

Early learning and childcare statistics 2013

The provision and use of
registered daycare of children and
childminding services in Scotland
as at December 2013

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Main findings

- The total number of registered services decreased by 1.3% from 10,099 at 31 December 2012 to 9,968 at 31 December 2013; 6,185 childminding and 3,783 daycare of children services. This was the result of a 1.4% decrease in childminders, the first since 2008, and a 1.1% decrease in daycare of children services, a continuing trend.
- The number of out of school care services increased by 0.7% between 2012 and 2013. This was the only service type to increase over the year, reversing the decreasing trend of this main service type from 2008. The number of nursery services reduced by 0.5% between 2012 and 2013 but the size of nurseries increased by 1%.
- Between 2012 and 2013 the total number of childcare services decreased but the number of daycare services offering additional services increased to 29% from 27%. The number of playgroup services offering additional services has almost doubled in a year from 7% to 13%. Breakfast clubs were the most common type of additional service, with 93% of breakfast club services offered by nurseries and out of school care.
- Overall, around 31,720 children (3.5% of population aged 0-15 years) attended a childminding service in November 2013, an increase from 30,390 in November 2012 (3.3% of population aged 0-15 years). Around 192,270 (21.1% of population aged 0-15 years) children attended a daycare service in November 2013 an increase from 191,270 (20.9% of population aged 0-15 years) in 2012.
- As at 31st December 2013 around 246,850 children were registered with a childcare service, 27% of the 0-15 year old population, a 0.3% increase from December 2012.
- There were half as many active early learning and childcare services in the most deprived areas of Scotland (54.3 per 10,000 population) compared to the least deprived areas of Scotland (109.9 per 10,000 population). However this trend was predominantly childminding services with a more even spread of daycare of children services throughout Scotland. Daycare of children services were on average slightly bigger in the most deprived areas of Scotland compared to the least deprived (49.7 and 46.9 places respectively).
- Generally in urban areas services are larger but there are fewer of them compared to rural areas where services are smaller but there are more of them. For example in large urban areas there are 23.8 nursery services per 10,000 population with an average capacity of 52.5 children compared to remote rural areas where there are 50.9 nursery services per 10,000 population with an average capacity of 20.7 children.

- Overall, 94% of all nurseries were providing early learning and childcare through either local authority or partnership funded education, an increase from 92% of nurseries in 2012. Local authority/partnership funded education was provided in 87% of all children/family centres and 81% of playgroups.
- Excluding childminding services, around 4% of services used another language (other than Gaelic or sign) as well as English in 2013.
- The number of childminding services has decreased between 2012 and 2013 but more assistants were used in 2013. 594 assistants were working in childminding services, an increase of 13% from 2012.
- Half of childminding services in Scotland had all grades of very good or excellent and two thirds of childminding and daycare services had a grade of very good or excellent for quality of care and support as at 31st March 2014. In comparison, 1% of childminding services and 0.5% of daycare services had a grade of weak or unsatisfactory for quality of care and support.
- 3.5% of daycare services and 1.1% of childminding services had complaints upheld about their service between 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014.



Number of registered early learning and childcare services in Scotland

At 31 December 2013 there were 9,968 early learning and childcare services, of which 6,185 were childminding services and 3,783 were daycare of children services.

Table A and Figure A (below) show that the total number of registered childcare services in Scotland decreased by 1.3% between 2012 and 2013. This net decrease is the result of a decrease of 42 daycare services and a decrease of 89 childminding services.

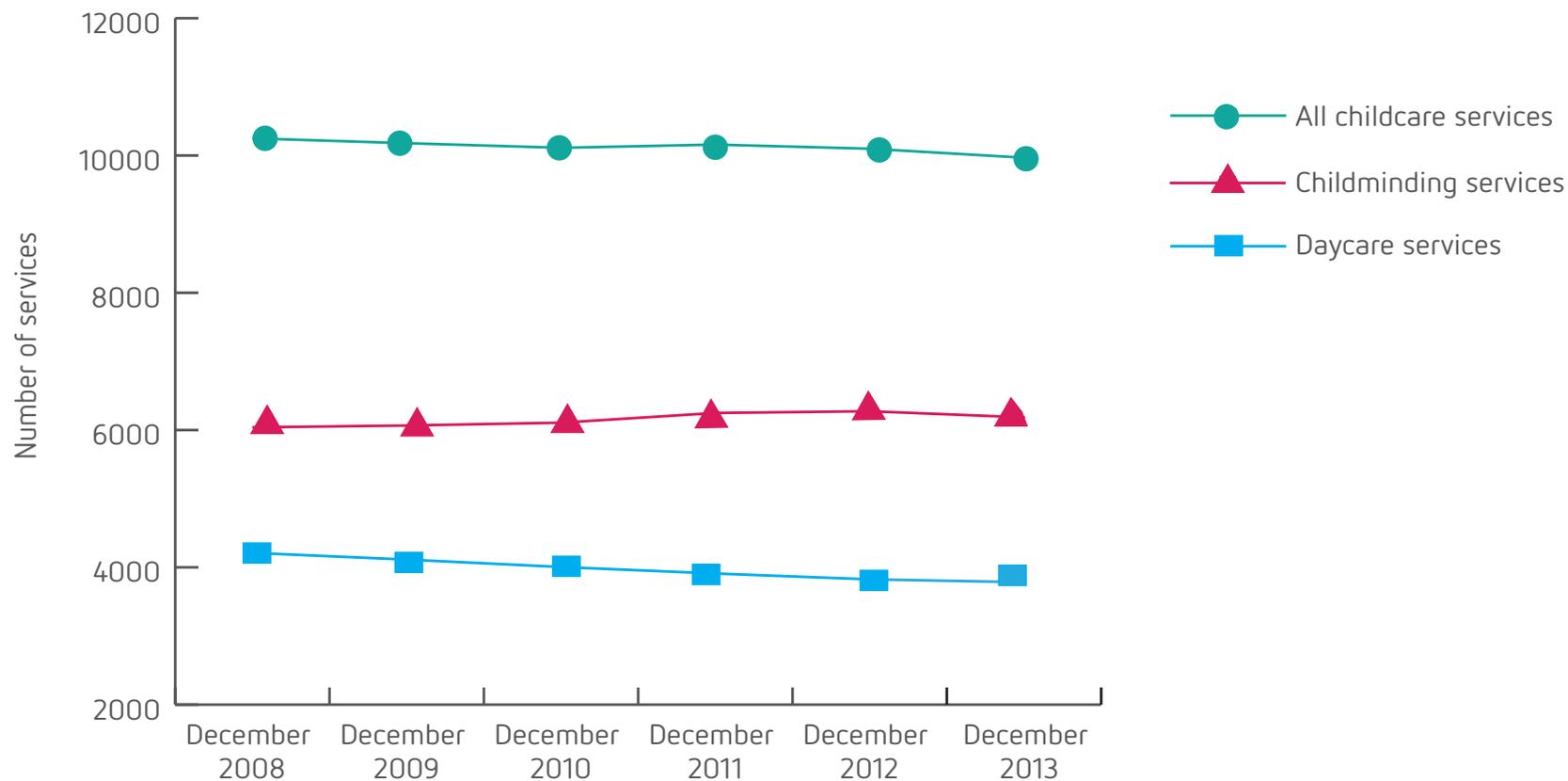
It should be noted that there will be additional services which operate for two hours or less per day which do not need to be registered with the Care Inspectorate, therefore will not feature in this report.

Table A: Changes to registered early learning and childcare services from 31 December 2012 to 31 December 2013:

Type of childcare service	Services at 31 December 2012	Cancellations	Registrations	Services at 31 December 2013	Net change	% change
Childminding	6,274	674	585	6,185	-89	-1.4%
Daycare	3,825	154	112	3,783	-42	-1.1%
Total	10,099	828	697	9,968	-131	-1.3%

On 1 April 2012, childminders became responsible for paying their own Disclosure Scotland checks, as well as those of other people over 16 years old resident in their household and new retrospective checks started in April 2013. The decrease in childminding services in 2013 may be a result of this, we will continue to monitor this trend. New childminding registrations fell from 710 in 2012 to 585 in 2013.

Figure A: Total number of registered early learning and childcare services, as at December 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013



A daycare service can operate more than one type of provision such as nursery, crèche or out of school care. Therefore, please note that under-reporting of some service types may result from the analysis of a service's main type of service only. For example a service which provides a nursery as main provision but also provide a breakfast club will only be reported as a nursery.

Figure A (above) demonstrates that apart from a small increase in 2011, the total number of childcare services has continued to fall from December 2008 to December 2013.

It shows that childminding services have decreased for the first time since 2008 and the decrease in daycare of children services continues.

Childminding services fell from 6,274 services in December 2012 to 6,185 in December 2013, a decrease of 1.4%, but an overall increase of 2% from 2008. As previously mentioned new rules on Disclosure Scotland checks may have influenced this decrease over the last year.

Daycare services also fell, from 3,825 services in December 2012 to 3,783 services in December 2013, a decrease of 1.1% and a decrease of 2.8% since 2008. Figure B (below) presents a breakdown of daycare of children services.

The chart shows that there has been a decrease over the past year in the number of services across all main types of daycare with the exception of out of school care.

Figure B: Number of registered daycare of children services by main service type, as at December 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

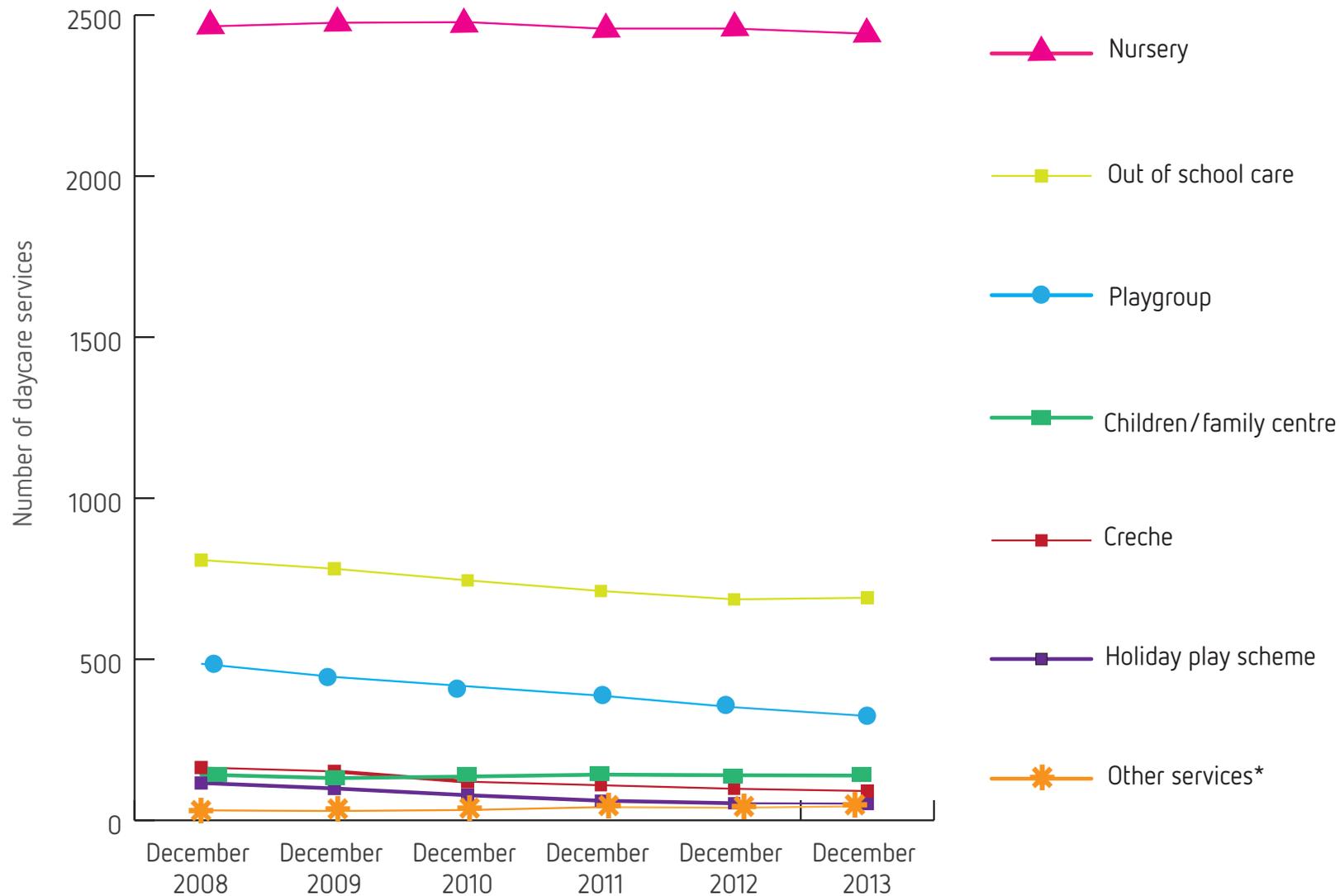


Table B: Number and percentage of registered early learning and childcare services that provided one or more additional services, as at 31 December 2013

	Count of services by main type of daycare	Count of services that provided one or more additional types of daycare	% of services that provided one or more additional types of daycare	Count of services that provided this as an additional type of daycare
Children/family centre	139	90	65%	56
Crèche	91	24	26%	104
Holiday play scheme	52	4	8%	523
Nursery	2,442	396	16%	108
Out of school care	691	504	73%	280
Playgroup	324	41	13%	66
Breakfast club	0	0	0%	545
Other services*	44	44	100%	0
Total	3,783	1,103	29%	N/A**

* 'Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories

** Not applicable to aggregate a total as services can choose multiple additional services

Table B shows that 13% of playgroup services provided an additional type of daycare service in December 2013- nearly double from 7% in 2012 and a 6% rise in out of school care offering additional services over the year. Services where the main type of care was a holiday play scheme were less likely to provide an additional service.

The most common additional type of daycare in 2013 was breakfast club services: 545 services recorded having a breakfast club in addition to their main type of daycare. Of these 545 services, 93% were nurseries and out of school care (41% and 52% respectively).

Although there were only 52 registered services where the main type of daycare was holiday play scheme (see table B above), table C (below) shows that 523 services operated a holiday play scheme in addition to their main type of daycare. Of these 523 services, 69% provided out of school care as their main type of daycare. Showing the same trend from 2012, holiday play schemes were less likely to be the main type of daycare and the second most common additional service type after breakfast clubs.

There were 691 services registered with a main type of daycare of out of school care. As well as these services, 280 other services operated out of school care in addition to their main type of daycare.

In 2012 there were no main daycare type nurseries which offered additional playgroup daycare and no playgroup services which offered additional nursery services. In 2013, 43 nurseries offered additional playgroup care and 26 playgroup services offered additional nursery care. However this increase could be due to a providers misunderstanding of our daycare categories.

Table C: Number of services, by main type of day care, providing an additional day care, as at 31 December 2013

Main types of daycare	also provided						
	Breakfast club	Children/family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup
Children/family centre	12	0	28	20	66	16	9
Crèche	3	4	0	14	1	6	4
Holiday play scheme	2	0	2	0	0	2	0
Nursery	224	47	44	107	0	229	43
Out of school care	284	1	8	360	4	0	1
Playgroup	6	0	7	7	26	7	0
Other services*	14	4	7	15	11	20	9
Total	545	56	104	523	108	280	66

* 'Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories

Table D (below) shows that 9,449 (95%) of all registered childcare services were active (actively providing a service as at 31 December 2013). There were 519 inactive services on the register. Most of the inactive services were childminding services (500).

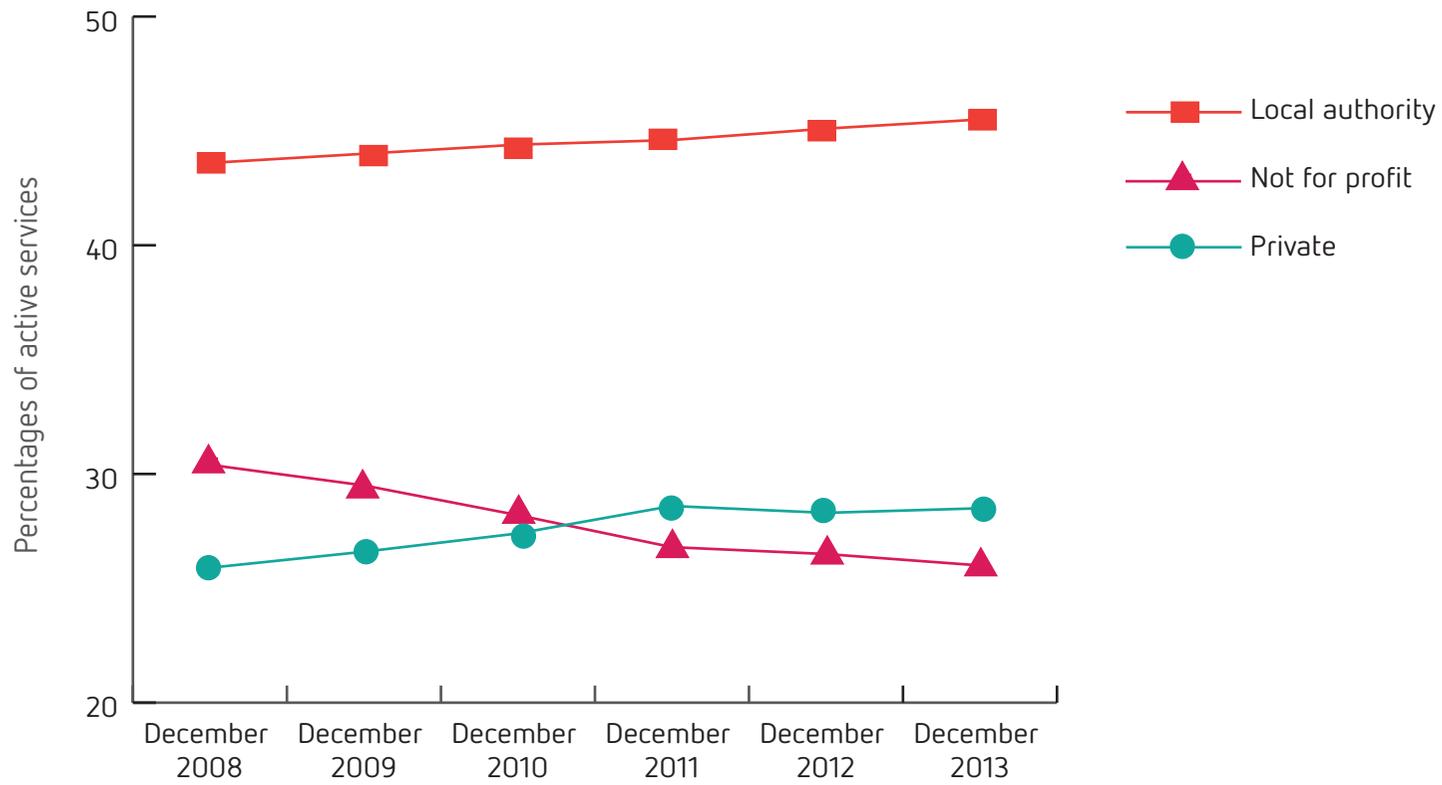
Table D: Registered early learning and childcare services split by active/inactive, as at 31 December 2013

	December 2011			December 2012			December 2013		
	Total services	of which:		Total services	of which:		Total services	of which:	
		Active services	Inactive services		Active services	Inactive services		Active services	Inactive services
Childminding	6,249	5,705	544	6,274	5,770	504	6,185	5,685	500
Daycare	3,910	3,870	40	3,825	3,778	47	3,783	3,764	19
Total	10,159	9,575	584	10,099	9,548	551	9,968	9,449	519

Although the number of services has decreased, changes in the child population mean that the percentage of the age-specific population attending services has increased slightly from previous years as detailed later in this report.

Figure C (below) shows that at 31 December 2013 the largest provider of childcare (excluding childminders) is still the local authority sector. This sector has been rising steadily since 2008 from 43.6% to 45.5% in 2013. Between 2012 and 2013 the private sector increased slightly from 28.3% to 28.5% but the not-for-profit sector continued to fall from 26.5% in 2012 to 26.0% in 2013 (see appendix table 2a).

Figure C: Percentage distribution of active daycare services by provider sector as at 31 December 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013



Number of registered early learning and childcare services in local authority areas, urban and rural areas and by deprivation

Differences in the average number of children attending each service can be seen across the different local authorities in Scotland. For example, the number of services that were actively providing a service ranged from 57.0 per 10,000 population in Glasgow City to 184.4 per 10,000 population in Orkney Islands. In Glasgow City the average attendance was 42.3 children per service, but in Orkney the average attendance was 10.6 children per service. From these key figures we can see that the same trend continues from last year that in 2013 there were more services in rural local authorities with less children attending each service compared to more urban local authorities where there were less services and more children attending per head of population.

The number of early learning and childcare services per 10,000 population (aged 0-15 years) differs between urban and rural area and by level of deprivation (see appendix table 4a). In general there were more services in remote areas compared to urban areas. For example there were more nursery services per head of population in remote rural areas (50.9) compared to large urban areas (23.8) and there were more childminding services per head of population in remote small towns (88.6) compared to large urban areas (43.3).

Overall there were more services in the least deprived areas of Scotland than the most deprived areas. For example there were more than three times the number of childminding services in the least deprived areas of Scotland (71.8) compared to the most deprived areas (20.0). This trend is less obvious in daycare of children services where the difference is much smaller with 38.2 services per 10,000 population (aged 0-15 years) in the least deprived areas of Scotland compared to 34.4 services per 10,000 population (aged 0-15 years) in the most deprived areas.

Number of children using registered early learning and childcare services in Scotland

In this report, we present information about children registered with an early learning and childcare service as at 31 December and children who attended over a specific week. Attendance would not be reflective of a typical week during the last week of December therefore attendance is measured in a census week, the last week of November instead.

In the last full week of November 2013, 223,980 children (24.6% of population aged 0-15 years old) attended registered services in Scotland, an increase from the 221,660 (24.2% of population aged 0-15 years old) attending in that week the previous year (see table E) and the highest since 2010.

Although the number of childminding services (see table D above) decreased between 2012 and 2013, the number of children attending these services increased. Around 31,720 (3.5%) of the population aged 0-15 years old) attended a childminding service in November 2013 compared to 30,390 in November 2012 (3.3%).

The number of daycare services also decreased between 2012 and 2013 but again the number of children aged 0-15 years attending daycare services increased. In 2013 192,270 children attended a daycare service (21.1% of age 0-15 population) compared to in 2012 where 191,270 children attended daycare services (20.9% of age 0-15 population).

Table E: Number of children using early learning and childcare services, during November 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

	Estimated number of children attending childcare services				Average number of children attending per service				Children attending as a % of population age 0-15 yrs old			
	November				November				November			
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013	2010	2011	2012	2013
Childminding	28,020	29,150	30,390	31,720	5.1	5.1	5.5	5.6	3.1%	3.2%	3.3%	3.5%
Daycare	190,260	193,210	191,270	192,270	48.1	49.9	50.3	51.1	20.9%	21.2%	20.9%	21.1%
All childcare services	218,280	222,360	221,660	223,980	23.0	23.2	23.2	23.7	23.9%	24.3%	24.2%	24.6%

Around 246,850 children (27.0% of the population aged 0-15 years old) were registered with an early learning and childcare service at 31 December 2013 (see appendix table 6), a slight increase on the 26.6% registered at 31 December 2012. The gap between children registered with services and the number of children attending services narrowed last year for the first time but this gap widened again in 2013.

For most service types between 82-95% of the total number of children registered with a service used the service in November 2013. This was not observed in all service types however, with the exceptions being crèche and holiday play scheme service types. The biggest difference was

observed in crèche services where the number of users was less than half the number of registered users (2,550 users and 5,890 registered users). This is reflective of the way in which these services define and count 'registered' children compared to other service types.

In November 2013 an average of 23.7 children attended each active registered care service in Scotland. The average attendance varied between provider sector (local authority, private, and not-for-profit) and service type (see appendix table 10).

The number of children attending daycare services has increased and the number of services has decreased therefore the average number of children attending per service has increased from 50.3 in 2012 to 51.1 children in 2013.

The difference in provider sector attendance can be seen in playgroup services for example. More children on average attend private playgroup services (32.2 children per playgroup) compared to local authority and not for profit run services (18.4 and 23.6 children attending per playgroup respectively).

Average attendance in nurseries also varied across provider sector. Average attendance was higher in privately run nurseries (68.6 children per nursery) compared to local authority run nurseries (48.2 children per nursery) and those run on a not for profit basis (48.1 children per nursery).

Around 2,780 children attended a holiday play scheme in 2013. This is an increase of roughly 500 children compared to 2012 figures. This increase may be in part due to the change in data collection, which now asks for attendance in a 'typical holiday play scheme week' as opposed to specifically the end of November; not a reflection of a holiday season in which these services tend to operate.

Number of children using registered early learning and childcare services in urban and rural areas by deprivation

The number of children attending each childcare service varied between urban and rural areas and by level of deprivation. For a second year the number of children attending services in urban areas was higher than in rural areas but there were fewer services per head of population in urban areas. This trend however was not observed in out of school care services where more services were found within urban areas where again, more children were attending on average than in rural areas. In large urban areas there were 82.8 childcare services per 10,000 population, compared to 122.6 per 10,000 population in remote rural areas. In urban areas 65.5 children on average were attending each nursery service compared to 18.2 children per nursery service in remote areas.

A difference was also noted in the number of services between the least deprived and most deprived areas of Scotland. In the most deprived areas there were 54.3 services per 10,000 population compared to 109.9 services in the least deprived areas per 10,000 population. This was highlighted further in playgroup services, with 0.6 playgroup services in the most deprived areas and 4.7 services in the least deprived areas per 10,000 population. The most deprived areas also had lower capacity nurseries compared to the least deprived areas. Childminding services account for the biggest difference in services on the deprivation scale.

In the most deprived areas of Scotland there were considerably fewer childminding services per 10,000 head of population (20.0) compared to the least deprived areas (71.8) and more services in rural areas (59.8 services per 10,000 population) compared to urban areas (43.3 services per 10,000 population). On average there were 5.6 children attending childminding services in Scotland- a range from 4.9 children per service in urban areas to 6.4 children in rural areas.

This trend is reversed in children and family centre services. A similar number of children on average attended children and family centres in the least deprived and most deprived areas of Scotland (70.0 and 73.3 respectively) however the number of these services were over 7 times greater in the most deprived areas (4.3 per 10,000 of population) compared to least deprived (0.6 per 10,000 of population).

Service Provision

Early learning and childcare¹ as at 31 December 2013

The proportion of services providing early learning and childcare remains similar to previous years.

Table F (below) shows the distribution of services providing early learning and childcare provision across provider sector (local authority, private and not-for-profit) as at 31 December 2013. The table highlights that 54% of early learning and childcare provision was delivered by local authority run services in 2013; down from 57% in 2012. Privately run services provided 21% of early learning, a decrease of 1% from 2012 and 13% by services run on a not-for-profit basis, no change from 2012.

Table F: Percent of services providing funded early learning and childcare across provider sector, by main type of daycare, as at December 2013

	Early learning and childcare provision funded by local authority run services	Early learning and childcare provision funded by privately run services	Early learning and childcare provision funded (in partnership) by 'not-for-profit' services
Children/family centre	90%	1%	10%
Nursery	61%	24%	7%
Playgroup	0%	8%	59%
All	54%	21%	13%

Appendix table 12 shows that 87% of children and family centres, 94% of nurseries and 81% of playgroups were providing early learning and childcare. An increase in all three service types between 2012 and 2013.

Please note that these figures are estimates only and exclude any forms of early learning and childcare provision education which are not specifically related to local authority or partnership funded education. More detail on early learning and childcare provision is available in Scottish Government National Statistics publications:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/Pubs-Pre-SchoolEducation

¹ Early learning and childcare was formerly referred to as pre-school' and has been changed to reflect the new provision under the Children and Young People Act which came into force on 1 August 2014.

Languages and service philosophies as at 31 December 2013

The trends in language and service philosophies remain similar to previous years. As at 31 December 2013 around:

- 98% of active early learning and childcare services (excluding childminding services) used the English language in delivering the service and 2% used Gaelic (0.7% of services used only Gaelic, most of which were run by local authorities)
- 4% of services used a second language (other than Gaelic or sign) as well as English
- 2% used sign language as well as English.

Excluding childminding services, around 1% (37) childcare services followed a Suzuki/Montessori philosophy. Nurseries, out of school care and playgroup services were the biggest users of this philosophy. The majority of the services that used a Suzuki/Montessori philosophy were run on a private or not-for-profit basis (53% and 33% respectively).

Around 0.3% (12) used a Steiner philosophy. The services which used a Steiner philosophy included six nurseries, five out of school care services and one playgroup.

School term/holiday availability as at December 2013 (appendix table 15)

During term time the majority of childminding services provided a day-time only service, although the percent of services offering overnight stays increased from 2.3% to 3.4% between 2012 and 2013. An increase was also observed in the availability of early morning² childminding services with an increase from 76% in 2012 to 95% in 2013³.

During school holidays childminding services and holiday playschemes were more likely than other services to operate.

Sessions available and whether drop-in or planned as at 31 December 2013 (appendix table 16)

Excluding childminding services, nearly half (47%) of childcare services provided either whole-day sessions or a mixture of whole-day and part-day sessions. Playgroup and creche services were most likely to provide part-day only sessions- 94% of playgroups operate a part-time service. As well as playgroups and creche services, just over half of nurseries provide only part-day sessions. 92% of the nurseries providing part-day sessions are run by the local authority sector.

Nearly all childcare services, excluding childminding services, were available on a planned rather than drop-in basis. The exceptions were creche services (where nearly a third of services offered drop in services) and 1% of out of school care.

² Breakfast or pre-school

³ In 2013 this question in the annual return became mandatory therefore this may explain the increase in this type of provision

Meals and snacks as at 31 December 2013 (appendix table 17)

93% of childminding services provided meals in the service, either by the service by the parents, or both, and almost all (99%) provided snacks in their service.

Over the year between 2012 and 2013 there was an increase in the number parents providing meals for children attending childminding services compared to the service providing meals. The number of childminding services only providing meals has dropped from 31% to 25%, with a move towards joint parent and service meal provision.

Excluding childminding services, 39% of daycare services provided meals in the service (between the service only, the parents only or a combination of both), a 15% increase from 2012⁴. This increase was mainly due to the number of parents providing meals for children in the service. 98% of daycare services provided snacks to children using the service in 2013, an increase from 95% in 2012.

The most common service type to provide children with meals are childminding services, with the least likely being playgroup services. This is most likely because this service type operates in short sessions and meals are not required.

Early learning and childcare services grades as at 31st March 2014 (appendix table 19)

As at 31st March 2014:

- half (49.7%) of all childminding services had all grades of very good or excellent.
- 0.3% had all grades of unsatisfactory or weak.
- The proportion of daycare services with all grades of very good or excellent was lower than childminding services at 41.2% and for all grades of weak or unsatisfactory (0.2%).

Two thirds of all childcare services (66%) were graded very good or excellent for quality of care and support.

1% of daycare services and 0.5% of childminding services were graded at weak or unsatisfactory for quality of care and support.

⁴ This question was altered in 2013 to include all services instead of just services which provide care to 0-5 year olds which may explain the increase in meal and snack provision in services

⁵ When the Care Inspectorate inspects a care service we will grade the most important aspects of care. Because we grade separate aspects of care, a daycare service could have as many as four grades and a childminding service up to three grades.

We use a six point grading scale:

6 - excellent

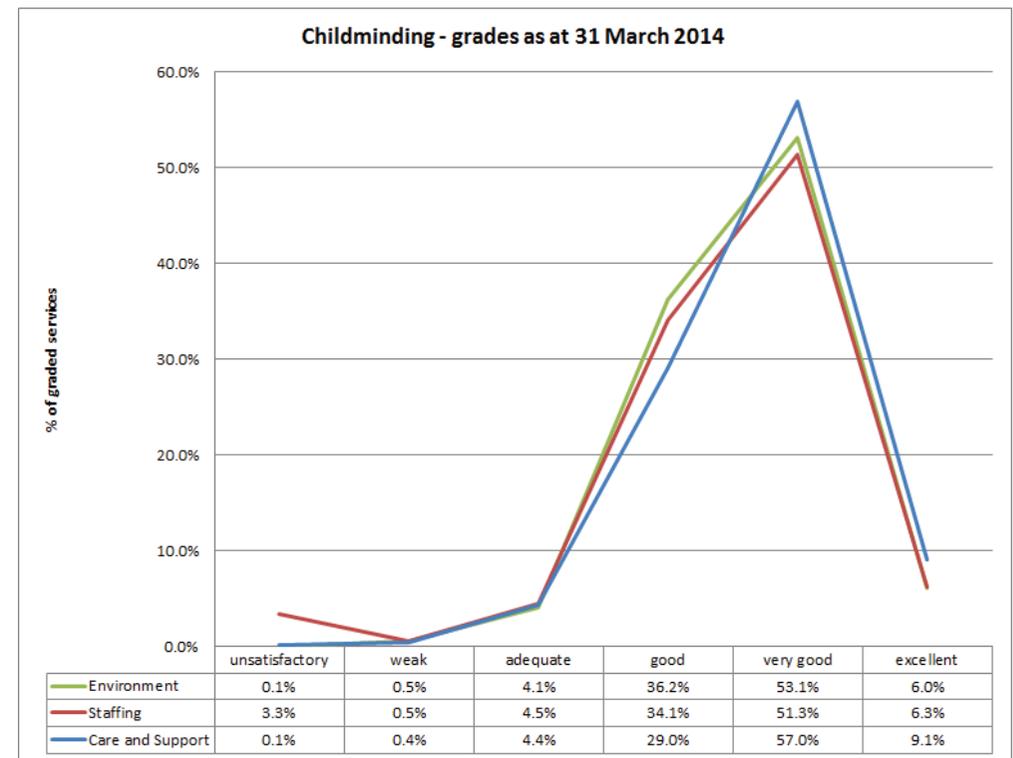
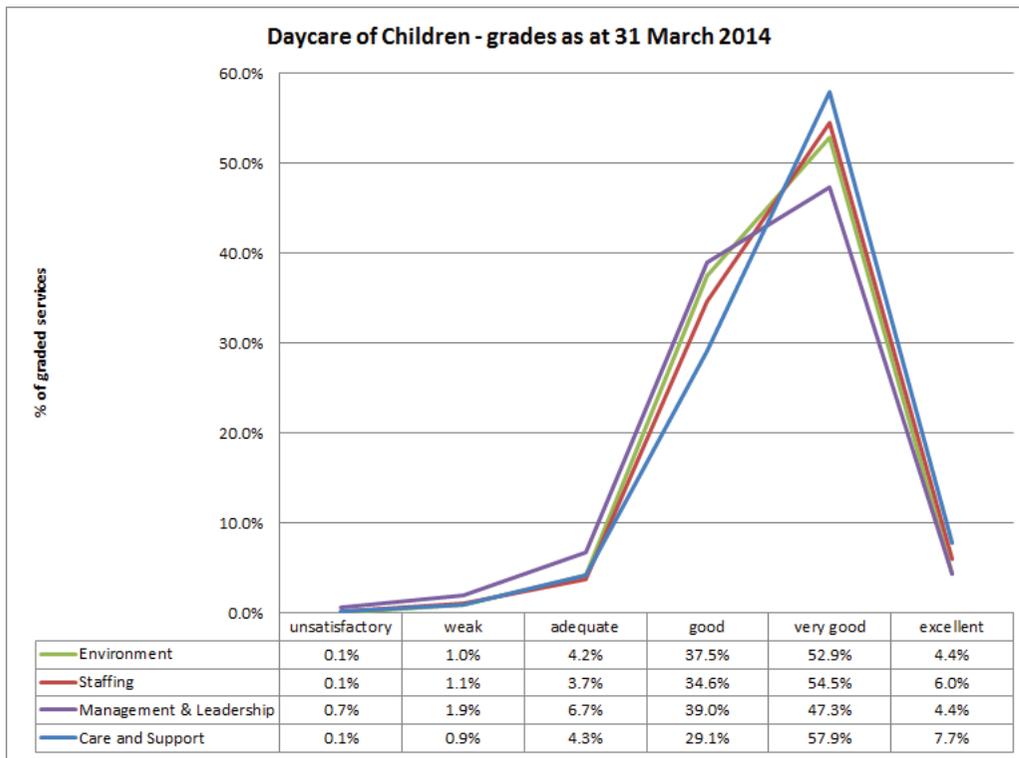
5 - very good

4 - good

3 - adequate

2 - weak

1 - unsatisfactory



Early learning and childcare services and complaints as at 31st March 2014 (appendix table 20)

Childcare services accounted for almost a third (29.2%) of all complaints completed by the Care Inspectorate between 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014 (see appendix table 20). Of the total number completed 19.8% were daycare and 9.4% were childminding services.

Last year daycare of children services had significantly more complaints per service than childminding services. Between 1st April 2013 and 31st March 2014 12.4 complaints per 1,000 childminding services were upheld or partially upheld compared to 54.1 complaints per 1,000 daycare of children services. This trend is reversed when comparing upheld and partially upheld complaints per 1,000 places, where childminding services had 2.0 complaints per 1,000 places compared to daycare of children services at 1.3 complaints per 1,000 places.

Background and methodology

- The Care Inspectorate regulates care services for children and adults in Scotland. This includes a wide range of services for children and young people, such as fostering, adoption and residential care. This publication focuses on childminding and daycare of children services. Statistics on, for example, looked after children are published by the Scottish Government and can be found at: www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/Publications
- This paper reports on the provision and use of daycare of children and childminding services registered with the Care Inspectorate as at 31 December 2013. Each daycare of children service can provide a range of different types of provision, for example a nursery can also provide a breakfast club and an out of school club. In this report we have only used the main type of provision so a service that provides a nursery as main provision but also provides out of school club, will only be recorded as a nursery. This may lead to under-reporting of the availability of some types of provision.
- Previous versions of this report which were published to cover the years 2010, 2011 and 2012 are available at www.careinspectorate.com under 'Professionals' and selecting 'Statistics'.
- The statistics in this report are produced using information from the latest Care Inspectorate annual returns which asked for information about the previous calendar year (1 January 2013 to 31 December 2013) and the Care Inspectorate service list (as at 31 December 2013). Figures relating to previous years are taken from the Childcare Statistics 2010, 2011 and 2012 publications.
- Our inspectors use the annual returns when planning care service inspections and carrying out risk assessments. Some of the information in the returns is also aggregated and used by the Care Inspectorate to inform wider statistical analysis and comparisons across, for example, care service providers and geographical areas.
- The Care Inspectorate requires (under the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010, section 53(6)) all providers that are registered with the Care Inspectorate to complete and submit an annual return in order to provide the Care Inspectorate with the information needed to help plan and carry out inspections effectively. Although services registered after 1 October 2013 do not have to submit an annual return for December 2013, we encourage them to do so.
- Of the 9,968 childcare services registered with the Care Inspectorate as at 31 December 2013, 9,017 (89%) submitted an annual return, a 1% decrease compared to the previous year. The annual return data has been weighted to deal with non-response and so there will be an element of uncertainty in the final results. For this reason some of the tables contain figures which have been rounded to the nearest 10, therefore rounded figures may differ slightly to the overall totals.

Please note that where a table contains percentages, those that are based on numbers equal to or smaller than 10 are shown in pink.

Definitions of the terms used throughout this publication can be found in the [technical appendix](#).

- Counts published in this report of the number of childminding and daycare services as at December 2013 are also published by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) in their Scottish Social Services Sector: Report on 2013 Workforce Data. The figures may vary slightly due to differences in the way the Care Inspectorate and SSSC classify an active service. See the technical appendix for more information.

How these statistics are used:

The main use of childcare statistics is for monitoring the overall system of childcare provision and use, as well as individual policies, some of which are discussed below.

The Scottish Government's Early Years Framework (2009) states a commitment to giving children the best possible start in life, aiming to break negative cycles of inequality through early intervention. As part of the government's early intervention agenda, Getting it Right for Every Child (GIRFEC) provides guidance on a consistent and integrated approach to support children across Scotland, translated through the SHANARRI framework of wellbeing indicators: Safe; Healthy; Achieving; Nurtured; Active; Respected; Responsible; Included. The figures presented in this report on the availability of childcare services by level of deprivation of an area, as well as statistics on the number of services providing pre-school education, philosophies adopted by service providers, and the provision of meals and snacks across different types of daycare services, provides a valuable insight into childcare in Scotland for those that also have an interest in the Early Years Framework. These figures are also further evidence for those with an interest in the Early Years Collaborative. The Early Years Collaborative is a coalition established with an objective to "accelerate the conversion of the high level principles set out in GIRFEC and the Early Years Framework into practical action". The multi-agency quality improvement programme is made up of a wide range of community planning partners, including social work and social care services, health, education, police and the third sector.

Childcare statistics 2013 can also provide valuable information for those with an interest in the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014. The Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 is designed to support the Scottish Government's intention for "Scotland to be the best place to grow up in by putting children and young people at the heart of planning and services" and "ensuring their rights are respected across the public sector". As well as placing key aspects of GIRFEC into legislation, the Act includes provision to increase the amount and flexibility of early learning and childcare families receive, increasing free provision from 475 hours a year to a minimum of 600 hours for three and four year olds, as well as children who are looked after or are from workless households.

In February 2014, the Scottish Government announced that it had asked Professor Iram Siraj to lead an independent review of the early years and childcare workforce. This remit was later extended to include out of school care. Topics considered by the review will include skills and qualifications; recruitment and retention; career pathways; and recognition of the importance of the workforce. The review is expected to continue until April 2015.



Table appendix

Table 1a: Number of registered early learning and childcare services by main service type and service status (active/inactive), as at 31 December 2009, 2010 2011, 2012 and 2013

Childcare services by main service type	December 2009			December 2010			December 2011			December 2012		
	Total services	of which:		Total services	of which:		Total services	of which:		Total services	of which:	
		Active services	Inactive services									
Childminding	6,066	5,540	526	6,107	5,529	578	6,249	5,705	544	6,274	5,750	524
Children/family centre	131	130	1	136	134	2	142	142	0	140	140	0
Crèche	152	148	4	120	113	7	109	104	5	98	95	3
Holiday play scheme	99	95	4	78	68	10	61	56	5	53	52	1
Nursery	2,476	2,460	16	2,478	2,464	14	2,458	2,440	18	2,458	2,439	19
of which: providing additional childcare eg breakfast club	388	387	1	399	399	0	373	372	1	380	380	0
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,088	2,073	15	2,079	2,065	14	2,085	2,068	17	2,078	2,059	19
Out of school care	781	778	3	745	736	9	712	706	6	686	685	1
of which: providing additional childcare eg breakfast club	482	481	1	489	484	5	471	468	3	460	459	1
of which: providing no additional childcare services	299	297	2	256	252	4	241	238	3	226	226	0
Playgroup	445	444	1	416	411	5	387	384	3	351	350	1
Other services	290	29	0	32	31	1	41	38	3	39	39	0
Total	10,179	9,624	555	10,112	9,486	626	10,159	9,575	584	10,099	9,550	549
Total excluding childminders	4,113	4,084	29	4,005	3,957	48	3,910	3,870	40	3,825	3,800	25

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

December 2013		
Total services	of which:	
	Active services	Inactive services
6,185	5,685	500
139	139	0
91	91	0
52	51	1
2,442	2,426	16
396	395	1
2,046	2,031	15
691	690	1
504	503	1
187	187	0
324	323	1
44	44	0
9,968	9,449	519
3,783	3,764	19

Notes:

- Counts of the number of active childminding and day care services are also published by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) in their Scottish Social Services Sector: Report on 2013. Workforce Data (Official Statistics). The counts may vary slightly due to differences in the way the Care Inspectorate and SSSC classify an active service. See the technical appendix for more information.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical appendix for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Table 1b: Changes to registered early learning and childcare services from 31 December 2012 to 31 December 2013, by main service type

Childcare services by main service type	Number of services at 31 December 2012	Number of services at 31 December 2013	Net change in the number of services	Cancellations	Registrations	Net change in the number of services due to cancellations/registrations
Childminding	6,274	6,185	-89	674	585	-89
Children/family centre	140	139	-1	2	1	-1
Creche	98	91	-7	15	8	-7
Holiday play scheme	53	52	-1	4	3	-1
Nursery	2,458	2,442	-16	79	63	-16
Out of school care	686	691	5	20	25	5
Playgroup	351	324	-27	33	6	-27
Other services	39	44	5	1	6	5
Total	10,099	9,968	-131	828	697	-131
Total excluding childminding	3,825	3,783	-42	154	112	-42

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- 'Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Table 2a: Number of active registered early learning and childcare services by provider sector, as at 31 December 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013

Number of services

	December 2009				December 2010				December 2011				December 2012			
	Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:		
		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit												
Childminding services	5,540	0	5,540	0	5,529	0	5,529	0	5,705	0	5,705	0	0	0	5,750	0
Daycare services	4,084	1,795	1,085	1,204	3,957	1,755	1,086	1,116	3,870	1,725	1,108	1,037	1,037	1,717	1,075	1,008
All childcare services	9,624	1,795	6,625	1,204	9,486	1,755	6,615	1,116	9,575	1,725	6,813	1,037	9,550	1,717	6,825	1,008

Percentages of services

	December 2009				December 2010				December 2011				December 2012			
	Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:		
		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit												
Childminding services	5,540	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	5,529	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	5,705	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	5,750	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Daycare services	4,084	44.0%	26.6%	29.5%	3,957	44.4%	27.4%	28.2%	3,870	44.6%	28.6%	26.8%	3,800	45.2%	28.3%	26.5%
All childcare services	9,624	18.7%	68.8%	12.5%	9,486	18.5%	69.7%	11.8%	9,575	18.0%	71.2%	10.8%	9,550	18.0%	71.5%	10.6%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

- It is not appropriate to further disaggregate the above data by main type of day care for comparison over time, because at such a low level small changes in the number of services from one year to the next could create large and misleading percentage point differences.
- Counts of the number of active childminding and day care services are also published by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) in their Scottish Social Services Sector: Report on 2013 Workforce Data (Official Statistics). The counts may vary slightly due to differences in the way the Care Inspectorate and SSSC classify an active service. See the technical appendix for more information.

December 2013			
Total active services	of which:		
	Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit
5,685	0	5,685	0
3,764	1,712	1,074	978
9,449	1,712	6,759	978

December 2013			
Total active services	of which:		
	Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit
5,685	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
3,764	45.5%	28.5%	26.0%
9,449	18.1%	71.5%	10.4%



Table 2b: Number of active registered early learning and childcare services by main service type and provider sector, as at 31 December 2013

Childcare services by main service type	Number of services				Percentages of services			
	Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:		
		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit
Childminding	5,685	0	5,685	0	5,685	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Children/family centre	139	87	3	49	139	62.6%	2.2%	35.3%
Crèche	91	33	24	34	91	36.3%	26.4%	37.4%
Holiday play scheme	51	16	5	30	51	31.4%	9.8%	58.8%
Nursery	2,426	1,479	766	181	2,426	61.0%	31.6%	7.5%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	119	206	70	395	30.1%	52.2%	17.7%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	1,360	560	111	2,031	67.0%	27.6%	5.5%
Out of school care	690	89	224	377	690	12.9%	32.5%	54.6%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	66	168	269	503	13.1%	33.4%	53.5%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	23	56	108	187	12.3%	29.9%	57.8%
Playgroup	323	4	40	279	323	1.2%	12.4%	86.4%
Other services	44	4	12	28	44	9.1%	27.3%	63.6%
Total	9,449	1,712	6,759	978	9,449	18.1%	71.5%	10.4%
Total (excluding childminders)	3,764	1,712	1,074	978	3,764	45.5%	28.5%	26.0%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

- Counts of the number of active childminding and day care services are also published by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) in their Scottish Social Services Sector: Report on 2013 Workforce Data (Official Statistics). The counts may vary slightly due to differences in the way the Care Inspectorate and SSSC classify an active service. See the technical appendix for more information.
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- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in pink.

Table 3: Number of active registered early learning and childcare services by urban-rural category, deprivation category and provider sector, as at 31 December 2013

	Total active childcare services	Total active childcare services excluding childminding	Number of childcare services by main service type (as at December 2013)							
			Childminding	Children/ family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Play-group	Other services
Urban-rural category:										
Large urban areas	2,789	1331	1458	77	46	24	800	305	63	16
Other urban areas	3,186	1071	2115	44	27	17	687	205	78	13
Accessible small towns	1,001	314	687	7	8	2	201	56	37	3
Remote small towns	452	163	289	8	1	5	101	16	29	3
Accessible rural	1,318	525	793	1	7	3	345	90	75	4
Remote rural	703	360	343	2	2	0	292	18	41	5
Scotland	9,449	3,764	5,685	139	91	51	2,426	690	323	44
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	558	353	205	44	17	9	196	73	6	8
2	732	370	362	23	14	13	232	69	12	7
3	768	316	452	19	11	4	214	50	13	5
4	899	379	520	15	15	4	255	64	22	4
5	1,017	447	570	14	10	6	288	83	40	6
6	1,039	414	625	5	3	3	298	65	36	4
7	1,168	411	757	3	3	1	290	64	47	3
8	1,171	413	758	10	5	4	252	78	61	3
9	1,155	334	821	1	6	2	209	68	46	2
10 - least deprived	942	327	615	5	7	5	192	76	40	2
Scotland	9,449	3,764	5,685	139	91	51	2,426	690	323	44
Provider sector:										
Local authority	1,712	1,712	0	87	33	16	1,479	89	4	4
Private	6,759	1,074	5,685	3	24	5	766	224	40	12
Not-for-profit	978	978	0	49	34	30	181	377	279	28
All	9,449	3,764	5,685	139	91	51	2,426	690	323	44

Notes:

- Counts of the number of active childminding and day care services are also published by the Scottish Social Services Council (SSSC) in their Scottish Social Services Sector: Report on 2013 Workforce Data (Official Statistics). The counts may vary slightly due to differences in the way the Care Inspectorate and SSSC classify an active service. See the technical appendix for more information.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
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- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Please see the additional Excel tables for a version of this table that contains a local authority split.

Table 4a: Number of active registered early learning and childcare services per 10,000 head of population by urban-rural category and deprivation category, as at 31 December 2013

	Number of childcare services per 10,000 head of population by main service type (as at December 2013)									
	Total active childcare services	Total active childcare services excluding childminding	Childminding	Children/ family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup	Other services
Urban-rural category:										
Large urban areas	82.8	39.5	43.3	2.3	1.4	0.7	23.8	9.1	1.9	0.5
Other urban areas	111.0	37.3	73.7	1.5	0.9	0.6	23.9	7.1	2.7	0.5
Accessible small towns	122.3	38.4	83.9	0.9	1.0	0.2	24.6	6.8	4.5	0.4
Remote small towns	138.6	50.0	88.6	2.5	0.3	1.5	31.0	4.9	8.9	0.9
Accessible rural	110.5	44.0	66.5	0.1	0.6	0.3	28.9	7.5	6.3	0.3
Remote rural	122.6	62.8	59.8	0.3	0.3	0.0	50.9	3.1	7.1	0.9
Scotland	103.3	41.2	62.2	1.5	1.0	0.6	26.5	7.5	3.5	0.5
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	54.3	34.4	20.0	4.3	1.7	0.9	19.1	7.1	0.6	0.8
2	77.4	39.1	38.3	2.4	1.5	1.4	24.5	7.3	1.3	0.7
3	89.0	36.6	52.4	2.2	1.3	0.5	24.8	5.8	1.5	0.6
4	103.9	43.8	60.1	1.7	1.7	0.5	29.5	7.4	2.5	0.5
5	115.2	50.6	64.5	1.6	1.1	0.7	32.6	9.4	4.5	0.7
6	116.2	46.3	69.9	0.6	0.3	0.3	33.3	7.3	4.0	0.4
7	123.1	43.3	79.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	30.6	6.7	5.0	0.3
8	126.1	44.5	81.6	1.1	0.5	0.4	27.1	8.4	6.6	0.3
9	123.5	35.7	87.8	0.1	0.6	0.2	22.4	7.3	4.9	0.2
10 - least deprived	109.9	38.2	71.8	0.6	0.8	0.6	22.4	8.9	4.7	0.2
Scotland	103.3	41.2	62.2	1.5	1.0	0.6	26.5	7.5	3.5	0.5

Source: Care Inspectorate service-lists and annual return data. National Records of Scotland 2012 mid-year population estimates

Notes:

- Rates exclude one service whose main type of day care is a crèche service that operates on a mobile basis and whose head office in England therefore cannot be assigned to an urban rural or deprivation area in Scotland.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Please see the additional Excel tables for a version of this table that contains a local authority split.
- Current population figures are not yet available at datazone level, therefore 2012 estimates are used for all urban/rural and deprivation calculations

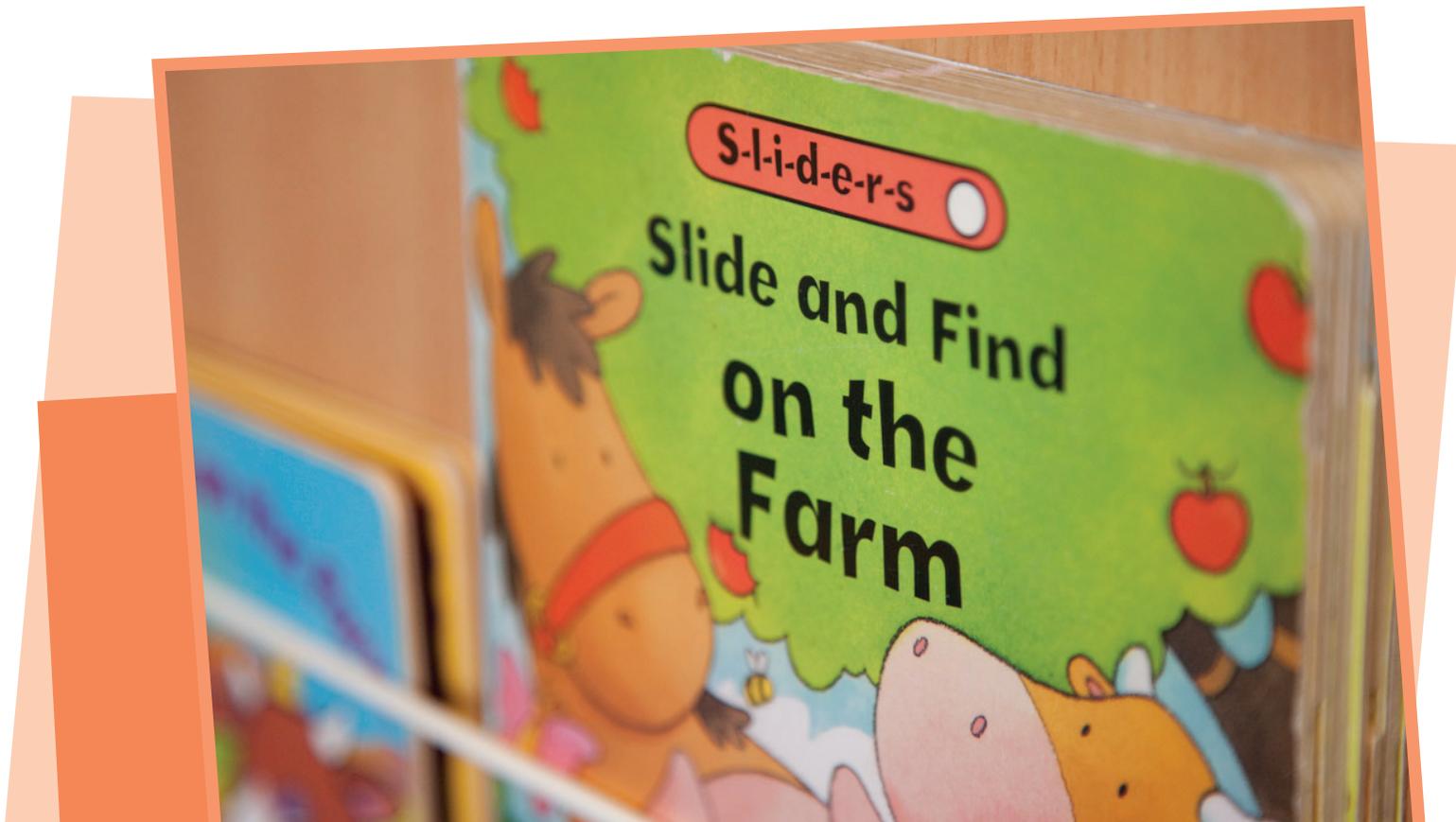


Table 4b: Average capacity of active registered early learning and childcare services by urban-rural category and deprivation category, as at 31 December 2013

	Total active childcare services	Total active childcare services excluding childminding	Childminding	Children/ family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup	Other services
Urban-rural category:										
Large urban areas	26.3	48.6	5.9	57.7	35.3	38.1	52.5	45.2	23.5	31.5
Other urban areas	19.1	44.4	6.2	47.0	42.4	40.2	48.7	38.6	24.1	35.8
Accessible small towns	16.9	40.9	5.9	42.1	20.8	13.0	45.6	39.6	23.6	33.0
Remote small towns	16.7	35.0	6.4	20.0	30.0	31.8	38.6	41.1	25.5	20.0
Accessible rural	16.4	31.3	6.5	30.0	25.9	36.7	33.7	29.5	23.4	18.0
Remote rural	14.1	21.2	6.6	36.0	75.0	0.0	20.7	20.7	21.4	19.2
Scotland	20.1	41.2	6.2	50.8	36.2	37.1	43.8	40.0	23.5	29.5
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	33.6	49.7	5.8	61.8	31.5	30.9	55.2	38.1	19.2	36.6
2	25.8	45.4	5.8	53.2	53.6	38.7	48.6	38.1	20.3	24.0
3	21.1	42.8	5.9	49.9	39.8	27.5	45.9	35.0	25.8	26.0
4	21.6	43.1	6.0	46.4	53.2	42.8	44.6	41.1	23.0	39.3
5	20.0	37.5	6.3	47.7	23.0	31.0	39.0	40.5	23.3	26.0
6	17.7	35.1	6.2	41.0	24.3	25.0	36.1	38.3	22.5	27.0
7	15.8	33.5	6.2	34.3	12.3	10.0	35.1	34.1	24.4	27.7
8	17.6	38.6	6.2	31.8	35.2	48.8	42.3	38.2	24.2	36.3
9	17.0	43.1	6.4	28.0	26.3	17.0	48.1	44.1	24.2	12.5
10 - least deprived	20.4	46.9	6.3	32.0	14.0	66.4	52.0	49.8	23.0	34.0
Scotland	20.1	41.2	6.2	50.8	36.2	37.1	43.8	40.0	23.5	29.5

Source: Care Inspectorate service-lists and annual return data.

Notes:

- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Capacity places figures relate to the maximum attendance at any one time. Therefore where a service provides for part-day or part-week attendance there may be more children attending the service over the course of a week than the total capacity figure. Similarly there may be more children registered for this service at a given

point in time than the total capacity figure.

- The capacity figure for childminding services includes their own children where relevant.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Please see the additional Excel tables for a version of this table that contains a local authority split.

Table 5: Number of capacity places of early learning and childcare services (maximum attendance at any one time) by main service type, as at 31 December 2013

Active childcare services by main service type	Total active services	Total capacity places	Average capacity places per service	Total capacity places as an estimated percentage of the age-specific population	Total capacity places as an estimated percentage of the population aged 0–15
Childminding	5,685	35,120	6.2	3.9%	3.9%
Children/family centre	139	7,070	50.9	0.8%	0.8%
Crèche	91	3,300	36.3	0.4%	0.4%
Holiday play scheme	51	1,890	37.1	0.2%	0.2%
Nursery	2,426	106,170	43.8	15.6%	11.6%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	22,660	-	3.3%	2.5%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	83,520	-	12.2%	9.2%
Out of school care	690	27,590	40.0	4.1%	3.0%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	21,360	-	3.2%	2.3%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	6,230	-	0.9%	0.7%
Playgroup	323	7,600	23.5	3.2%	0.8%
Other services	44	1,300	29.5	0.1%	0.1%
Total	9,449	190,040	20.1	28.2%	20.8%
Total excluding Childminding	3,764	154,920	41.2	24.3%	17.0%

Source: Care Inspectorate service-lists and annual return data. National Records of Scotland 2013 mid-year population estimates

population aged 0-15yrs:	911,679	population aged 4-5yrs:	119,040
population aged 0-5yrs:	353,738	population aged 6yrs:	57,086
population aged <1yr:	57,058	population aged 7-11yrs:	271,651
population aged 1yr:	58,898	population aged 12yrs plus:	229,204
population aged 2-3yrs:	118,742	school age	557,941

Notes:

- Percentage of the age-specific population has been calculated using a population denominator which sums together the population of children that fall within the age-group that would use a particular service. For example, for out of school clubs the denominator is population of children aged 4-15 years old.
- Capacity places figures relate to the maximum attendance at any one time. Therefore where a service provides for part-day or part-week attendance there may be more children attending the service over the course of a week than the total capacity figure. Similarly there may be more children registered for this service at a given point in time than the total capacity figure.
- The capacity figure for childminding services includes their own children where relevant.
- All figures are rounded to the nearest 10 to express the uncertainty in these estimates. For this reason, totals may not exactly equal the sum of their parts.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Table 6: Number of children attending early learning and childcare services during the last full week before the 30 November 2013 and registered to attend as at 31 December 2013

Active childcare services by main service type	Total active services	Estimated number of children attending	Average number of children attending per service	Number of children attending as percentage of the age-specific population	Number of children attending as percentage of population aged 0–15 years old	November 2013		December 2013	
						Estimated number of children registered	Average number of children registered per service	Number of children registered as percentage of the age-specific population	Number of children registered as a percentage of the population aged 0–15 years old
Childminding	5,685	31,720	5.6	3.5%	3.5%	33,740	5.9	3.7%	3.7%
Children/family centre	139	9,300	66.9	1.0%	1.0%	10,220	73.5	1.1%	1.1%
Crèche	91	2,550	28.0	0.3%	0.3%	5,890	64.7	0.6%	0.7%
Holiday play scheme	51	2,780	54.5	0.3%	0.3%	4,090	80.2	0.4%	0.5%
Nursery	2,426	132,590	54.7	19.4%	14.5%	140,010	57.7	20.5%	15.4%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	28,060	-	4.1%	3.1%	30,070	76.1	4.1%	8.1%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	104,520	-	15.3%	11.5%	109,950	54.1	15.3%	7.3%
Out of school care	690	35,050	50.8	5.2%	3.8%	42,210	61.2	6.2%	4.7%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	27,420	-	4.1%	3.0%	33,470	66.5	4.9%	3.7%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	7,630	-	1.1%	0.8%	8,740	46.7	1.3%	1.0%
Playgroup	323	7,940	24.6	3.3%	0.9%	8,530	26.4	3.6%	0.9%
Other services	44	2,050	46.6	0.2%	0.2%	2,160	49.1	0.2%	0.2%
Total	9,449	223,980	23.7	33.3%	24.6%	246,850	26.1	36.5%	27.2%
Total excluding Childminding	3,764	192,250	51.1	29.8%	21.1%	213,110	56.6	32.8%	23.5%

Table 6 continued

population aged 0-15yrs:	911,679
population aged 0-5yrs:	353,738
population aged <1yr:	57,058
population aged 1yr:	58,898
population aged 2-3yrs:	118,742
population aged 4-5yrs:	119,040
population aged 6yrs:	57,086
population aged 7-11yrs:	271,651
population aged 12yrs plus:	229,204
school age	557,941

Source: Care Inspectorate service-lists and annual return data. National Records of Scotland 2013 mid-year population estimates

Notes:

- Most holiday play schemes only operate during school holidays, however a small number of them operate weekend play scheme services.
- A child registered with a service may not actually attend that service in a given week, therefore the registration figures in this table are generally higher than the attendance figures.
- It is assumed that children are counted once for each service they attend.
- Percentage of the age-specific population has been calculated using a population denominator which sums together the population of children that fall within the age-group that would use a particular service. For example, for out of school clubs the denominator is population of children aged 4-15 years old.
- All figures are rounded to the nearest 10 to express the uncertainty in these estimates. For this reason, totals may not exactly equal the sum of their parts
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Table 7: Number of children and percentage of population aged 0-15 years old attending an early learning and childcare service during the last full week before 30 November 2013, by main service type and age-group

Active childcare services by main service type	Total number of children	Percentage of population age 0 to 15	Children attending a service					
			Under 1 year old		1 year old		2 to 3 years old	
			Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population
Childminding	31,720	3%	900	1.6%	3,870	6.6%	8,710	7.3%
Children/family centre	9,300	1%	310	0.5%	930	1.6%	4,590	3.9%
Crèche	2,570	0%	190	0.3%	230	0.4%	920	0.8%
Holiday play scheme	2,780	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	20	0.0%
Nursery	132,580	15%	2,290	4.0%	11,990	20.4%	59,820	50.4%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	28,060	3%	550	1.0%	2,990	5.1%	12,010	10.1%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	104,530	11%	1,740	3.0%	9,000	15.3%	47,810	40.3%
Out of school care	35,050	4%	0	0.0%	20	0.0%	100	0.1%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	27,420	3%	0	0.0%	20	0.0%	100	0.1%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	7,630	1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Playgroup	7,950	1%	10	0.0%	70	0.1%	6,330	5.3%
Other services	2,050	0%	20	0.0%	80	0.1%	540	0.5%
Total	223,990	24.6%	3,720	6.5%	17,170	29.2%	81,020	68.2%
Total excluding childminding	192,270	21.1%	2,820	4.9%	13,320	22.6%	72,320	61.7%
Population	911,679		57,058		58,898		118,742	

Source: Care Inspectorate service-lists and annual return data. National Records of Scotland 2013 mid-year population estimates

Table 7 continued

Children attending a service										
4 to 5 years old		0 to 5 years old		6 years old		7 to 11 years old		12 years old and over		Unknown age
Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	
6,950	5.8%	20,430	5.8%	2,570	4.5%	7,830	2.9%	890	0.4%	0
2,840	2.4%	8,660	2.4%	80	0.1%	380	0.1%	170	0.1%	0
640	0.5%	1,970	0.6%	210	0.4%	340	0.1%	40	0.0%	0
110	0.1%	130	0.0%	130	0.2%	1,270	0.5%	1,240	0.5%	5
54,650	45.9%	128,750	36.4%	1,020	1.8%	2,760	1.0%	40	0.0%	8
8,770	7.4%	24,320	6.9%	990	1.7%	2,730	1.0%	20	0.0%	0
45,880	38.5%	104,430	29.5%	30	0.1%	30	0.0%	30	0.0%	8
5,700	4.8%	5,810	1.6%	5,950	10.4%	22,410	8.2%	760	0.3%	110
4,500	3.8%	4,610	1.3%	4,710	8.3%	17,410	6.4%	580	0.3%	100
1,200	1.0%	1,200	0.3%	1,240	2.2%	5,000	1.8%	180	0.1%	10
1,390	1.2%	7,790	2.2%	30	0.1%	120	0.0%	0	0.0%	0
470	0.4%	1,110	0.3%	170	0.3%	610	0.2%	160	0.1%	0
72,750	61.1%	174,650	49.4%	10,170	17.8%	35,720	13.1%	3,310	1.4%	120
65,800	55.3%	154,220	43.6%	7,590	13.3%	27,890	10.3%	2,410	1.1%	120
119,040		353,738		57,086		271,651		229,204		–

Notes:

- Most holiday play schemes only operate during school holidays, however a small number of them operate weekend play scheme services.
- It is assumed that children are counted once for each service they attend.
- All figures are rounded to the nearest 10 to express the uncertainty in these estimates. For this reason, totals may not exactly equal the sum of their parts.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
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- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in pink.

Table 8: Number of children and percentage of population aged 0-15 years old registered with early learning and childcare services, by main type of service and age-group, as at 31 December 2013

Active childcare services by main service type	Total number of children	Percentage of population age 0 to 15	Children registered with a service as at 31 December 2013					
			Under 1 year old		1 year old		2 to 3 years old	
			Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population
Childminding	33,740	4%	810	1.4%	3,900	6.6%	8,860	7.5%
Children/family centre	10,220	1%	340	0.6%	1,040	1.8%	4,920	4.1%
Crèche	5,890	1%	450	0.8%	610	1.0%	1,780	1.5%
Holiday play scheme	4,090	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	30	0.0%
Nursery	140,010	15%	2,440	4.3%	12,380	21.0%	63,220	53.2%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	30,070	3%	620	1.1%	3,140	5.3%	12,630	10.6%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	109,950	12%	1,820	3.2%	9,240	15.7%	50,590	42.6%
Out of school care	42,210	5%	0	0.0%	20	0.0%	110	0.1%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	33,470	4%	0	0.0%	20	0.0%	110	0.1%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	8,740	1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Playgroup	8,530	1%	20	0.0%	130	0.2%	6,730	5.7%
Other services	2,160	0%	20	0.0%	60	0.1%	440	0.4%
Total	246,850	27%	4,080	7.2%	18,140	30.8%	86,090	72.5%
Total excluding childminding	213,110	23%	3,270	5.7%	14,240	24.2%	77,230	65.0%
Population	911,679		57,058		58,898		118,742	

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data. National Records of Scotland 2013 mid-year population estimates

Table 8 continued

Children registered with a service as at 31 December 2013									
4 to 5 years old		0 to 5 years old		6 years old		7 to 11 years old		12 years old and over	
Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population
7,420	6.2%	20,990	5.9%	2,900	5.1%	8,480	3.1%	1,350	0.6%
2,950	2.5%	9,250	2.6%	140	0.2%	570	0.2%	260	0.1%
1,210	1.0%	4,050	1.1%	480	0.8%	1,200	0.4%	160	0.1%
300	0.3%	330	0.1%	370	0.6%	2,250	0.8%	1,140	0.5%
57,500	48.3%	135,540	38.3%	1,170	2.0%	3,240	1.2%	70	0.0%
9,310	7.8%	25,700	7.3%	1,130	2.0%	3,200	1.2%	40	0.0%
48,180	40.5%	109,830	31.0%	40	0.1%	40	0.0%	30	0.0%
6,650	5.6%	6,780	1.9%	7,010	12.3%	27,200	10.0%	1,220	0.5%
5,340	4.5%	5,470	1.5%	5,620	9.8%	21,380	7.9%	1,000	0.4%
1,310	1.1%	1,310	0.4%	1,390	2.4%	5,830	2.1%	220	0.1%
1,440	1.2%	8,320	2.4%	50	0.1%	170	0.1%	0	0.0%
480	0.4%	1,000	0.3%	200	0.4%	790	0.3%	170	0.1%
77,950	65.5%	186,260	52.7%	12,320	21.6%	43,900	16.2%	4,370	1.9%
70,530	59.2%	165,270	46.7%	9,420	16.5%	35,420	13.0%	3,020	1.3%
119,040		353,738		57,086		271,651		229,204	

Notes:

- A child registered with a service may not actually attend that service in a given week, therefore the registration figures in this table are generally higher than the attendance figures in table 7.
- All figures are rounded to the nearest 10 to express the uncertainty in these estimates. For this reason, totals may not exactly equal the sum of their parts.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
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- Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in pink.

Table 9: Number of children attending registered early learning and childcare services during the last full week before 30 November 2013, by urban-rural category, deprivation category, and provider sector

	All childcare services	All childcare services excluding childminding	Estimated number of children attending childcare services							
			Childminding	Children/ family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup	Other services
Urban-rural category:										
Large urban areas	88,630	81,470	7,160	5,530	-	1,440	52,420	18,120	1,700	800
Other urban areas	73,390	61,510	11,880	2,910	-	1,180	44,270	10,000	2,060	850
Accessible small towns	20,720	16,770	3,950	390	-	20	11,660	3,050	1,040	120
Remote small towns	9,100	7,360	1,730	310	-	100	4,960	880	1,000	110
Accessible rural	23,400	18,340	5,060	80	-	50	13,950	2,720	1,430	90
Remote rural	8,740	6,790	1,950	80	-	0	5,320	280	700	90
Scotland	223,990	192,270	31,720	9,300	2,550	2,780	132,590	35,050	7,940	2,050
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	21,720	20,880	840	3,230	-	50	13,540	3,000	150	500
2	22,050	20,250	1,790	1,660	-	1,110	13,870	2,810	280	270
3	18,660	16,310	2,350	1,250	-	100	12,280	2,020	310	140
4	23,300	20,710	2,600	1,150	-	160	14,640	3,140	780	390
5	23,450	20,440	3,010	850	-	190	14,060	3,690	1,030	430
6	21,770	18,090	3,680	290	-	0	13,650	3,150	740	120
7	21,130	16,730	4,400	150	-	50	12,110	3,030	960	50
8	24,220	19,830	4,380	350	-	190	13,560	3,770	1,560	20
9	22,810	17,940	4,860	30	-	30	12,400	4,210	1,140	40
10 - least deprived	24,880	21,070	3,810	350	-	890	12,470	6,240	990	100
Scotland	223,990	192,270	31,720	9,300	2,550	2,780	132,590	35,050	7,940	2,050
Provider sector:										
Local authority	82,950	82,950	0	7,350	-	310	71,340	3,300	70	160
Private	101,860	70,140	31,720	140	-	910	52,540	12,630	1,290	950
Not-for-profit	39,170	39,170	0	1,810	-	1,560	8,700	19,110	6,580	940
Scotland	223,990	192,270	31,720	9,300	2,550	2,780	132,590	35,050	7,940	2,050

Source: Care Inspectorate service-lists and annual return data.

Notes:

- It is not appropriate to disaggregate crèche attendance figures. For most service types attendance figures are based on where the service is provided but in the case of crèche services many are mobile therefore the attendance figure is linked to a base/office rather than the place where the service is provided.
- Most holiday play schemes only operate during school holidays, however a small number of them operate weekend play scheme services.
- It is assumed that children are counted once for each service they attend.
- All figures are rounded to the nearest 10 to express the uncertainty inherent in these estimates. For this reason, totals may not exactly equal the sum of their parts.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Please see the additional Excel tables for a version of this table that contains a local authority split.



Table 10: Average number of children attending per service (during the last full week before 30 November 2013), by urban-rural category, deprivation category, and provider sector

	All childcare services	All childcare services excluding childminding	Childminding	Children/ family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup	Other services
Urban-rural category:										
Large urban areas	31.8	61.2	4.9	71.8	-	60.0	65.5	59.4	27.1	49.7
Other urban areas	23.0	57.4	5.6	66.1	-	69.3	64.4	48.8	26.3	65.3
Accessible small towns	20.7	53.4	5.7	55.9	-	9.4	58.0	54.5	28.1	41.2
Remote small towns	20.1	45.2	6.0	39.0	-	19.2	49.1	55.2	34.5	36.4
Accessible rural	17.8	34.9	6.4	76.2	-	15.6	40.4	30.2	19.1	21.4
Remote rural	12.4	18.9	5.7	40.7	-	-	18.2	15.4	17.2	17.9
Scotland	23.7	51.1	5.6	66.9	28.1	54.5	54.7	50.8	24.6	46.6
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	38.9	59.1	4.1	73.3	-	5.9	69.1	41.1	24.7	62.7
2	30.1	54.7	5.0	72.1	-	85.6	59.8	40.7	23.4	38.2
3	24.3	51.6	5.2	65.6	-	25.8	57.4	40.5	23.7	27.0
4	25.9	54.6	5.0	76.3	-	41.0	57.4	49.0	35.3	97.5
5	23.1	45.7	5.3	60.8	-	32.0	48.8	44.4	25.7	72.1
6	21.0	43.7	5.9	57.7	-	0.0	45.8	48.4	20.7	30.4
7	18.1	40.7	5.8	49.8	-	49.2	41.8	47.3	20.4	17.2
8	20.7	48.0	5.8	35.1	-	46.5	53.8	48.3	25.6	5.5
9	19.7	53.7	5.9	34.0	-	13.5	59.3	62.0	24.8	19.6
10 - least deprived	26.4	64.4	6.2	70.0	-	178.7	64.9	82.0	24.7	47.9
Scotland	23.7	51.1	5.6	66.9	28.1	54.5	54.7	50.8	24.6	46.6
Provider sector:										
Local authority	48.4	48.4	-	84.5	-	19.2	48.2	37.1	18.4	40.4
Private	15.1	65.3	5.6	46.0	-	182.9	68.6	56.4	32.2	79.0
Not-for-profit	40.1	40.1	-	36.9	-	51.9	48.1	50.7	23.6	33.6
Scotland	23.7	51.1	5.6	66.9	28.1	54.5	54.7	50.8	24.6	46.6

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

- It is not appropriate to disaggregate crèche attendance figures. For most service types attendance figures are based on where the service is provided but in the case of crèche services many are mobile therefore the attendance figure is linked to a base/office rather than the place where the service is provided.
- Most holiday play schemes only operate during school holidays, however a small number of them operate weekend play scheme services.
- It is assumed that children are counted once for each service they attend.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Please see the additional Excel tables for a version of this table that contains a local authority split.

Table 11: Children attending early learning and childcare services (during the last full week before 30 November 2013) as a percentage of the population aged 0-15 years old, by urban-rural category and deprivation category

	All childcare services	All childcare services excluding childminding	Childminding	Children/ family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup	Other services
Urban-rural category:										
Large urban areas	9.7%	8.9%	2.1%	1.6%	-	0.4%	15.6%	5.4%	0.5%	0.2%
Other urban areas	8.0%	6.7%	4.1%	1.0%	-	0.4%	15.4%	3.5%	0.7%	0.3%
Accessible small towns	2.3%	1.8%	4.8%	0.5%	-	0.0%	14.2%	3.7%	1.3%	0.2%
Remote small towns	1.0%	0.8%	5.3%	1.0%	-	0.3%	15.2%	2.7%	3.1%	0.3%
Accessible rural	2.6%	2.0%	4.2%	0.1%	-	0.0%	11.7%	2.3%	1.2%	0.1%
Remote rural	1.0%	0.7%	3.4%	0.1%	-	0.0%	9.3%	0.5%	1.2%	0.2%
Scotland	24.6%	21.1%	3.5%	1.0%	2.8%	0.3%	14.5%	3.8%	0.9%	0.2%
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	2.4%	2.3%	0.8%	3.1%	-	0.1%	13.2%	2.9%	0.1%	0.5%
2	2.4%	2.2%	1.9%	1.8%	-	1.2%	14.7%	3.0%	0.3%	0.3%
3	2.0%	1.8%	2.7%	1.4%	-	0.1%	14.2%	2.3%	0.4%	0.2%
4	2.6%	2.3%	3.0%	1.3%	-	0.2%	16.9%	3.6%	0.9%	0.5%
5	2.6%	2.2%	3.4%	1.0%	-	0.2%	15.9%	4.2%	1.2%	0.5%
6	2.4%	2.0%	4.1%	0.3%	-	0.0%	15.3%	3.5%	0.8%	0.1%
7	2.3%	1.8%	4.6%	0.2%	-	0.1%	12.8%	3.2%	1.0%	0.1%
8	2.7%	2.2%	4.7%	0.4%	-	0.2%	14.6%	4.1%	1.7%	0.0%
9	2.5%	2.0%	5.2%	0.0%	-	0.0%	13.3%	4.5%	1.2%	0.0%
10 - least deprived	2.7%	2.3%	4.4%	0.4%	-	1.0%	14.5%	7.3%	1.2%	0.1%
Scotland	24.6%	21.1%	3.5%	1.0%	2.8%	0.3%	14.5%	3.8%	0.9%	0.2%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

- It is not appropriate to disaggregate crèche attendance figures. For most service types attendance figures are based on where the service is provided but in the case of crèche services many are mobile therefore the attendance figure is linked to a base/office rather than the place where the service is provided.
- Most Holiday play schemes only operate during school holidays, however a small number of them operate weekend play scheme services.
- It is assumed that children are counted once for each service they attend.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Please see the additional Excel tables for a version of this table that contains a local authority split.

Table 12: Estimated proportions of childcare services that are providing local authority or partnership funded early learning and childcare, as at 31 December 2013

Note that these figures are estimates only and are provided for the purpose of giving an indication of the proportion of early learning and childcare education provision by type of main childcare service. For more detailed statistics on pre-school education, including overall numbers of centres and information on numbers of GTCS Registered Teachers, please see the Scottish Government National Statistics Publication "Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland" at www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/Pubs-Pre-SchoolEducation

Main service type and provider sector:		Estimated proportion of services providing:		
		Early learning and childcare	of which: Local authority pre-school education	of which: Partnership funded pre-school education
Children/family centre	139	87%	73%	14%
of which: Local authority	87	100%	100%	0%
of which: Private	3	100%	0%	100%
of which: Not-for-profit	49	52%	0%	52%
Nursery	2,426	94%	62%	31%
of which: Local authority	1,479	96%	100%	0%
of which: Private	766	81%	0%	81%
of which: Not-for-profit	181	93%	0%	93%
Playgroup	323	81%	0%	81%
of which: Local authority	4	100%	100%	0%
of which: Private	40	83%	0%	83%
of which: Not-for-profit	279	82%	0%	82%
All services	2,888	92%	57%	36%
of which: Local authority	1570	100%	100%	0%
of which: Private	809	81%	0%	81%
of which: Not-for-profit	509	84%	0%	84%

Notes:

- Early learning and childcare was formerly referred to as 'pre-school' and has been changed to reflect the new provision under the Children and Young People Act which came into force on 1 August 2014
- Early learning and childcare referred to in this table specifically relates to local authority or partnership funded pre-school education.
- Some children may receive pre-school education in a different setting to their childcare service (for example if a child attends a private nursery for childcare but receives pre-school education in a separate local authority nursery).
- Some data cleaning was undertaken to align the information given on type of pre-school provision with the actual management sector of the service. For example if a private nursery stated that they provided local authority pre-school education, then this was amended to be recorded as partnership pre-school education (on the basis that the service has stated that they provide pre-school education but potentially selected the wrong option for type of pre-school education).
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in **pink**.

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data



Table 13: Age-groups that are provided for by registered early learning and childcare services, as at 31 December 2013

Number of childminders

	Number of active childminding services	Age groups that are provided for:					
		Children aged under 1	Children aged 1	Children aged 2	Children aged 3	Children aged 4	Children aged 5
Childminding	5,685	4,652	5,121	5,163	5,184	5,181	5,092

Number of daycare services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active childcare services	Age groups that are provided for:						
		Children aged under 1	Children aged 1	Children aged 2	Children aged 3	Children aged 4	Children aged 5	Children aged 6
Children / family centre	139	110	114	126	124	107	91	24
Crèche	91	73	74	85	83	81	71	57
Holiday play scheme	51	1	1	1	5	12	41	44
Nursery	2,426	724	740	970	2,328	2,320	1,618	179
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	368	375	524	1,213	1,211	876	171
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	357	365	446	1,115	1,109	743	9
Out of school care	690	4	6	5	38	400	671	671
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	4	6	5	31	296	493	494
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	0	0	-	7	104	178	177
Playgroup	323	9	11	266	287	249	128	6
Other services	44	14	17	29	26	30	31	31
Total (excluding childminding)	3,764	936	964	1,482	2,889	3,198	2,651	1,012

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Children aged 6	Children aged 7 to 11	Children aged 12 to 15	All age groups
4,914	5,038	2,780	2,505

Notes:

- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of day care. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Children aged 7 to 11	Children aged 12 to 15	All age groups
23	12	8
48	28	28
48	43	1
161	46	33
156	44	33
5	1	0
681	478	2
499	353	2
181	125	0
4	1	-
31	26	11
995	635	84

Table 14: Languages and service philosophies of early learning and childcare services, as at 31 December 2013

Number of services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active childcare services	Languages service delivered in				Service philosophies used	
		English	Gaelic	British sign language	Other language	Suzuki/ Montesson	Steiner
Children/family centre	139	139	0	8	14	0	0
Crèche	91	87	1	0	9	2	0
Holiday play scheme	51	50	0	1	8	0	0
Nursery	2,426	2,381	65	44	103	28	6
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	388	10	9	29	15	6
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	1,993	54	34	73	13	0
Out of school care	690	684	1	15	21	4	5
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	502	1	15	18	4	3
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	181	0	0	2	0	2
Playgroup	323	319	5	1	8	4	1
Other services	44	38	0	1	1	0	0
Total (excluding childminding)	3,764	3,699	72	70	164	38	12

Table 14 continued

Percentage of services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active childcare services	Language the service is delivered in				Service philosophies used	
		English	Gaelic	British sign language	Other language	Suzuki/ Montessori	Steiner
Children/family centre	139	100.0%	0.0%	5.9%	10.4%	0.0%	0.0%
Crèche	91	96.1%	1.5%	0.0%	9.7%	2.2%	0.0%
Holiday play scheme	51	98.7%	0.0%	2.3%	16.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Nursery	2,426	98.2%	2.7%	1.8%	4.2%	1.2%	0.2%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	98.2%	2.6%	2.3%	7.4%	3.8%	1.5%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	98.2%	2.7%	1.7%	3.6%	0.6%	0.0%
Out of school care	690	99.1%	0.1%	2.2%	3.0%	0.6%	0.7%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	99.8%	0.2%	3.0%	3.6%	0.8%	0.6%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	97.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	1.1%
Playgroup	323	98.8%	1.6%	0.3%	2.6%	1.2%	0.3%
Other services	44	86.4%	0.0%	2.3%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%
Total (excluding childminding)	3,764	98.3%	1.9%	1.9%	4.4%	1.0%	0.3%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

- 'Other languages' includes a variety of foreign languages such as Polish, French and Urdu as well as communication languages such as makaton and sign-along.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by daycare of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year, then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year, or from other information about the service, for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of daycare. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also provide a holiday play scheme.
- 'Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical appendix for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in pink.

Table 15: School-term and school-holiday availability, by main type of early learning and childcare service, as at 31 December 2013

Number of services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active childcare services	Estimated school term availability						
		Breakfast or pre-school	During school hours	After school hours	Late evenings (after 6.30pm)	Overnight stays	Weekends	Unspecified
Childminding	5,685	5,391	5,514	5,528	837	194	461	0
Children/family centre	139	67	126	79	13	0	10	3
Crèche	91	10	85	45	39	0	45	0
Holiday play scheme	51	0	1	5	5	1	13	2
Nursery	2,426	824	2,312	748	30	0	11	55
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	388	292	386	282	16	0	7	2
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,088	532	1,927	467	14	0	4	53
Out of school care	690	290	45	683	15	2	14	0
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	287	37	501	9	2	9	0
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	2	8	181	5	0	4	0
Playgroup	323	36	301	11	0	0	0	20
Other services	44	16	29	32	12	1	11	0
Total	9,449	6,633	8,413	7,130	952	198	565	80
Total (excluding childminding)	3,764	1,243	2,899	1,603	115	4	104	80

Table 15 continued

Estimated school holiday availability					
Before 8am	During working hours	Late evenings	Overnight stays	Weekends	Unspecified
3,416	5,317	809	97	432	0
11	105	11	0	11	3
8	63	29	0	39	0
0	48	1	1	5	2
373	751	33	0	10	55
125	239	15	0	5	2
248	511	17	0	5	53
110	464	10	1	11	0
109	386	8	1	8	0
1	78	2	0	3	0
0	18	0	0	0	20
10	28	9	2	10	0
3,929	6,793	903	102	519	80
513	1,476	94	4	87	80

Table 15 continued

Percentage of services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active childcare services	Estimated school term availability						
		Breakfast or pre-school	During school hours	After school hours	Late evenings (after 6.30pm)	Overnight stays	Weekends	Unspecified
Childminding	5,685	94.8%	97.0%	97.2%	14.7%	3.4%	8.1%	0.0%
Children/family centre	139	48.2%	90.4%	57.0%	9.6%	0.0%	7.4%	2.2%
Crèche	91	10.9%	93.8%	49.9%	43.2%	0.0%	49.1%	0.0%
Holiday play scheme	51	0.0%	2.3%	9.2%	9.2%	2.3%	25.3%	4.6%
Nursery	2,426	34.0%	95.3%	30.8%	1.3%	0.0%	0.5%	2.3%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	388	75.2%	99.4%	72.6%	4.2%	0.0%	1.8%	0.5%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,088	25.5%	92.3%	22.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	2.5%
Out of school care	690	42.0%	6.5%	98.9%	2.1%	0.3%	2.0%	0.0%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	57.1%	7.3%	99.6%	1.8%	0.4%	1.8%	0.0%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	1.3%	4.2%	97.0%	2.9%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%
Playgroup	323	11.0%	93.3%	3.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.2%
Other services	44	37.2%	65.3%	72.3%	27.9%	2.3%	25.5%	0.0%
Total	9,449	70.2%	89.0%	75.5%	10.1%	2.1%	6.0%	0.8%
Total (excluding childminding)	3,764	33.0%	77.0%	42.6%	3.0%	0.1%	2.8%	2.1%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Table 15 continued

Estimated school holiday availability					
Before 8am	During working hours	Late evenings	Overnight stays	Weekends	Unspecified
60.1%	93.5%	14.2%	1.7%	7.6%	0.0%
8.2%	75.6%	8.2%	0.0%	8.2%	2.2%
8.6%	69.0%	31.9%	0.0%	43.1%	0.0%
0.0%	94.1%	2.3%	2.3%	9.2%	4.6%
15.4%	30.9%	1.3%	0.0%	0.4%	2.3%
32.3%	61.7%	3.9%	0.0%	1.3%	0.5%
11.9%	24.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.2%	2.5%
16.0%	67.2%	1.5%	0.1%	1.7%	0.0%
21.7%	76.8%	1.6%	0.2%	1.6%	0.0%
0.7%	41.6%	1.2%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%
0.0%	5.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.2%
23.2%	63.0%	20.9%	4.7%	23.2%	0.0%
41.6%	71.9%	9.6%	1.1%	5.5%	0.8%
13.6%	39.2%	2.5%	0.1%	2.3%	2.1%

Notes:

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- 'Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical appendix for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in pink.

Table 16: Part-day / whole-day sessions and whether drop-in or planned, by main type of early learning and childcare service, as at 31 December 2013

Number of services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active childcare services	Sessions available			Drop-in or planned	
		Whole day only	Whole day or part day	Part day only	Drop-in	Planned
Children/family centre	139	5	102	32	1	138
Crèche	91	0	23	65	29	58
Holiday play scheme	51	23	18	9	0	50
Nursery	2,426	43	1,087	1,278	7	2,400
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	6	310	75	3	388
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	36	777	1,203	4	2,012
Out of school care	690	49	393	241	6	677
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	32	345	125	4	498
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	18	48	116	2	179
Playgroup	323	1	17	303	0	321
Other services	44	0	19	19	0	38
Total (excluding childminding)	3,764	121	1,658	1,948	44	3,683

Table 16 continued

Percentage of services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active childcare services	Sessions available			Drop-in or planned	
		Whole day only	Whole day or part day	Part day only	Drop-in	Planned
Children/family centre	139	3.7%	73.3%	23.0%	0.7%	99.3%
Crèche	91	0.0%	24.8%	71.3%	32.2%	63.8%
Holiday play scheme	51	45.9%	34.4%	18.4%	0.0%	98.7%
Nursery	2,426	1.8%	44.8%	52.7%	0.3%	98.9%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	1.5%	78.5%	18.9%	0.8%	98.2%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	1.8%	38.3%	59.2%	0.2%	99.1%
Out of school care	690	7.1%	57.0%	35.0%	0.9%	98.2%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	6.3%	68.7%	24.9%	0.8%	99.0%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	9.4%	25.6%	62.0%	1.2%	95.8%
Playgroup	323	0.3%	5.2%	93.9%	0.0%	99.4%
Other services	44	0.0%	42.1%	44.3%	0.0%	86.4%
Total (excluding childminding)	3,764	3.2%	44.0%	51.8%	1.2%	97.8%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by daycare of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year, then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year, or from other information about the service, for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of daycare. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also in addition provide a holiday play scheme.
- 'Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical appendix for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in pink.

Table 17: Provision of meals and snacks, by main type of early learning and childcare service, as at 31 December 2013

Number of services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active childcare services	Meals provided:				Snacks provided:			
		By the service only	By parents only	By both the service and parents	None / not specified	By the service only	By parents only	By both the service and parents	None / not specified
Childminding	5,685	1,411	2,575	1,317	382	2,476	1,184	1,985	4
Children/family centre	139	58	19	22	41	111	3	25	0
Crèche	91	3	17	2	69	37	19	19	16
Holiday play scheme	51	0	28	4	19	13	16	16	5
Nursery	2,426	583	261	241	1341	2,157	23	222	24
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	128	87	79	101	322	6	63	4
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	455	174	163	1240	1,835	17	159	20
Out of school care	690	37	88	29	536	482	15	179	14
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	24	78	23	377	352	11	134	5
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	13	10	5	159	129	4	45	9
Playgroup	323	12	36	0	276	287	10	24	2
Other services	44	3	10	3	28	20	4	6	14
Total	9,449	2,107	3,033	1,618	2,692	5,582	1,275	2,477	79
Total (excluding childminding)	3,764	696	458	301	2,310	3,106	91	492	75

Table 17 continued

Percentage of services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active childcare services	Meals provided by:				Snacks provided by:			
		The service only	Parents only	Both the service and parents	None/ not specified	By the service only	Parents only	Both the service and parents	None/ not specified
Childminding	5,685	24.8%	45.3%	23.2%	6.7%	43.6%	20.8%	34.9%	0.1%
Children / family centre	139	41.5%	13.3%	15.6%	29.5%	80.0%	2.2%	17.8%	0.0%
Crèche	91	3.4%	18.3%	2.3%	75.8%	40.2%	20.6%	21.4%	17.6%
Holiday play scheme	51	0.0%	55.1%	6.9%	37.3%	25.3%	32.1%	32.1%	9.8%
Nursery	2,426	24.0%	10.7%	10.0%	55.3%	88.9%	0.9%	9.1%	1.0%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	395	32.5%	22.0%	19.9%	25.6%	81.6%	1.5%	15.9%	1.0%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,031	22.4%	8.6%	8.0%	61.1%	90.4%	0.8%	7.8%	1.0%
Out of school care	690	5.4%	12.8%	4.2%	77.7%	69.8%	2.2%	25.9%	2.0%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	503	4.9%	15.6%	4.7%	75.0%	70.1%	2.2%	26.7%	1.0%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	187	6.7%	5.4%	2.9%	85.0%	69.2%	2.1%	23.8%	4.8%
Playgroup	323	3.6%	11.0%	0.0%	85.4%	88.7%	3.2%	7.5%	0.6%
Other services	44	7.0%	23.2%	7.0%	63.6%	44.5%	9.4%	14.0%	31.8%
Total	9,449	22.3%	32.1%	17.1%	28.5%	59.1%	13.5%	26.2%	0.8%
Total (excluding childminding)	3,764	18.5%	12.2%	8.0%	61.4%	82.5%	2.4%	13.1%	2.0%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

- The provision of meals is to some extent likely to depend on whether the childcare service provides full-day or part-day sessions.
- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by daycare of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year, then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year, or from other information about the service, for example their conditions of registration.
- Some services provide a mixture of types of daycare. For example a service where the main provision is an out of school club may also provide a holiday play scheme.
- 'Other services' includes services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the categories.
- Please refer to the technical appendix for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.
- Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in pink.
- Answer options were changed slightly in December 2012, therefore where the 'none' option was removed some services left the answer blank.

Table 18: Characteristics of the active childminder workforce as at 31 December 2013

	Active childminders	
	Number	Percentage
Total active childminders	5,690	100.0%
Gender		
Male	20	0.4%
Female	5,660	99.6%
Age (years)		
Under 25	40	0.7%
25 to 35	1,050	18.4%
36 to 45	2,060	36.2%
46 to 55	1,680	29.6%
Over 55	800	14.0%
Unknown	60	1.0%
Average (median) age	40	
Ethnicity		
White	5,060	88.9%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	10	0.2%
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	30	0.6%
African, Caribbean or Black	10	0.1%
Other Ethnic Group	10	0.1%
Not Known / Disclosed	570	10.0%
Typical number of hours worked per week		
Less than 10	150	2.6%
10 to 19	420	7.3%
20 to 29	780	13.7%
30 to 39	1,420	25.0%
40 to 49	2,090	36.7%
50 or More	830	14.6%
Not Known	10	0.1%

	Active Childminders	
	Number	Percentage
Number of weeks worked in the past year		
0 to 20	410	7.2%
21 to 40	910	16.1%
More than 40	4,310	75.8%
Not Known	40	0.7%
Number of assistants		
None	5,090	89.6%
One	510	8.9%
Two or more	90	1.6%
Whether qualifications are held or being worked towards		
Yes	2,440	43.0%
No	3,240	57.0%
Not Known	0	0.1%

Notes:

- There are an estimated 594 Childminder Assistants in total.
- Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 10 digits to express the uncertainty in these figures.
- Please note that the qualifications being referred to are not necessarily relevant to childminding.
- This measure should not be compared year on year, because churn in the sector and varying recording practices may cause fluctuations that are not representative of the population.
- Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in pink.

Table 19: Grades summary of early learning and childcare services as at 31st March 2014

Care service	1&2	5&6	Mix	Grand total
Childminding	0.3%	49.7%	50.0%	100.0%
Daycare of children	0.2%	41.2%	58.5%	100.0%
Grand total	0.3%	46.3%	53.5%	100.0%

Daycare of children services	unsatisfactory	weak	adquate	good	very good	excellent
Quality of care and support	0.1%	0.9%	4.3%	29.1%	57.9%	7.7%
Quality of environment	0.1%	1.0%	4.2%	37.5%	52.9%	4.4%
Quality of staffing	0.1%	1.1%	3.7%	34.6%	54.5%	6.0%
Quality of management and leadership	0.7%	1.9%	6.7%	39.0%	47.3%	4.4%

Childminding services	unsatisfactory	weak	adquate	good	very good	excellent
Quality of care and support	0.1%	0.4%	4.4%	29.0%	57.0%	9.1%
Quality of environment	0.1%	0.5%	4.1%	36.2%	53.1%	6.0%
Quality of staffing	3.3%	0.5%	4.5%	34.1%	51.3%	6.3%

Notes:

- The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.
- Only grades from active and finalised reports before the source data are included
- Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Table 20: Complaints¹ summary of early learning and childcare services at 31st March 2014

Care service	complaints completed	Number upheld or partially upheld	Upheld or partially upheld as % of all complaints	Upheld or partially upheld per 1,000 services	Upheld or partially upheld per 1,000 places
Childminding	168	76	45.2%	12.4	2.0
Daycare of children	353	204	57.8%	54.1	1.3
Total	521	280	53.7%	66.1	3.3

Notes:

¹ Count of individual complaints

The 'main service type' is based on information supplied by day care of children services in their annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year or from other information about the service for example their conditions of registration.

Technical appendix

Definitions of the terms we use

Childminding is defined by the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 as:

“Looking after one or more children on domestic premises for reward for a period of more than two hours in any day. However this does not include:

- Where children are closely related to the carer
- The fostering of children
- Caring for children in their own home.

“By law, all childminding services must be registered with the Care Inspectorate.

“Childminding services may operate in several ways:

- An individual may operate a childminding service alone.
- A partnership of two or more people may operate a single registered childminding service.
- Childminding services that are separately registered may work together in the home of one of the registered childminding providers.
- No matter which of the operating methods is used, a provider of a childminding service may have paid or unpaid assistants to help provide the childminding service.”

Daycare of children is defined by the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 as:

“A service which provides care for children on non-domestic premises for a total of more than two hours per day and on at least six days per year. Includes nursery classes, crèches, after school clubs and play groups and can be run on a public, private or voluntary basis.

“The definition does not include services which are part of school activities. Nor does it include activities where care is not provided such as sports clubs or uniformed activities such as Scouts or Guides.”

For the purposes of this statistical report, each of the registered daycare of children services has been assigned to one of the following categories of main service provision. This main service type is based on information supplied in annual returns. If a service did not respond to an annual return in a given year, then their main type of service has been estimated by using annual return information submitted in another year, or from other information about the service, for example their conditions of registration.

Main Service type	Description
Children/family centre	Provides a similar service to a community nursery or nursery centre. Provides daycare and education together with a range of support services for families
Crèche	Provides drop-in care for children in order to enable adults to engage in activities such as further education, shopping or attending a meeting
Holiday play scheme	Provides a service which allows school age children to take part in a broad range of supervised leisure and educational activities during the school holidays (this does not include activity-based clubs)
Nursery	Provides daycare facilities for children aged 5 years or under. The service is normally used by parents/carers on a regular basis rather than a drop-in basis and the service is provided as a minimum during the school term
Nursery providing additional childcare such as a breakfast club or an out of school club	As above but where additional childcare (for example, breakfast club or out of school club) is recorded as being provided
Out of school care	Provides care for school age children in the absence of parents or carers from the end of the school day until parents can collect their children, and also before school starts
Out of school care providing additional childcare, such as a breakfast club or holiday play scheme	As above but where additional childcare (for example, breakfast club or holiday play scheme) is recorded as being provided
Playgroup	May also provide pre-school education in partnership with the local authority. Will usually rely heavily on parents or carers who volunteer their services, although may also employ paid staff for example a play-leader or assistant
Other services	Includes housing support related services, for example womens' aid centres, and also services that cannot easily be assigned to one of the other categories (for example services providing for additional needs up to age 16 on a respite basis)

Data sources

Care Inspectorate service list (as at 31 December 2013) has been used to provide figures on:

- the total number of registered 'Daycare of Children' and 'Childminder' services
- whether services were active or inactive
- whether services were run by local authority, private or not-for-profit
- the registered capacity of each service (that is the total number of children that can be cared for at any one time)
- the postcode of the service, from which we have derived the local authority, deprivation category and urban-rural category of the service.

Care Inspectorate annual returns (as at 31 December 2013) have been used to provide estimates for:

- the main service type, for example nursery, playgroup, out of school club and so on
- the number of children using the service in the last full week before 30 November
- the number of children registered with the service as at 31 December 2013
- the age groups catered for and term-time/holiday-time availability of the service
- whether the service was available drop-in or planned and whole-day or part-day
- whether the service provided pre-school education as part of local authority or partnership provision
- whether meals or snacks were provided by the service or by the parents
- the languages and service philosophies used by services
- characteristics of childminding services.

Further information about the Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation is available here:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/SIMD

Scottish Government Urban Rural Categories have been used to assign an urban-rural category to the postcode location of each childcare service.

Further information about the Scottish Government Urban-Rural Classification is available here:

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/About/Methodology/UrbanRuralClassification

The National Records of Scotland mid-year population estimates have been used to calculate rates. Further information about the population estimates is available here: www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/index.html

Data cleaning and dealing with missing data

Where there have been any data-input errors or incomplete responses identified in relation to specific questions, these have been fixed where possible before any analysis has taken place. For example, where a service's status was 'active' as at 31 December 2013 but the service reported working zero hours and recorded zero number of users the status was changed to 'inactive' before any analysis has taken place (for this reason the count of active childminding services published in this report differs from that published by the Scottish Social Services Council in their Workforce Data report).

Not all childcare services have submitted an annual return. This means that there are some gaps in the data which we need to take account of.

Summary of annual return response rates at December 2013

Main service	Response rate at December 2013
Childminding	85%
Children/family centre	97%
Crèche	89%
Holiday play scheme	85%
Nursery	96%
Out of school care	94%
Playgroup	94%
Other services	93%
All services	89%
All services (excl. childminding services)	95%

For dealing with missing data, the following approach has been taken:

A. Identification of under-representation in annual return responses:

Within the responses of annual returns, it may be possible that some types of services are less likely to respond than other types of services. If this isn't adjusted then the final results would likely be biased towards the characteristics of services that had responded and therefore not representative of the entire set of registered services.

Logistic regression* has been used to help establish specific characteristics of services that appeared to be significant factors in terms of the likelihood of nonresponse to an annual return. Over and above the main service type being a factor in response rates, the other factors for December 2013 annual returns are summarised below (factors for previous years of annual return data are similar and further details are available on request):

Service type	Factors associated with non-response to annual returns
Childminding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of deprivation of service location • Urban/rural category of service • Capacity of service (number of children that can be cared for at one particular time) • Local authority • Grades of service
Children/family centre	None
Crèche	Urban/rural category
Holiday play scheme	None
Nursery	Urban/rural category
Nursery providing additional childcare such as a breakfast club	None
Out of school care	Urban/rural category
Out of school care providing additional childcare such as a breakfast club	None
Playgroup	None
Other services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Length of time the service has been operating

Note: These are factors **in addition** to the main service type factor (which is also a significant factor in determining likelihood of a response).

*Logistic regression is a type of statistical analysis used for predicting the outcome of a categorical variable based on one or more other variables.

B. Weighting and grossing-up data to obtain overall estimates:

Weights were calculated for the significant factors associated with non-response. This is so we could adjust for the types of services that we knew were under represented by a certain level in the annual return responses. We then applied the weights to each type of service in grossing-up* the annual return data rather than simply grossing-up evenly across all services. This has produced final estimates which should be more representative of the overall mix of different types of registered services.

*Grossing-up is the process of multiplying values (such as the number of children attending a service, or the number of childminders with a qualification) equally by a factor between 1.0 and 1.9 to account for services that did not submit an annual return. Weighted grossing-up is the process of multiplying values by a factor that varies depending on the combined characteristics of the service to which the value belongs.

C. Testing the impact of using weighted data:

To help assess the impact of applying weights to the annual return data, some of the final results have been compared to estimates obtained from simply grossing up without weights (that is ignoring any potential under-representation).

For the number of children attending a childminding service at end of November 2013, the weighted results (as used in the publication tables) produce an estimate of 31,720. This is higher than the non-weighted and non-grossed up figure of 28,490. This difference is as we would expect given that we know that lower-capacity childminding services are on average less likely to complete an annual return. Therefore the non-responses (which we need to gross-up to take account of) are likely to include a greater proportion of the lower-capacity childminding services, and so the use of weights to reflect this will produce an overall estimate which is lower than a simple non-weighted grossing-up would produce.

For childcare services excluding childminding services, the weighted results (as used in the publication tables) produce an estimate of 192,270 children attending services. This is higher than the non-weighted grossed up figure of 186,028. This can be explained largely by differences in the response rates per main type of service. In particular, holiday play schemes and crèche services have lower response rates compared to nurseries therefore these again need to be grossed up to reflect non-responses.

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Links to other related statistics

Scottish Government Pre-School Education Statistics

www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/Pubs-Pre-SchoolEducation

Scottish Social Services Council statistics on the Social Services Workforce

www.sssc.uk.com/component/option,com_docman/Itemid,486/gid,67/task,cat_view/

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