Staff-to-Child Ratios

Florida Statutes require child care providers not exceed the following staff-to-child ratios (Note: Some counties may have more restrictive ratios than those required by the state.)

For licensed child care facilities:

Children under 12 months:	1 to 4
Children age 12 to 23 months:	1 to 6
Children age 24 to 35 months:	1 to 11
Children age 36 to 47 months:	1 to 15
Children age 48 months to 59 months:	1 to 20
Children age 60 months (5 years old) or older:	1 to 25

A family child care provider may care for one of the following groups of children:

1 to 4:   from birth to 12 months of age

1 to 6:   if no more than three are under 12 months

1 to 10:   as long as at least five children are school-age and no more than two are under 12 month age

2 to 8:   if more than 4 children under 24 months old

2 to 12:   if no more than 4 children are under 24 months old

FL Child-to-Adult Ratios for Child Care
Registered and Licensed FCC Homes* – Effective 1/1/97

Ratio clarification chart is on left. The Florida law (Chapter 402) in boxes on right for **both registered and licensed FCC homes**. Provider's own children are included in the count (0-12yrs) *15 counties require a license: Brevard, Broward, Clay, Duval, Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Nassau, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota, and St. John's. *Palm Beach and Pinellas counties each have their own separate ratio rules.*

Infant (0-11 mos.)	Preschool (12mos-5yr+)	School Age (in K & older)	Total
4	0	0	4
3	3	0	6
3	2	1	6
3	1	2	6
3	0	3	6
2	4	0	6
1	5	0	6
0	6	0	6
2	3	5	10
2	2	6	10
2	1	7	10
2	0	8	10
1	4	5	10
1	3	6	10
1	2	7	10
1	1	8	10
1	0	9	10
0	5	5	10
0	4	6	10
0	3	7	10
0	1	9	10
0	2	8	10
0	1	9	10
0	0	10	10

a) A maximum of four children from birth to 12 months of age

b) A maximum of three children from birth to 12 months of age, and other children, for a maximum total of six children
c) A maximum of six preschool children if all are older than 12 months of age

d) A maximum of 10 children if no more than five are preschool age and, of those five, no more than two are under 12 months

VPK in FCC Homes – Effective Fall 2005
VPK 1:6 (minimum of 4 children 4yrs old by Sept.1)

VPK homes must be licensed and providers must have their CDA and Director credentials and be approved by their local Early Learning Coalition to offer the VPK program.

A provider can meet only **one** category (a, b, c, or d) at a time. However, he/she is not limited to one category on the registration or license and may change to a different category at various times throughout the day or week.

LARGE FAMILY CHILD CARE HOMES - Effective 1/1/00

Ratios are for **licensed large** FCC homes with **2 providers present** (one must have a staff credential - CDA or FCCPC) caring for the children. The providers own children are included in the count (0-12 yrs).

VPK 2:12

Infants & Toddlers (0 - 23 months)	Preschool & School-Age (24 months and older)	Total
8	0	8
7	1	8
6	2	8
5	3	8
4	8	12
3	9	12
2	10	12
1	11	12
0	12	12

a) A maximum of 8 children from birth to 24 months of age

b) A maximum of 12 children, with no more than 4 children under 24 months of age

Child Care Centers - Staff to Child Ratio

0-11 mos. 1:4   1 year 1:6   2 years 1:11   3 years 1:15   4 years 1:20   5 yrs & older 1:25
VPK 1:11 or 2:20 (effective fall 2011)

402.305 (4)(a)(7) When children 2 years of age and older are in care, the staff-to-child ratio shall be based on the age group with the largest number of children within the group.