

Group Size & Adult/Child Ratios for Head Start, Early Head Start, Home-Based & Family Child Care

Program Option	Age of Children	Group Size	Adult/Child Ratio / Case Load	Reference
Center Based	0-3 years	8	1 Teacher for every 4 children	1304.52(g)(4)
Center Based	4-5 years	17 - 20 children, with a maximum of 20 children enrolled in any one class.	2 paid staff people per class – Teacher and Teacher Aide, or Two Teachers. When possible an additional volunteer will be present in the classroom	1306.32(a)class size 1306.20 (c)and (e)ratios
	3 years	15 - 17 children, with a maximum of 17 children enrolled in any one class.		
Center Based – Double Session	3 years	13 - 15 children. With a maximum of 15 children		
Home Based	0-5 years	Individual Family Home visits – 1.5 hour minimum visit per week Group Socialization- 2 group socializations per month	Case Load of 10-12 children with a maximum of 12	1306.33(a)
Family Childcare	0-5 years	With one Child Care Provider: *Maximum group size = 6 with no more than 2 children under the age of 2 With two Child Care Providers (one Provider and one Assistant): *Maximum group size= 12 with no more than 4 children under the age of 2	Child Care Provider’s own children under the age of 6 must be counted in the ratio when they are in the home.	1306.20(g)
	Infants and Toddlers	One Child Care Provider may care for 4 infants and toddlers with no more than 2 under the age of 18 months		