

**TABLE 4.2 PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND GROUP SIZE AND STAFF/CHILD RATIO
IN REGULATED CHILD CARE CENTRES^a**

Age	Staff:Child Indoor Ratio	Staff:Child Outdoor Ratio	Maximum Group Size
Infant (0 to 22 months)	1:3	1:3	6 ^b
Preschool (22 months to 3 years)	1:5	1:7	Not specified in legislation
Preschool (3 years to school entry)	1:10	1:15	Not specified in legislation
School age	1:15	1:22	Not specified in legislation

REGULATED FAMILY HOME CHILD CARE CENTRES^c

Age	Staff:Child Indoor Ratio	Staff:Child Outdoor Ratio	Ratio Maximum ^d
Infant (0 to 22 months)	1:3	1:3	8
Preschool (22 months to 3 years)	1:5	1:7	8
Preschool (3 years to school entry)	1:10	1:15	8
School age	1:15	1:22	8

^a Government of Prince Edward Island. Department of Education and Early Years. *Early Learning and Child Care Act Regulations*. Retrieved from: https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/sites/default/files/legislation/e.01g-early_learning_and_child_care_act_regulations.pdf

^b The maximum group size for infants in a licensed centre may exceed six infants for a period not exceeding 25 per cent of the time that the infants receive services in the centre daily, provided that the group includes preschool or school-age children. Proposed amendments to the *Early Learning and Child Care Act Regulations* have been made to increase infant maximum group size from 6 to 12. The Early Years Division hosted consultations with the early learning and child care sector during summer and fall of 2023. It is anticipated that the proposed amendments will be approved and will come into effect in late 2023.

^c Government of Prince Edward Island. Department of Education and Early Years. *Family Home Centre*. Retrieved from: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/family-home-centre-frequently-asked-questions>

^d A provider can care for up to eight children, aged infant to school-age, at any one time with the above ratios. As long as there are no more than eight children for a home, a licensed family home centre may have two caregivers to meet ratio numbers. To determine ratio maximums, see: <https://www.princeedwardisland.ca/en/information/education-and-lifelong-learning/family-home-centre-frequently-asked-questions>