

## 2024 Childcare Survey for local authorities in Scotland - FOI

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### Note on terminology

By a **'nursery'**, we mean all Scotland Care Inspectorate registered childcare providers that look after groups of children under five on non-domestic premises for at least 25 hours per week. This includes pre-schools, day nurseries, nursery schools and schools with a nursery.

**'Maintained'** means provision run by the local authority or a state school/nursery.

**'PVI'** means provision run by the private sector, voluntary providers, or independent schools, including PVI provision in children's centres.

**Section A: prices – information not held.** Information that is not held falls under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 - Information not held.

1. Please provide us with the average prices in your area for maintained and private, voluntary and independent (PVI) nursery places for the following provision:

a) For 2 year olds and under

	25 hours per week		50 hours per week	
	Maintained	PVI	Maintained	PVI
A place in a nursery for children under 2 years				
A place in a nursery for children aged 2 (those who do not get the 1,140 hour entitlement)				

*Nurseries record their prices in different ways. Some have an hourly rate, while others have a weekly rate for 50 hours provision from 8am to 6pm. If the nursery does not have a 25 hour rate, please calculate the price of 25 hours provision by halving the 50 hour rate, or failing this, multiplying an hourly rate by 25.*

b) For 3 and 4 year olds

Please answer **ONE** of the following two questions

**Either:** Please provide us with the average prices of childcare **once the free entitlements have been taken into account.**

	Maintained	PVI
A place in a nursery for 50 hours a week where parents <i>have used their 1,140 hour free entitlement</i> (i.e. please report the price of 20 hours if free entitlements are used during term time)		

**Or:** Please provide us with the average prices of childcare **before the free entitlements have been taken into account.**

	Maintained	PVI
A place in a nursery for 50 hours a week		

2. Please provide us with the price of 25 hours of childcare per week for a child under 2 at:

The most expensive nursery that you are aware of in your area	
The cheapest nursery that you are aware of in your area	

3. Please provide the typical (average) price for a childminder in your area. *If your data does not fit into the age categories below, please provide your best approximations, including providing the same price for different age groups.*

	25 hours per week	50 hours per week
Children under 2 years		
Children aged 2		
Children aged 3 and 4		
Children at school, for pickup and care up to around 6pm (approximately <u>15 hours per week</u> )		

*Childminders record their prices in different ways. Some have an hourly rate, while others have a weekly rate for 50 hours provision from 8am-6pm. If the childminder does not have a 25 hour rate, please calculate the price of 25 hours provision by halving the 50 hour rate, or failing this, multiplying an hourly rate by 25.*

4. Please provide the typical (average) weekly price for a place in an after school club for 15 hours per week:

£	After school club, 15 hours per week
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### **Section B: numbers of providers**

1. How many of these types of providers do you have in your local authority?

PVI nurseries	40
Maintained nurseries which can make charges to parents (even if they do not)	24

### **Section C: childcare availability**

1. Does your local authority have enough childcare (childcare sufficiency) for the following groups?

	Yes: in all areas	Yes: in some areas	No	Data not held or cannot tell
2 year olds and under		X		
2 year olds entitled to 1,140 hours a year free early learning and childcare		X		
3-4 year olds entitled to 1,140 hours a year free early learning and childcare	X			

5-11 year olds after school			X	
12-14 year olds after school			X	
Disabled children				X
Parents working full time (9am to 5pm on weekdays)			X	
Parents working atypical hours (outside 9am to 5pm on weekdays)			X	
<i>Please leave this question blank if there are no rural areas in your local authority</i>				
Families living in rural areas			X	