

	Age of Child	Minimum Staff/Child Ratio	Maximum Group Size
Infant	Under 12 months	1:4	8
Young toddler (1 year old)	12 through 23 months	1:6	12
Older toddler (2 year old)	24 through 35 months	1:8	16
Young preschool child (3 year old)	36 through 47 months	1:10	20
Older preschool child (4 year old)	48 months or older and not yet attending kindergarten or higher	1:12	24
School-age child	Attending kindergarten or higher	1:15 ¹	30

¹ A licensee may apply for a variance from the minimum staff-to-child ratio to a staff-to-child ratio of 1:20 when a currently certified State of Delaware teacher is teaching school-age children in the teacher's area of certification. The licensee shall have and follow a plan to comply with the staff-to-child ratio of 1:15 when a certified teacher as described above is not present (such as during planned or unplanned absences, before and after care, etc.). A copy of the teacher's current certification and the licensee's plan for a teacher's absence must be submitted to OCCL with the Variance Request form. No variance from the maximum group size of 30 will be granted.