Iowa Child Care Providers

Three types of child care providers are regulated in Iowa: licensed centers, child development homes, and child care homes (homes serving more than five children are required to register). The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) performs background checks, minimum health and safety training, and completes annual monitoring visits to all child development homes.

Ratio of Children Under Age Five Per Child Care Provider

1:47 Statewide Ratio

Child Care Provider Capacity Per Child Under Age Five

0.8 Statewide Capacity

Capacity Per Child

For more information, visit the DHS Dashboard on Child Care. To view an interactive map of child care providers by availability, click here.

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Registered Child Care Provider Types by Capacity

Number of Registered Child Care Providers

Click here for more information on provider types.