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2024 Child Deaths and Child Serious Injuries in Child Care Facilities

| Provider Type | | Child Deaths | Serious Injuries | Total Capacity |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|
| Licensed Child Care Center | # of Facilities | 1 | 216 | 171,702 |
| Licensed Family Child Care Home | # of Facilities | 0 | 1 | 659 |
| Registered Family Child Care Home | # of Facilities | 1 | 2 | 3,779 |
| Licensed Group Child Care Home | # of Facilities | 0 | 0 | 680 |
| Licensed/Exempt | # of Facilities | 0 | 0 | *** |
| Informal/FFN | # of Facilities | 0 | 0 | *** |
| Total | # of Facilities | 2 | 219 | 176,820 |

***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 |
| Total (2009-2024) | 10 | 19 | 20 |

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 |
| Total (2013-2024) | 2211 | 29 | 16 |

* 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 |