

2024 Childcare Survey for local authorities in England – FOI

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Note on terminology

By a '**nursery**', we mean all Ofsted-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

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	N/A	£148.09	N/A	£246.42
A place in a nursery for children aged 2 (those who do not get the 15 hour free entitlement)	£111.84	£142.45	£223.69	£236.93

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 25 hours a week where parents <i>receive the 15 hour free entitlement and pay for 10 hours</i>	£44.74	£57.02
A place in a nursery for 50 hours a week where parents <i>receive the 30 hour free entitlement and pay for 20 hours</i>	£89.48	£114.05

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 25 hours a week		
A place in a nursery for 50 hours a week		

2. Some providers make additional charges for consumables for families using the free early education entitlements. We know that it can be challenging to gather information on these charges and so you may not be able to answer these questions.

a) How many providers make additional charges for consumables under the following entitlements?

	All or almost all	Around three quarters	Around half	Around a quarter	None, or very few	Not known
30 hours for three and four year olds						X
15 hours for three and four year olds						X
15 hours for disadvantaged two year olds						X

b) What is the typical daily charge for consumables made by providers in your area under the following entitlements?

	Typical daily charge	Data not held
30 hours for three and four year olds		X
15 hours for three and four year olds		X
15 hours for disadvantaged two year olds		X

c) What is the highest additional charge you are aware of in your area for a day of childcare?

Data not held (information would be held at source i.e. providers not shared with LA).

d) What is the lowest additional charge you are aware of in your area?

Data not held (information would be held at source i.e. providers not shared with LA).

e) How many providers require families to also buy additional hours when taking up the following entitlements?

	All or almost all	Around three quarters	Around half	Around a quarter	None, or very few	Not known
30 hours for three and four year olds					X	
15 hours for three and four year olds					X	
15 hours for disadvantaged two year olds					X	

f) Do you have any other comments on additional charges in your area for 15 and 30 hours entitlements?

In line with government guidance, we insist the Nursery Education Grant is free at the point of delivery, no requirement to buy additional hours.

3. 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	£187.50
The cheapest nursery that you are aware of in your area	£107.50

4. 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	£148.09	£246.42
Children aged 2	£104.43	£190.98
Children aged 3 and 4	£104.43	£190.98
Children at school, for pickup and care up to around 6pm (approximately <u>15 hours per week</u>)	£75.45	

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.

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

£69.15	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	98
Maintained nurseries which can make charges to parents (even if they do not)	49 (Including Section 27 Nurseries)

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 years olds entitled to 15 hours a week free early education	X			
3-4 year olds entitled to 15 hours a week free early education		X		
3-4 year olds entitled to 30 hours a week free early education		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				

2. What proportion of providers in your area are offering the 30 hour extended entitlement for at least some children? *If you do not have an exact figure, please provide an approximation.*

	%	Don't know or N/A
Childminders	78%	
Private and voluntary nurseries	100%	
Stand alone (maintained) nursery schools	100%	
Nursery classes in schools	100%	

Thank you for completing our survey, we really appreciate your help.