

Teacher/Child Ratios

Bulletin 140 states that publicly-funded sites must maintain teacher/child ratios that are at or better than the minimum standards required in [Bulletin 137 – The Louisiana Licensing Early Learning Center Licensing Standards](#).

To achieve a **gold** rating, Type III early learning sites must utilize the following group sizes:

Gold Ratios

GOLD	Age	Teacher/Child Ratios	Maximum Group Size
	Birth to 1-year-olds	1:4	8 children
	1-year-olds to 2-year-olds	1:4	8 children
	2-year-olds to 3-year-olds	1:6	12 children
	3-year-olds to 4-year-olds	1:8	16 children
	4-year-olds to 5-year-olds	1:10	20 children

To achieve a **silver** rating, Type III early learning sites must utilize the following group sizes:

Silver Ratios

SILVER	Age	Teacher/Child Ratios	Maximum Group Size
	Birth to 1-year-olds	1:4	8 children
	1-year-olds to 2-year-olds	1:6	12 children
	2-year-olds to 3-year-olds	1:8	16 children
	3-year-olds to 4-year-olds	1:10	20 children
	4-year-olds to 5-year-olds	1:12	24 children

To achieve a **bronze** rating, Type III early learning sites must utilize the following group sizes:

Bronze Ratios

BRONZE	Age	Teacher/Child Ratios	Maximum Group Size
	Birth to 1-year-olds	1:5	15 children
	1-year-olds	1:7	21 children
	2-year-olds	1:10	20 children
	3-year-olds	1:13	26 children
	4-year-olds	1:15	30 children
5-year-olds	1:19	38 children	

For family childcare, if any children in care are 24 months old or younger, the maximum child-to-teacher ratio shall be 1:4 (gold), 1:5 (silver) or 1:6 (bronze).