

# 2005 Child Care Licensing Study Iowa

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## STATE LICENSING AGENCY



LICENSING AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION		
<b>Agency name:</b> Iowa Department of Human Services		
<b>Address:</b> 1305 East Walnut Street, 5 <sup>th</sup> floor		
<b>City:</b> Des Moines	<b>State:</b> IA	<b>Zip:</b> 50319-0114
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<b>Web site:</b> <a href="http://www.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs2005/dhs_homepage/children_family/licensing/licensing.html">www.dhs.state.ia.us/dhs2005/dhs_homepage/children_family/licensing/licensing.html</a>		

## NUMBER OF LICENSED FACILITIES



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Child care centers	1,495
Small family child care homes	2,754
Large/group family child care homes	3,439
<i>Other types of licensed facilities:</i>	0
<b>Total number of licensed facilities</b>	<b>7,688</b>
<b>Data notes:</b>	

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LICENSED CAPACITY	
Child care centers	80,542
Small family child care homes	22,002
Large/group family child care homes	156,292
<i>Other types of licensed facilities:</i>	0
<b>Total licensed capacity</b>	<b>258,836</b>
<b>Data notes:</b> N/A	

## LICENSING STAFF



LICENSING LINE STAFF ASSIGNMENT	
<b>Line staff assignments to inspect child care facilities:</b>	
Assigned to inspect only child care centers	✓
Assigned to inspect only family child care homes	✓
Assigned to inspect both centers and family child care homes	
Assigned to inspect child care facilities and other human service programs for children	
Assigned to inspect child care facilities and other human service programs for children and/or adults	
Assignments vary by county or area of the state	
Assigned specifically to conduct complaint investigations	✓
<i>Other type of assignment:</i>	
<b>Data notes:</b>	

## NUMBER OF LICENSING STAFF



NUMBER OF LINE STAFF	
<b>Total number of full-time equivalent line staff</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Data notes:</b>	

LINE STAFF ESTIMATED CASELOAD	
<b>Estimated caseload ratio (number of facilities per staff)</b>	<b>591:1</b>
<b>Data notes:</b> The caseload was calculated by NARA/NCCIC by dividing the total number of licensed programs by the total number of licensing line staff.	

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NUMBER OF SUPERVISORS	
Total number of full-time equivalent licensing supervisors	1
Data notes:	

## TYPES OF INSPECTIONS



Type of Inspection Conducted	Child Care Centers	Small Family Child Care Homes	Large/Group Family Child Care Homes
<b>Prior to issuing a license</b>	✓		
• Announced	✓		
• Unannounced	✓		
Data notes:			
<b>License renewal</b>	✓		
• Announced	✓		
• Unannounced	✓		
Data notes:			
<b>Routine compliance</b>	✓		
• Announced	✓		
• Unannounced	✓		
Data notes:			

## FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS



FREQUENCY OF REQUIRED INSPECTION VISITS	
Type of Facility	Frequency of Inspection Visits
Child care centers	Once a year
Small family child care homes	Less than once every 3 years
Large/group family child care homes	Less than once every 3 years
<i>Other frequency of inspection:</i>	
Data notes:	

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## FREQUENCY OF LICENSING



LENGTH OF LICENSE	
Type of Facility	Length of License
Child care centers	2 years
Small family child care homes	2 years
Large/group family child care homes	2 years
<i>Other length of license:</i>	
<b>Data notes:</b>	

## INSPECTIONS AND MONITORING



FULL COMPLIANCE REVIEW	
Type of Facility	Frequency of Full Compliance Review
Child care centers	Once every 2 years
Small family child care homes	Less than once every 3 years
Large/group family child care homes	Less than once every 3 years
<b>Data notes:</b>	

ABBREVIATED COMPLIANCE FORM	
<i>(Note: An abbreviated compliance form is a tool used during inspections that has an abbreviated list of the requirements on it, not all requirements. Sometimes called an "indicator checklist.")</i>	
Abbreviated compliance form used for inspections	
Child care centers	Yes
<i>Use of form described:</i> complaints, unannounced visits that are not licensing renewal visits	
Small family child care homes	Yes
<i>Use of form described:</i> complaints	
Large/group family child care homes	Yes
<i>Use of form described:</i> complaints	
<b>Data notes:</b>	
State has policies on when to switch from abbreviated compliance review to a full compliance review	
Child care centers	Yes
Small family child care homes	Yes
Large/group family child care homes	Yes

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