

Findings from...

The 2005 Child Care Licensing Study

The 2005 Child Care Licensing Study was produced by the National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA) and the National Child Care Information and Technical Assistance Center (NCCIC).

**Table F:
Frequency of Full Compliance Reviews in 2005**

State	Frequency of Full Compliance Reviews		
	Child Care Centers	Small Family Child Care Homes	Large/Group Family Child Care Homes
Alabama	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years
Alaska	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years
Arizona	Once every 3 years	Once every 3 years	Once every 3 years
Arkansas	Once a year	Once a year	NC
California	Once every 5 years if no compliance issues	Once every 5 years if no compliance issues	Once every 5 years if no compliance issues
Colorado	At original licensure and time of renewal; sometimes at a supervisory visit on a risk-based schedule varying between once a month to once every 3 years	At original licensure and time of renewal; sometimes at a supervisory visit on a risk-based schedule varying between once a month to once every 3 years	At original licensure and time of renewal; sometimes at a supervisory visit on a risk-based schedule varying between once a month to once every 3 years
Connecticut	Once every 2 years	Once every 3 years	Once every 2 years
Delaware*	Once a year	Once a year	Once a year
District of Columbia	Once a year	Once a year	NC
Florida	Three times a year	Twice a year	Twice a year

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Georgia	Once a year	During first 6 months of initial registration for all; 20% of remaining homes inspected annually	Once a year
Hawaii	Once a year for 1-year licenses; once every 2 years for 2-year licenses	Once a year for 1-year licenses; once every 2 years for 2-year licenses	Once a year for 1-year licenses; once every 2 years for 2-year licenses
Idaho	NL	NL	NL
Illinois*	Once every 3 years	Once every 3 years	Once every 3 years
Indiana	Once a year	Once a year	Once a year
Iowa	Once every 2 years	20% of homes inspected annually	20% of homes inspected annually
Kansas*	Once a year	Full compliance review not conducted	Once a year
Kentucky	Once a year	Once every 2 years	NC
Louisiana	Once a year	NL	NL
Maine	Once a year	Once a year	NC
Maryland	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years	NC
Massachusetts*	Once every 2 years	Once every 3 years	Once every 3 years
Michigan	Once every 2 years	10% sample of homes inspected annually	Once every 2 years
Minnesota*	See notes	Full compliance review not conducted	Full compliance review not conducted
Mississippi	Twice a year	Twice a year	Twice a year
Missouri	Once a year	Once a year	Once a year
Montana*	Once a year	20% of homes inspected annually	20% of homes inspected annually
Nebraska*	See notes	See notes	See notes

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Nevada	Once a year	Once a year	Once a year
New Hampshire*	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years
New Jersey	Once every 3 years	NL	NL
New Mexico	Once a year	Once a year	Once a year
New York*	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years
North Carolina	Once a year	Once a year	NC
North Dakota	Once a year	Once a year	Once a year
Ohio	Twice a year for full-time programs; once a year for part-time programs	NL	Twice a year for full-time programs; once a year for part-time programs
Oklahoma	Three times a year	Three times a year	Three times a year
Oregon	Once a year	Once every 2 years	Once a year
Pennsylvania	Once a year	Full compliance review not conducted	Once a year
Rhode Island	Once a year	Once every 2 years	Once a year
South Carolina*	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years
South Dakota	Once a year	NL	Once a year
Tennessee	Once a year	Once a year	Once a year
Texas	Once every 2 years	Once every 3 years	Once every 2 years
Utah	Once a year	Once a year	Once a year
Vermont	Once a year	Once a year	NC
Virginia*	Once every 2 years	NL	Once every 3 years
Washington	Once every 3 years	Once every 3 years	NC
West Virginia	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years	Once every 2 years

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Wisconsin*	See notes	See notes	NC
Wyoming	Once a year	Once a year	Once a year

Key:

NC=No category of program

NL=Program not licensed

***Notes:**

Delaware: Full compliance reviews are also conducted as needed.

Illinois: Policy states that full compliance reviews (in addition to initial and renewal studies) are conducted based on findings from monitoring visits or complaint investigations.

Kansas: Registered family child care homes are not inspected.

Massachusetts: The state issues a 6-month provisional license to all new programs and to programs with compliance issues.

Minnesota: Full compliance reviews are conducted at child care centers during licensing review visits 1 year following the issuance of initial licenses; if centers have had substantiated maltreatment or five substantiated complaint investigations since the last licensing review; at the conclusion of a conditional license period; and when the findings during a modified licensing review warrant a full review of applicable standards.

Montana: Full compliance reviews are conducted once a year, in general, for centers. If the center has an extended license, a full compliance review may be conducted once every 2 years or once every 3 years.

Nebraska: Annual/semi-annual unannounced inspections are done if the following occur:

- (1) A history of substantiated compliance occurs in past 2 years;
- (2) There are no substantiated complaints in past year; or
- (3) There have been no disciplinary actions.

New Hampshire: Annual visits are required by law, however, programs with problems get visited more often. Programs with no complaints may get visited only once in 3 years.

New York: Fifty percent of family day care programs are required to be inspected annually.

South Carolina: Monitoring visits are conducted twice per year. Complaints are investigated through unannounced visits.

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Virginia: Full compliance reviews may be conducted at the end of the provisional or conditional licensure period. Full compliance reviews are conducted once a year for religious exempt centers and certified preschools, once every 2 years for child care centers, and once every 3 years for large family child care homes.

Wisconsin: All facilities in Wisconsin are monitored for compliance with all licensing rules during the 2-year continuation period. The number of visits per site is determined by the type and size of the facility, enforcement actions against the facility, and the facility's complaint and compliance history.