



# 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.