

GROUP SIZE Quality Standard



GROUP SIZE documents the number of children in each group, assigned to an identified teacher(s) within a designated space that is well-defined. If several groups occupy a large room, there should be clear physical barriers that prevent the children from moving from space to space. Group size affects children’s development; in smaller groups it is easier for quality interactions among the children and the adults to take place.

Worksheet needed to complete this section: *QRIS Group Size Worksheet* found in the Worksheet Section

Terms:

- **Group:** A group of children assigned to an identified teacher(s) within a defined space; usually the group is a classroom

Directions:

1. Complete the **QRIS Group Size Worksheet** (in the Worksheet Section)
2. Compare the group size for each classroom to the group size grid on the worksheet and check the box if the classroom meets the QRIS group size indicator.
3. Calculate the percentage of classrooms that meet the QRIS group size indicator.
4. Identify the tier on the grid below that corresponds with the average Group Size percentages for the facility.
 - Begin by looking at the indicator in Tier 1. Ask yourself if the statement is true for the facility.
 - If the answer is ‘yes’, it is true at this time, check the box and gather the supporting materials to submit with the completed application. The materials you need are listed in red beneath the indicator.
 - If the answer is ‘no’, it is not true at this time, leave the box empty.
 - If the indicator in Tier 1 is NOT in place, check the **Not yet at Tier 1** box.
 - If the indicator is checked in Tier 1, check the Tier 1 box; if the indicator in Tiers 1 & 2 is in place, check off the Tier 2 box, and so on.
5. Transfer the information to the Group Size Quality Standard section on the *Application for a Facility Profile*.
6. Attach documentation.

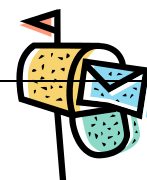
Group Size Quality Indicators

| GROUP SIZE | | | | |
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| Not at Tier 1 <input type="checkbox"/> | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 1 Legally operating | <input type="checkbox"/> Tier 2 25% of classrooms meet QRIS group sizes Group size for the youngest age group applies if the group is mixed See chart below Submit Group Size worksheet. | Tier 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 50% of classrooms meet QRIS group sizes Group size for the youngest age group applies if the group is mixed | Tier 4 <input type="checkbox"/> 75% of classrooms meet QRIS group sizes Group size for the youngest age group applies if the group is mixed | Tier 5 <input type="checkbox"/> 100% of classrooms meet QRIS group sizes Group size for the youngest age group applies if the group is mixed |



Helpful hints for the Group Size Standard:

- Generally, each classroom is considered a group but occasionally exceptions apply.
- The maximum group size is always determined by the age of the youngest child who may be in attendance.
- Group size will be verified on-site by the assessor when a facility applies for a star rating.



WHAT TO SEND IN

- The *Group Size Standard* section of the *Application for a Facility Profile*
- **QRIS Group Size Worksheet** (in the Worksheet Section) recording the groups of children, and the percentage of classrooms that meet the indicator.

| Age | QRIS Group Size |
|--|------------------------|
| Birth but less than 12 months | 8 |
| 12 months but less than 2 years | 12 |
| 2 years but less than 3 years | 12 |
| 3 years but less than 6 years | 20 |
| 6 years but less than 9 years | 24 |
| 9 years but less than 13 years | 30 |