

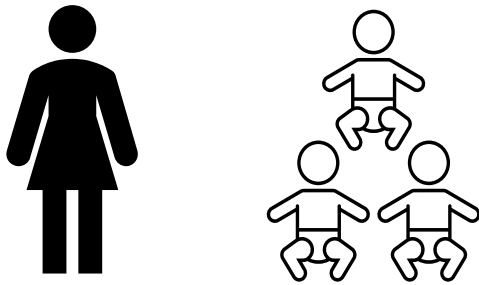
Ratios in early years settings

Keeping children safe isn't just about having adults present – it's about having enough of the right people with the right training.

Ratios set the minimum number of adults needed to safely care for children.

Babies (under 2 years)

1 adult to 3 children (1:3)

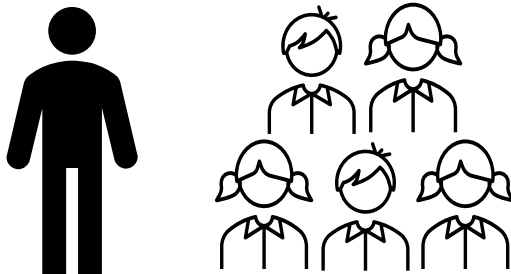


To be counted in ratio:

- at least one adult must hold an approved level 3 qualification and at least half of all other staff must hold an approved level 2 qualification
- at least half of all staff must have received training that specifically address the care of babies

2 year olds

1 adult to 5 children (1:5)

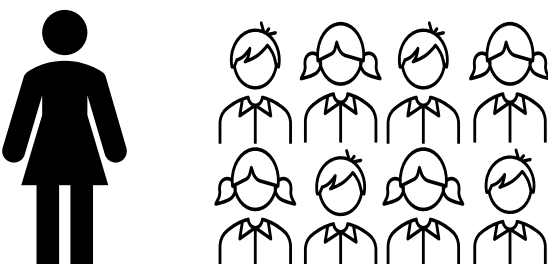


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- at least half of all other staff must hold an approved level 2 qualification

3 to 4 year olds

Usually 1 adult to 8 children (1:8) although can be up to 13 children (1:13) if there is a qualified teacher is present.



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