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Threshold of Licensed Family Child Care (June 2007)

When do States begin licensing family child care? Forty-one States allow some number of children to be in family child care that is not covered by licensing.

1 Child	2 Children	3 Children	4 Children	5 Children	6 Children	7 Children	13 Children	Not Licensed
								
AL CT DE DC KS MD MA MI OK WA	CA* CO* FL* MN* SC*	GA HI ME MT NY NC VT* WY*	IL* KY NE NH ND OR* PA RI TX WV WI	AK AZ MO NV NM TN UT	AR IA IN MS VA	OH	SD	ID LA NJ
TOTAL NUMBER								
10	5	8	11	7	5	1	1	3

Source: Data compiled by NCCIC from child care licensing regulations posted on the National Resource Center for Health and Safety in Child Care and Early Education Web site at <http://nrc.uchsc.edu/STATES/states.htm> on June 14, 2007.

Endnotes:

For the purposes of this document, a **licensed** program is required to have permission from the State to operate and must meet specified family child care standards. Some States may call their regulatory processes **certification** or **registration**; the term **licensed** is used to represent all regulatory processes. Several States have county or city licensing regulations that may supersede State requirements; this table does not include such regulations.

*These States exclude child care that is provided for the children of only 1 family. Vermont excludes child care that is provided for the children of 1 or 2 families.

Texas: Family child care homes that care for 1 to 3 children must be listed with the State.

North Dakota: Homes must be licensed if they care for 4 or more children ages 24 months and under or 6 or more children at one time.

Idaho: State has a licensing law, but licensing it is not required. Voluntary licensing is available for small and large family child care homes.

Louisiana: Any place or facility that cares for 7 or more children is considered a *center* and is required to follow the State's child care center licensing regulations.

New Jersey: Programs serving 6 or more children under the age of 13 are licensed as centers.

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