

CHILD CARE LICENSING FACILITY FATALITY REPORT

The Department is required to post serious injuries and death data online to comply with a requirement of the federal [Child Care Development Block Grant \(CCDBG\)](#).

The primary concern for parents and families when choosing a child care program is knowing their children will be healthy and safe while benefiting from a quality child care environment. Licensing regulations and statutes help maintain safe and quality environments by establishing requirements, including appropriate staffing ratios, and ensuring active supervision in child care. Even with stringent safeguards in place, tragically, there are incidents of child deaths in child care facilities.

The following chart reflects aggregate data for child fatalities that occurred annually in California's licensed child care centers and family child care home facilities since 2017. The fatalities reported occurred either in a licensed child care facility or the licensed child care was the last physical place of care.

Facility Type	2017	2018	2019
	Total # of Deaths	Total # of Deaths	Total # of Deaths
Child Care Center	0	1	1
Family Child Care Home	13	7	18