12	



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Family Childcare Home

The following table outlines the different combinations that ONE family child care provider may care for at one time. A provider can meet only one category (a, b, c or d) at a time. However, he/she is not limited to one category on the registration/license and may change to a different category at various times throughout the day or week. Also, providers own children are included in the count (0-12yrs)

Infant (0-12 Months)	Preschool (13mos-5yrs)	School-Age (5yrs-12yrs)	Total	State Statute 402.302 (7)
4	0	0	1:4	a) A maximum of four children from birth to 12 months of age
3	3	0	1:6	b) A maximum of three children from birth to 12 months of age and other children for a maximum total of six children
3	2	1	1:6	c) A maximum of six preschool children If all are older than 12 months of age
3	1	2		
3	0	3		
2	4	0		
1	5	0		
0	6	0		
2	3	5	1:10	d) A maximum of 10 children if no more that five are preschool age and, of those five, not more than two are under 12 months of age
2	2	6		
2	1	7		
2	0	8		
1	4	5		
1	3	6		
1	2	7		
1	1	8		
1	0	9		
0	5	5		
0	4	6		
0	3	7		
0	2	8		
0	1	9		