



Overall Ranking of State Child Care Center Standards and Oversight

top 10		
State	Score	Ranking
Department of Defense	117	1
New York	90	2
Illinois	90	2
Washington	89	4
Maryland	89	4
Oklahoma	85	6
Tennessee	83	7
Michigan	83	7
North Dakota	83	7
Vermont	82	10
Minnesota	82	10

bottom 10		
State	Score	Ranking
Idaho	15	52
Louisiana	37	51
Nebraska	49	50
Kentucky	51	49
California	54	47
Kansas	54	47
Utah	55	45
New Mexico	55	45
Maine	57	44
New Hampshire	58	43

middle		
State	Score	Ranking
Nevada	81	12
Texas	81	12
Hawaii	80	14
Virginia	79	15
Pennsylvania	79	15
Rhode Island	79	15
Alaska	77	18
West Virginia	77	18
Massachusetts	77	18
Indiana	77	18
North Carolina	75	22
New Jersey	75	22
Wisconsin	73	24
District of Columbia	71	25
Delaware	71	25
Connecticut	71	25
Florida	70	28
Missouri	69	29
South Carolina	68	30
Alabama	67	31
Mississippi	67	31
Montana	67	31
Ohio	66	34
Georgia	64	35
Oregon	64	35
South Dakota	62	37
Iowa	62	37
Arizona	62	37
Colorado	61	40
Wyoming	60	41
Arkansas	59	42
Top Possible Score: 150		

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2. Group sizes are in compliance with NAEYC standards.
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5. Center staff are required to have orientation training, first-aid training, CPR training, fire safety training, and other health/safety training.
6. Teachers are required to have 24 hours or more of annual training.
7. Center staff are required to undergo criminal history records check plus check of child abuse and neglect registry, state fingerprint check, federal fingerprint check, and check of sex offender registry.
8. Center programs are required to address six child developmental domains****.
9. Center procedures are required to address ALL 10 areas of health and safety and prohibit corporal punishment.
10. Centers are required to involve and communicate with parents and allow parental visits.
11. All centers and family child care homes are licensed.
12. Inspections of centers are conducted 4 times a year.
13. Programs to licensing staff ratio does not exceed 50:1.
14. Licensing staff have a Bachelor's degree in a related field.
15. Online inspection and complaint reports are available to parents.

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** ECE (Early Childhood Education)

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Alphabetical Listing of States

State	Score	Ranking	State	Score	Ranking
Alabama	67	31	Montana	67	31
Alaska	77	18	Nebraska	49	50
Arizona	62	37	Nevada	81	12
Arkansas	59	42	New Hampshire	58	43
California	54	47	New Jersey	75	22
Colorado	61	40	New Mexico	55	45
Connecticut	71	25	New York	90	2
Delaware	71	25	North Carolina	75	22
Department of Defense	117	1	North Dakota	83	7
District of Columbia	71	25	Ohio	66	34
Florida	70	28	Oklahoma	85	6
Georgia	64	35	Oregon	64	35
Hawaii	80	14	Pennsylvania	79	15
Idaho	15	52	Rhode Island	79	15
Illinois	90	2	South Carolina	68	30
Indiana	77	18	South Dakota	62	37
Iowa	62	37	Tennessee	83	7
Kansas	54	47	Texas	81	12
Kentucky	51	49	Utah	55	45
Louisiana	37	51	Vermont	82	10
Maine	57	44	Virginia	79	15
Maryland	89	4	Washington	89	4
Massachusetts	77	18	West Virginia	77	18
Michigan	83	7	Wisconsin	73	24
Minnesota	82	10	Wyoming	60	41
Mississippi	67	31	Top Possible Score: 150		
Missouri	69	29			

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Rhode Island	64	4
Maryland	63	6
Vermont	63	6
North Dakota	62	8
New Jersey	62	8
Wisconsin	62	8

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Idaho	8	52
Louisiana	13	51
Kentucky	27	50
Nebraska	29	49
Arkansas	31	48
Georgia	33	45
South Carolina	33	45
Florida	33	45
Colorado	34	44
Kansas	36	43

middle		
State	Score	Ranking
New York	61	11
Connecticut	61	11
Indiana	60	13
Massachusetts	57	14
Washington	55	15
West Virginia	55	15
Oregon	55	15
Hawaii	53	18
Michigan	52	19
Tennessee	51	20
Texas	51	20
Oklahoma	50	22
Nevada	50	22
Alaska	50	22
Delaware	50	22
District of Columbia	48	26
Arizona	48	26
Maine	48	26
Iowa	47	29
Utah	46	30
South Dakota	45	31
Virginia	44	32
Montana	44	32
Mississippi	44	32
New Hampshire	43	35
New Mexico	43	35
North Carolina	41	37
Ohio	40	38
Wyoming	40	38
Missouri	39	40
Alabama	38	41
California	38	41
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Arizona	48	26	Nevada	50	22
Arkansas	31	48	New Hampshire	43	35
California	38	41	New Jersey	62	8
Colorado	34	44	New Mexico	43	35
Connecticut	61	11	New York	61	11
Delaware	50	22	North Carolina	41	37
Department of Defense	77	1	North Dakota	62	8
District of Columbia	48	26	Ohio	40	38
Florida	33	45	Oklahoma	50	22
Georgia	33	45	Oregon	55	15
Hawaii	53	18	Pennsylvania	64	4
Idaho	8	52	Rhode Island	64	4
Illinois	66	2	South Carolina	33	45
Indiana	60	13	South Dakota	45	31
Iowa	47	29	Tennessee	51	20
Kansas	36	43	Texas	51	20
Kentucky	27	50	Utah	46	30
Louisiana	13	51	Vermont	63	6
Maine	48	26	Virginia	44	32
Maryland	63	6	Washington	55	15
Massachusetts	57	14	West Virginia	55	15
Michigan	52	19	Wisconsin	62	8
Minnesota	66	2	Wyoming	40	38
Mississippi	44	32	Top Possible Score: 100		
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Tennessee	32	8
Michigan	31	9
Nevada	31	9
Georgia	31	9

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Maine	9	49
Oregon	9	49
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Wisconsin	11	47
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Kentucky	24	22
Louisiana	24	22
District of Columbia	23	25
Montana	23	25
Mississippi	23	25
West Virginia	22	28
North Dakota	21	29
Delaware	21	29
Massachusetts	20	31
Wyoming	20	31
Nebraska	20	31
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Kansas	18	35
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Florida	37	2
Georgia	31	9
Hawaii	27	17
Idaho	7	52
Illinois	24	22
Indiana	17	36
Iowa	15	40
Kansas	18	35
Kentucky	24	22
Louisiana	24	22
Maine	9	49
Maryland	26	20
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Ohio	26	20
Oklahoma	35	3
Oregon	9	49
Pennsylvania	15	40
Rhode Island	15	40
South Carolina	35	3
South Dakota	17	36
Tennessee	32	8
Texas	30	12
Utah	9	49
Vermont	19	34
Virginia	35	3
Washington	34	6
West Virginia	22	28
Wisconsin	11	47
Wyoming	20	31
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