

TABLE 4.2 NOVA SCOTIA GROUP SIZE AND STAFF/CHILD RATIO IN REGULATED CHILD CARE CENTRES

Age	Staff:Child Ratios	Maximum Group Size
Full-Day Program^a		
Infant (0 to 17 months)	1:4	10
Toddler (18 to 35 months)	1:6	18
Pre-schooler (36 months to <6 years)	1:8	24
Mixed ages	Ratio applies to youngest child	Maximum group size applies to youngest child
Part-Day Program^a		
Toddler older than 30 months	1:12	24
Pre-schooler	1:12	24
School-Age Program^a		
School-age only	1:15	30
School-age and fewer than 8 pre-primary children	1:15	30
School-age and 8 pre-primary children	1:12	30
Pre-primary children only	1:12	30
Family Home Day Care Program^a		
Any age	1:7	7
Infants ^b	1:3	3
School-age only	1:9	9

^a Government of Nova Scotia. *Licensee's Manual for Regulated Child Care Settings*. Retrieved from: https://www.ednet.ns.ca/earlyyears/documents/ccmanual/A-Main_Regs_Section.pdf

^b A care provider may care for a maximum of three infants at a time, including their own infants; if caring for three infants, the care provider must not have any other children in their care.