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## Introduction

Ofsted publishes quarterly statistics on the number of childcare providers registered with Ofsted on the Early Years Register and the Childcare Register, and the number of places offered by those registered on the Early Years Register. The analysis of movement in the childcare sector shows the number of providers that leave and join the sector and, at the local authority level, providers that remain active but move to another local authority.

Providers and places statistics show the position at the end of the quarter for all active providers. In the interactive publication, users may also select the end position at each month within the quarter. Charts show the final provider numbers for the end of the quarter and also information on trends over time.

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## Key findings

As at the end of the quarter, 30 June 2011, there were 95,774 providers registered with Ofsted, comprised of 83,086 providers on the Early Years Register offering a maximum of 1,304,875 places, and 12,688 providers that are only on the Childcare Register. The large majority of providers are on both registers and throughout this publication providers are categorised as either: on the Early Years Register (which in this publication includes providers on both registers); or, only on the Childcare Register. The early years sector is fluid with many providers joining and leaving. The analysis below shows the main changes this quarter, compared with last quarter.

- The number of registered childcare providers increased by 0.9% from 94,906 at 30 March<sup>1</sup> to 95,774 at 30 June. This is largely due to a 0.8% increase in childminders and a 5.3% increase in home childcarers.
- The number of places offered by childcare providers on the Early Years Register rose by 0.3% from 1,300,777 at 30 March to 1,304,875 at 30 June. This is due to a 1% increase in childminder places from 275,419 to 278,278. The number of places offered by childcare on non-domestic premises also rose by 0.1%, from 1,023,543 to 1,024,498.
- The total number of providers joining the sector between 30 March and 30 June was 3,910, an increase of 5.1% compared to the previous quarter. The total number of providers leaving the sector during the quarter was 3,042, an increase of 12.5% compared to the previous quarter.
- The number of providers on the Early Years Register rose by 0.5%, from 82,699 at 30 March 2011 to 83,086 at 30 June. This is largely due to a 0.8% increase in Early Years Register childminders as the number of Early Years Register childcare on non-domestic premises fell by 0.3%.
- The number of providers joining the Early Years Register increased by 14.9%, from 2,397 between 31 December 2010 and 31 March 2011 to 2,755 between 30 March and 30 June. The number of providers leaving the Early Years Register increased by 10.1%, from 2,151 between 31 December 2010 and 31 March 2011 to 2,368 between 30 March and 30 June.
- The number of childcare providers only on the Childcare Register rose by 3.9% from 12,207 at 30 March to 12,688 at 30 June. This is due to a 5.3% increase in home childcarer numbers partly offset by a 0.4% fall in childcare on non-domestic premises that are registered only on the Childcare Register.
- The number of providers joining only the Childcare Register decreased by 12.7%, from 1,323 between 31 December 2010 and 31 March 2011 to 1,155 between 30 March and 30 June. The number of providers leaving only the Childcare Register increased by 22.1%, from 552 between 31 December 2010 and 31 March 2011 to 674 between 30 March and 30 June.

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<sup>1</sup> Please refer to methodology point eight for an explanation of use of 30 March.

## Methodology

1. Providers are the number of providers registered on the database at the end of the relevant period.
2. Registered places are 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. Place numbers are only collected for providers on the Early Years Register.
3. Averages are used for a very small number of providers whose place numbers are not available at the time of the analysis. There may be small discrepancies in totals due to rounding.
4. Joiners are the number of active providers registered with Ofsted at the time of the report who were not active at the time of the previous report, or were already active and have relocated into a new geographical area.
5. Leavers are the number of active providers registered with Ofsted at the time of the previous report who were not active at the time of the current report, or were already active and have relocated out of the geographical area.
6. At the national level the number of leavers and joiners reflect those who have left and joined the sector, while at the regional and local authority levels the statistics reflect those providers who have relocated as well. In order to capture geographical changes of providers, the joiners and leavers data are now extracted and postcodes compared to the Office for National Statistics database on a daily basis. This daily extraction is not used for the providers and places statistics, which are based on a data snapshot taken on the last day of each month.
7. As announced in the planned changes to official statistics, published on 28 April 2011<sup>2</sup>, there are some methodological changes that have been implemented this quarter to make improvements to our movement analysis. As a result there is a very small impact on the reconciliation between estimated places reported in the providers and places and the movement in childcare providers and places. These are explained below.
8. Movement in the childcare sector since the previous quarter: as a one-off adjustment required for the new reporting system, the joiners and leavers have been calculated against a start position of 30 March 2011. There are a few changes to provider registrations that took place on the 31 March that have therefore been included. This is a net reduction of 33 providers and 152 places, at the national level, from the published providers and places as at 31 March; a percentage change of only 0.01%.

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<sup>2</sup> [Planned changes to official statistics: Childcare providers and places](#) (110035), Ofsted, 2011

9. Leavers and joiners place statistics: There is a small discrepancy of 11 places (less than 0.00084% of places) at the national level because of different rounding practices within the process. The calculation process will be amended to minimise rounding disparities; the discrepancy this quarter is minor compared to the improvements introduced by the new process.

### **Additional information**

All the information and charts shown in this release, along with additional analysis by month and at regional and local authority level, are available in Excel format on the Ofsted website in the same location as this document.

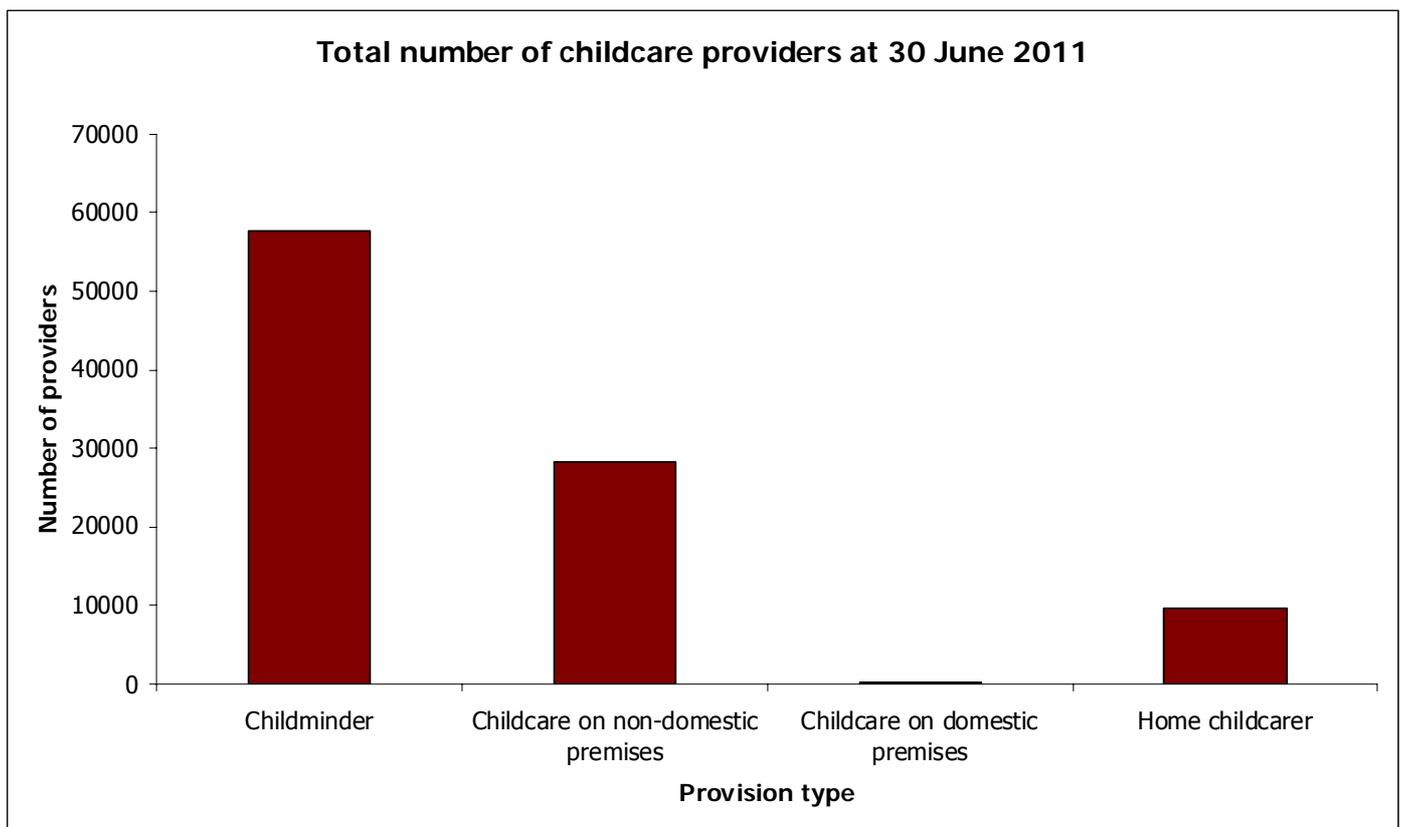
## Chart 1

Total number of childcare providers registered with Ofsted at 30 June 2011.

Total number of childcare providers at 30 June 2011

Quarter ending	Provider Type				Total
	Childminder	Childcare on non-domestic premises	Childcare on domestic premises	Home childcarer	
30 June 2011	57,663	28,353	128	9,630	95,774

*Source: Ofsted registered childcare providers and places*

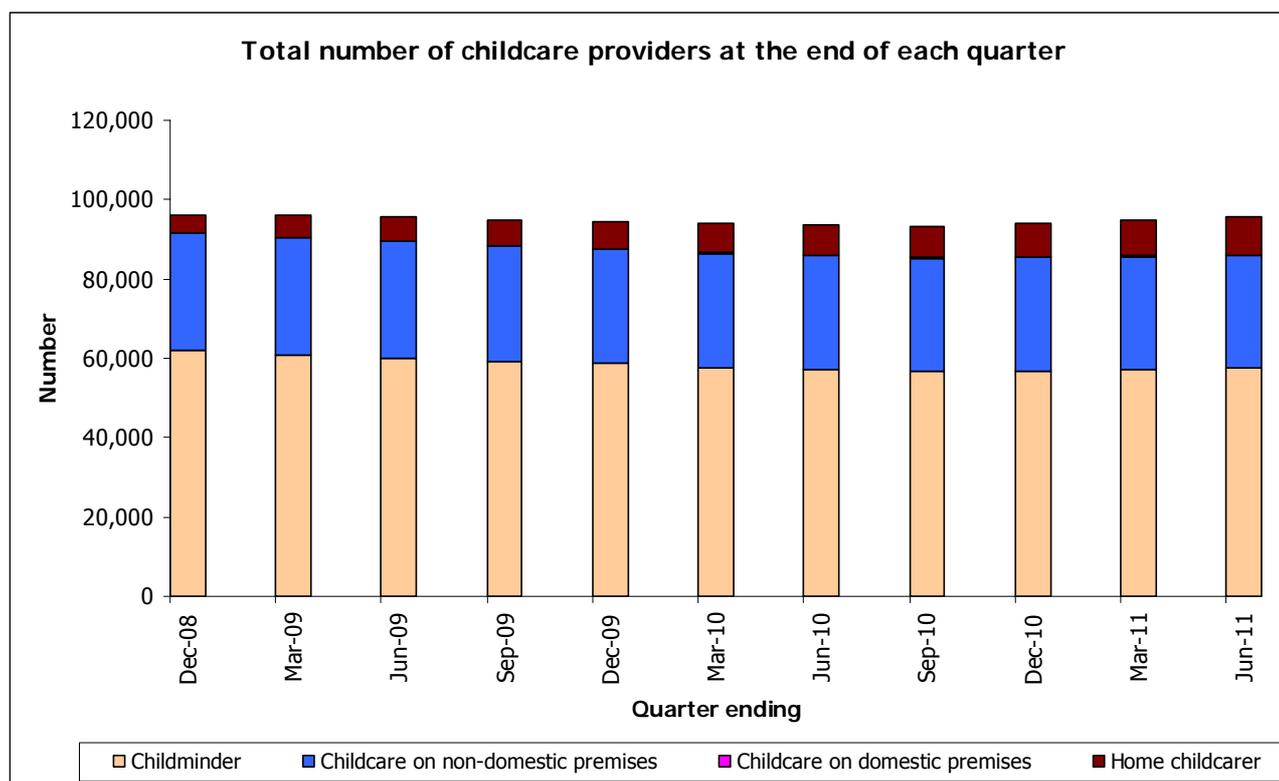


**Chart 2**

Total number of childcare providers registered with Ofsted at the end of each quarter.

Quarter ending	Provider Type				Total
	Childminder	Childcare on non-domestic premises	Childcare on domestic premises	Home childcarer	
31 December 2008	61,929	29,690	66	4,516	96,201
31 March 2009	60,915	29,458	72	5,481	95,926
30 June 2009	60,178	29,228	86	6,042	95,534
30 September 2009	59,323	29,128	95	6,348	94,894
31 December 2009	58,603	29,037	102	6,808	94,550
31 March 2010	57,732	28,820	104	7,214	93,870
30 June 2010	57,204	28,715	111	7,493	93,523
30 September 2010	56,710	28,558	106	7,867	93,241
31 December 2010	56,882	28,478	110	8,452	93,922
30 March 2011	57,201	28,440	118	9,147	94,906
30 June 2011	57,663	28,353	128	9,630	95,774

Source: Ofsted registered childcare providers and places



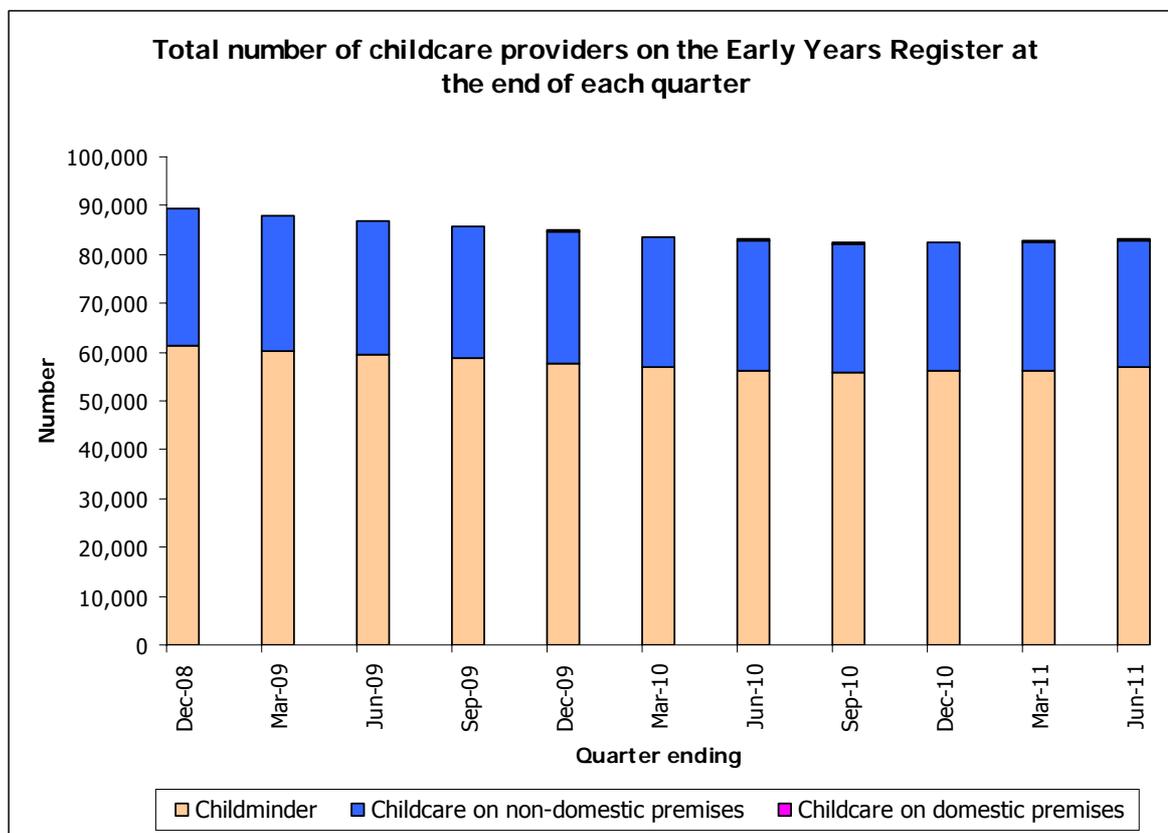
1. Childcare on domestic premises cannot be seen in the graph above, because of their small number relative to other childcare provision types.

### Chart 3

Total number of childcare providers on the Early Years Register at the end of each quarter.

Quarter ending	Provider Type			Total
	Childminder	Childcare on non-domestic premises	Childcare on domestic premises	
31 December 2008	61,428	27,866	64	89,358
31 March 2009	60,301	27,635	69	88,005
30 June 2009	59,490	27,322	82	86,894
30 September 2009	58,611	27,131	89	85,831
31 December 2009	57,798	26,985	94	84,877
31 March 2010	56,881	26,737	94	83,712
30 June 2010	56,361	26,603	100	83,064
30 September 2010	55,874	26,413	101	82,388
31 December 2010	56,047	26,323	105	82,475
30 March 2011	56,341	26,246	112	82,699
30 June 2011	56,796	26,167	123	83,086

Source: Ofsted registered childcare providers and places



1. Childcare on domestic premises cannot be seen in the graph above, because of their small number relative to other childcare provision types.

**Table 1**

Registered childcare providers and places as at 30 June 2011: All England

Provision on: <sup>1</sup>	Childminders		Childcare on:				Home childcarers		All	
	Providers	Places	non-domestic premises		domestic premises		Providers	Places	Providers	Places
			Providers	Places	Providers	Places				
<b>All registers</b>	53,535	263,641	16,992	693,164	90	1,367	–	–	70,617	958,171
<b>EYR and CCR</b>	3,028	13,866	1,527	64,350	13	224	–	–	4,568	78,440
<b>EYR and VCR</b>	15	47	137	6,464	1	84	–	–	153	6,594
<b>EYR only</b>	218	725	7,511	260,514	19	424	–	–	7,748	261,663
<b>EYR total</b>	<b>56,796</b>	<b>278,278</b>	<b>26,167</b>	<b>1,024,492</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>2,099</b>	–	–	<b>83,086</b>	<b>1,304,869</b>
<b>CCR and VCR</b>	576	–	405	–	1	–	–	–	982	–
<b>CCR only</b>	34	–	57	–	0	–	–	–	91	–
<b>VCR only</b>	257	–	1,724	–	4	–	9,630	–	11,615	–
<b>Total</b>	<b>57,663</b>	–	<b>28,353</b>	–	<b>128</b>	–	<b>9,630</b>	–	<b>95,774</b>	–

<sup>1</sup> Register(s): Ofsted register care provided for children on two registers, the Early Years Register (EYR) and the Childcare Register, which has a compulsory (CCR) and voluntary (VCR) component. People can apply to join one register or both registers at the same time. Most childcare providers caring for children aged under eight must register with Ofsted unless the law says they are not required to do so. If a childcare provider is not required to register with Ofsted, then in some circumstances they may choose to do so by joining the voluntary part of the Childcare Register (VCR). For further information, visit our website at: <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/Ofsted-home/Forms-and-guidance/Browse-all-by/Other/General/Factsheet-childcare-Registration-not-required>

**Table 2**

Movement in the childcare sector between 30 March 2011 and 30 June 2011: All England

	Childminders		Childcare on:				Home childcarers		All	
	Providers	Places	non-domestic premises		domestic premises		Providers	Places	Providers	Places
			Providers	Places	Providers	Places				
<b>Provision on Early Years Register <sup>1</sup></b>										
<b>Position at 30 March 2011</b>	56,341	275,419	26,246	1,023,543	112	1,815	–	–	82,699	1,300,777
Joiners	2,143	9,028	593	21,926	19	385	–	–	2,755	31,339
Leavers	-1,688	-7,722	-672	-24,143	-8	-134	–	–	-2,368	-31,998
Changes in place numbers	–	1,553	–	3,172	–	33	–	–	–	4,757
<b>Net overall change</b>	455	2,859	-79	955	11	284	–	–	387	4,098
<b>Position at 30 June 2011</b>	56,796	278,278	26,167	1,024,498	123	2,099	–	–	83,086	1,304,875
<b>Provision not on Early Years Register <sup>1</sup></b>										
<b>Position at 30 March 2011</b>	860	–	2,194	–	6	–	9,147	–	12,207	–
Joiners	83	–	116	–	0	–	956	–	1,155	–
Leavers	-76	–	-124	–	-1	–	-473	–	-674	–
<b>Net overall change</b>	7	–	-8	–	-1	–	483	–	481	–
<b>Position at 30 June 2011</b>	867	–	2,186	–	5	–	9,630	–	12,688	–
<b>All provision</b>										
<b>Position at 30 March 2011</b>	57,201	–	28,440	–	118	–	9,147	–	94,906	–
Joiners	2,226	–	709	–	19	–	956	–	3,910	–
Leavers	-1,764	–	-796	–	-9	–	-473	–	-3,042	–
<b>Net overall change</b>	462	–	-87	–	10	–	483	–	868	–
<b>Position at 30 June 2011</b>	57,663	–	28,353	–	128	–	9,630	–	95,774	–

Register(s): see footnote on Table 1

Places: Averages are used for a very small number of providers whose place numbers are not available at the time of the analysis. There is a very small discrepancy in totals due to rounding.

## **Glossary**

### **Childminder**

This is a person who is registered to look after one or more children, to whom they are not related, for reward. Childminders work with no more than two other childminders or assistants.

They care for:

- children on domestic premises that are not usually the home of one of the children unless they care for children from more than two families wholly or mainly in the homes of the families
- at least one individual child for a total of more than two hours in any day. This is not necessarily a continuous period of time.

### **Childcare providers on domestic premises**

These are people providing care on domestic premises with at least three other people. They can provide the care directly or employ people to work with them. The difference between childminding and childcare on domestic premises is the number of people involved. If four or more people look after children at any time they are providing childcare on domestic premises, not childminding.

### **Childcare providers on non-domestic premises**

These are people providing care for individual children in premises that are not someone's home. These premises can range from converted houses to purpose built nurseries.

### **Home childcarers**

Home childcarers care for children of any age up to their 18th birthday wholly or mainly in the home of a child being cared for, and care for children from no more than two families. They can only register on the voluntary part of the Childcare Register.

## Registers

Under the Childcare Act 2006, childcare providers register on either or both of two registers:

- The Early Years Register, which is for providers who care for children from birth to the 31 August following their fifth birthday, and who must deliver the Early Years Foundation Stage
- The Childcare Register, which has two parts:
  - a compulsory part, for providers who care for children aged from the end of the Foundation Stage up to and including age seven
  - a voluntary part, for providers who care for children aged eight and over and those for whom registration is not compulsory, for example nannies.

Further information about how Ofsted registers childcare providers can be found at:

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