

TABLE 4.2 ONTARIO STAFF/CHILD RATIO AND GROUP SIZE IN REGULATED CHILD CARE^a

Age	Staff:Child Ratio	Max. Group Size	
LICENSED CHILD CARE CENTRES (SCHEDULE 1)			
Infant (0 to <18 months)	3:10	10	
Toddler (18 to <30 months)	1:5	15	
Preschool (30 to <6 years)	1:8	24	
Kindergarten (44 months to <7 years)	1:13	26	
Primary/junior school age (68 months to <13 years)	1:15	30	
Junior school age (9 years to <13 years)	1:20	20	
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (SCHEDULE 3)			
	Staff:Child Ratio	Max. Group Size	Qualified Staff: Non-qualified Staff
2 to <6 years	1:4	4	1:1
6 to <13 years	1:3	3	1:1
FAMILY AGE GROUPS (SCHEDULE 4) ^b			
	Staff:Child Ratio		
<12 months	1:3		
12 to <24 months	1:4		
24 months <13 years	1:8		

a Government of Ontario. *O. Reg. 137/15: General under Child Care and Early Years Act, 2014, S.O. 2014, c. 11, Sched. 1 consolidated September 1, 2020*. Retrieved from: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/150137>

b The “family age grouping” (Schedule 4) for children 0-12 years allows children of different ages, whether or not from the same family, to be in the same group in the same play activity room. The family age group can have up to a maximum of 15 children with no more than 6 children under 2 years of age. Government of Ontario. Ministry of Education. *Ratios of Employees to Children, Age Grouping and Group Size (Child Care Centres)*. Retrieved from: <http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/earlyyears/ratios-of-employees-to-children-and-group-size.html>