



Quarterly Childcare Statistics as at: 31 December 2005

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INTRODUCTION

This statistical publication provides details of the extent of childcare and nursery education in England at 31 December 2005.

CONTENT

This publication details the number of registered childcare providers at 31 December 2005, along with the number of places offered for children under 8. Figures are presented for each national childcare type and are given at England, government office region and local authority level.

SOURCE

All data has been extracted from the Regulatory Support Application as at 06 January 2006.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The content of this publication has been limited to data that is considered robust and of general public interest. However, a variety of other data are held as part of our early years regulatory and inspection function. These include data relating to: outcomes of childcare applications; time taken to registration decisions; actions and conditions imposed at registration and inspection; Childcare and Nursery Education inspections against each of the five children outcomes. While these, and other, data have not been presented in this publication, we will consider each request for additional information on an individual basis and will consider updates to the content of future publications every six months. We do, however, reserve the right to cost and charge for additional analyses that we cannot meet with available resource.

POINTS OF CONTACT

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	Childminders ¹		Full Day Care ²		Sessional Day Care ³		Out Of School Day Care ⁴		Creche Day Care ⁵		All ⁶	
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England	71,500	321,200	12,900	553,100	9,900	241,100	10,300	361,400	2,700	45,700	107,200	1,522,500
East of England	8,600	38,200	1,200	53,000	1,600	39,000	1,000	33,200	400	5,200	12,700	168,500
East Midlands	5,900	28,700	1,000	49,800	1,000	23,700	700	24,500	200	4,100	8,800	130,900
Inner London	3600	11,700	900	34,700	300	6,100	700	25,200	200	3,200	5,600	80,900
Outer London	8,100	29,700	1,000	41,600	800	20,500	900	32,300	200	3,600	11,000	127,600
North East	3,600	17,400	500	23,500	300	6,100	400	13,700	300	4,500	5,000	65,000
North West England	8,300	39,400	1,700	82,500	1,000	25,300	1,800	64,400	400	6,200	13,300	217,800
South East England	13,700	61,900	2,200	96,100	2,000	53,100	1,600	65,300	400	6,900	19,900	283,300
South West England	6,700	30,900	1,500	55,700	1,300	30,200	1,000	32,000	200	4,300	10,700	153,100
West Midlands	6,300	30,600	1,500	63,700	800	19,800	1,300	43,400	300	3,900	10,200	161,400
Yorkshire and the Humber	6,700	32,800	1,200	52,700	800	17,400	900	27,500	300	3,600	9,900	134,000

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England	71,500	321,200	12,900	553,100	9,900	241,100	10,300	361,400	2,700	45,700	107,200	1,522,500
East of England	8,600	38,200	1,200	53,000	1,600	39,000	1,000	33,200	400	5,200	12,700	168,500
Bedfordshire	700	2,900	90	4,000	100	2,900	80	2,600	20	300	1,000	12,800
Cambridgeshire	1,000	4,400	200	7,200	200	4,100	200	5,800	20	300	1,500	21,800
Essex	1,800	7,900	200	11,000	400	10,600	200	6,200	50	1,000	2,600	36,700
Hertfordshire	2,300	9,900	200	9,700	300	7,000	200	8,400	40	800	3,100	35,900
Luton	300	1,300	40	1,900	40	900	20	800	10	100	400	5,000
Norfolk	1,000	4,700	200	7,000	200	5,500	100	3,600	50	500	1,600	21,400
Peterborough	300	1,200	70	3,300	40	1,100	60	1,800	10	100	400	7,600
Southend on Sea	200	1,000	30	1,300	40	1,100	10	600	*	60	300	4,100
Suffolk	900	3,800	200	6,400	200	4,900	80	2,600	200	1,900	1,500	19,700
Thurrock	300	1,100	20	1,100	30	800	20	600	*	90	300	3,600

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East Midlands	5,900	28,700	1,000	49,800	1,000	23,700	700	24,500	200	4,100	8,800	130,900
Derby, City of	300	1,300	60	3,500	20	600	50	1,900	20	300	400	7,400
Derbyshire	900	4,100	100	6,600	200	4,200	100	3,900	40	600	1,300	19,400
Leicester City	300	1,400	80	3,600	60	1,400	50	1,600	30	600	500	8,600
Leicestershire	1,000	5,000	100	6,800	200	5,900	80	2,700	20	400	1,500	20,800
Lincolnshire	1,000	4,800	200	7,700	200	3,700	100	3,200	20	1,000	1,400	20,300
Northamptonshire	1,200	5,700	200	8,300	200	4,300	100	3,700	20	400	1,700	22,400
Nottingham City	300	1,400	80	3,700	20	400	40	1,900	20	300	400	7,700
Nottinghamshire	1,000	4,900	200	8,900	100	3,100	200	5,500	30	700	1,400	23,000
Rutland	60	300	20	700	10	200	10	200	0	0	100	1,400

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Inner London	3,600	11,700	900	34,700	300	6,100	700	25,200	200	3,200	5,600	80,900
Camden	300	700	60	2,300	20	300	50	1,600	10	200	400	5,200
Hackney	200	800	70	2,900	30	500	40	1,800	10	100	400	6,200
Hammersmith & Fulham	200	600	60	2,400	10	300	30	900	20	300	300	4,600
Haringey	300	1,000	50	1,900	30	600	40	1,600	10	300	400	5,300
Islington	300	900	70	3,000	20	300	50	1,300	20	300	400	5,800
Kensington & Chelsea	90	300	50	1,900	20	400	40	1,500	20	200	200	4,200
Lambeth	400	1,200	90	3,600	30	600	70	1,900	10	200	600	7,500
Lewisham	500	1,700	80	2,700	30	700	70	2,200	20	200	700	7,500
London, Corporation of	10	30	10	400	*	30	10	100	0	0	30	600
Newham	400	1,300	60	2,300	20	400	50	1,900	40	800	500	6,700
Southwark	400	1,300	100	3,300	20	400	100	4,200	10	200	600	9,300
Tower Hamlets	100	400	40	1,900	30	400	40	1,300	20	200	200	4,300
Wandsworth	300	1,000	100	4,000	30	600	60	3,700	10	200	500	9,500
Westminster	100	400	60	2,100	20	500	40	1,100	10	70	300	4,200

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England	71,500	321,200	12,900	553,100	9,900	241,100	10,300	361,400	2,700	45,700	107,200	1,522,500
Outer London	8,100	29,700	1,000	41,600	800	20,500	900	32,300	200	3,600	11,000	127,600
Barking & Dagenham	300	1,000	20	800	20	500	20	700	10	200	400	3,300
Barnet	500	1,700	80	3,200	50	1,100	60	2,900	10	70	700	8,900
Bexley	600	2,100	20	900	50	1,400	30	700	10	200	700	5,300
Brent	300	1,200	80	3,100	20	500	40	1,300	10	200	500	6,300
Bromley	700	2,500	50	2,200	100	3,100	60	2,300	10	200	1,000	10,300
Croydon	700	2,400	100	4,300	40	1,300	80	3,500	10	200	1,000	11,600
Ealing	500	2,000	90	3,200	30	700	80	2,200	10	300	700	8,400
Enfield	500	1,600	50	2,000	50	1,500	60	1,900	10	100	600	7,100
Greenwich	500	2,000	50	2,000	30	700	70	2,200	20	300	700	7,200
Harrow	300	1,000	30	1,200	50	1,200	50	1,400	*	10	400	4,900
Havering	300	1,300	30	1,200	60	1,600	30	1,100	*	100	500	5,300
Hillingdon	500	2,000	50	2,400	30	700	30	1,100	10	200	600	6,400
Hounslow	300	1,000	50	2,100	20	500	50	1,400	10	100	400	5,100
Kingston upon Thames	300	1,100	30	1,300	20	700	40	1,200	10	300	400	4,600
Merton	300	1,200	60	2,100	10	400	50	2,100	10	300	500	6,000
Redbridge	400	1,600	70	2,900	40	1,300	30	1,300	10	100	600	7,300
Richmond upon Thames	400	1,200	50	2,400	50	1,500	40	1,800	10	100	500	7,000
Sutton	400	1,600	40	1,700	40	1,000	40	1,200	10	200	600	5,600
Waltham Forest	300	1,200	60	2,600	30	800	70	2,000	20	400	500	7,000

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North East England	3,600	17,400	500	23,500	300	6,100	400	13,700	300	4,500	5,000	65,000
Darlington	200	900	20	1,200	10	300	20	700	10	100	200	3,300
Durham	700	3,500	80	4,000	40	1,000	40	1,500	30	500	900	10,400
Gateshead	300	1,200	50	2,300	10	200	40	1,300	20	400	400	5,500
Hartlepool	100	600	20	1,100	10	100	30	1,000	20	400	200	3,200
Middlesbrough	200	800	30	1,500	20	300	30	1,200	30	500	300	4,300
Newcastle	400	1,700	40	2,100	50	1,100	60	1,700	50	700	600	7,400
North Tyneside	300	1,300	40	1,900	20	400	40	1,000	20	400	400	5,000
Northumberland	500	2,600	60	2,600	70	1,600	70	1,900	20	400	700	9,100
Redcar & Cleveland	100	700	20	1,300	10	200	20	700	20	200	200	3,200
South Tyneside	200	1,100	20	1,100	10	300	30	1,000	20	300	300	3,700
Stockton on Tees	300	1,500	40	2,100	20	400	10	500	20	300	400	4,700
Sunderland	300	1,500	50	2,200	*	100	40	1,100	20	300	400	5,200

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North West England	8,300	39,400	1,700	82,500	1,000	25,300	1,800	64,400	400	6,200	13,300	217,800
Blackburn	200	900	40	1,900	20	500	30	1,200	30	400	300	4,900
Blackpool	200	700	50	2,700	10	300	40	1,300	*	100	300	5,000
Bolton	300	1,200	90	3,500	20	600	70	2,500	20	300	500	8,100
Bury	300	1,200	60	2,900	20	600	70	3,100	10	200	400	7,900
Cheshire	900	4,300	200	8,900	200	4,300	200	7,500	10	300	1,500	25,200
Cumbria	500	2,500	100	4,900	100	2,300	100	2,600	20	300	900	12,600
Halton	100	700	20	1,200	30	800	30	1,400	10	90	200	4,300
Knowsley	100	600	40	1,600	10	100	60	2,100	20	200	200	4,700
Lancashire	1,300	5,800	300	16,000	200	4,300	300	8,800	20	300	2,100	35,100
Liverpool	200	1,200	100	5,300	30	700	100	4,400	20	300	500	12,000
Manchester	400	2,000	100	4,900	40	800	100	4,600	60	900	700	13,300
Oldham	300	1,600	60	2,700	40	1,000	70	2,400	30	300	500	8,000
Rochdale	300	1,400	50	2,400	40	1,000	50	2,000	20	300	500	7,200
Salford	300	1,200	50	2,600	30	700	60	2,000	30	400	400	7,000
Sefton	200	1,100	60	2,500	30	600	50	1,600	10	200	400	5,900
St. Helens	200	800	40	1,900	20	500	40	1,500	10	200	300	4,800
Stockport	500	2,600	60	2,500	30	800	80	3,100	30	600	700	9,600
Tameside	400	2,000	40	2,300	30	700	60	1,900	10	200	500	7,000
Trafford	500	2,400	50	2,500	30	1,000	70	2,900	10	200	700	9,000
Warrington	400	1,700	50	2,700	40	900	80	2,900	20	200	500	8,400
Wigan	300	1,700	60	3,600	40	1,000	70	1,900	10	90	500	8,400
Wirral	400	1,800	70	2,900	70	1,700	80	2,800	20	300	600	9,500

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South East England	13,700	61,900	2,200	96,100	2,000	53,100	1,600	65,300	400	6,900	19,900	283,300
Bracknell Forest	300	1,300	20	1,200	30	700	20	700	10	100	400	4,100
Brighton & Hove	400	1,300	80	3,300	30	800	50	2,200	10	500	500	8,200
Buckinghamshire	1,000	4,800	100	5,300	200	4,200	90	3,400	20	300	1,400	18,000
East Sussex	600	2,300	200	6,100	100	2,700	60	2,800	20	200	900	14,100
Hampshire	2,600	12,100	300	13,100	400	9,500	200	9,700	70	1,100	3,500	45,500
Isle of Wight	100	500	60	2,400	*	90	20	700	*	10	200	3,700
Kent	1,800	7,200	400	16,700	300	9,000	200	8,400	40	700	2,700	42,000
Medway Towns	500	2,100	60	3,000	70	1,900	30	1,200	10	200	700	8,500
Milton Keynes	500	2,300	70	3,600	60	1,600	60	3,000	30	500	700	10,900
Oxfordshire	1,000	4,700	200	9,000	100	3,300	100	5,500	40	700	1,500	23,300
Portsmouth	200	1,000	60	2,900	40	1,000	40	1,700	20	300	400	6,800
Reading	200	1,100	40	2,000	20	400	40	1,600	10	200	300	5,300
Slough	200	1,000	20	1,100	10	100	20	500	10	200	300	2,900
Southampton	300	1,500	50	2,100	50	1,500	50	2,100	30	500	500	7,600
Surrey	1,900	8,400	200	11,100	300	7,800	200	11,200	40	700	2,700	39,200
West Berkshire (Newbury)	300	1,400	60	2,300	30	800	60	1,800	10	100	500	6,500
West Sussex	1,300	5,300	200	7,600	200	5,900	100	4,700	20	400	1,800	23,900
Windsor & Maidenhead	300	1,500	40	1,400	30	700	30	2,100	10	100	400	5,800
Wokingham	400	1,900	30	1,900	40	1,000	50	2,000	10	100	500	7,000

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South West England	6,700	30,900	1,500	55,700	1,300	30,200	1,000	32,000	200	4,300	10,700	153,100
Bath & NE Somerset	300	1,300	50	1,600	40	900	40	1,000	*	70	400	4,900
Bournemouth	200	700	60	1,900	30	800	40	1,900	10	200	300	5,500
Bristol City	500	2,300	100	3,900	50	1,100	100	3,200	30	400	800	10,900
Cornwall	500	2,500	100	5,200	200	3,400	90	2,400	20	300	1,000	13,800
Devon	900	4,200	200	7,300	200	4,100	200	4,700	30	400	1,500	20,700
Dorset	500	2,000	100	4,400	100	2,300	50	1,400	10	100	800	10,100
Gloucestershire	700	3,500	200	6,500	200	5,700	100	4,900	20	500	1,300	21,100
Isles of Scilly	10	30	*	40	*	20	*	80	0	0	10	200
North Somerset	300	1,500	50	1,900	60	1,200	40	1,200	10	60	500	5,800
Plymouth	300	1,400	80	3,300	30	800	40	1,600	10	200	500	7,300
Poole	100	600	40	1,700	10	400	20	400	*	60	200	3,200
Somerset	700	3,100	200	5,600	200	3,400	80	2,400	20	1,100	1,100	15,600
South Gloucestershire	400	1,700	70	2,700	70	1,700	70	2,000	10	200	600	8,400
Swindon	400	2,000	40	2,100	50	1,300	40	1,400	10	100	500	6,900
Torbay	100	500	40	1,600	10	200	20	600	*	60	200	2,900
Wiltshire	800	3,800	200	5,900	100	3,000	90	2,900	20	300	1,200	15,900

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West Midlands Region	6,300	30,600	1,500	63,700	800	19,800	1,300	43,400	300	3,900	10,200	161,400
Birmingham	1,000	4,800	300	12,500	100	2,400	200	9,500	50	800	1,700	30,000
Coventry	500	2,300	100	4,000	40	1,000	60	1,900	40	500	700	9,800
Dudley	200	1,200	60	2,400	50	1,300	50	1,700	10	200	400	6,700
Herefordshire	200	800	80	2,500	40	800	40	1,400	*	20	300	5,600
Sandwell	200	1,000	50	2,000	30	500	60	1,800	10	100	400	5,500
Shropshire	400	2,400	100	4,000	70	1,400	30	1,300	10	100	700	9,300
Solihull	300	1,600	60	2,200	40	1,000	60	2,200	10	200	500	7,200
Staffordshire	1,100	5,100	200	9,700	200	4,000	300	8,700	40	600	1,800	28,100
Stoke on Trent	200	1,300	60	2,900	30	600	50	1,600	20	400	400	6,800
Telford & Wrekin	200	1,000	40	2,500	20	600	30	900	*	80	300	5,000
Walsall	200	1,100	50	2,100	30	600	60	1,900	10	200	400	5,800
Warwickshire	800	3,800	200	6,900	90	2,300	100	3,900	10	300	1,200	17,200
Wolverhampton	200	1,200	50	1,900	30	700	70	2,000	20	300	400	6,000
Worcestershire	600	2,900	200	8,200	100	2,400	100	4,600	20	300	1,100	18,400

REGISTERED CHILDCARE PROVIDERS AND PLACES AT 31 DECEMBER 2005 - YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER

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	Childminders ¹		Full Day Care ²		Sessional Day Care ³		Out Of School Day Care ⁴		Creche Day Care ⁵		All ⁶	
	Providers ⁷	Places ⁸	Providers ⁷	Places ⁸	Providers ⁷	Places ⁸	Providers ⁷	Places ⁸	Providers ⁷	Places ⁸	Providers ⁷	Places ⁸
England	71,500	321,200	12,900	553,100	9,900	241,100	10,300	361,400	2,700	45,700	107,200	1,522,500
Yorkshire and the Humber	6,700	32,800	1,200	52,700	800	17,400	900	27,500	300	3,600	9,900	134,000
Barnsley	200	1,200	50	1,800	30	500	30	700	10	70	300	4,300
Bradford	600	3,000	100	4,700	50	1,200	90	2,600	30	500	900	12,000
Calderdale	200	1,200	80	3,500	30	700	80	1,900	10	200	400	7,400
Doncaster	500	2,400	50	2,300	30	600	40	1,000	10	100	600	6,300
East Riding of Yorkshire	400	2,000	70	3,100	70	1,800	60	1,700	10	100	600	8,800
Kingston upon Hull	200	1,200	50	2,400	20	400	40	1,200	20	300	400	5,500
Kirklees	600	2,800	100	4,800	90	2,000	80	2,000	50	600	900	12,200
Leeds	1,100	5,200	200	8,000	80	2,000	200	5,300	40	600	1,500	21,200
North East Lincolnshire	100	600	30	1,400	10	300	30	700	10	80	200	3,100
North Lincolnshire	200	900	30	1,400	30	800	20	600	*	70	300	3,700
North Yorkshire	800	4,100	200	6,900	200	3,700	100	3,400	20	300	1,300	18,400
Rotherham	400	1,800	40	1,700	30	700	30	900	10	200	500	5,200
Sheffield	700	3,400	100	6,200	60	1,200	100	3,300	30	500	1,000	14,500
Wakefield	400	1,800	60	2,600	30	500	30	1,000	10	100	500	6,100
York	300	1,300	50	2,000	40	1,000	40	1,200	10	80	400	5,500

Notes.

Figures are rounded to the nearest 10 if under 100, and to the nearest 100 if over 100. * indicates 1 or more, but less than 5. Totals may not sum owing to rounding.

- (1) Childminder: a childminder is registered to look after 1 or more children under the age of 8 to whom they are not related on domestic premises for reward and for a total of more than 2 hours in any day.
- (2) Full Day Care: facilities that provide day care for children under 8 for a continuous period of 4 hours or more in any day in premises which are not domestic premises. Includes day nurseries and children's centres, and some family centres.
- (3) Sessional Day Care: facilities that provide day care for children under eight for a session which is less than a continuous period of four hours in any day in premises that are not domestic premises. Where two sessions are offered in any one day, individual children must not attend more than five sessions in a week.
- (4) Out of School Care: facilities that provide day care for children under eight which operate during one or more of the following periods: before school, after school, during the school holidays. The total care provided is for more than two hours in any day and for more than five days a year. Open Access Schemes are included.
- (5) Crèches: facilities that provide occasional care for children under 8 and are provided on particular premises on more than 5 days a year. They need to be registered where they run for more than 2 hours a day, even when individual children attend for shorter periods.
- (6) All: around 3000 providers offer more than one type of day care, for example operating full day care and sessional day care. This provision is included separately under each of the headings in the table to reflect the total number of settings available for childcare.
- (7) Registered Providers: the number of settings offered by providers registered on the database at the time of the report. As not all providers inform Ofsted that they have ceased provision, this number is likely to be higher than the actual number of providers.
- (8) Registered Places: the number of children that may attend the provision at any one time. Registered places are not the number of places occupied, nor the number of children who may benefit from receiving places through providers offering sessions at different times of the day. The number of registered places is likely to be higher than the actual number of registered places as not all providers will immediately inform Ofsted that they have ceased their provision. For about 3.4% of providers, the database does not hold the number of registered places. In these cases, the number of places has been estimated and included in the figures shown.