

These are the types of child care in BC

<i>Type of Care</i>	<i>Maximum Number of Children in Care</i>
License-Not-Required (LNR) Family Child Care Registered License-Not-Required (RLNR) Family Child Care	2 children or a sibling group, other than the care provider's own children (birth up to and including age 12) 2 children or a sibling group, other than the care provider's own children. Registered with the Child Care Resource & Referral Program (birth up to and including age 12)
Licensed Family Child Care (LFCC)	7 children including the care provider's own children under the age of 12. No more than: 3 children younger than 48 months old and, of those 3, no more than one child younger than 12 months old or 4 children younger than 48 months old and, of those 4, no more than 2 children younger than 24 months old.
Licensed Group Child Care	Not more than 12 in a group (children under 3 years of age), with a 1:4 ratio
Licensed Group Child Care	Not more than 25 in a group (children 30 months to school age), with a 1:8 ratio
School Age Child Care	Not more than 20 to 25 children in a group (kindergarten up to and including age 12), with a 1:12 ratio
Preschool	Not more than 20 children in a group (30 months to school age) care for not more than 4 hours per day, with a 1:10 ratio
Multi-Age Child Care	Provision of care to children of various ages in a group setting child care setting of various ages to a maximum of 8 children
In-Home Multi-Age Child Care	Provision of care in licensed family setting to children of various ages to a maximum of 8 children
In Child's Own Home	Care in the child's own home. Children in the family.

The provision of care to three or more children who are not related to the care provider and are not a sibling group requires a **Community Care Facilities License** (see [Community Care Facilities Licensing](#) and [Resources for Families & Providers](#)). If a person or facility providing child care is *not* in compliance with these Child Care Regulations, they are operating **illegally**. The [Community Care Facilities Branch](#), Ministry of Healthy Living and Sport, is responsible for the development and implementation of legislation, policy and guidelines to protect the health and safety of persons being cared for in licensed facilities

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