



## Early Years Census 2014

### Adjusting FTE places for providers funded over 38 weeks

In order to recognise that a number of LAs are able to provide funded early education places flexibly over more than the standard 38 weeks, the full-time equivalents (FTEs) have been derived using two additional items collected on the Early Years Census (EYC), namely the number of funded hours during the spring term and the number of weeks the provider is open for and funded by the LA. This was done to acknowledge that in some cases, the funded hours during census week may not accurately reflect the full extent of the take-up of the funded early education place, e.g. a child funded for 10 hours during census week may in fact be taking up the fully funded place over more than 38 weeks.

The formula compares the number of funded hours in the spring term to the number during census week to determine a proxy number of weeks in the spring term that the child is attending.

The [Early Years Census guide](#) advises that in such cases the Total Funded Spring Hours should be the number of hours for which the LA is paying for the child between 1 January and 31 March (required to the nearest 0.5 hours).

The spring term should be considered to be at least 13 weeks and Total Funded Spring Hours for at least that number of weeks should be returned to ensure that the FTE adjustment calculation works correctly and local authorities receive the full allocation of funding.

Adjustments are as follows:

- If  $(\text{Total funded spring hours} / \text{funded hours}) < 13$ , DO NOT adjust FTE.
- If  $(\text{Total funded spring hours} / \text{funded hours}) \geq 13$  then use the formula below to adjust FTE:
  - $\text{FTE adjusted} = (\text{Funded hours during census week} \times \text{Funding weeks}) / 950$
  - For 3 years olds and rising 4s: If FTE adjusted is greater than 0.6, cap this number at 0.6.
  - For 4 year olds: If FTE adjusted is greater than 1, cap this number at 1.

While this doesn't guarantee a completely accurate reflection of the patterns of flexible provision, no authority will receive less funding than if the funded hours during census week had been used alone to calculate FTEs.