

Colorado State Regulations for Staff:
Child Ratios in Child Care Centers

(Please note that the National Association for the Education of Young Children recommends a higher ratio of adults to children than Colorado requires. Studies have shown that group size has the most consistent positive effect on children's behavior and development. For further information, call the Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children)

Ages of Children	Number of Staff
6 weeks to 18 months (infants).....	1 staff member to 5 infants
12 months to 36 months.....	1 staff member to 5 toddlers
24 months to 26 months.....	1 staff member to 7 toddlers
2 ½ years to 3 years.....	1 staff member to 8 children
3 years to 4 years.....	1 staff member to 10 children
4 years to 5 years.....	1 staff member to 12 children
5 years and older.....	1 staff member to 15 children
Mixed age group 2 to 6 years.....	1 staff member to 10 children