

**ARKANSAS DHS STATISTICAL REPORT  
LICENSING AND ACCREDITATION  
SFY 2008**

The Licensing and Accreditation Unit is responsible for licensing all child care situations where more than five (5) children are cared for, for maintaining the Voluntary Registry for persons providing care to five (5) or fewer children who choose to be registered and for administering the Quality Approval System. The Unit inspects most licensed centers and all licensed and registered homes a minimum of three (3) times per year. Some licensed centers such as those with quality accreditation and high levels of compliance are monitored two times per year. Technical assistance and consultative services are provided to licensed and registered programs, applicants and parents and to programs who have applied for Quality Approval or are already Quality Approved sites.

The Unit investigates complaints of non-compliance on licensed and registered child care facilities. The Unit also assists the Crimes Against Children Division, of the Arkansas State Police and the Division of Children and Family Services, in the investigation of child maltreatment complaints in these facilities. The Licensing Unit is responsible for processing and tracking background checks on all child care owners/operators and employees through the FBI, the State Police and the Arkansas Child Maltreatment Central Registry. Licensing staff members insure that appropriate corrective action is taken on any persons found to have a record of child maltreatment and that persons who have a conviction of a prohibited offense are removed from child care.

The Child Care Licensing Unit was placed with the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education following passage of Act 1132 in 1997. The Residential Placement Unit, previously a part of the Licensing Unit, remained with the Division of Children and Family Services.

The Child Care Licensing Unit has converted to the collection of all field data by hand-held "tablet" computers to further streamline the data collection process. The Licensing Unit recently began work with Northrop Grumman to redesign the central licensing computer system (CLEAN). The new system will be a web based system and should be in full operation by February 2010.

In August of 2005 the Division began work on a Quality Rating System (QRS) for licensed center and home child care providers. This system will consist initially of three tiers above the current level of the minimum licensing requirements. Providers qualifying for the levels above minimum licensing will be entitled to incentives such as grants and higher levels of reimbursement through the Child Care Voucher Program. Implementation of the QRS is tentatively scheduled to occur beginning in July 2009 with full implementation by January 2010. .

The Unit continues to strive for the reduction in duplication of efforts, to improve both the safety of children in child care and to increase the number quality accredited programs.

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CHILD CARE FACILITIES  
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County	<u>Licensed Facilities</u>				<u>Registered Facilities</u>		
	Child Care Centers <sup>1</sup>	Capacity	Child Care Family Homes	Capacity	Total Capacity Licensed	Voluntary Homes <sup>2</sup>	Total Capacity Registered
Arkansas	13	1,058	14	194	1,252	0	0
Ashley	23	1,421	8	84	1,505	0	0
Baxter	26	1,918	11	118	2,036	1	5
Benton	137	13,463	31	393	13,856	2	10
Boone	22	1,452	11	140	1,592	0	0
Bradley	12	966	1	10	976	0	0
Calhoun	3	109	1	10	119	0	0
Carroll	14	688	11	116	804	0	0
Chicot	16	1,085	18	192	1,277	0	0
Clark	25	1,606	7	94	1,700	0	0
Clay	11	575	4	46	621	0	0
Cleburne	8	663	6	66	729	0	0
Cleveland	3	148	6	72	220	1	5
Columbia	22	1,371	3	36	1,407	0	0
Conway	17	900	9	126	1,026	3	15
Craighead	71	5,844	26	282	6,126	1	5
Crawford	22	1,869	17	180	2,049	2	10
Crittenden	55	4,076	21	252	4,328	0	0
Cross	18	956	11	136	1,092	1	5
Dallas	8	495	4	52	547	1	5
Desha	15	1,873	7	81	1,954	0	0
Drew	19	1,497	11	126	1,623	0	0
Faulkner	59	5,305	25	326	5,631	2	10
Franklin	9	525	7	100	625	2	10
Fulton	8	414	4	40	454	0	0
Garland	51	4,375	11	128	4,503	5	25
Grant	6	460	0	0	460	1	5
Greene	26	2,131	7	87	2,218	0	0
Hempstead	14	753	7	88	841	1	5
Hot Spring	20	1,301	4	52	1,353	0	0
Howard	16	798	10	135	933	0	0
Independence	24	1,952	8	92	2,044	1	5
Izard	7	242	1	10	252	0	0
Jackson	11	1,164	2	26	1,190	0	0
Jefferson	68	5,389	33	328	5,717	5	22
Johnson	10	755	5	56	811	1	5
Lafayette	7	303	2	31	334	0	0
Lawrence	18	1,040	4	52	1,092	0	0
Lee	10	468	9	101	569	3	15

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Lincoln	7	365	2	32	397	0	0
Little River	11	548	5	61	609	0	0
Logan	12	733	13	160	893	1	5
Lonoke	36	3,604	9	107	3,711	2	10
Madison	6	402	5	56	458	2	10
Marion	7	344	9	121	465	0	0
Miller	29	1,401	12	159	1,560	3	15
Mississippi	49	2,915	16	182	3,097	2	10
Monroe	10	474	9	89	563	1	5
Montgomery	5	169	2	26	195	0	0
Nevada	7	346	0	0	346	0	0
Newton	9	165	2	26	191	0	0
Ouachita	16	842	26	278	1,120	0	0
Perry	6	243	1	10	253	1	5
Phillips	29	1,699	13	140	1,839	3	15
Pike	12	815	5	68	883	0	0
Poinsett	16	967	6	67	1,034	0	0
Polk	13	746	2	32	778	0	0
Pope	36	2,793	5	50	2,843	0	0
Prairie	6	197	1	10	207	0	0
Pulaski	424	39,423	88	888	40,311	23	119
Randolph	12	617	5	66	683	0	0
Saint Francis	22	1,344	13	151	1,495	3	15
Saline	36	3,571	4	52	3,623	0	0
Scott	5	831	4	48	879	0	0
Searcy	7	331	0	0	331	0	0
Sebastian	84	6,814	20	236	7,050	2	10
Sevier	10	473	3	36	509	0	0
Sharp	12	603	10	136	739	1	5
Stone	5	218	2	26	244	0	0
Union	29	1,981	10	96	2,077	1	5
Van Buren	10	599	1	10	609	0	0
Washington	126	10,302	56	637	10,939	3	15
White	31	2,943	13	166	3,109	1	5
Woodruff	7	375	6	78	453	0	0
Yell	12	1,207	4	52	1,259	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,078</b>	<b>162,808</b>	<b>759</b>	<b>8,810</b>	<b>171,618</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>411</b>

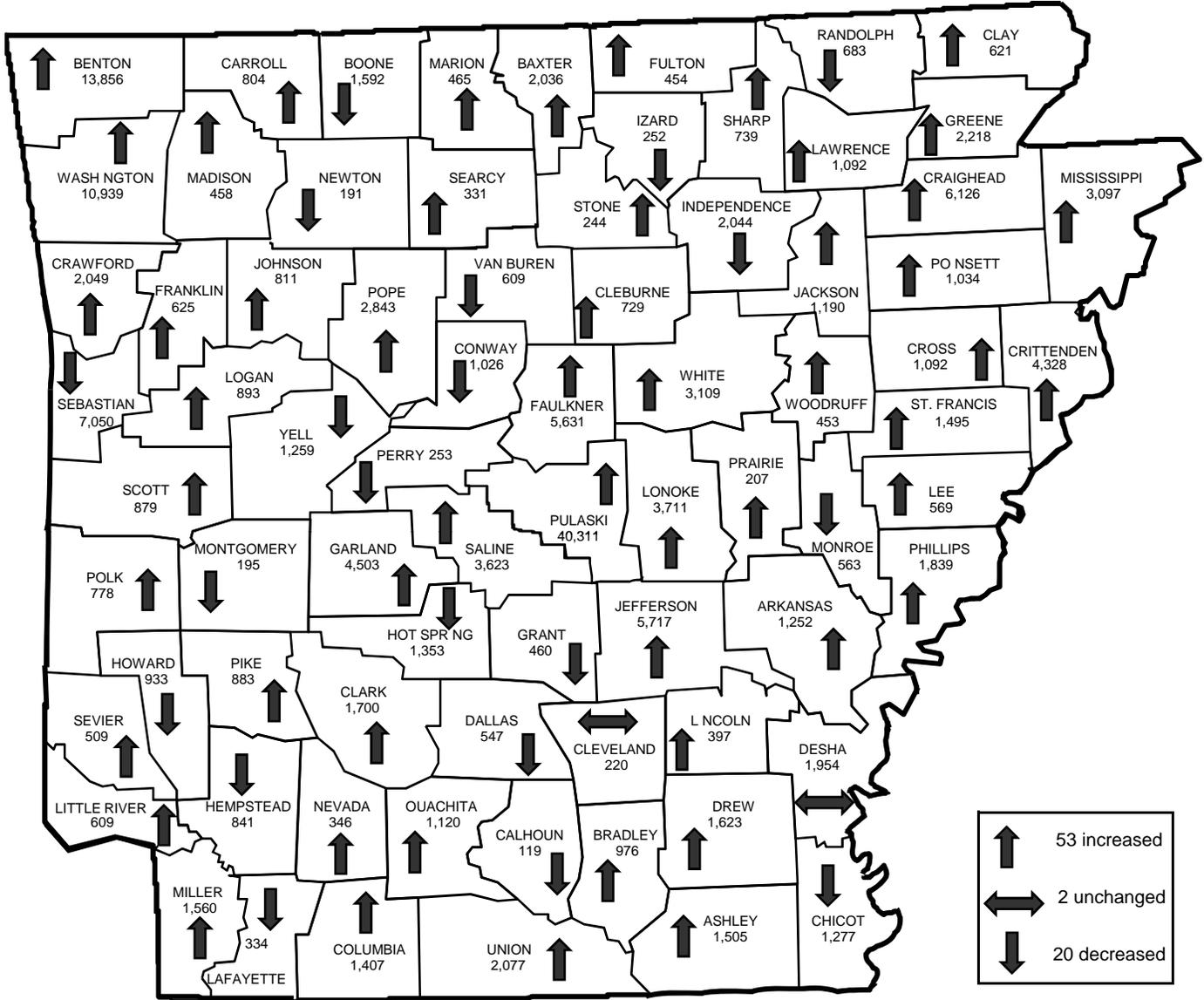
1. Includes: Licensed Infant/Toddler and School Age Facilities

2. Includes: Registered Relative Family Homes

Source: Child Care Licensing

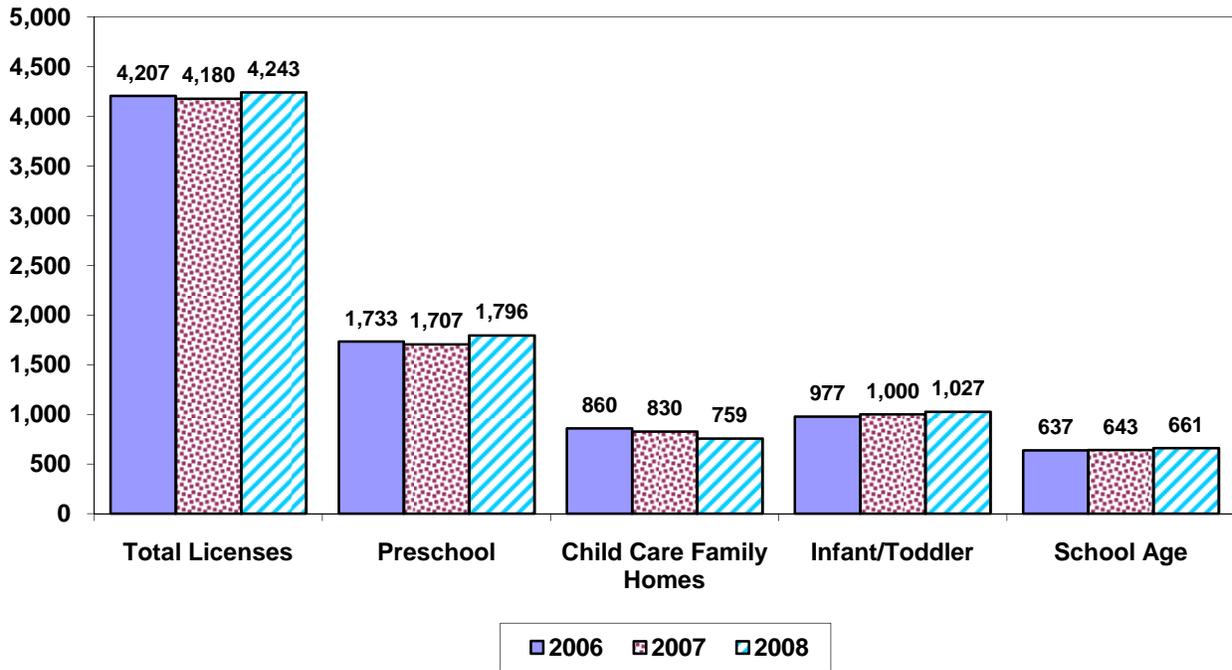
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## CAPACITY OF CHILD CARE FACILITIES BY COUNTY SFY 2008



**Total Capacity: 171,618**  
 \*Does not include Voluntary Registered Facilities

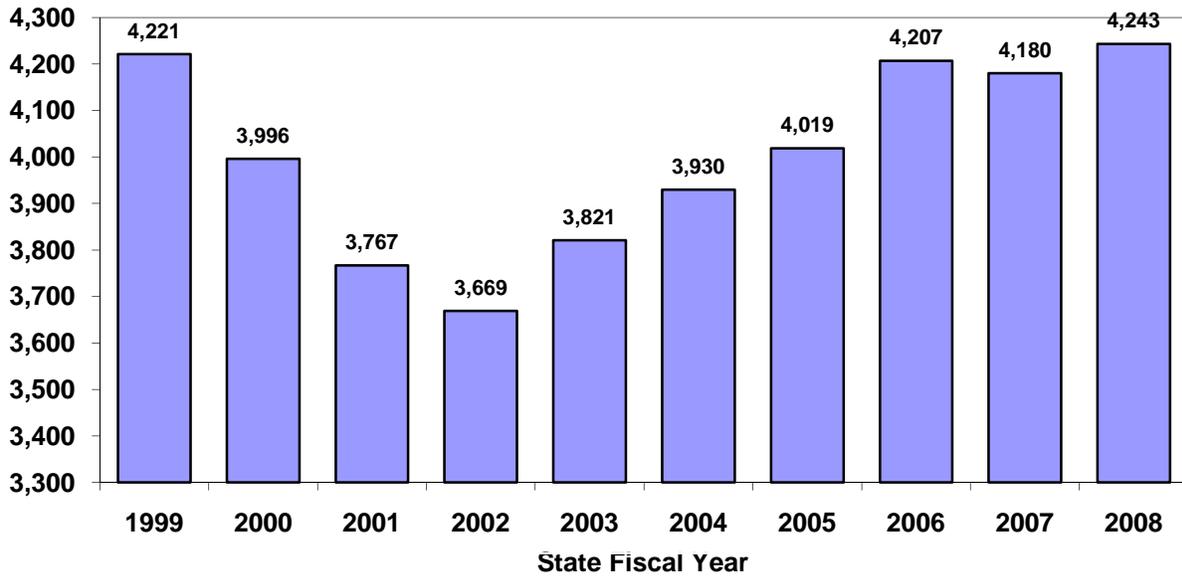
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CHILD CARE LICENSES  
SFY 2006 - 2008**



**CHILD CARE LICENSES**

State Fiscal Year	Total Licenses	Preschool	Child Care Family Homes	Infant/Toddler	School Age
2006	4,207	1,733	860	977	637
2007	4,180	1,707	830	1,000	643
2008	4,243	1,796	759	1,027	661

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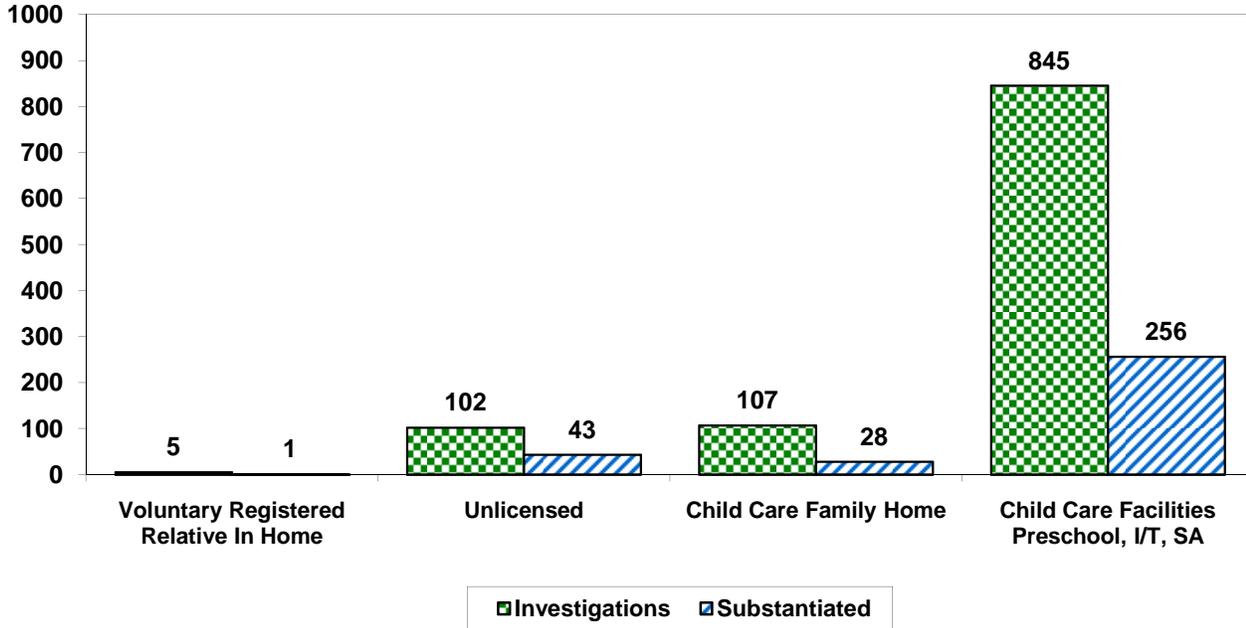


**CHILD CARE LICENSES GROWTH PATTERN**

State Fiscal Year	Child Care License Growth pattern
1999	4,221
2000	3,996
2001	3,767
2002	3,669
2003	3,821
2004	3,930
2005	4,019
2006	4,207
2007	4,180
2008	4,243

Source: Child Care Licensing

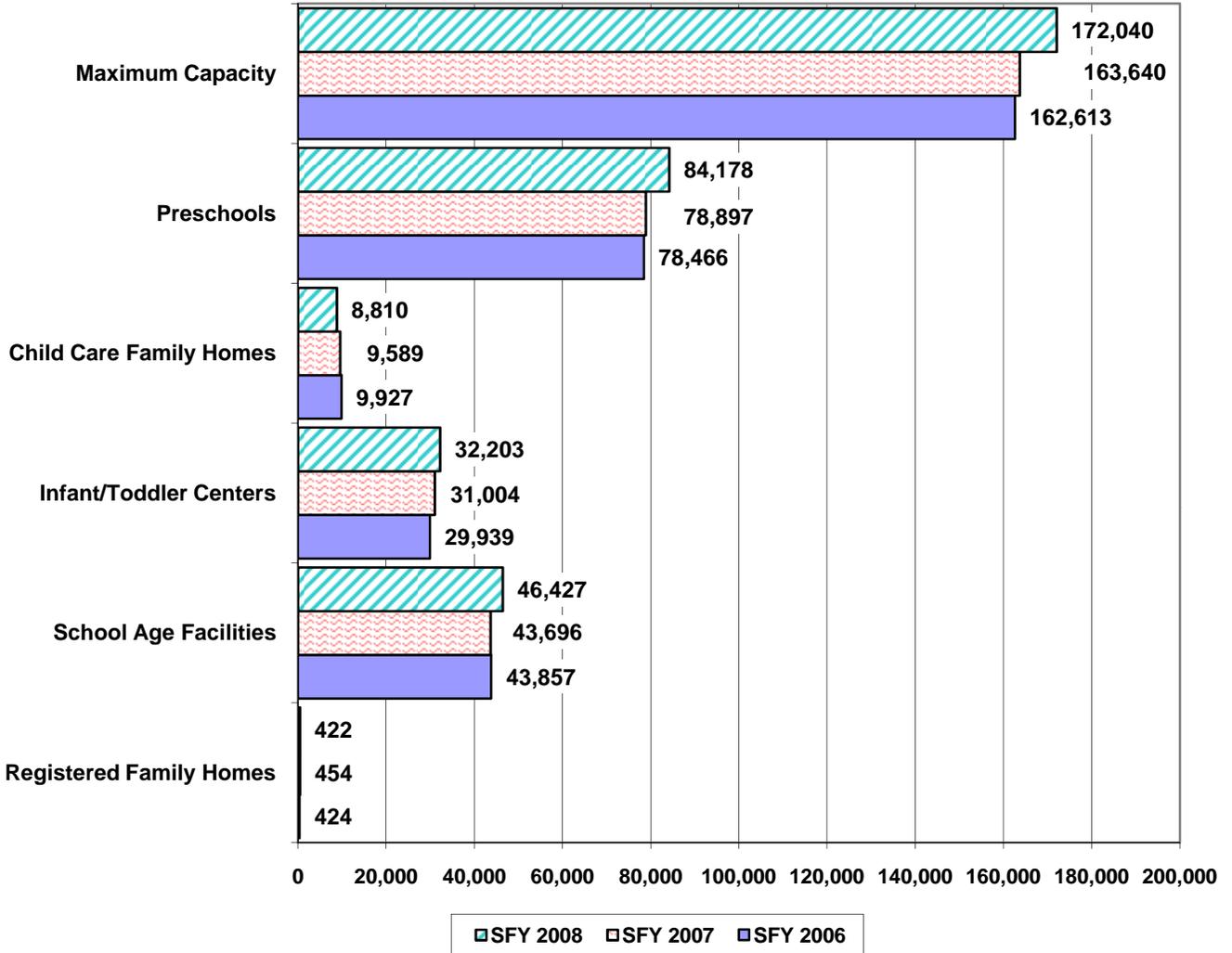
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Type	Investigations	Substantiated	Percentage Substantiated
Voluntary Registered/ Relative In Home	5	1	20.0%
Unlicensed	102	43	42.2%
Child Care Family Home	107	28	26.2%
Child Care Facilities Preschool, I/T, SA	845	256	30.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,059</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>31.0%*</b>

\*This procedure is necessary since all child maltreatment complaints also involve potential licensing violations. For example, allegations of child maltreatment involving physical abuse would also be investigated as a possible violation of licensing requirements in the behavior guidance section.

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MAXIMUM CAPACITY  
OF FACILITIES  
SFY 2008**



Facilities	SFY 2006	SFY 2007	SFY 2008
Registered Family Homes	424	454	422
School Age Facilities	43,857	43,696	46,427
Infant/Toddler Centers	29,939	31,004	32,203
Child Care Family Homes	9,927	9,589	8,810
Preschools	78,466	78,897	84,178
<b>Maximum Capacity</b>	<b>162,613</b>	<b>163,640</b>	<b>172,040</b>

Source: Child Care Licensing