

## HOW MANY EDUCATORS SHOULD THERE BE IN A CHILD CARE SERVICE?

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Research shows young children benefit when their educators are suitably qualified and able to provide individual care and attention. Higher educator to child ratios allow educators to create more caring and meaningful relationships with children.

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### Long day care, kindergarten and preschool ratios:



From birth to 2 years

**1:4**

1 educator for every 4 children



Older than 2 and younger than 3 years

**1:5**

1 educator for every 5 children



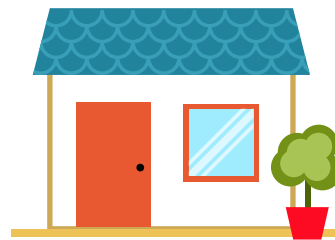
Older than 3 years

**1:11**

1 educator for every 11 children

### Family day care services ratios:

**1:7**



1 educator for every 7 children\*  
(no more than 4 children of before school age)

\*includes the educator's own children and any other children at the residence under 13 years of age

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Services in some states and territories may have higher educator to child ratios.  
Speak to your child's service to find out what ratio applies to them.