

TABLE 4.2 BRITISH COLUMBIA STAFF/CHILD AND GROUP SIZE RATIO IN LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTRES

Program	Maximum Group Size	Children per Group	Number of Employees for each Group
Group child care (0 to <36 months)	12 with a separate area designated for each group	≤4	1 infant toddler educator (ITE)
		5-8	1 ITE and 1 early childhood educator (ECE)
		9-12	1 ITE, 1 other ECE educator, and 1 ECE assistant
Group child care (30 months to school age)	25 with not more than 2 children <36 months in a single group	≤8	1 ECE
		9-16	1 ECE and 1 ECE assistant
		17-25	1 ECE and 2 ECE assistants
Preschool (30 months to school age)	20	≤10	1 ECE
		11-20	1 ECE and 1 ECE assistant
Group child care (school age)	24 if any child is in kindergarten or Grade 1	≤12	1 responsible adult
		13-4	2 responsible adults
	30 if no child is in kindergarten or Grade 1	≤15	1 responsible adult
		16-30	2 responsible adults
Family child care (if any child is <12 months)	7 with no more than 3 children <48 months; of those 3, no more than 1 child <12 months	≤7	the licensee (min. responsible adult)
Family child care (if no child is <12 months)	7 with no more than 4 children <48 months; of those 4, no more than 2 children <24 months	≤7	the licensee (minimally a responsible adult)
Occasional child care (if any child is <36 months)	16	≤4	1 responsible adult
		5-8	2 responsible adults
		9-12	3 responsible adults
		13-16	4 responsible adults
Occasional child care (if no child is <36 months)	20	≤8	1 responsible adult
		9-16	2 responsible adults
		17-20	3 responsible adults
Multi-age child care if any child is <12 months	8 with no more than 3 children <36 months; of those 3, no more than 1 child <12 months	≤8	1 ECE
Multi-age child care if no child is <12 months	8 with no more than 3 children <36 months	≤8	1 ECE
In-home multi-age child care if any child is <12 months	8 with no more than 3 children <36 months; of those 3, no more than 1 child <12 months	≤8	the licensee, who must be certified as an ECE
In-home multi-age child care if no child is <12 months	8 with no more than 3 children <36 months	≤8	the licensee, who must be certified as an ECE
Child-minding	24 with each child <12 months counted as 2.5 children, each child between 12 and 36 months counted as 2 children, and each child >36 months counted as 1 child	≤8	1 responsible adult
		9-17	2 responsible adults
		18-24	3 responsible adults

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