

California Family Child Care Staffing Ratio and Capacity

The capacity specified on the license is the maximum number of children for whom care can be provided.

Small Family Child Care – License for 6	Small Family Child Care – License for 8
The maximum number of children for whom care may be provided in a small family child care licensed for 6, including children under age 10 who live in the licensee's home, is: * Four infants; or * Six children, no more than three of whom may be infants NOTE: An infant is any child under the age of 2 years old	A small family day care home may provide care for up to eight children, without an additional adult present, if all of the following conditions are met: * At least two of the children are at least six years of age. * No more than two infants are cared for during any time when more than six children are cared for. * The licensee notifies each parent that the facility is caring for two additional school-age children and that there may be up to seven or eight children in the home at one time. * The licensee obtains the written consent of the property owner when the family day care home is operated on property that is leased or rented.
Large Family Child Care – License for 12	Large Family Child Care – License for 14
The maximum number of children for whom care may be provided, with an assistant present, in a large family child care licensed for 12, including children under age 10 who live in the licensee's home and/or the assistant's children , is: * Twelve children, no more than four of whom may be infants	A large family day care home may provide care for up to 14 children, with an assistant present, if all of the following conditions are met: * At least two of the children are at least six years of age. * No more than three infants are cared for during any time when more than 12 children are being cared for. * The licensee notifies a parent that the facility is caring for two additional school-age children and that there may be up to 13 or 14 children in the home at one time. * The licensee obtains the written consent of the property owner when the family day care home is operated on property that is leased or rented.

The facility's license should be posed in a prominent place. If you don't see it ask!