



DAYCARE

ADULT TO CHILD RATIOS



Children's Age in Months



0 to 12
months



12 to 24
months



24 to 36
months



36 to 48
months



Over 48
months

Ratio of Adults to Children

Staff to Child Ratio: The number of children for whom each provider is responsible. A 1:3 ratio requires one adult to supervise no more than 3 children



1 adult
to **3 children**



2 adults
to **8 children**



1 adult
to **3 children**



2 adults
to **10 children**



3 adults
to **12 children**



1 adult
to **4 children**



2 adults
to **14 children**



1 adult
to **5 children**



2 adults
to **20 children**



1 adult
to **8 children**



2 adults
to **24 children**

Number of Children / Group Size

Group size: The total number of children assigned to one or more provider and occupy a well defined space or self-contained classroom

max group size

8

max group size

12

max group size

14

max group size

20

max group size

24

When Child to Staff Ratio and Group Sizes are maintained...

- Caregivers can provide children with appropriate levels of supervision
- The health, safety, and overall development of children are optimised
- Caregivers can attend to the unique needs of the child
- Caregivers can respond promptly and adequately in cases of emergency
- Children feel safe, secure, and comfortable to explore their environment
- Ongoing safety and sanitation routines can be adequately followed



In addition to group sizes and ratios, the day care centre must also consider the following requirements:

- 25 sq.ft. per child of usable indoor space (i.e. not the kitchen, bathrooms, etc.)
- 50 sq. ft. per child of outdoor space
- One flush toilet and wash basin for every 15 children
- One potty for each child being trained
- Class Ratios and group size are based on the youngest child.