

In Virginia, a child enrolled in a Religiously Exempt child care center is more than 4 times less likely to be a victim of child abuse than is a child enrolled in a licensed child care center.

Child Abuse Safety Gap Data Based on Table B July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2024				
Table A				
Type of Center	Founded Incidents	Capacity ⁴	Incidents Per Child	Safety Gap Ratio
Daycare Centers and Homes, Licensed	140	304,461 ⁵	.0004598	$\frac{4.3}{1}$
Daycare Centers Religiously Exempt	8	74,352 ⁶	.0001076	

⁴ <https://www.childcare.virginia.gov/reports-resources/administrative-program-manuals-reports-and-data/deaths-injuries-and-abuse-in-child-care-settings>

⁵ <https://www.vaodacs.com/assets/Uploads/PDF-Files/Child-Care-Safety-Data/DeathSeriousInjuriesWebReportingJan2024toDec2024.pdf>

⁶ <https://www.vaodacs.com/assets/Uploads/PDF-Files/Child-Care-Safety-Data/DeathSeriousInjuriesWebReportingFeb2023toJan2024.pdf>



VCPS, DOOF Investigations Annual Report
Reported and Founded Incidents of Child Abuse in Out of Family Settings
Report Period: 7/1/2021 to 6/30/2024
Summary Data Extracted from DSS Data by ODACS

Table B

		2021-2022 ¹	2022-2023 ²	2023-2024 ³			3-Year Total
Daycare Centers Religious Exempt	Accepted	17	23	17			57
	Founded, Level I	0	1	1			2
	Founded, Level II	0	1	2			3
	Founded, Level III	0	3	0			3
	Total Founded	0	5	3			8
	Unfounded	11	18	13			42
	Pending	3	0	1			4
Daycare Centers Licensed	Accepted	242	347	338			927
	Founded, Level I	3	12	7			22
	Founded, Level II	16	17	19			52
	Founded, Level III	16	29	44			89
	Total Founded	35	58	70			128
	Unfounded	181	258	250			689
	Pending	23	22	12			57
Daycare Homes Licensed	Accepted	32	33	33			98
	Founded, Level I	4	0	1			5
	Founded, Level II	0	4	0			4
	Founded, Level III	0	1	2			3
	Total Founded	4	5	3			12
	Unfounded	24	21	29			74
	Pending	4	2	1			7
Daycare Home Not Regulated	Accepted	36	51	41			128
	Founded, Level I	4	2	0			6
	Founded, Level II	1	6	1			8
	Founded, Level III	2	0	1			3
	Total Founded	7	8	2			17
	Unfounded	22	32	33			87
	Pending	5	11	3			19

Sources: https://www.dss.virginia.gov/geninfo/reports/children/cps/all_other.cgi

1 [https://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/about/reports/children/cps/all_other/2022/DOOF Investigations Annual Report sfy2022.pdf](https://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/about/reports/children/cps/all_other/2022/DOOF%20Investigations%20Annual%20Report%20sfy2022.pdf)

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