

CPR RATIO CHART & KEY NUMBERS

When learning how to perform CPR, there are a lot of important numbers to keep in mind. From the rescue breathing rate for child patients to the CPR compression rate for adults, it's essential to know the correct metrics.

SUREFIRE CPR RATIO CHART

We've gathered up key statistics on CPR ratio and CPR rate for adults, children, and infants into this handy downloadable guide. These numbers are based on the latest information available from the American Heart Association as of November 2021.

COMPRESSION / VENTILATION RATIO (WITHOUT ADVANCED AIRWAY)



Adult

{ 1 or 2 rescuers **30:2**



Child / Infant

{ 1 rescuer **30:2**
2 or more rescuers **15:2**
(For Healthcare Providers)



COMPRESSION / VENTILATION RATIO (WITH ADVANCED AIRWAY)



Adult

{ Deliver continuous compressions at 100-120 per min

Deliver 1 breath every

6 seconds



Child / Infant

COMPRESSION RATE



Adult

{ 100-120 compressions per minute



Child / Infant

COMPRESSION DEPTH



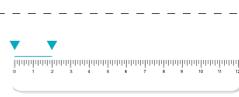
Adult

{ At least **2 inches**



Child

{ At least one-third of the chest diameter or about **2 inches**



Infant

{ At least one-third of the chest diameter or about **1.25 inches**



HAND PLACEMENT



Adult

{ Place 2 hands on the patient's chest (at the sternum)



Child

{ Place 2 hands on the patient's chest at the sternum (If the child is very small, 1 hand might be appropriate)



Infant

{ **1 rescuer:**
Place **2 fingers** in the center of the patient's chest
2+ rescuers:
Place hands around the patient's chest and use **2 thumbs** at the center of the patient's chest



RESCUE BREATHING



Adult

{ 1 breath every **6 seconds**



Child / Infant

{ 1 breath every **3-5 seconds**



ACTIVATION OF EMS



Adult

{ **Alone with a cell phone:**
activate EMS, then locate an AED and begin CPR
Alone without a cell phone:
leave the patient to activate EMS, locate an AED and begin CPR



Child/Infant

{ **If you witnessed the collapse,**
locate an **AED**
If you did not witness the collapse,
give 2 minutes of CPR first, then locate an AED and activate EMS



RECOGNITION OF CARDIAC ARREST



Adult

{ **Check the patient** for symptoms of cardiac arrest such as collapse, lack of breathing, no responsiveness, or **no pulse found within 10 seconds**



Child / Infant

MINIMIZING INTERRUPTIONS



Adult

{ Keep any interruptions in chest compressions **under 10 seconds**



Child / Infant

KEY TERMS

Compression / Ventilation Ratio

The compression to ventilation ratio refers to the number of chest compressions to ventilation breaths during CPR. This can vary based on the patient's age; the infant CPR ratio and child CPR ratio is different from the ratio for adults.

Advanced airway

Advanced airway (or advanced airway management) is a practice used by medical professionals to support breathing such as an endotracheal tube, a laryngeal mask airway, or an esophageal-tracheal combitube. It can sometimes take the form of intubation.

Compression rate

The compression rate is the speed at which chest compressions are performed during high-quality CPR.

Compression depth

In order for CPR to be successful, it is important that the rescuer is pressing down far enough into the patient's chest to mimic the heart pumping blood and restore blood flow. The compression depth refers to the desired depth that rescuers should press down on the patient's chest.

Rescue breathing

A part of mouth-to-mouth CPR, rescue breathing is the act of blowing air into the patient's mouth to create artificial breath. It can be performed on its own or in conjunction with chest compressions.

