

TABLE 4.2 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR STAFF/CHILD RATIO AND GROUP SIZE IN LICENSED CHILD CARE^a

Age	Staff:Child Ratios	Max. Group Size	Minimum Caregiver Certification Required
0 to <24 months (Infant)	1:3	6	Level I – Infant Classification No Trainee Level Certification permitted for caregivers working with this age range.
Infant and toddler	1:3	6 (No children are 1 year or younger; not more than three children are 2 years or younger) ^b	Level I – Infant and Preschool Classification Where one or more children in the homeroom are 2 years old or younger, one caregiver must hold Level I – Infant Classification in addition to Level I – Preschool Classification. Where the group size exceeds three, the second caregiver may hold Trainee Level Certification
1 year and 6 months to <3 years (toddler)	1:5	10	Level I – Preschool Classification Where one or more children in the homeroom are 2 years old or younger, one caregiver must hold Level I – Infant Classification in addition to Level I – Preschool Classification. Where more than three children are 2 years or younger, the second caregiver must hold a Level I certification. The second caregiver may hold Trainee Level – Preschool where the group size exceeds five, and no more than three children are 2 years or younger.
Toddler and preschool	1:7	14 (No children are 2 years or younger; not more than four children are 3 years or younger) ^b	Level I – Preschool Classification Where the group size exceeds seven, the second caregiver may hold Trainee Level – Preschool Classification.
2 years and 9 months to <7 years (preschool)	1:8	16	Level I – Preschool Classification Where the group size exceeds eight, the second caregiver may hold Trainee Level – Preschool Classification
Preschool and younger school age	1:8	16 (No children are 3 years or younger; not more than four children are 5 years 9 months) ^b	Level I – Preschool and School-Age Classification Where the group size exceeds eight, the second caregiver may hold Trainee Level – Preschool and School-Age Classification.
4 years and 9 months to <7 years (younger school age)	1:12	24	Level I – School-Age Classification Where the group size exceeds 12, the second caregiver may hold Trainee Level – School-Age Classification.
Younger and older school age	1:15	30 (Not more than 12 children are 7 years or younger) ^b	Level I – School-Age Classification Where the group size exceeds 15, the second caregiver may hold Trainee Level – School-Age Classification.
6 years and 9 months to <13 years (older school age)	1:15	30	Level I – School-Age Classification Where the group size exceeds 15, the second caregiver may hold Trainee Level – School-Age Classification

a Government of Newfoundland and Labrador. Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Fact Sheet. Retrieved from: <https://www.gov.nl.ca/education/files/Early-Learning-Framework.pdf>
b Does not apply where the child care service is operated in a school under the Schools Act, 1997, for children of students who are enrolled in and attend the school – Regulation 53(9).

TABLE 4.2 NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR GROUP SIZE AND STAFF/CHILD IN LICENSED FAMILY HOMES^a (continued)

Age	Maximum Group size	Conditions	Requirements
Infant	3	All children are infants	Level I – Infant for a Family Home Service The provider’s own children in the infant, toddler, and preschool age range count toward the number of children participating in the child care service. Up to two of the provider’s own children in the younger or older school age shall not be counted toward the number of children participating.
Infant to older school age	5	No more than 2 infants and no more than 3 toddlers	Any Level – The provider’s own children in the infant, toddler, and preschool age range count toward the number of children participating. Up to two of the provider’s own children in the younger or older school age shall not be counted toward the number of children participating.
	6	No more than 2 infants and no more than 2 toddlers	
	7	No infants or toddlers	

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