The 2008 Child Care Licensing Study

California
State Profile

LICENSING AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION		
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NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES AND LICENSED CAPACITY		
Facility Type	**Number of Licensed Facilities**	**Licensed Capacity**
Child care centers	10,469	576,968
Small FCC homes	42,907	409,940
Large/Group FCC homes	*See notes	*See notes
Other types of licensed facilities*	4,671	191,594
Total	**58,047**	**1,178,502**

NUMBER OF LICENSING SUPERVISORS, STAFF, AND CASELOADS	
Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	53
Total number of full-time equivalent line staff	254
Estimated caseload ratio (i.e., number of facilities per line staff)	229:1

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	Nonexpiring license	Nonexpiring license	Nonexpiring license
• Announced			
• Unannounced			
Routine compliance	✓	✓	✓
• Announced			
• Unannounced	✓	✓	✓

FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS BY FACILITY TYPE	
Type	**Frequency**
Child care centers	Once every 5 years
Small FCC homes	Once every 3 years
Large/Group FCC homes	Once every 3 years

FREQUENCY OF LICENSE RENEWAL BY FACILITY TYPE	
Type	**Frequency**
Child care centers	Nonexpiring
Small FCC homes	Nonexpiring
Large/Group FCC homes	Nonexpiring

REGULATIONS SUMMARY	
Regulations Title	**Date**
Child care center regulations	
"Title 22, Division 12, Chapter 1: Child Care Center General Licensing Requirements," in *Manual of Policies and Procedures*	9/27/2006
Small FCC home regulations	
"Title 22, Division 12, Chapter 3: Family Child Care Homes," in *Manual of Policies and Procedures*	9/28/2006

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Regulations Title	**Date**
Large/Group FCC home regulations	
"Title 22, Division 12, Chapter 3: Family Child Care Homes," in *Manual of Policies and Procedures*	9/28/2006
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, 2008, to December 31, 2008. Regulations titles were also copied directly from this site.	

DEFINITION OF LICENSED FCC HOMES	
Small FCC homes**	
Number of children allowed	2–6 (plus 2 SAC)
Maximum number of children to 1 provider	8
Provider's own children counted	Yes, if younger than age 10
Maximum number of infants and toddlers to 1 provider	See notes
Large/Group FCC homes***	
Number of children allowed	Up to 12 (plus 2 SAC)
Ratio of children to 1 provider	8:1
Provider's own children counted	Yes, if younger than age 10

CHILD-STAFF RATIOS AND GROUP SIZE BY AGE OF CHILDREN FOR CHILD CARE CENTERS		
Age of Children	**Child-Staff Ratio**	**Group Size**
6 weeks	4:1	NR
9 months	4:1	NR
18 months	6:1	12
27 months	6:1	12
3 years	12:1	NR
4 years	12:1	NR
5 years	14:1	NR
6 years	14:1	NR
7 years	14:1	NR
8–9 years	14:1	NR
10 years and older	14:1	NR

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CRIMINAL BACKROUND 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	Credit hours in ECE	0
Master teacher	CDA and experience	0
Teacher	Regional occupation program certificate and clock hours in ECE	0
Assistant teacher	NR	0
Aide	Credit hours in ECE	0
Small FCC home providers		
Provider	Clock hours in preventive health practices	0
Assistant provider	NR	NR
Large/Group FCC home providers		
Provider	Clock hours in preventive health practices and experience	0
Assistant provider	NR	NR

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:
*The state did not separate the data for small FCC homes and large/group FCC homes. Other licensed facilities include infant centers, school-age child care programs, and child care centers for ill children.

**The state excludes child care from this type that is provided for the children of only one family. For small FCC homes, the maximum number of children for whom care shall be provided, including children younger than age 10 who live in the licensee's home, are as follows: four infants; six children, no more than three of whom may be infants; or eight children, if at least two of the children are at least 6 years of age, no more than two infants are cared for during any time when more than six children are cared for, and the licensee notifies each parent that there may be up to seven or eight children in the home at one time.

***Providers in large/group FCC homes may care for up to 14 children when at least 2 are at least 6 years of age, no more than 3 infants are in care, and the licensee notifies each parent that there may be up to 13 or 14 children in the home at one time.