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2025 Child Deaths and Child Serious Injuries in Child Care Facilities

Provider Type		Child Deaths	Serious Injuries	Total Capacity
Licensed Child Care Center	# of Facilities	0	279	180,632
Licensed Family Child Care Home	# of Facilities	0	0	659
Registered Family Child Care Home	# of Facilities	0	1	3,368
Licensed Group Child Care Home	# of Facilities	0	0	632
Licensed/Exempt	# of Facilities	0	0	***
Informal/FFN	# of Facilities	0	0	***
Total	# of Facilities	0	280	185,291

***indicates not available at this time

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Child Deaths in S.C. Child Care Facilities

Year	Deaths in Child Care Centers	Deaths in Child Care Homes	Deaths in Illegal Operations
2009	1	1	1
2010	0	4	1
2011	1	2	3
2012	0	1	0
2013	0	1	0
2014	1	3	0
2015	1	2	1
2016	1	1	2
2017	0	1	0
2018	0	1	1
2019	1	0	2
2020	0	1	0
2021	2	0	3
2022	0	0	3
2023	1	0	3
2024	1	1	0
2025	0	0	1
Total (2009-2025)	10	19	21

Reported Injuries in S.C. Child Care Facilities*

Year	Injuries in Child Care Centers	Injuries in Child Care Homes	Injuries in Illegal Operations
2013	160	7	2
2014	268	5	5
2015	267	2	1
2016	172	2	1
2017	244	2	0
2018	184	2	1
2019	168	1	1
2020	86	0	0
2021	126	2	5
2022	141	2	0
2023	179	1	0
2024	216	3	0
2025	279	1	1
Total (2013-2025)	2490	30	17

* South Carolina began collecting aggregate data on reported injuries in child care in 2013.

Substantiated Cases of Child Abuse in S.C. Child Care Facilities

Year	No. of Cases
2015	15
2016	20
2017	26
2018	43
2019	42
2020	24
2021	38
2022	63
2023	63
2024	52
2025	64