



## Number of Licensed Child Care Facilities in 2011

State child care licensing regulations and monitoring and enforcement policies help provide a baseline of protection for the health and safety of children in out-of-home care. Licensing helps prevent various forms of harm to children—risks from the spread of disease, fire and other building safety hazards, injury, and developmental impairment from the lack of healthy relationships with adults, adequate supervision, and/or developmentally appropriate activities.

Licensing is a process administered by state governments that sets a baseline of requirements below which it is illegal for facilities to operate. States have regulations that include the requirements facilities must comply with and policies to support the enforcement of those regulations. This table categorizes the types of child care settings using the following definitions from the Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Final Rule<sup>1</sup> are used:

- **Child care centers** are defined as child care services for fewer than 24 hours per day per child in a non-residential setting, unless care in excess of 24 hours is due to the nature of the parent(s)' work.
- **Family child care homes (FCCH)** are defined as one individual who provides child care services for fewer than 24 hours per day, as the sole caregiver, in a private residence other than the child's residence, unless care in excess of 24 hours is due to the nature of the parent(s)'s work.
- **Group child care homes (GCCH)** are defined as two or more individuals who provide child care services for fewer than 24 hours per day per child, in a private residence other than the child's residence, unless care in excess of 24 hours is due to the nature of the parent(s)' work.

The following table provides information about the number of licensed child care facilities in the United States in 2011. This information was compiled from the *National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) Licensing Programs and Policies Survey for 2011*. This study of licensing requirements was conducted as a joint effort between the Office of Child Care's National Center on Child Care Quality Improvement (NCCCQI) and the National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA).

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State	Child Care Centers	FCCH	GCCH	Total Child Care Homes	Other Facilities <sup>2</sup>	Total for State
AK	222	278	89	367	0	589
AL	1,095	814	330	1,144	0	2,239
AR*	2,022	590	No category (NC)	590	41	2,653
AZ*	2,215	NC	359	359	0	2,574

<sup>1</sup> "Part 98 Child Care and Development Fund" in *Title 45 Public Welfare and Human Services* is available at <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/CFR-2011-title45-vol1/pdf/CFR-2011-title45-vol1-part98.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> Other licensed facilities reported by States include part-day preschools and nursery schools, school-age care facilities, registered FCCH, Head Start programs, child placing agencies, residential facilities, and others.

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CA*	10,634	37,924	(See notes)	37,924	4,415	52,973
CO	2,100	3,576	290	3,866	318	6,284
CT	1,521	2,672	32	2,704	0	4,225
DC*	330	191	NC	191	0	521
DE	446	918	76	994	57	1,497
FL	6,751	3,327	412	3,739	1	10,491
GA	3,082	2,997	251	3,248	0	6,330
HI	577	519	8	527	0	1,104
IA	1,544	1,670	2,969	4,639	0	6,183
ID*	Not licensed (NL)	NL	NL	NL	NL	NL
IL	2,909	8,793	669	9,462	2,382	14,753
IN*	605	NC	3,053	3,053	704	4,362
KS*	878	NC	5,556	5,556	2,913	9,347
KY*	2,249	675	NC	675	139	3,063
LA*	1,784	NL	NL	NL	0	1,784
MA*	2,971	8,210	NC	8,210	0	11,181
MD*	2,515	7,978	NC	7,978	211	10,704
ME*	643	1,323	NC	1,323	92	2,058
MI	4,850	6,888	3,397	10,285	0	15,135
MN	1,555	2,199	10,276	12,475	0	14,030
MO	2,039	1,562	173	1,735	584	4,358
MS	1,635	21	56	77	0	1,712
MT	248	398	478	876	0	1,124
NC*	4,794	3,098	NC	3,098	0	7,892
ND	111	370	833	1,203	122	1,436
NE	983	2,183	704	2,887	224	4,094
NH	787	147	121	268	32	1,087
NJ*	4,160	NL	NL	NL	0	4,160
NM	719	141	176	317	0	1,036
NV	376	473	23	496	93	965
NY	4,089	6,810	7,789	14,599	2,570	21,258

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OH*	4,125	NC	247	247	0	4,372
OK	1,741	1,597	941	2,538	0	4,279
OR	1,051	2,919	625	3,544	0	4,595
PA	4,617	3,080	847	3,927	0	8,544
RI	428	670	10	680	0	1,108
SC	1,601	1,413	165	1,578	0	3,179
SD*	198	NC	72	72	153	423
TN	2,102	641	585	1,226	11	3,339
TX	9,519	6,302	1,743	8,045	9,519	27,083
UT*	291	1,006	(See notes)	1,006	19	1,316
VA	2,504	NC	1,599	1,599	0	4,103
VT*	661	956	NC	956	0	1,617
WA*	2,038	4,841	NC	4,841	0	6,879
WI*	2,361	2,254	NC	2,254	71	4,686
WV	348	2,075	113	2,188	133	2,669
WY	262	422	176	598	0	860
<b>Total</b>	<b>107,286</b>	<b>134,920</b>	<b>45,244</b>	<b>180,164</b>	<b>24,804</b>	<b>312,254</b>

**\*State Notes:**

These notes were compiled during the analysis of the *NARA Licensing Programs and Policies Survey for 2011*. Additional information is available in the States' regulations posted on the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education (NRC) Web site at <http://nrckids.org/index.cfm/resources/state-licensing-and-regulation-information/>

**Arizona, Indiana, Kansas, Ohio, South Dakota, and Virginia** do not license a category of FCCHs as defined by the CCDF Final Rule. States are labeled as No Category (NC) on the table.

**Arkansas, District of Columbia, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Vermont, Washington, and Wisconsin** do not license a category of GCCHs as defined by the CCDF Final Rule. States are labeled as No Category (NC) on the table.

**Idaho, Louisiana, and New Jersey** do not have mandatory licensing requirements for home-based providers. States are labeled as Not Licensed (NL) on the table.

**California:** The number of child care homes includes both FCCHs and GCCHs.

**New Jersey:** The State also reported 2,431 voluntarily registered homes. Home-based providers are not required to be registered or licensed in NJ. The State has a subcontract with private nonprofit agencies to conduct the registration and inspection of homes.

**South Dakota:** The State also reported 868 FCCHs that have voluntarily chosen to register. Home-based providers caring for 12 or fewer children are not required to be registered or licensed in South Dakota.

**Utah:** The number of child care homes includes both FCCHs and GCCHs.

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