

Early learning and childcare statistics 2014

The provision and use of
registered daycare of children and
childminding services in Scotland
as at 31 December 2014

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The Care Inspectorate registers daycare of children services and childminding services, which this report refers collectively to as early learning and childcare.

In this report we present information on early learning and childcare services including:

- Children registered: this is calculated as the number of children registered with a service at 31 December 2014.
- Children attending: this is calculated as the number of children attending a service in the census week at 30 November 2014 as 31 December is not reflective of a typical week.
- Capacity is maximum attendance in a service at any one time, measured by number of registered places.
- Information on the quality of early learning and childcare services such as grading and complaints data is presented at 31 March 2015 to be reflective of the full inspection year.

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. This includes nursery classes, crèches, after school care and playgroups. These services 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. The Care Inspectorate actively follows up on services that have not submitted an annual return throughout the submission period.

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 out of school care	As above but where additional childcare (for example, breakfast club or out of school care) 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 early learning and childcare in partnership with the local authority. They 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 women's aid centres, and also services that cannot be easily assigned to one of the other categories (for example services providing for additional needs up to age 16 on a respite basis).

Key points

Early learning and childcare statistics 2014 (comparison between 2013)



Children attending of the 0–15 years population:

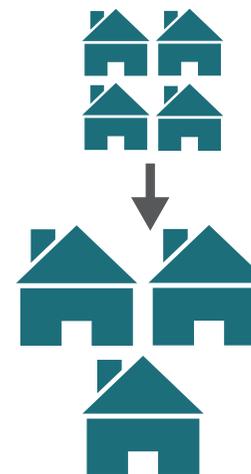
- ↑ from 223,980 to 229,840
- ↑ from 24.5% to 25.2%
- ↑ average number attending from 23.7 to 24.7

Children registered of the 0–15 years population:

- ↑ from 246,850 to 254,770
- ↑ from 27.1% to 27.8%
- ↑ average number registered from 26.1 to 27.4

Grading

- ↓ childminding services with all grades of 'very good' and 'excellent' down from 49.7% to 49.6% of services
- ↑ childminding services with all grades of 'weak' and 'unsatisfactory' up from 0.3% to 0.4%
- ↑ daycare of children services with all grades of 'very good' and 'excellent' up from 41.2% to 42.2% of services
- ↑ daycare of children services with all grades of 'weak' and 'unsatisfactory' up from 0.2% to 0.3%



Number of registered services

- ↓ overall services down by 0.9%
- ↓ childminding services down by 1.2%
- ↓ daycare of children services down by 0.6%

Average capacity of services

- ↑ maximum attendance at any one time for all services up from 20.1 to 20.6 children

Upheld complaints

- ↓ daycare of children services from 54.1 to 53.9 complaints per 1,000 services
- ↑ childminding services from 12.4 to 15.4 complaints per 1,000 services



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

Since 2010 the number of children registered and attending early learning and childcare services has been steadily increasing. The proportion of children attending a service increased more in daycare of children services rather than in childminding services. This suggests the increase may be a reflection of the amendment to the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 where, from August 2014, all three and four year olds and eligible two year olds, are entitled to a minimum of 600 hours free early learning and childcare; this represents an increase from 475 hours.

The number of children attending¹ early learning and childcare services and the size of these services has increased, although the overall number of services has decreased. Table A below shows that in November 2014, 229,840 children (25.2% of population aged 0-15 years old) attended registered early learning and childcare services in Scotland, an increase from the 223,980 (24.5% of population aged 0-15 years old) attending in this week the previous year.

The number of children attending childminding services has increased from 31,720 (3.5% of the 0-15 years population) in 2013 to 32,500 (3.6% of the 0-15 years population) in 2014. The same pattern is seen in daycare of children services with the number of children attending services increasing from 192,270 in 2013 to 197,340 in 2014 (21.0% to 21.7% of the 0-15 years population).

The average number of children attending per early learning and childcare service in Scotland increased from 23.7 to 24.7 between 2013 and 2014. Children attending per childminding service increased from 5.6 to 5.8 and children attending daycare services increased from 51.1 to 52.9 over the year.

90% of children who were registered with a service at 31 December 2014 used the service in the census week.

Table A: Number of children using early learning and childcare services, during November 2012, 2013 and 2014

	Estimated number of children attending childcare services (November)				Average no of children attending each service (November)			% of pop 0–15 old (November)		
	2012	2013	2014	% change	2012	2013	2014	2012	2013	2014
Childminding	30,390	31,720	32,500	6.9%	5.5	5.6	5.8	3.2%	3.5%	3.6%
Daycare	191,270	192,270	197,340	3.2%	55.7	51.1	52.9	20.9%	21.0%	21.7%
All childcare services	221,660	223,980	229,840	3.7%	25.2	23.7	24.7	24.1%	24.5%	25.2%

¹Data will include some element of double counting since children can go to one service to receive the 600 hours entitlement and another service the rest of the time. These children will be counted as attending both. This is consistent with previous reporting arrangements and we can be confident that the data continues to highlight an increased uptake of childcare places across the country.

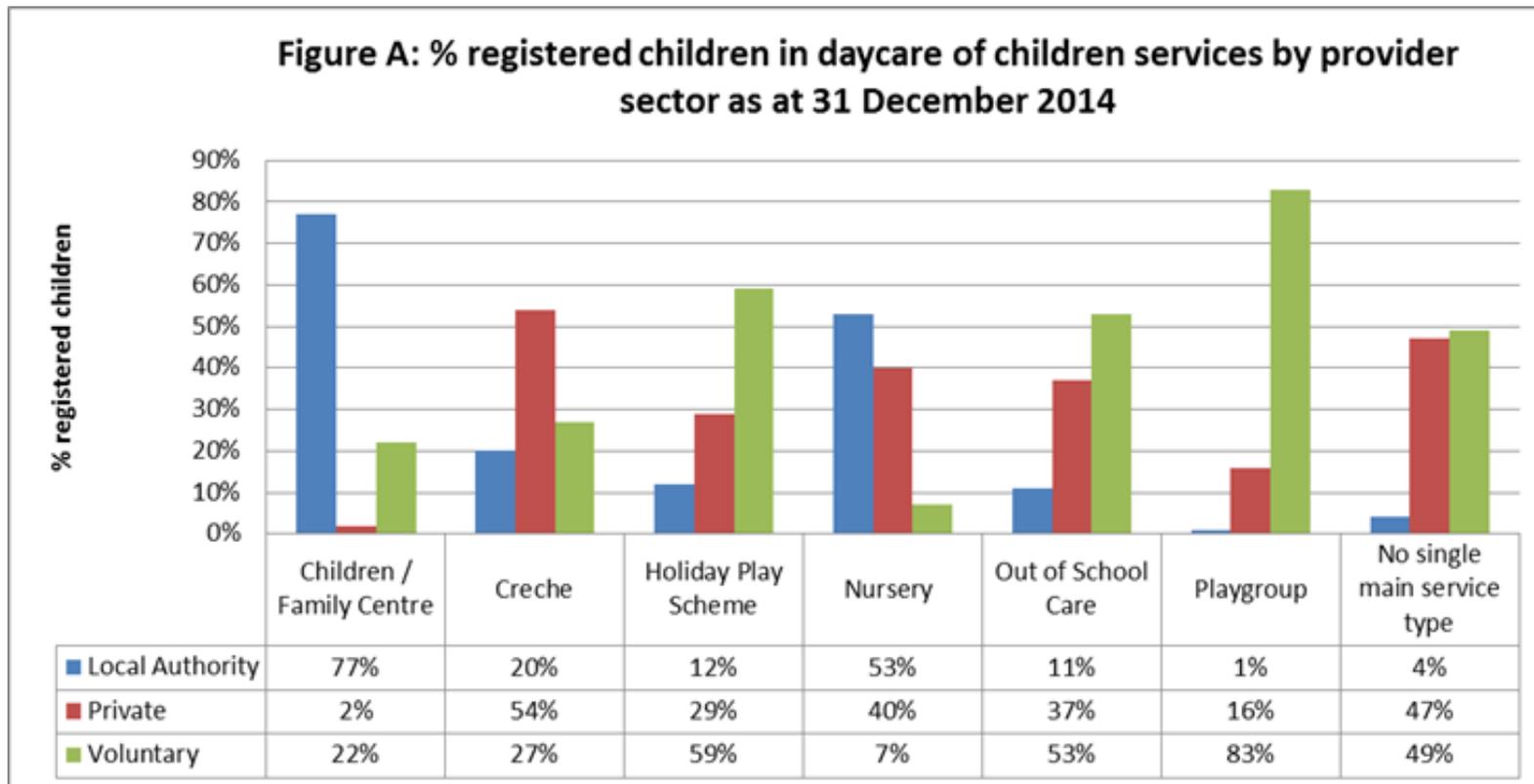
Number of children registered with early learning and childcare services in Scotland

Overall, 254,770 children were registered with an early learning and childcare service in 2014. Of these, 220,090 children were registered with daycare of children services and 34,680 with childminding services.

Most children registered with daycare of children services are registered with local authority providers (41%) followed by the private and voluntary and not-for-profit sectors (37% and 22% respectively). Figure A shows:

- Local authorities are the biggest providers of children and family centres and nurseries
- Private sector services are the biggest providers of crèche services and provide a large proportion of nurseries and out of school care
- Voluntary sector services are the biggest providers of holiday play schemes, out of school care services and playgroups.

All childminding services operate in the private sector.



Number of registered early learning and childcare services in Scotland

Table B shows at 31 December 2014 there were 9,859² early learning and childcare services in Scotland. Of these, 3,757 were daycare of children services and 6,102 childminding services.

The total number of services decreased between 2013 and 2014, an on-going trend, but the decrease was smaller at 0.9% compared to a 1.3% decrease between 2012 and 2013.

Over the year, new registrations for early learning and childcare services increased by 8.0% from 697 in 2013 to 753 in 2014. Childminding service registrations increased by 7.2% and daycare of children services by 12.5%. The increase in registrations was offset by a greater number of cancellations, which increased by 2.2% from 828 in 2013 to 846 in 2014.

Table B: Changes to registered early learning and childcare services in Scotland from 31 December 2013 to 31 December 2014

	Services at 31 December 2013	Cancellations	Registrations	Services at 31 December 2014	Net changes	% change
Childminding	6,173	698	627	6,102	-71	1.2%
Daycare	3,779	148	126	3,757	-22	0.6%
All early learning and childcare services	9,952³	846	753	9,859	-93	0.9%

² Services which operate for two hours or less per day are not required to register with the Care Inspectorate and are not included in these statistics.

³ Figure restated from 2013 published figures due to retrospective cancellations.

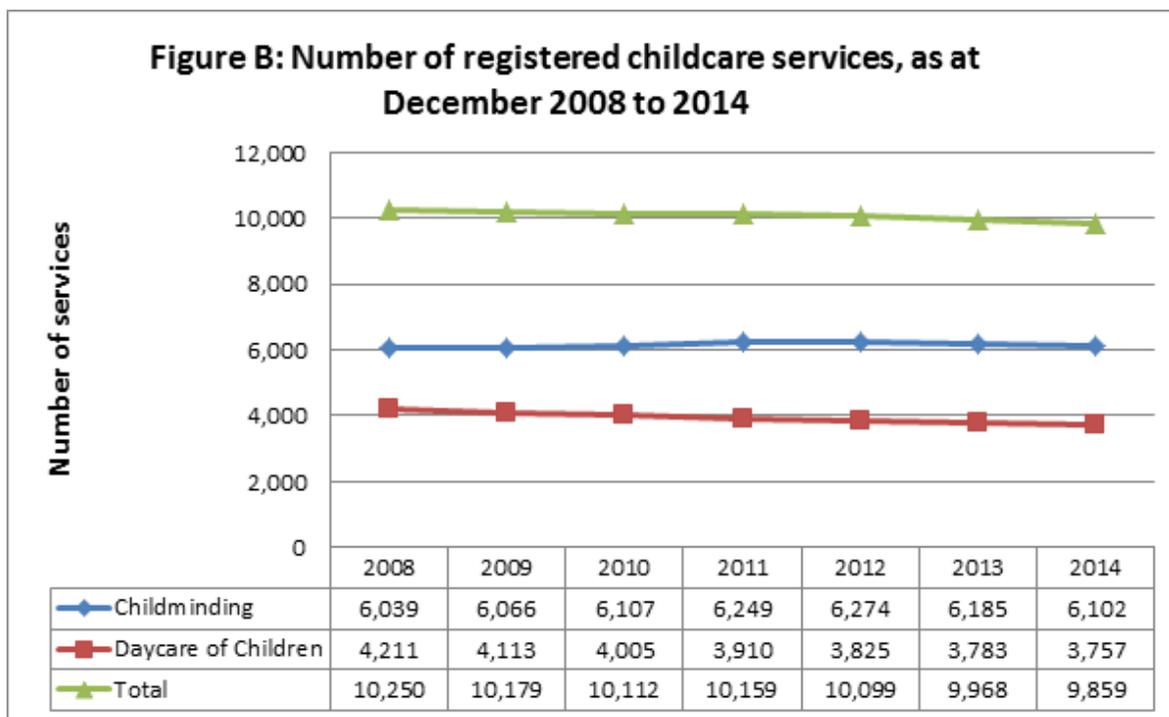


Figure B above shows that since 2008 (apart from a small increase in 2011) there has been a gradual reduction in the number of early learning and childcare services in Scotland. Between 2008 and 2014 early learning and childcare services decreased by 3.8%. Over the past three years childminding services decreased by 2.7% and daycare of children services by 1.8%.

Although the total number of services has decreased over the last three years there has been an overall increase in capacity (maximum attendance at any one time, measured by number of registered places) in daycare of children services. Places increased by 1.4% between 2013 and 2014, and 1.8% since 2012. Nursery capacity specifically has increased by 2.2% over the year and 2.4% over three years. Capacity in playgroups however fell by 10.8% over the year and by 18.6% since 2012. There was a 2% decrease in childminding services capacity over the three years between 2012 and 2014.

Table C: Average places per service, as at December 2012, 2013 and 2014

	2012	2013	2014
Childminding	6.1	6.2	6.2
Daycare of children	40.6	41.2	42.4
Total	19.8	20.1	20.6

Table C above shows an overall increase in the average number of places per service since 2012. Places per service increased every year in daycare of children services whilst childminding places increased in 2013 and remained the same in 2014.

These findings are consistent with the fact that during 2014 the Care Inspectorate carried out just under 2,000 variations for registered daycare of children services to allow services to provide care to more children. Almost three quarters (73%) of these variations were in nurseries. The majority of these variations related to the new extended hours policy under the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014.

Figure C: Number of registered daycare of children services by main service type, as at December 2012, 2013 and 2014

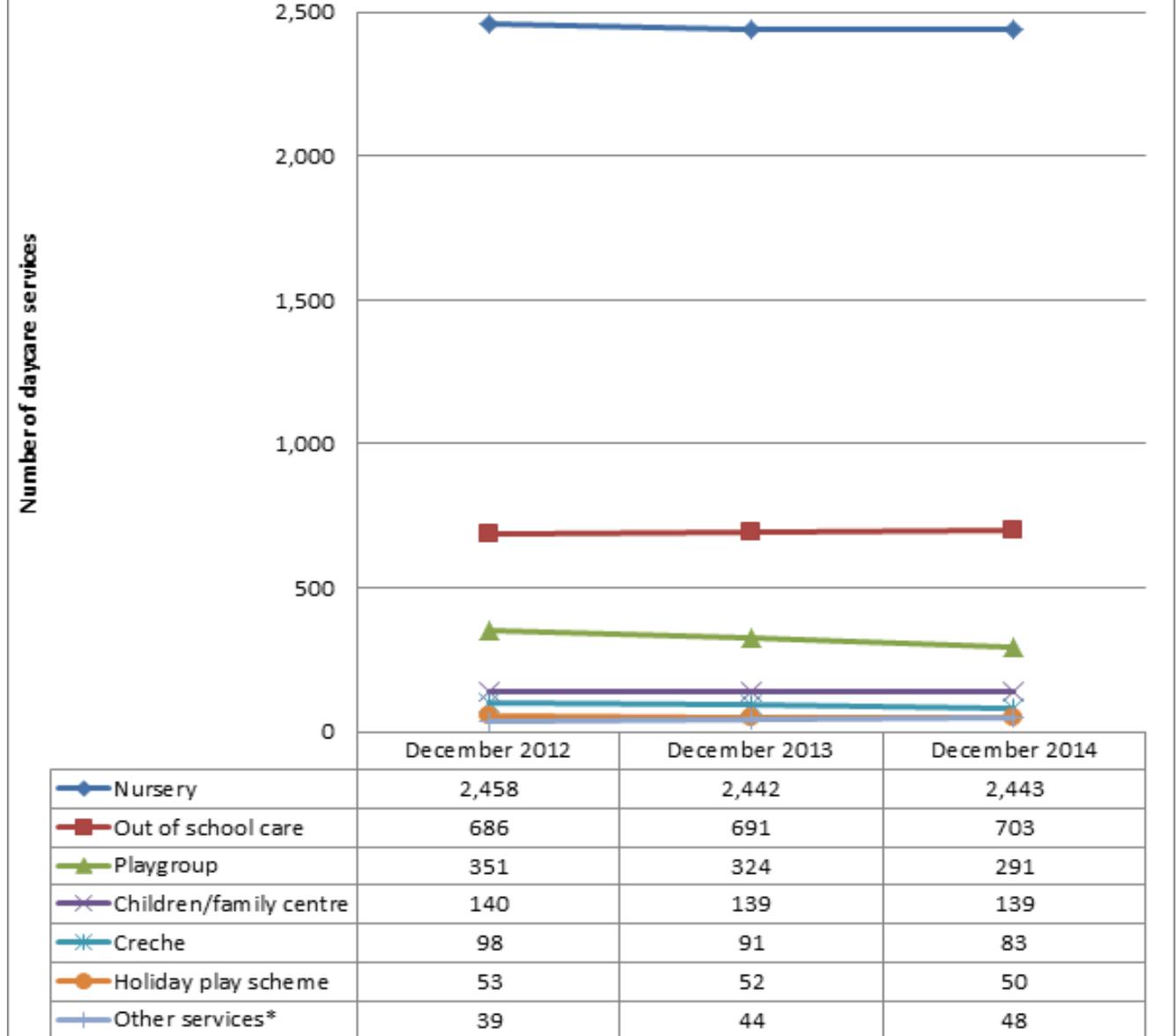


Figure C above shows the pattern of daycare of children services between 2012 and 2014 by main type of provision. Many daycare of children services provide several types of service so the following analysis focuses on the **main** type only.

The number of nursery services remained constant between 2013 and 2014, with one additional service over the year, but has reduced since 2012 by 0.6%. Out of school care services increased over the year by 1.7% and 2.5% over three years. Crèche services, playgroups and holiday play schemes all decreased between 2012 and 2014. The biggest decrease in service type over the year between 2013 and 2014 was in playgroup services, where 26 services cancelled and only 3 new services registered, resulting in a 10.2% decrease (17.1% over three years). However, the number of services with playgroup as an additional type of service has increased from 20 in 2012 to 65 in 2014. Therefore, comparing playgroups overall (service main type plus additional service type), there is only a 4% decrease since 2012.

Table D: Number and percentage of registered early learning and childcare services that provided one or more additional services, as at 31 December 2014

Main type of daycare	Number of services by main type of daycare	Number of services that provided one or more additional types of daycare	% of services that provided one or more additional types of daycare	Number of services that provided this as an additional type of daycare
Children/family centre	139	92	66%	56
Crèche	83	24	29%	99
Holiday play scheme	50	4	8%	532
Nursery	2,443	400	16%	105
Out of school care	703	479	68%	277
Playgroup	291	36	12%	65
Breakfast club	-	-	-	569
Other services	48	48	100%	0
Total	3,757	1,083	29%	n/a

Table D above shows that 29% of daycare of children services provided an additional type of care over and above the main type of daycare, the same proportion as in 2013. Although the number of daycare services is decreasing, almost a third of registered daycare services are providing additional types of care for children.

Out of school care services are still the most likely service type to provide additional daycare (68% of services). Children and family centres also have a high proportion of services providing additional types of care (66% of services).

Holiday play schemes have the smallest proportion of services providing additional types of daycare at 8%, although 532 other services offer holiday play schemes as an additional type of service.

The most common additional service type offered by daycare of children services is a breakfast club service. 569 services provided a breakfast club, an increase from 545 in 2013.

Table E below shows a further breakdown of daycare of children services providing additional care. Breakfast clubs and holiday play schemes are the most common additional service type. The biggest change since last year was a 4% increase in services providing a breakfast club which was mainly seen in out of school care services. Out of school care and nursery services continue to be the biggest providers of breakfast clubs: out of the 569 services, 53% were out of school care services and 40% nurseries. In 2014, 227 nurseries also provided an out of school care service and 354 out of school care services also provided a holiday play scheme service.

Table E: Number of services, by main type of day care, providing an additional day care, as at 31 December 2014

Main types of daycare	Additional type of service						
	Breakfast club	Children/family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup
Children/family centre	9	-	32	23	67	13	7
Crèche	3	3	-	16	1	5	4
Holiday play scheme	2	0	3	-	0	2	0
Nursery	230	48	43	112	-	227	42
Out of school care	304	1	7	354	4	-	3
Playgroup	5	0	7	9	21	7	-
Other services*	16	4	7	18	12	23	9
Total	569	56	99	532	105	277	65

Figure D: Percentage distribution of daycare services by provider sector as at 31 December 2012, 2013 and 2014

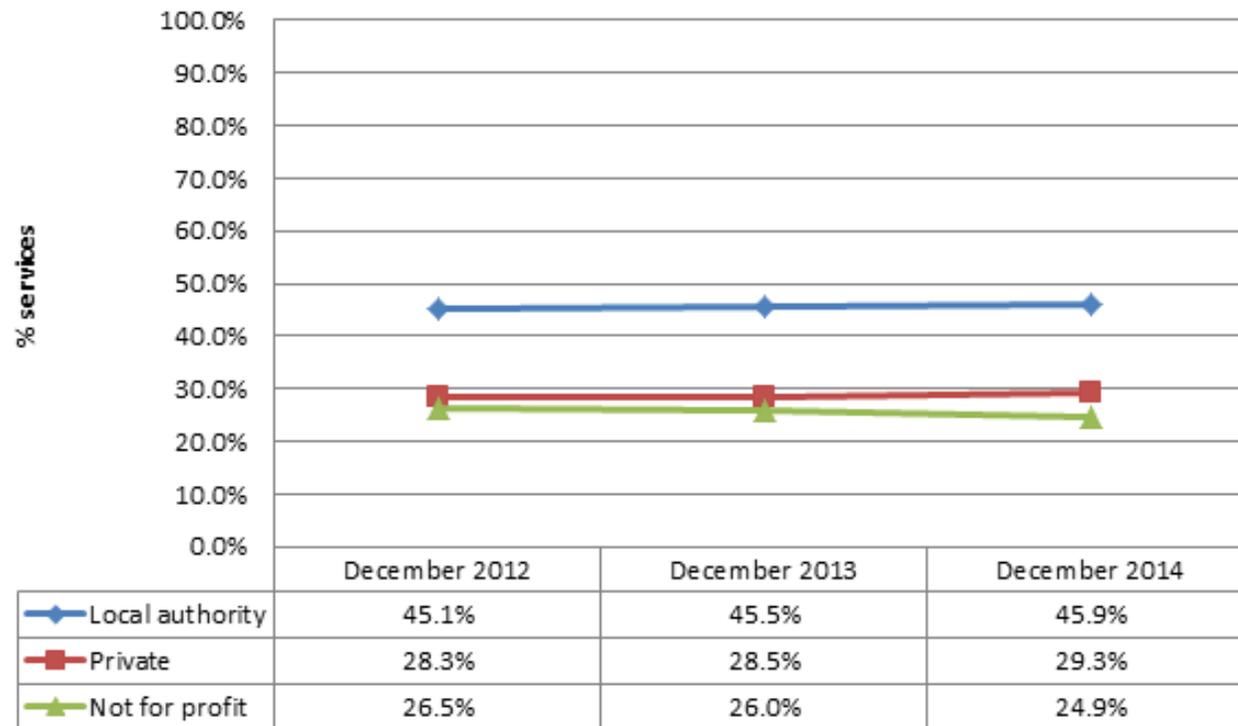


Figure D (above) demonstrates the gradual rise in local authority and private sector daycare of children services and the decrease in not-for-profit sector services since 2012. This includes daycare of children services only as all childminding services are operated in the private sector.

In 2014 the local authority sector continued to provide the largest proportion of daycare of children services at 46%, followed by private sector services at 29% and the voluntary and not for profit sector at 25%.

The voluntary sector decreased from having 27% of daycare of children services in 2012 to 25% in 2014. The biggest decrease in daycare of children services was in playgroup services, where the majority of both services and cancellations were in the voluntary sector.

The main increase in the local authority and private sectors was in out of school care, with 14 additional services in private and 5 in local authority sectors.

Registered early learning and childcare services in local authority areas, urban and rural areas and by deprivation category

Local authority areas

There are some differences in the number of early learning and childcare services available and the number of children attending services across local authorities in Scotland. In general larger local authorities have fewer early learning and childcare services per head of population (age 0-15 years) and more children attending per service, compared to smaller local authorities. This is discussed in more detail in the next section on urban and rural areas.

Urban and rural areas

The distribution of services registered in urban and rural areas differs. Overall, more early learning and childcare services per head of population (age 0-15 years) are registered in rural areas than in urban areas.

- For childminding services there were 36.7 services per 10,000 population in large urban areas compared to 93.6 services per 10,000 population in accessible small towns.
- For daycare of children services there were 35.8 services per 10,000 population in large urban areas compared to 59.1 per 10,000 population in remote rural areas.
- For nursery services the lowest number of services per 10,000 population was in large urban areas (21.3) and the highest was in remote rural areas (48.8)

A difference in children attending between urban-rural category areas is highlighted below. Table F shows that:

- 29.5% of the child population attend an early learning and childcare service in remote small towns (the highest) compared to 13.9% in remote rural (the lowest).
- 5.6% of the child population attend a childminding service in accessible small towns compared to 1.9% in large urban areas
- Around 25% of children attend a daycare service in other urban areas and remote small towns compared to 10.7% in remote rural areas.
- 17.7% of the child population attend a nursery service in other urban areas compared to 8.8% in remote rural areas.
- 5.6% of the child population attend an out of school care service in large urban areas compared to 0.5% in remote rural areas

Table F: Children attending early learning and childcare services (during the last full week before 30 November 2014) as a percentage of the population aged 0-15 years old, by urban-rural category⁴

Children attending										
Urban-rural category	All early learning and childcare services	All childcare services excluding childminding	Childminding	Children/family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup	Other service
Large urban areas	24.3%	22.5%	1.9%	1.4%	–	0.2%	14.3%	5.6%	0.4%	0.1%
Other urban areas	29.2%	24.5%	4.7%	1.2%	–	0.2%	17.7%	4.1%	0.7%	0.2%
Accessible small towns	29.0%	23.4%	5.6%	0.6%	–	0.0%	15.8%	4.8%	1.4%	0.0%
Remote small towns	29.5%	24.9%	4.6%	0.8%	–	1.6%	15.8%	2.0%	2.4%	0.0%
Accessible rural	19.8%	15.6%	4.3%	0.1%	–	0.0%	11.4%	2.7%	1.2%	0.0%
Remote rural	13.9%	10.7%	3.1%	0.1%	–	0.1%	8.8%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%
Scotland	25.2%	21.7%	3.6%	1.0%	0.3%	0.2%	14.8%	4.2%	0.8%	0.3%

Scottish Index of Multiple Deprivation (SIMD) areas

There are differences in the number of childminding services between the most and least deprived areas in Scotland, with 20.3 registered childminding services per 10,000 head of population in the most deprived areas compared to 70.4 childminding services per 10,000 head of population in the least deprived.

The overall number of daycare of children services is similar between the most deprived and least deprived areas of Scotland, with 33.6 services per 10,000 population in the most deprived areas compared to 37.7 per 10,000 population in the least deprived.

⁴ It should be noted that children who live in one local authority may attend a service in another local authority, similarly with urban/rural areas and SIMD areas. Analysis is based on the service details and the child population in that area.

Some differences in attendance between these areas exist. Table G shows that:

- 20.8% of the child population in the most deprived areas attend a service there, compared to 29.7% in the least deprived areas.
- 1.0% of the child population in the most deprived areas attend a childminding service compared to 4.6% in the least deprived areas. (This may not be surprising given that in the most deprived areas there are far fewer childminding services per 10,000 head of population than in the least deprived areas (20.3 compared to 70.4)).
- 19.8% of children attend a daycare service in the most deprived areas compared to 25.2% in the least deprived.
- There is little difference in children attending nursery services between areas in the most and least deprived, 13.1% compared to 14.9%.

There are differences between daycare of children service providers in the most and least deprived areas of Scotland:

- 49.0% of daycare of children services in the most deprived areas are run by the local authority sector, 28.0% by the voluntary and 23.1% by the private sector.
- 45.0% of daycare of children services in the least deprived areas are run by the private sector, 28.4% by the voluntary and 26.6% by local authority sectors

Table G: Children attending childcare services (during the last full week before 30 November 2014) as a percentage of the population aged 0-15 years old, by deprivation category

Children attending										
Urban-rural category	All early learning and childcare services	All early learning and childcare services excluding childminding	Childminding	Children/ family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup	Other service
1 - most deprived	20.8%	19.8%	1.0%	3.2%	–	0.0%	13.1%	2.7%	0.1%	0.1%
2	23.2%	21.4%	1.9%	1.7%	–	0.3%	15.0%	3.5%	0.3%	0.0%
3	22.4%	19.7%	2.8%	1.4%	–	0.1%	14.5%	2.5%	0.4%	0.0%
4	27.7%	24.5%	3.2%	1.3%	–	0.3%	17.0%	4.0%	0.7%	0.1%
5	28.2%	24.4%	3.8%	1.0%	–	0.2%	16.8%	4.9%	1.0%	0.0%
6	25.1%	20.9%	4.1%	0.3%	–	0.5%	15.1%	4.0%	0.9%	0.0%
7	23.0%	18.4%	4.6%	0.2%	–	0.0%	13.5%	3.4%	1.0%	0.0%
8	27.2%	22.3%	4.9%	0.3%	–	0.2%	14.9%	4.5%	1.4%	0.0%
9	25.8%	20.6%	5.3%	0.0%	–	0.0%	14.1%	5.1%	1.3%	0.0%
10 - least deprived	29.7%	25.2%	4.6%	0.4%	–	0.2%	14.9%	8.0%	1.2%	0.0%
Scotland	25.2%	21.7%	3.6%	1.0%	0.3%	0.2%	14.8%	4.2%	0.8%	0.3%

There are some differences in grading pattern of services between the most and least deprived areas in Scotland. This difference is seen in childminding services:

- 30.6% of childminding services in the most deprived areas had all grades of very good and excellent compared to 56.9% in the least deprived areas. The proportion of childminding services with these grades increases as the level of deprivation decreases.
- 1.6% of childminding services in the most deprived areas had all grades of unsatisfactory and weak compared to 0.2% in the least deprived areas. Although this is not a continuous trend throughout the scale.
- 39.6% of daycare of children services in the most deprived areas had all grades of very good and excellent across all themes compared to 41.4% in the least deprived areas.
- 0.6% of daycare of children services in the most deprived areas had all grades of unsatisfactory and weak compared to 0.0% services with these grades in the least deprived areas.

Services providing funded early learning and childcare

Since August 2014, all children aged 3 and 4 years and some eligible 2 year olds are entitled to 600 hours of free early learning and childcare (ELCC), an increase from 475 hours previously. Most of the funded places will be available in nurseries. Local authorities may also decide to use childminding services for ELCC funded places.

Figure E shows that between 2013 and 2014 there was no overall change in the proportion of nurseries offering ELCC from 83% to 92%. The private sector had the smallest proportion of nurseries offering ELCC compared to local authority and the voluntary and not-for-profit sector.

In 2014 100% of local authority run nurseries were providing ELCC, compared to 78% of private and 90% of voluntary sector nurseries.

Figure E: Nurseries providing funded early learning and childcare (ELCC) as at 31 December 2013 and 2014

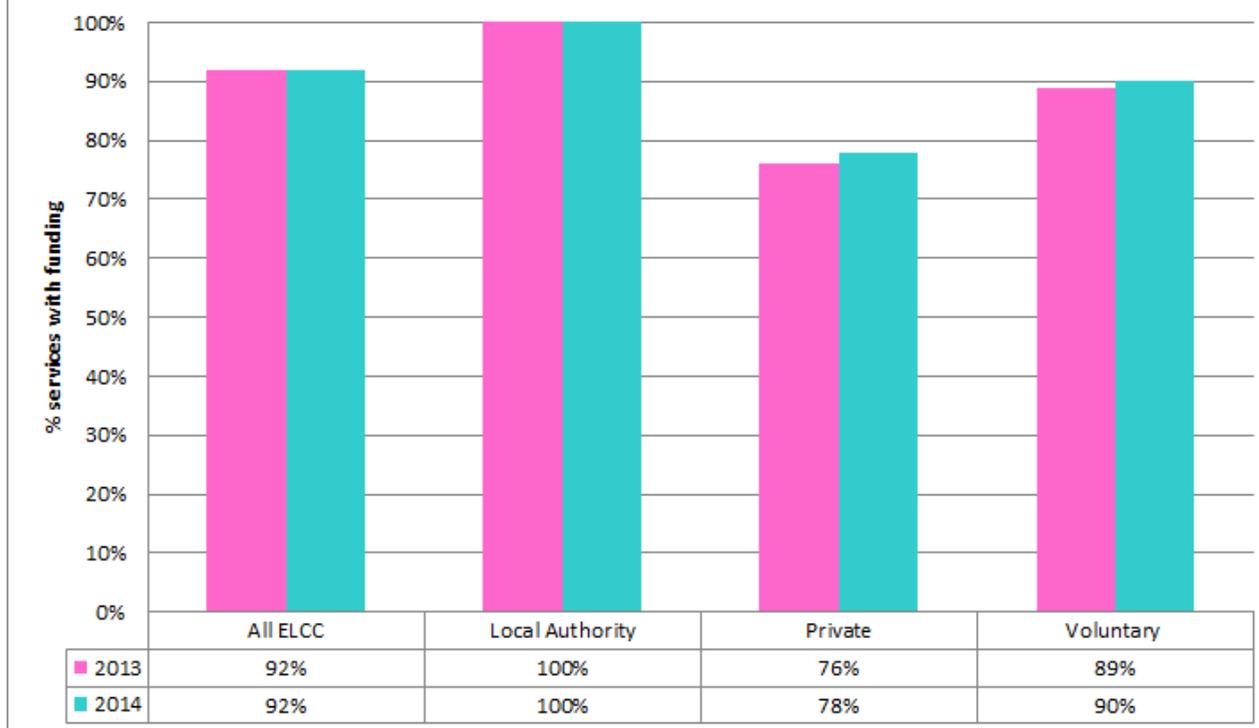


Table H below shows ELCC provided by other service types. There was an increase in children and family centres providing funded ELCC from 58% in 2013 to 76% in 2014. There was a slight increase in playgroup services offering ELCC from 67% in 2013 to 69% in 2014. No local authority playgroup services offered ELCC in 2014 (only four local authority playgroup services were registered with the Care Inspectorate as at 31 December 2014). Slight increases in ELCC provision were seen in private sector and voluntary sector playgroup services, rising from 62% to 64% in private sector run services and from 69% to 71% in voluntary sector services.

Table H: Proportion of services providing funded early learning and childcare as at 31 December 2013 and 2014

ELCC Provision	Children and family centres		Nurseries		Playgroups	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
All ELCC	58%	76%	92%	92%	67%	69%
Local authority	90%	96%	100%	100%	33%	0%
Private partnership	67%	65%	76%	78%	62%	64%
Voluntary partnership	29%	36%	89%	90%	69%	71%

Service provision

Language and service philosophies as at 31 December 2014

Excluding childminding services, 99% (3,713) of early learning and childcare services used the English language in delivering the service, an increase from 98% in 2013. The other 1% (20) operate a fully Gaelic service.

Around 1% (32) daycare of children services followed a Suzuki/Montessori philosophy, the same proportion as in 2013.

The Steiner approach was used in 0.4% (15) services, similar to in 2013.

School term / holiday availability as at 31 December 2014

In term time:

- 72% of early learning and childcare services offered a breakfast or preschool service
- 79% had an after school hours service.

During school holidays:

- 42% of early learning and childcare services operate a before 8am service
- 72% of services operate during working hours.

Sessions available and whether drop-in or planned as at 31 December 2014

Excluding childminding services, 46% of services gave the option of either whole-day or part-day sessions, an increase from 44% in 2013.

94% of daycare of children services in the private sector gave the option of both whole day and part day attendance compared to 21% in local authority services and 56% in voluntary services.

Services in the local authority and voluntary sectors are more likely to offer part time only sessions, 80% and 41% respectively, compared to the private sector where only 3% of services are part time only services.

Excluding crèche services, almost all services were available on a planned rather than drop-in basis.

Meals and snacks as at 31 December 2014

Around 94% of childminding services provided meals in the service, an increase from 93% in 2014. These meals were provided by either the service, the parents or by both. Almost all (99.5%) childminding services provided snacks for the children in the service.

Around 39% of daycare of children services provided meals in the service (whether by the service, parents or both), the same proportion as in 2013. 99% of services, provided snacks and in services which were providing snacks, 83% were supplied by the service only.

Quality of early learning and childcare services

Early learning and childcare services grades as at 31 March 2015

Table I: Summary of graded early learning and childcare services for all themes as at 31 March 2015

Care service	All grades unsatisfactory/ weak	All grades excellent/very good	Mix of grades	Total
Childminding	0.4%	49.6%	50.0%	100.0%
Daycare of children	0.3%	42.2%	57.5%	100.0%
Total	0.4%	46.6%	53.1%	100.0%

The grading picture for early learning and childcare services remained similar between March 2014 and March 2015.

Table I above shows that at 31 March 2015:

- around half of all childminding services were graded very good or excellent across all quality themes
- 0.4% of childminding services had all grades of unsatisfactory or weak.
- 42.2% of daycare of children services had all grades of very good and excellent
- 0.3% of daycare of children services had all grades of unsatisfactory or weak

Early learning and childcare services and complaints as at 31 March 2015

In the year to 31 March 2015, the Care Inspectorate completed 606 complaint investigations about early learning and childcare services. Most of these were about daycare of children services -71% (431) - and the remaining 29% (175) about childminding services.

We upheld 52.6% (92) complaints in childminding services and 46.9% (202) in daycare of children services.

Each complaint can be about a number of different areas. Of the complaints we upheld in early learning and childcare services during the year, the top five reasons for complaint were: general health and welfare, communication (between staff and service users/relatives/carers), staffing levels, conditions of registration (other than exceeding capacity) and conditions of registration (exceeding capacity).

In daycare of children services we completed 53.9 complaints per 1,000 services, a decrease from 54.1 per 1,000 services in 2014.

In childminding services we completed 15.4 complaints per 1,000 services, an increase from 12.4 per 1,000 services in 2014.



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 2012, 2013 and 2014

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	December 2012			December 2013			December 2014		
	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	6,274	5,750	524	6,185	5,685	500	6,102	5,572	530
Children/family centre	140	140	0	139	139	0	139	139	0
Crèche	98	95	3	91	91	0	83	83	0
Holiday play scheme	53	52	1	52	51	1	50	50	0
Nursery	2,458	2,439	19	2,442	2,426	16	2,443	2,423	20
of which: providing additional childcare eg breakfast club	380	380	0	396	395	1	400	398	2
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,078	2,059	19	2,046	2,031	15	2,043	2,025	18
Out of school care	686	685	1	691	690	1	703	701	2
of which: providing additional childcare eg breakfast club	460	459	1	504	503	1	479	478	1
of which: providing no additional childcare services	226	226	0	187	187	0	224	223	1
Playgroup	351	350	1	324	323	1	291	290	1
Other services	39	39	0	44	44	0	48	47	1
Total	10,099	9,550	549	9,968	9,449	519	9,859	9,305	554
Total excluding childminders	3,825	3,800	25	3,783	3,764	19	3,575	3,733	24

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 2014. 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.

Please refer to the technical appendix and background and methodology sections for more detail on service information reported

Table 1b: Changes to registered early learning and childcare services from 31 December 2013 to 31 December 2014, by main service type

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of services at 31 December 2013	Number of services at 31 December 2014	Net change in the number of services	Cancellations	Registrations
Childminding	6,173	6,102	-71	698	627
Children/family centre	140	139	-1	1	0
Crèche	89	83	-6	12	6
Holiday play scheme	50	50	0	3	3
Nursery	2,447	2,443	-4	64	60
Out of school care	693	703	10	41	51
Playgroup	314	291	-23	26	3
Other services	46	48	2	1	3
Total	9,952	9,859	-93	846	753
Total excluding childminding	3,779	3,757	-22	148	126

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

2013 figures revised to account for retrospective cancellations

Please refer to the technical appendix and background and methodology sections for more detail on service information reported.

Table 2a: Number of active registered early learning and childcare services by provider sector, as at 31 December 2012, 2013 and 2014

Number of services

	December 2012				December 2013				December 2014			
	Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:		
		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit
Childminding services	5,750	0	5,750	0	5,685	0	5,685	0	5,572	0	5,572	0
Daycare services	3,800	1,717	1,075	1,008	3,764	1,712	1,074	978	3,733	1,713	1,092	928
All early learning and childcare services	9,550	1,717	6,825	1,008	9,449	1,712	6,759	978	9,305	1,713	6,664	928

Percentages of services

	December 2012				December 2013				December 2014			
	Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:			Total active services	of which:		
		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit
Childminding services	5,750	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	5,685	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	5,572	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Daycare services	3,800	45.2%	28.3%	26.5%	3,764	45.5%	28.5%	26.0%	3,733	45.9%	29.3%	24.9%
All early learning and childcare services	9,550	18.0%	71.5%	10.6%	9,449	18.1%	71.5%	10.4%	9,305	18.4%	71.6%	10.0%

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.

Please refer to the technical appendix and background and methodology sections for more detail on service information reported.

Table 2b: Number of active registered early learning and childcare services by main service type and provider sector, as at 31 December 2014

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of services				Percentage of services		
	Total active services	of which:			of which:		
		Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit	Local authority	Private	Not-for-profit
Childminding	5,572	0	5,572	0	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%
Children/family centre	139	90	3	46	64.7%	2.2%	33.1%
Crèche	83	31	24	28	37.3%	28.9%	33.7%
Holiday play scheme	50	16	6	28	32.0%	12.0%	56.0%
Nursery	2,423	1,475	767	181	60.9%	31.7%	7.5%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	128	199	71	32.2%	50.0%	17.8%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	1,347	568	110	66.5%	28.0%	5.4%
Out of school care	701	93	240	368	13.3%	34.2%	52.5%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	60	172	246	12.6%	36.0%	51.5%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	33	68	122	14.8%	30.5%	54.7%
Playgroup	290	4	38	248	1.4%	13.1%	85.5%
Other services	47	4	14	29	8.5%	29.8%	61.7%
Total	9,305	1,713	6,664	928	18.4%	71.6%	10.0%
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	1,713	1,092	928	45.9%	29.3%	24.9%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in red

Table 3: Number of active registered early learning and childcare services by urban-rural category, deprivation category and provider sector, as at 31 December 2014

	Total active childcare services	Total active childcare services excluding childminding	Number of early learning and childcare services by main service type (as at December 2014)							
			Childminding	Children/ family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup	Other services
Urban-rural category:										
Large urban areas	2,446	1,208	1,238	71	36	22	720	291	53	15
Other urban areas	3,460	1,193	2,267	50	30	18	773	230	73	19
Accessible small towns	1,093	334	759	8	9	2	216	59	37	3
Remote small towns	386	140	246	7	2	5	88	14	22	2
Accessible rural	1,280	523	757	1	5	2	349	92	71	3
Remote rural	640	335	305	2	1	1	277	15	34	5
Scotland	9,305	3,733	5,572	139	83	50	2,423	701	290	47
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	555	346	209	45	16	7	193	72	4	9
2	729	372	357	24	14	12	232	71	11	8
3	757	311	446	18	9	4	213	48	12	7
4	903	384	519	15	18	5	256	67	20	3
5	1,013	444	569	13	4	6	300	81	34	6
6	1,008	407	601	5	3	5	289	68	34	3
7	1,135	408	727	3	3	1	287	68	42	4
8	1,128	406	722	10	4	4	257	76	52	3
9	1,159	335	824	1	5	2	210	72	43	2
10 - least deprived	918	320	598	5	7	4	186	78	38	2
Scotland	9,305	3,733	5,572	139	83	50	2,423	701	290	47
Provider sector:										
Local authority	1,713	1,713	0	90	31	16	1,475	93	4	4
Private	6,664	1,092	5,572	3	24	6	767	240	38	14
Not-for-profit	928	928	0	46	28	28	181	368	248	29
All	9,305	3,733	5,572	139	83	50	2,423	701	290	47

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

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 2014

	Number of early learning childcare services per 10,000 head of population by main service type (as at December 2014)										
	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	72.4	35.8	36.7	2.1	1.1	0.7	21.3	8.6	1.6	0.4	
Other urban areas	121.3	41.8	79.5	1.8	1.1	0.6	27.1	8.1	2.6	0.7	
Accessible small towns	134.8	41.2	93.6	1.0	1.1	0.2	26.6	7.3	4.6	0.4	
Remote small towns	120.4	43.7	76.8	2.2	0.6	1.6	27.5	4.4	6.9	0.6	
Accessible rural	107.7	44.0	63.7	0.1	0.4	0.2	29.4	7.7	6.0	0.3	
Remote rural	112.8	59.1	53.8	0.4	0.2	0.2	48.8	2.6	6.0	0.9	
Scotland	102.1	40.9	61.1	1.5	0.9	0.5	26.6	7.7	3.2	0.5	
SIMD category:											
1 - most deprived	53.9	33.6	20.3	4.4	1.6	0.7	18.7	7.0	0.4	0.9	
2	77.1	39.3	37.8	2.5	1.5	1.3	24.5	7.5	1.2	0.8	
3	87.7	36.0	51.7	2.1	1.0	0.5	24.7	5.6	1.4	0.8	
4	104.5	44.5	60.1	1.7	2.1	0.6	29.6	7.8	2.3	0.3	
5	115.4	50.6	64.8	1.5	0.5	0.7	34.2	9.2	3.9	0.7	
6	113.4	45.8	67.6	0.6	0.3	0.6	32.5	7.6	3.8	0.3	
7	120.0	43.1	76.8	0.3	0.3	0.1	30.3	7.2	4.4	0.4	
8	122.3	44.0	78.3	1.1	0.4	0.4	27.9	8.2	5.6	0.3	
9	124.8	36.1	88.7	0.1	0.5	0.2	22.6	7.8	4.6	0.2	
10 - least deprived	108.0	37.7	70.4	0.6	0.8	0.5	21.9	9.2	4.5	0.2	
Scotland	102.1	40.9	61.1	1.5	0.9	0.5	26.6	7.7	3.2	0.5	

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

Table 4b: Average capacity of active registered early learning and childcare services by urban-rural category and deprivation category, as at 31 December 2014

	Total active early learning and childcare services	Total active early learning and 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	27.5	49.6	5.9	57.6	22.3	42.4	54.0	46.1	23.6	39.8
Other urban areas	19.9	45.9	6.2	53.4	60.0	38.8	49.7	39.0	23.4	30.1
Accessible small towns	17.3	42.2	6.3	42.5	20.8	13.0	46.7	41.4	24.8	33.0
Remote small towns	18.0	38.8	6.1	21.4	85.0	53.8	41.3	42.6	24.2	40.0
Accessible rural	16.3	30.8	6.3	60.0	25.0	40.0	32.7	29.4	23.3	17.3
Remote rural	14.0	21.1	6.2	35.0	10.0	20.0	21.0	21.7	21.1	20.0
Scotland	20.6	42.2	6.2	53.1	37.3	40.5	44.7	40.6	23.4	31.9
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	34.1	51.3	5.8	63.1	34.1	26.9	56.4	38.2	18.8	49.1
2	26.3	45.8	6.0	55.0	53.4	41.7	48.7	38.9	19.7	24.5
3	22.1	45.0	6.1	58.9	44.9	35.0	47.7	36.9	26.8	19.7
4	21.9	43.4	6.1	50.0	45.2	38.2	44.9	41.5	23.5	56.3
5	20.4	38.7	6.1	43.1	14.3	35.0	40.3	41.3	22.6	26.0
6	18.4	36.2	6.3	44.0	32.3	44.8	36.9	39.1	23.4	23.3
7	16.3	34.2	6.3	33.3	12.3	10.0	36.4	34.2	21.9	30.8
8	18.3	39.7	6.2	34.0	41.0	56.3	43.1	38.6	24.6	37.3
9	17.2	44.1	6.3	30.0	26.4	17.0	49.4	43.1	24.6	12.5
10 - least deprived	20.7	47.6	6.2	32.0	14.0	76.0	52.2	51.6	23.2	34.0
Scotland	20.6	42.2	6.2	53.1	37.3	40.5	44.7	40.6	23.4	31.9

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

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 2014

Active early learning and 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	5,572	34,430	6.2	3.8%	3.8%
Children/family centre	139	7,380	53.1	0.8%	0.8%
Crèche	83	3,100	37.3	0.3%	0.3%
Holiday play scheme	50	2,030	40.6	0.4%	0.2%
Nursery	2,423	108,210	44.7	15.7%	11.9%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	22,890	-	3.3%	2.5%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	85,320	-	12.4%	9.4%
Out of school care	701	28,450	40.6	4.2%	3.1%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	21,120	-	3.1%	2.3%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	7,330	-	1.1%	0.8%
Playgroup	290	6,780	23.4	2.8%	0.7%
Other services	47	1,500	31.9	0.2%	0.2%
Total	9,305	191,880	20.6	28.2%	21.1%
Total excluding Childminding	3,733	157,440	42.2	24.4%	17.3%

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

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.

Table 6: Number of children attending early learning and childcare services during the last full week before the 30 November 2014 and registered to attend as at 31 December 2014

Early learning 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 2014		December 2014	
						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	5,572	32,500	5.8	3.6%	3.6%	34,680	6.2	3.8%	3.8%
Children/family centre	139	9,110	65.5	1.0%	1.0%	10,100	72.7	1.1%	1.1%
Crèche	83	2,610	31.4	0.3%	0.3%	5,680	68.4	0.6%	0.6%
Holiday play scheme	50	1,650	33.0	0.3%	0.2%	4,460	89.2	0.8%	0.5%
Nursery	2,423	135,240	55.8	19.6%	14.8%	142,790	58.9	20.7%	15.7%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	29,390	-	4.3%	3.2%	31,980	-	4.6%	3.5%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	105,850	-	15.4%	11.6%	110,810	-	16.1%	12.2%
Out of school care	701	38,460	54.9	5.7%	4.2%	46,080	65.7	6.8%	5.0%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	29,500	-	4.4%	3.2%	35,780	-	5.2%	3.9%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	8,970	-	1.3%	1.0%	10,300	-	1.5%	1.1%
Playgroup	290	7,470	25.8	3.1%	0.8%	8,000	27.6	3.3%	0.9%
Other services	47	2,800	59.6	0.3%	0.3%	3,000	63.8	0.3%	0.3%
Total	9,305	229,840	24.7	33.9%	25.2%	254,770	27.4	37.5%	27.9%
Total excluding Childminding	3,733	197,340	52.9	30.3%	21.7%	220,090	59.0	33.7%	24.1%

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

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 2014, by main service type and age-group

Active early learning and 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 year old	
			Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population
Childminding	32,500	4%	860	1.5%	3,840	6.5%	4,660	7.9%
Children/family centre	9,110	1%	260	0.5%	940	1.6%	1,950	3.3%
Crèche	2,610	0%	120	0.2%	270	0.5%	370	0.6%
Holiday play scheme	1,650	0%	30	0.1%	30	0.1%	40	0.1%
Nursery	135,240	15%	2,300	4.0%	12,220	20.7%	18,200	30.7%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	29,390	3%	570	1.0%	2,900	4.9%	4,860	8.2%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	105,850	12%	1,740	3.0%	9,320	15.8%	13,340	22.5%
Out of school care	38,460	4%	0	0.0%	20	0.0%	30	0.0%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	29,500	3%	0	0.0%	20	0.0%	30	0.0%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	8,970	1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Playgroup	7,470	1%	0	0.0%	60	0.1%	2,760	4.7%
Other services	2,800	0%	40	0.1%	120	0.2%	320	0.5%
Total	229,840	25%	3,610	6.4%	17,500	30.5%	28,330	47.8%
Total excluding childminding	197,340	22%	2,750	4.9%	13,650	23.8%	23,660	40.0%

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

Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in red

Table 7 continued

Children attending a service												
3 years old		4 years old		5 years old		6 years old		7 to 11 year olds		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	Number of children	Percentage of population	
4,190	6.9%	4,010	6.9%	3,120	5.2%	2,690	4.5%	8,290	3.0%	830	0.4%	0
2,630	4.3%	2,540	4.4%	180	0.3%	60	0.1%	330	0.1%	140	0.1%	80
450	0.7%	400	0.7%	290	0.5%	260	0.4%	420	0.2%	20	0.0%	10
70	0.1%	80	0.1%	130	0.2%	180	0.3%	600	0.2%	480	0.2%	0
43,350	71.1%	52,450	90.1%	2,250	3.8%	1,090	1.8%	2,990	1.1%	80	0.0%	300
7,670	12.6%	8,090	13.9%	1,340	2.2%	1,040	1.7%	2,860	1.0%	20	0.0%	60
35,680	58.5%	44,360	76.2%	910	1.5%	50	0.1%	140	0.0%	60	0.0%	240
60	0.1%	640	1.1%	5,620	9.4%	6,420	10.8%	24,180	8.7%	810	0.4%	690
60	0.1%	530	0.9%	4,450	7.4%	4,940	8.3%	18,400	6.6%	600	0.3%	480
0	0.0%	110	0.2%	1,180	2.0%	1,490	2.5%	5,770	2.1%	210	0.1%	210
3,240	5.3%	1,210	2.1%	30	0.1%	20	0.0%	110	0.0%	0	0.0%	40
360	0.6%	470	0.8%	230	0.4%	250	0.4%	760	0.3%	190	0.1%	70
54,350	89.1%	61,800	106.1%	11,850	19.8%	10,980	18.4%	37,690	13.6%	2,550	1.1%	1,180
50,160	82.2%	57,790	99.2%	8,730	14.6%	8,280	13.9%	29,390	10.6%	1,720	0.8%	1,180

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 2014

Active early learning and childcare services by main service type	Total number of children	Percentage of population age 0 to 15	Children registered with a service					
			Under 1 year old		1 year old		2 year old	
			Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population	Number of children	Percentage of population
Childminding	34,680	4%	820	1.5%	3,950	6.9%	4,750	8.0%
Children/family centre	10,100	1%	300	0.5%	1,040	1.8%	2,080	3.5%
Crèche	5,680	1%	470	0.8%	710	1.2%	910	1.5%
Holiday play scheme	4,460	0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Nursery	142,790	16%	2,580	4.6%	12,620	22.0%	19,030	32.1%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	31,980	4%	690	1.2%	3,010	5.2%	5,240	8.8%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	110,810	12%	1,890	3.4%	9,620	16.7%	13,800	23.3%
Out of school care	46,080	5%	0	0.0%	20	0.0%	40	0.1%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	35,780	4%	0	0.0%	20	0.0%	40	0.1%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	10,300	1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Playgroup	8,000	1%	10	0.0%	80	0.1%	2,990	5.0%
Other services	3,000	0%	40	0.1%	140	0.2%	310	0.5%
Total	254,770	28%	4,230	7.5%	18,570	32.3%	30,120	50.9%
Total excluding childminding	220,090	24%	3,400	6.0%	14,610	25.4%	25,370	42.8%

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

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.

Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in red

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Table 8 continued

Children registered with a service												
3 years old		4 years old		5 years old		6 years old		7 to 11 year olds		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	Number of children	Percentage of population	
4,260	7.0%	4,290	7.4%	3,320	5.5%	2,970	4.5%	8,950	3.2%	1,370	0.6%	0
2,840	4.7%	2,750	4.7%	180	0.3%	120	0.2%	510	0.8%	270	0.1%	0
690	1.1%	500	0.9%	530	0.9%	520	0.9%	1,080	1.8%	270	0.1%	0
30	0.0%	80	0.1%	250	0.4%	320	0.5%	2,590	4.3%	1,180	0.5%	10
46,060	75.5%	54,650	93.8%	2,570	4.3%	1,350	2.3%	3,770	6.3%	100	0.0%	50
8,040	13.2%	8,550	14.7%	1,510	2.5%	1,280	2.1%	3,630	6.1%	50	0.0%	0
38,020	62.3%	46,100	79.2%	1,060	1.8%	70	0.1%	140	0.2%	60	0.0%	50
80	0.1%	690	1.2%	6,300	10.5%	7,600	12.7%	29,600	49.6%	1,470	0.6%	280
80	0.1%	570	1.0%	5,090	8.5%	5,870	9.8%	22,770	38.2%	1,100	0.5%	240
0	0.0%	120	0.2%	1,210	2.0%	1,730	2.9%	6,820	11.4%	370	0.2%	50
3,280	5.4%	1,330	2.3%	70	0.1%	40	0.1%	170	0.3%	0	0.0%	30
350	0.6%	400	0.7%	280	0.5%	280	0.5%	970	1.6%	220	0.1%	10
57,600	94.4%	64,680	111.1%	13,480	22.6%	13,200	22.1%	47,630	17.0%	4,880	1.9%	380
53,340	87.4%	60,400	103.7%	10,170	17.0%	10,230	17.1%	38,680	14.0%	3,510	1.6%	380

Table 8b: Number of children registered with early learning and childcare services during the last full week before 31 December 2014, by main service type and provider sector

Number of children	Local authority	Private	Voluntary and not-for-profit	Total
Children / Family Centre %	7,740 76.6%	190 1.9%	2,170 21.5%	10,100 100.0%
Creche %	1,110 19.5%	3,050 53.7%	1,520 26.8%	5,680 100.0%
Holiday Play Scheme %	550 12.4%	1,280 28.7%	2,630 59.0%	4,460 100.0%
Nursery %	76,100 53.3%	56,960 39.9%	9,730 6.8%	142,790 100.0%
Out of School Care %	4,940 10.7%	16,840 36.5%	24,310 52.7%	46,080 100.0%
Playgroup %	110 1.4%	1,250 15.6%	6,630 83.0%	8,000 100.0%
No single main service type %	130 4.3%	1,400 46.8%	1,470 49.2%	3,000 100.0%
Total %	90,680 41.2%	80,970 36.8%	48,440 22.0%	220,090 100.0%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data.

Please refer to the technical appendix and background and methodology sections for more detail on service information reported

Table 9: Number of children attending registered early learning and childcare services during the last full week before 30 November 2014, by urban-rural category, deprivation category, and provider sector

	All childcare	All childcare services excluding	Number of children attending a service							
			Childminding	Children/family centre	Crèche	Holiday play scheme	Nursery	Out of school care	Playgroup	Other services
Urban-rural category:										
Large urban areas	82,150	75,820	6,330	4,770	-	530	48,250	18,800	1,500	820
Other urban areas	83,280	69,950	13,330	3,480	-	500	50,520	11,690	2,040	1,450
Accessible small towns	23,530	19,000	4,540	450	-	20	12,850	3,880	1,170	220
Remote small towns	9,450	7,980	1,460	250	-	520	5,080	630	770	100
Accessible rural	23,570	18,510	5,070	70	-	40	13,570	3,170	1,440	80
Remote rural	7,860	6,080	1,780	80	-	50	4,970	290	560	130
Scotland	229,840	197,340	32,500	9,110	2,610	1,650	135,240	38,460	7,470	2,800
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	21,430	20,440	990	3,250	-	40	13,500	2,780	120	600
2	21,980	20,220	1,760	1,610	-	290	14,170	3,340	250	270
3	19,370	16,980	2,380	1,180	-	70	12,560	2,150	320	120
4	23,920	21,130	2,800	1,170	-	260	14,680	3,470	640	660
5	24,740	21,430	3,310	830	-	140	14,730	4,300	870	440
6	22,300	18,620	3,680	280	-	430	13,400	3,550	840	120
7	21,770	17,430	4,330	150	-	50	12,730	3,230	910	140
8	25,090	20,610	4,480	290	-	190	13,710	4,130	1,320	240
9	23,990	19,100	4,890	30	-	30	13,060	4,720	1,200	40
10 - least deprived	25,260	21,380	3,880	320	-	160	12,700	6,810	1,020	170
Scotland	229,840	197,340	32,500	9,110	2,610	1,650	135,240	38,460	7,470	2,800
Provider sector:										
Local authority	83,330	83,330	0	7,280	-	320	71,740	3,510	110	140
Private	106,620	74,120	32,500	150	-	610	54,330	14,590	1,210	1,360
Not-for-profit	39,890	39,890	0	1,680	-	720	9,170	20,360	6,160	1,300
Scotland	229,840	197,340	32,500	9,110	2,610	1,650	135,240	38,460	7,470	2,800

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data.

Table 10: Average number of children attending per service (during the last full week before 30 November 2014), by urban-rural category, deprivation category, and provider sector

	All early learning and childcare services	All early learning and 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	33.6	62.8	5.1	67.2	-	24.1	67.0	64.6	28.2	54.7
Other urban areas	24.1	58.6	5.9	69.6	-	27.8	65.4	50.8	28.0	76.3
Accessible small towns	21.5	56.9	6.0	56.9	-	10.0	59.5	65.7	31.6	73.3
Remote small towns	24.5	57.0	6.0	35.5	-	104.0	57.7	45.2	34.9	50.0
Accessible rural	18.4	35.4	6.7	73.6	-	20.0	38.9	34.5	20.2	26.7
Remote rural	12.3	18.2	5.8	40.9	-	50.0	17.9	19.5	16.6	26.0
Scotland	24.7	52.9	5.8	65.5	31.4	33.0	55.8	54.9	25.8	59.6
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	38.6	59.1	4.7	72.2	-	5.7	70.0	38.6	28.9	66.7
2	30.1	54.4	4.9	66.9	-	24.2	61.1	47.0	22.4	33.8
3	25.6	54.6	5.3	65.6	-	17.5	59.0	44.7	26.3	17.1
4	26.5	55.0	5.4	77.7	-	52.0	57.3	51.8	32.1	220.0
5	24.4	48.3	5.8	64.2	-	23.3	49.1	53.1	25.4	73.3
6	22.1	45.7	6.1	55.2	-	86.0	46.4	52.1	24.8	40.0
7	19.2	42.7	6.0	49.1	-	50.0	44.4	47.5	21.7	35.0
8	22.2	50.8	6.2	29.4	-	47.5	53.3	54.4	25.3	80.0
9	20.7	57.0	5.9	33.7	-	15.0	62.2	65.5	28.0	20.0
10 - least deprived	27.5	66.8	6.5	64.2	-	40.0	68.3	87.3	26.7	85.0
Scotland	24.7	52.9	5.8	65.5	31.4	33.0	55.8	54.9	25.8	59.6
Provider sector:										
Local authority	48.6	48.6	0	80.9	-	20.0	48.6	37.7	26.7	35.0
Private	16.0	67.9	5.8	48.4	-	101.7	70.8	60.8	31.9	97.1
Not-for-profit	43.0	43.0	0	36.6	-	25.7	50.7	55.3	24.8	44.8
Scotland	24.7	52.9	5.8	65.5	31.4	33.0	55.8	54.9	25.8	59.6

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.

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.

Please see the additional Excel tables for a version of this table that contains a local authority split.

Please refer to the technical appendix and background and methodology sections for more detail on service information reported.



Table 11: Children attending early learning and childcare services (during the last full week before 30 November 2014) as a percentage of the population aged 0-15 years old, by urban-rural category and deprivation category

	All early learning and childcare services	All early learning and 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	24.3%	22.5%	1.9%	1.4%	-	0.2%	14.3%	5.6%	0.4%	0.1%
Other urban areas	29.2%	24.5%	4.7%	1.2%	-	0.2%	17.7%	4.1%	0.7%	0.2%
Accessible small towns	29.0%	23.4%	5.6%	0.6%	-	0.0%	15.8%	4.8%	1.4%	0.0%
Remote small towns	29.5%	24.9%	4.6%	0.8%	-	1.6%	15.8%	2.0%	2.4%	0.0%
Accessible rural	19.8%	15.6%	4.3%	0.1%	-	0.0%	11.4%	2.7%	1.2%	0.0%
Remote rural	13.9%	10.7%	3.1%	0.1%	-	0.1%	8.8%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%
Scotland	25.2%	21.7%	3.6%	1.0%	0.3%	0.2%	14.8%	4.2%	0.8%	0.3%
SIMD category:										
1 - most deprived	20.8%	19.8%	1.0%	3.2%	-	0.0%	13.1%	2.7%	0.1%	0.1%
2	23.2%	21.4%	1.9%	1.7%	-	0.3%	15.0%	3.5%	0.3%	0.0%
3	22.4%	19.7%	2.8%	1.4%	-	0.1%	14.5%	2.5%	0.4%	0.0%
4	27.7%	24.5%	3.2%	1.3%	-	0.3%	17.0%	4.0%	0.7%	0.1%
5	28.2%	24.4%	3.8%	1.0%	-	0.2%	16.8%	4.9%	1.0%	0.0%
6	25.1%	20.9%	4.1%	0.3%	-	0.5%	15.1%	4.0%	0.9%	0.0%
7	23.0%	18.4%	4.6%	0.2%	-	0.0%	13.5%	3.4%	1.0%	0.0%
8	27.2%	22.3%	4.9%	0.3%	-	0.2%	14.9%	4.5%	1.4%	0.0%
9	25.8%	20.6%	5.3%	0.0%	-	0.0%	14.1%	5.1%	1.3%	0.0%
10 - least deprived	29.7%	25.2%	4.6%	0.4%	-	0.2%	14.9%	8.0%	1.2%	0.0%
Scotland	25.2%	21.7%	3.6%	1.0%	0.3%	0.2%	14.8%	4.2%	0.8%	0.3%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Table 12: Estimated proportions of childcare services that are providing local authority or partnership funded early learning and childcare, as at 31 December 2014

	All services providing early learning and childcare		% of local authority services offering funded early learning and childcare		% of private services offering funded early learning and childcare		% of voluntary services offering funded early learning and childcare	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
Children and family centre	58%	76%	90%	96%	83%	65%	29%	36%
Nursery	61%	92%	100%	100%	76%	78%	89%	90%
Playgroup	67%	69%	33%	64%	62%	64%	69%	71%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

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

Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Table 13: Age-groups that are provided for by registered early learning and childcare services, as at 31 December 2014

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	Children aged 6
Childminding	5,572	4,882	5,172	5,233	5,257	5,268	5,261	5,082

Number of daycare services

Childcare services by main service type	Number of active early learning and 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	114	118	130	127	109	96	19
Crèche	83	69	71	77	78	76	65	52
Holiday play scheme	50	2	2	2	7	13	44	45
Nursery	2,423	762	777	1,057	2,378	2,368	1,708	201
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	205	210	290	390	392	345	172
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	556	568	767	1,987	1,976	1,363	28
Out of school care								
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	701	4	5	6	37	427	684	686
of which: providing no additional childcare services	478	4	5	6	32	310	472	473
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	0	0	0	5	117	213	214
Playgroup	290	6	10	239	283	252	132	7
Other services	47	21	25	34	33	38	42	39
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	979	1,007	1,545	2,942	3,283	2,770	1,049

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Children aged 7 to 11	Children aged 12 to 15	All age groups
5,144	3,166	2,904

Children aged 7 to 11	Children aged 12 to 15	All age groups
17	9	5
46	25	25
48	44	2
175	44	33
156	38	31
19	5	2
694	497	4
477	354	4
217	142	0
5	1	0
39	33	16
1,024	652	86

Table 14: Languages and service philosophies of early learning and childcare services, as at 31 December 2014

Number of services

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of active early learning and 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	9	5	0	0
Crèche	83	79	1	0	1	1	0
Holiday play scheme	50	50	0	1	0	0	0
Nursery	2,423	2,390	59	41	22	25	8
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	396	11	7	2	5	2
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	1,994	48	34	20	20	6
Out of school care	701	696	1	15	4	2	5
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	478	1	15	3	1	3
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	217	0	0	1	1	2
Playgroup	290	290	2	1	1	4	1
Other services	47	47	1	0	1	0	0
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	3,692	64	67	35	32	15

Table 14 continued

Percentage of services

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of active early learning and	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%	6.6%	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%
Crèche	83	95.3%	1.3%	0.0%	1.3%	1.3%	0.0%
Holiday play scheme	50	100.0%	0.0%	2.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Nursery	2,423	98.6%	2.4%	1.7%	0.9%	1.0%	0.3%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	99.6%	2.9%	1.8%	0.5%	1.3%	0.5%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	98.5%	2.4%	1.7%	1.0%	1.0%	0.3%
Out of school care	701	99.2%	0.1%	2.1%	0.6%	0.3%	0.7%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	100.0%	0.2%	3.0%	0.7%	0.2%	0.7%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	97.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.5%	0.9%
Playgroup	290	100.0%	0.7%	0.4%	0.4%	1.5%	0.4%
Other services	47	100.0%	2.2%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	98.9%	1.7%	1.8%	0.9%	0.9%	0.4%

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.

Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in red

Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Table 15: School-term and school-holiday availability, by main type of early learning and childcare service, as at 31 December 2014

Number of services

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of active early learning and childcare services	Estimated school term availability					
		Breakfast or pre-school	During school hours	After school hours	Late evenings (after 6.30pm)	Overnight stays	Weekends
Childminding	5,572	5,258	5,372	5,427	788	145	433
Children/family centre	139	71	132	88	14	0	10
Crèche	83	8	74	42	42	0	41
Holiday play scheme	50	3	23	14	8	1	19
Nursery	2,423	999	2,336	1,004	35	0	12
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	304	382	318	17	0	6
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	695	1,955	686	19	0	6
Out of school care	701	320	42	693	15	2	16
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	316	37	476	9	2	10
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	4	4	217	5	0	5
Playgroup	290	32	272	8	0	0	0
Other services	47	19	37	40	15	1	12
Total	9,305	6,170	8,288	7,315	917	149	544
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	1,452	2,916	1,889	129	4	111

Table 15 continued

Estimated school holiday availability				
Before 8am	During working hours	Late evenings	Overnight stays	Weekends
3,305	5,177	737	85	407
8	109	14	0	11
5	58	29	0	33
2	49	3	1	5
403	792	33	1	12
128	252	15	0	5
275	540	18	1	7
122	478	10	1	15
116	388	5	1	10
5	90	5	0	5
0	19	0	0	0
11	38	11	2	11
3,857	6,720	839	90	494
552	1,543	102	5	87

Table 15 continued

Percentage of services

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of active early learning and childcare services	Estimated school term availability					
		Breakfast or pre-school	During school hours	Late evenings (after 6.30pm)	After school hours	Overnight stays	Weekends
Childminding	5,572	94.4%	96.4%	14.1%	97.4%	2.6%	7.8%
Children/family centre	139	50.7%	94.9%	10.3%	63.2%	0.0%	7.4%
Crèche	83	10.0%	89.0%	50.1%	50.1%	0.0%	48.9%
Holiday play scheme	50	6.0%	45.9%	16.0%	27.5%	2.3%	39.0%
Nursery	2,423	41.2%	96.4%	1.5%	41.5%	0.0%	0.5%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	76.5%	95.9%	4.1%	79.9%	0.0%	1.6%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	34.3%	96.5%	0.9%	33.9%	0.0%	0.3%
Out of school care	701	45.7%	5.9%	2.1%	98.8%	0.3%	2.2%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	66.1%	7.8%	2.0%	99.5%	0.4%	2.2%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	1.9%	1.9%	2.3%	97.2%	0.0%	2.3%
Playgroup	290	11.0%	93.9%	0.0%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Other services	47	41.4%	78.4%	32.7%	84.9%	2.2%	26.1%
Total	9,305	72.1%	89.1%	76.8%	9.9%	1.6%	5.8%
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	38.9%	78.1%	50.6%	3.5%	0.1%	3.0%

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
59.3%	92.9%	13.2%	1.5%	7.3%
5.9%	78.7%	10.3%	0.0%	8.1%
6.3%	70.2%	35.1%	0.0%	40.1%
4.6%	98.6%	6.9%	2.3%	9.2%
16.6%	32.7%	1.4%	0.0%	0.5%
32.2%	63.3%	3.9%	0.0%	1.3%
13.6%	26.7%	0.9%	0.1%	0.4%
17.3%	68.1%	1.5%	0.1%	2.1%
24.3%	81.1%	1.1%	0.2%	2.1%
2.3%	40.4%	2.3%	0.0%	2.2%
0.0%	6.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
24.0%	80.6%	24.0%	4.4%	24.0%
41.5%	72.2%	9.0%	1.0%	5.3%
14.8%	41.3%	2.7%	0.1%	2.3%

Notes:

Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in red

Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

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 2014

Number of services

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of active early learning 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	103	33	1	138
Crèche	83	0	23	56	25	54
Holiday play scheme	50	22	17	11	0	50
Nursery	2,423	35	1,124	1,252	5	2,406
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	4	313	83	1	398
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	30	811	1,170	4	2,007
Out of school care	701	50	392	254	7	688
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	34	335	110	3	476
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	16	58	143	4	213
Playgroup	290	1	19	270	0	290
Other services	47	1	28	18	0	47
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	112	1,706	1,895	38	3,674

Table 16 continued

Percentage of services

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of active early learning and 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	2.2%	74.3%	23.5%	0.7%	99.3%
Crèche	83	0.0%	27.6%	67.7%	30.1%	65.2%
Holiday play scheme	50	43.6%	34.4%	22.9%	0.0%	100.0%
Nursery	2,423	1.4%	46.4%	51.7%	0.2%	99.3%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	1.0%	78.6%	20.7%	0.3%	100.0%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	1.5%	40.1%	57.8%	0.2%	99.1%
Out of school care	701	7.1%	55.9%	36.2%	1.0%	98.2%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	7.2%	70.0%	23.0%	0.7%	99.5%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	7.0%	25.8%	64.3%	1.9%	95.3%
Playgroup	290	0.4%	6.6%	93.1%	0.0%	100.0%
Other services	47	2.2%	58.8%	39.2%	0.0%	100.0%
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	3.0%	45.7%	50.8%	1.0%	98.4%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Notes:

Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in red

Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Table 17: Provision of meals and snacks, by main type of early learning and childcare service, as at 31 December 2014

Number of services

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of active early learning and 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	5,572	1,302	2,670	1,254	346	2,319	1,213	2,010	30
Children/family centre	139	56	21	20	41	114	3	21	0
Crèche	83	0	14	4	61	34	22	15	8
Holiday play scheme	50	0	30	3	17	10	17	18	5
Nursery	2,423	606	277	243	1,297	2,168	19	219	4
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	129	89	83	98	331	4	64	0
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	477	189	160	1,199	1,837	15	155	4
Out of school care	701	23	71	21	581	481	18	190	7
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	21	63	18	377	331	14	133	1
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	2	7	3	204	150	4	57	6
Playgroup	290	8	33	0	249	256	12	22	0
Other services	47	5	13	3	26	25	5	12	5
Total	9,305	2,001	3,129	1,549	2,618	5,409	1,309	2,507	60
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	699	459	295	2,272	3,090	96	497	30

Table 17 continued

Percentage of services

Early learning and childcare services by main service type	Number of active early learning and 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	5,572	23.4%	47.9%	22.5%	6.2%	41.6%	21.8%	36.1%	0.5%
Children / family centre	139	40.4%	15.4%	14.7%	29.4%	82.4%	2.2%	15.4%	0.0%
Crèche	83	0.0%	16.3%	5.0%	74.0%	41.4%	26.3%	17.6%	10.0%
Holiday play scheme	50	0.0%	59.6%	6.9%	34.4%	20.6%	34.4%	36.7%	9.2%
Nursery	2,423	25.0%	11.4%	10.0%	53.5%	89.5%	0.8%	9.0%	0.2%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	398	32.4%	22.3%	20.7%	24.6%	83.2%	1.0%	16.1%	0.0%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	2,025	23.6%	9.3%	7.9%	59.2%	90.7%	0.7%	7.7%	0.2%
Out of school care	701	3.3%	10.1%	3.0%	82.9%	68.6%	2.5%	27.0%	1.0%
of which: providing additional childcare eg a breakfast club	478	4.3%	13.3%	3.7%	78.9%	69.3%	2.8%	27.8%	0.2%
of which: providing no additional childcare services	223	0.9%	3.3%	1.4%	91.6%	67.1%	1.9%	25.4%	2.8%
Playgroup	290	2.9%	11.3%	0.0%	85.8%	88.4%	4.0%	7.7%	0.0%
Other services	47	10.9%	28.3%	6.5%	54.4%	52.3%	10.9%	26.1%	10.9%
Total	9,305	21.5%	33.6%	16.6%	28.1%	58.1%	14.1%	26.9%	0.6%
Total (excluding childminding)	3,733	18.7%	12.3%	7.9%	60.9%	82.8%	2.6%	13.3%	0.8%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

Note that the provision of meals is to some extent likely to depend on whether the childcare service provides full-day or part-day sessions.

Percentages that are based on a value of less than 11 are shown in red

Please refer to the technical annex for more detailed definitions of each main type of service.

Table 18: Characteristics of the active childminder workforce as at 31 December 2014

	Active childminders	
	Number	Percentage
Total active childminders	5,572	100.0%
Gender		
Male	20	0.4%
Female	5,550	99.6%
Age (years)		
Under 25	30	0.6%
25 to 35	1,060	19.1%
36 to 45	1,930	34.5%
46 to 55	1,720	30.9%
Over 55	810	14.6%
Unknown	20	0.3%
Average (median) age	50	
Ethnicity		
White	4,890	87.7%
Mixed or Multiple Ethnic Groups	10	0.2%
Asian, Asian Scottish or Asian British	30	0.5%
African, Caribbean or Black	10	0.2%
Other Ethnic Group	10	0.1%
Not Known / Disclosed	630	11.3%
Typical number of hours worked per week		
Less than 10	140	2.5%
10 to 19	410	7.4%
20 to 29	710	12.8%
30 to 39	1,430	25.6%
40 to 49	2,070	37.2%
50 or More	810	14.4%

	Active childminders	
	Number	Percentage
Number of weeks worked in the past year		
0 to 20	430	7.8%
21 to 40	910	16.3%
More than 40	4,230	75.9%
Number of assistants		
None	4,990	89.6%
One	500	8.9%
Two or more	90	1.7%
Whether qualifications are held or being worked towards		
Yes	2,350	42.1%
No	3,220	57.9%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and annual return data

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 red

Table 19: Grades summary of early learning and childcare services as at 31st March 2015

Care service	All grades unsatisfactory/weak	All grades excellent/very good	Mix of grades	Total
Childminding	0.4%	49.6%	50.0%	100.0%
Daycare of children	0.3%	42.2%	57.5%	100.0%
Total	0.4%	46.6%	53.1%	100.0%

Daycare of children services	unsatisfactory	weak	adquate	good	very good	excellent
Quality of care and support	0.1%	0.8%	4.5%	30.0%	58.1%	6.6%
Quality of environment	0.1%	0.9%	4.2%	37.5%	53.8%	3.6%
Quality of staffing	0.1%	0.7%	4.2%	31.9%	57.8%	5.4%
Quality of management and leadership	0.3%	1.7%	6.8%	39.0%	48.3%	3.9%

Childminding services	unsatisfactory	weak	adquate	good	very good	excellent
Quality of care and support	0.1%	0.3%	3.3%	31.5%	57.3%	7.5%
Quality of environment	0.1%	0.4%	3.3%	34.4%	56.6%	5.3%
Quality of staffing	2.4%	1.8%	10.1%	40.8%	40.2%	4.7%
Quality of management and leadership	1.6%	0.8%	5.7%	35.4%	51.3%	5.2%

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and RMS 01/04/15

Notes:

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.

Please note childminding services will only be graded for quality of staffing where the service has an assistant(s).

Table 20: Complaints by early learning and childcare services between 1st April 2014 and 31st March 2015

Care service	Complaints completed	Number upheld	Upheld as % of all complaints	Upheld per 1,000 services	Upheld per 1,000 places
Childminding	175	92	52.6%	15.4	2.5
Daycare of children	431	202	46.9%	53.9	1.3

Source: Care Inspectorate service lists and RMS 01/04/15

Notes:

¹ Count of individual complaints



Technical appendix

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, collectively known as early learning and childcare services in this report. 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 2014. 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 out of school care. 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 care, 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, 2012 and 2013 are available at www.careinspectorate.com.
- 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 2014 to 31 December 2014) and the Care Inspectorate service list (as at 31 December 2014). Figures relating to previous years are taken from the Childcare Statistics 2010, 2011 2012 and 2013 publications.
- Our inspectors use the annual returns when planning care service inspections and carrying out risk assessments. Some of the information in the return 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 2014 do not have to submit an annual return for December 2014, we encourage them to do so.
- Of the 9,859 childcare services registered with the Care Inspectorate as at 31 December 2014, 8,686 (88%) submitted an annual return, a 1% decrease compared to the previous year. The annual return data has been weighted to deal with non-response. 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 colour.

Data sources

Care Inspectorate service list (as at 31 December 2014) has been used to provide figures on:

- the total number of registered 'Daycare of Children' and 'Childminding' 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 2014) have been used to provide estimates for:

- the main service type, for example nursery, playgroup, out of school care and so on
- the number of children using the service in the last full week before 30 November 2014
- the number of children registered with the service as at 31 December 2014
- 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 early learning and childcare
- 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.htm

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 2014 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 2014

Main Service type	Description
Childminding	84%
Children/family centre	98%
Crèche	92%
Holiday play scheme	88%
Nursery	95%
Out of school care	95%
Playgroup	95%
Other services	98%
All services	88%
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 regression⁵ 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. In December 2014 only childminding services and nurseries showed other factors above main service type being a factor in response rates: In childminding services level of deprivation (service location), capacity of service (number of children that can be cared for at any one time), local authority (service location) and grades of service affected response to annual return. Only capacity of service in nurseries was a factor over and above main service type.

⁵ 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-up⁶ 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.

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 2014, the weighted results (as used in the publication tables) produce an estimate of 32,500. This is higher than the non-weighted and non-grossed up figure of 28,780.

For early learning and childcare services excluding childminding services, the weighted results (as used in the publication tables) produce an estimate of 197,340 children attending services. This is higher than the non-weighted grossed up figure of 190,110.

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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/

⁶ 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.

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