

## Staff-To-Child Ratio Worksheet Group Child Care Centers

**Use of form:** Use of this form is voluntary. Group child care centers may use this form to determine the maximum number of children in a group and to ensure compliance with DCF 251.05(4). Please note that the staff-to-child ratio when swimming is different from the ratios presented on this form. The department's form DCF-F-2465 Staff-to-Child Ratio While Swimming Worksheet may be used to ensure compliance with DCF 251.07(12)(c)3. and 4.

**Instructions:** Add the number of children in each age group to column 2; multiply the numbers in column 2 by the numbers in column 3 to arrive at the numerical weight for each age group and add those weights to column 4. Add together all of the numbers in column 4 to get the total numerical weight of the group. Evaluate the total numbers of children in the group and the total numerical weight of the group to determine how many groups and how many staff are required.

Date – Calculations Completed (mm/dd/yyyy)	Time of Day (hh:mm) <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.	Name – Classroom
Name – Teacher		Hours worked (hh:mm) <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M. – <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.
Name – Second Teacher or Assistant Teacher		Hours worked (hh:mm) <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M. – <input type="checkbox"/> A.M. <input type="checkbox"/> P.M.

1 Age - Child	2 Number of Children in Age Group		3 Numerical Weight for Age Group		4 Weight in Age Group Column 2 x Column 3
* Birth to 2 years	_____	x	.25	=	_____
2 years	_____	x	.167	=	_____
2 ½ years	_____	x	.125	=	_____
3 years	_____	x	.10	=	_____
4 years	_____	x	.077	=	_____
** 5 years	_____	x	.059	=	_____
** 6 years and over	_____	x	.056	=	_____
Total number of children in the group		_____		Total numerical weight of the group	
_____		_____		_____	

**Ratio:** One staff member is required for a group of children whose total numerical weight equals 1.04 or less. Any total numerical weight below .05 is considered statistically insignificant and should be dropped. For example, if the total numerical weight is 1.05 or above, two staff persons are required; however, if the total numerical weight is 1.04, drop the .04 and only one staff member is required.

**Group:** Per DCF 251.05(4)(h), the number of children in a group may not exceed the maximum number of children that can be cared for by 2 staff members as determined by the staff-to-child ratio formula. \*Per 251.05 (4)(g), when infants and toddlers are part of a group, the maximum group size may not exceed 8. \*\*If the group is made up of all school-age children (age 5 and above), the maximum group size may not exceed 36.

SIGNATURE – Person Completing Form	Date Signed
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### EXAMPLES

<b>Group 1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 children age 4 years    x    .077    =    .231</li> <li>• 16 children age 5 years    x    .059    =    .944</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Total numerical weight of Group 1    <b>1.175</b></p>	<p><b>Ratio:</b> The total numerical weight of the group is greater than 1.04, so 2 child care workers are required.</p> <p><b>Group:</b> No more than 2 child care workers are required, and no infants or toddlers are included, so 1 group is fine.</p>
<b>Group 2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 child age 1 year    x    .25    =    .25</li> <li>• 1 child age 2 years    x    .167    =    .167</li> <li>• 5 children age 2 ½ years    x    .125    =    .625</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Total numerical weight of Group 2    <b>1.042</b></p>	<p><b>Ratio:</b> The total numerical weight of the group does not exceed 1.04, so 1 child care worker is required.</p> <p><b>Group:</b> No more than 2 child care workers are required, and the group, which includes infants / toddlers, does not exceed 8, so 1 group is fine.</p>
<b>Group 3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14 children age 3 years    x    .10    =    1.40</li> <li>• 10 children age 4 years    x    .077    =    .77</li> <li>• 3 children age 5 years    x    .059    =    .177</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: right;">Total numerical weight of Group 3    <b>2.347</b></p>	<p><b>Ratio:</b> The total numerical weight of the group is greater than 2.04, so 3 child care workers are required.</p> <p><b>Group:</b> More than 2 child care workers are required, so Group 3 will need to be split into 2 separate groups of children.</p>