



Age Group Definitions Minnesota Statutes 245A.02, subd. 19

Family and Group Child Care

"Newborn" means a child between birth and six weeks old.

"Infant" means a child who is at least six weeks old but less than 12 months old.

"Toddler" means a child who is at least 12 months old but less than 24 months old for family and group family child care (Class A and C 1, C 2, C 3). For specialized infant and toddler family and specialized group family child care (Class B 1, B 2 and D) a toddler means a child who is at least 12 months old but less than 30 months old.

CLASS	DEFINITION
A	12 months to less than 24 months
C1	12 months to less than 24 months
C2	12 months to less than 24 months
C3	12 months to less than 24 months
D	12 months to less than 30 months
B1	12 months to less than 30 months
B2	12 months to less than 30 months

"Preschooler" means a child who is at least 24 months old up to school age.

"School age" means a child who is at least five years of age, but is younger than 11 years of age.

Minnesota Rules, part 9502.0367 Child/Adult Ratios; Age Distribution Restrictions.

A. Family Day Care:			
Child/Adult Ratio		Age Restrictions	
Licensed Capacity	Adults	Total children under school age	Total infants and toddlers
10	1	6	Of the total children under school age, a combined total of no more than 3 shall be infants and toddlers. Of this total, no more than 2 shall be infants.
B. (1) Specialized Infant and Toddler Family Day Care:			
Child/Adult Ratio		Age Restrictions	
Licensed Capacity	Adults	Total children under school age	Total infants and toddlers
5	1	3	No more than 3 shall be infants.
B. (2) Specialized Infant and Toddler Family Day Care:			
Child/Adult Ratio		Age Restrictions	
Licensed Capacity	Adults	Total children under school age	Total infants and toddlers
6	1	4	No more than 2 shall be infants
C. (1) Group Family Day Care:			
Child/Adult Ratio		Age Restrictions	
Licensed Capacity	Adults	Total children under school age	Total infants and toddlers
10	1	8	Of the total children under school age, no more than 3 shall be infants and toddlers. Of this total, no more than 2 shall be infants.
C. (2) Group Family Day Care:			
Child/Adult Ratio		Age Restrictions	
Licensed Capacity	Adults	Total children under school age	Total infants and toddlers
12	1	10	Of the total children under school age, no more than 2 shall be infants and toddlers. Of this total, no more than 1 shall be an infant.
C. (3) Group Family Day Care:			
Child/Adult Ratio		Age Restrictions	
Licensed Capacity	Adults	Total children under school age	Total infants and toddlers
14	2 A helper may be used in place of a second adult caregiver when there is no more than 1 infant or toddler present.	10	Of the total children under school age, a combined total of no more than 4 shall be infants and toddlers. Of this total, no more than 3 shall be infants.
D. Specialized Infant and Toddler Group Family Day Care:*			
Child/Adult Ratio		Age Restrictions	
Licensed Capacity	Adults	Total children under school age	Total infants and toddlers
9	2 Both caregivers shall be adults.	7	Of the total children, no more than 4 shall be infants.

*Class D may operate as a class B on days that only one caregiver is present.

Daycare Capacity:

Class A License: 1 Adult, 10 Children (6 under school age)

INFANTS 6 wks to 12 mos.	TODDLERS 12 mos to 24 mos	PRESCHOOLER 24 mos to 5 years	SCHOOL AGE 5 years to 11 years
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Class C1 License: 1 Adult, 10 children (8 under school age) (can also operate as an A)

INFANTS 6 wks to 12 mos.	TODDLERS 12 mos to 24 mos	PRESCHOOLER 24 mos to 5 years	SCHOOL AGE 5 years to 11 years
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Class C2 License: 1 adult, 12 children (10 under school age) (can also operate as a C1 or A)

INFANTS 6 wks to 12 mos.	TODDLERS 12 mos to 24 mos	PRESCHOOLER 24 mos to 5 years	SCHOOL AGE 5 years to 11 years
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Class C3 License: 2 adults, 14 children (10 under school age) (Can also operate as a C2, C1 or A when only 1 adult is present)

INFANTS 6 wks to 12 mos.	TODDLERS 12 mos to 24 mos	PRESCHOOLER 24 mos to 5 years	SCHOOL AGE 5 years to 11 years
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Class C3 License: 1 adult, 1 teenage helper, 14 children (10 under school age). Helper will not be left alone to supervise children under school age! (Can also operate as a C2, C1 or A when helper is not present)

INFANTS 6 wks to 12 mos.	TODDLERS 12 mos to 24 mos	PRESCHOOLER 24 mos to 5 years	SCHOOL AGE 5 years to 11 years
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