

Findings from...

# The 2005 Child Care Licensing Study

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**Table G:  
Child Care Licensing Fees in 2005**

State	Child Care Centers	Small Family Child Care Homes	Large/Group Family Child Care Homes
Alabama	No fee	No fee	No fee
Alaska	No fee	No fee	No fee
Arizona	\$150	\$30	\$30
Arkansas	Up to 17 children: \$15 17–99: \$50 100 or more: \$100	\$15	NC
California*	1–30 children: \$400 application fee and \$200 annual fee 31–60: \$800 application fee and \$400 annual fee 61–75: \$1,000 application fee and \$500 annual fee 76–90: \$1,200 application fee and \$600 annual fee 91–120: \$1,600 application fee and \$800 annual fee 121 or more: \$2,000 application fee and \$1,000 annual fee	1–8 children: \$60 application fee and \$60 annual fee	9–14 children: \$115 application fee and \$115 annual fee

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Colorado*	Original/Continuation: 5–20 children: \$70 21–50: \$110 51–100: \$160 101–150: \$245 151–250: \$340 251 or more: \$480	Original/Continuation: 2–6 children: \$22	Original/Continuation: 7–12 children: \$33
Connecticut	Initial 6-month license: \$50 2-year license: \$200	2-year license: \$20	Initial 6-month license: \$30 2-year license: \$100
Delaware	No fee	No fee	No fee
District of Columbia*	1–50 children: \$130 51–100: \$195 101–175: \$260 175 or more: \$325	No fee	NC
Florida	\$1 per child, \$25 minimum, \$100 maximum	No fee	No fee
Georgia	No fee	No fee	No fee
Hawaii	No fee	No fee	No fee
Idaho	NL	NL	NL
Illinois	No fee	No fee	No fee
Indiana	No fee	No fee	No fee
Iowa	No fee	No fee	No fee
Kansas	\$35 plus \$1 for total capacity to a maximum of \$75	Registered: \$5 Licensed: \$15	\$15
Kentucky	\$50	\$10	NC
Louisiana	Less than 16 children: \$25 16–50: \$100 51–100: \$175 101 or more: \$250	NL	NL

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State	Child Care Centers	Small Family Child Care Homes	Large/Group Family Child Care Homes
Maine*	\$80	\$40	NC
Maryland	No fee	No fee	NC
Massachusetts*	Less than 40 children: \$275 More than 39: \$375	\$100	\$100
Michigan	\$50 to \$100	Original: \$25 Renewal: \$10	Original: \$40 Renewal: \$20
Minnesota	0–24 children: \$300 25–49: \$450 50–74: \$600 75–99: \$750 100–124: \$900 125–149: \$1,200 150–174: \$1,400 175–199: \$1,600 200–224: \$1,800 225 or more: \$2,000	No fee	No fee
Mississippi	Equal to or less than 12 children: \$50 13–30: \$100 31–50: \$130 51–75: \$185 76 or more: \$200	\$50	Equal to or less than 12 children: \$50 13–30: \$100 31–50: \$130 51–75: \$185 76 or more: \$200
Missouri	No fee	No fee	No fee
Montana	No fee	No fee	No fee
Nebraska	\$25 if licensed for fewer than 30 children \$50 if licensed for 30 or more	\$25	\$25
Nevada	\$100 to \$300, depending on number of children	\$20	\$60
New Hampshire	No fee	No fee	No fee

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New Jersey	6–15 children: \$110 16–30: \$140 31–60: \$165 61–100: \$195 101–180: \$220 181 or more: \$250	NL	NL
New Mexico	\$55	\$15	\$15
New York	No fee	No fee	No fee
North Carolina	12 or fewer children: \$35 13–50: \$125 51–100: \$250 101 or more: \$400	No fee	NC
North Dakota	\$40	\$20	\$25
Ohio*	\$100	NL	\$50
Oklahoma	No fee	No fee	No fee
Oregon*	Initial \$100 plus \$2 per slot	\$30	Initial \$25 plus \$2 per slot
Pennsylvania	No fee	No fee	No fee
Rhode Island	\$500	\$100	\$250
South Carolina	No fee	No fee	No fee
South Dakota	No fee	NL	No fee

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State	Child Care Centers	Small Family Child Care Homes	Large/Group Family Child Care Homes
Tennessee*	Less than 100 children: Annual fee: \$200 Biennial fee: \$250 Triennial fee: \$300  100–250 children: Annual fee: \$400 Biennial fee: \$450 Triennial fee: \$500  More than 250 children: Annual fee: \$500 Biennial fee: \$550 Triennial fee: \$600	Annual fee: \$100 Biennial fee: \$150 Triennial fee: \$175	Annual fee: \$125 Biennial fee: \$175 Triennial fee: \$200
Texas	\$35 plus \$1 for each licensed slot	\$35	\$35 plus \$1 for each licensed slot
Utah*	Initial: \$200 Renewal/Biannual: \$50 \$3 per child (initial and biannual renewal)	\$50 (biannually)	\$50 (biannually)
Vermont	No fee	No fee	NC
Virginia	Annual fees: 1–12 children: \$14 13–25: \$35 26–50: \$70 51–75: \$105 76–200: \$140 201 or more: \$200	NL	\$14 (annually) Family Day System: \$70 (annually)
Washington	\$48 for the first 12 children plus \$4 for each additional child	\$24	NC
West Virginia	No fee	No fee	No fee

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Wisconsin*	\$30.25 plus \$8.47 per child	\$60.50	NC
Wyoming	\$50	\$25	No fee

**Key:**

NC=No category of program

NL=Program not licensed

**\*Notes:**

**California:** In addition to the annual and application fees, the California Department of Social Services shall charge the following fees:

- A. A fee that represents 50 percent of an established application fee when an existing licensee moves the facility to a new physical address.
- B. A fee that represents 50 percent of the established application fee when a corporate licensee changes who has the authority to select a majority of the board of directors.
- C. A fee of \$25 when an existing licensee seeks to either increase or decrease the licensed capacity of the facility.
- D. An orientation fee of \$25 for attendance by any individual at a department-sponsored family child day care home orientation session, and a \$50 orientation fee for attendance by any individual at a department-sponsored child day care center orientation session.
- E. A probation monitoring fee equal to the annual fee, in addition to the annual fee for that category and capacity, for each year a license has been placed on probation as a result of a stipulation or decision and order.
- F. A late fee that represents an additional 50 percent of the established annual fee when any licensee fails to pay the annual licensing fee on or before the due date as indicated by postmark on the payment.
- G. A fee to cover any costs incurred by the department for processing payments, including but not limited to, bounced check charges, charges for credit and debit transactions, and postage due charges.
- H. A plan of correction fee of \$200 when any licensee does not implement a plan of correction on or prior to the date specified in the plan.

**Colorado:** The state charges the following fees for experienced family child care homes: an original application fee of \$35 and a continuation fee of \$35.

**District of Columbia:** Fees are assessed for late returns of renewal applications, which are 50 percent of the annual license fee. A \$65 re-inspection fee is charged for initial and renewal inspections at the third onsite visit.

**Maine:** The state charges a \$10 fee for nursery schools.

**Massachusetts:** There are lower fees for 6-month provisional licenses in centers. There are charges for capacity increases in all types of care.

**Ohio:** There is a flat fee for initial applications.

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**Oregon:** There is a flat fee for new facilities, plus a fee based on the number of children the facility is licensed to care for each year.

**Tennessee:** Fees are based on star quality status for participating providers. The care of 5–7 children is classified as a family home. The care of 8–12 children is classified as a group home. The number of children therefore determines the “class” of the agency—a flat license fee is then assigned based on the class of agency.

**Utah:** Residential certificate providers pay a \$50 annual fee.

**Wisconsin:** Licensing fees are based on the number of children. Fees for centers are combinations of flat fees and fees based on the maximum number of children in facilities.