

Freedom of information request deadline: Tuesday 10 January 2023

Please respond to this request by completing this form and sending it to: childcare@coramfamilyandchildcare.org.uk

Alternatively, please submit the answers to this FOI request via the online system using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ChildcaresurveyEngland>

We have used this Freedom of Information Act request to collect information from those local authorities who were not able to complete the Childcare Survey 2023 (sections A-C) by Friday 2 December. This is to make sure that our results are representative of the whole country.

The original survey was sent out by email to our local authority contacts (often a 'Family Information Service' or early years team) on Monday 7 November 2022.

Your answers are invaluable in enabling us to calculate average childcare prices, and availability levels, throughout Great Britain. The figures are used by the UK governments, by the media, by some providers and by other research organisations. We also use them to make sure that our work at Coram Family and Childcare is based on accurate data.

The responses you provide will only be used to calculate averages for your region, for England as a whole, and (where comparison is possible) for GB as a whole. We will not name your local authority without your permission. If you have any questions about the survey or queries about how to complete it, please email childcare@coramfamilyandchildcare.org.uk for support.

We will send you a copy of the Childcare Survey 2023 report before it is released to the public in March 2023.

Your details: We will only use these to contact you about the survey

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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	Information not held	£5.62 per hour	Information not held	£5.62 per hour
A place in a nursery for children aged 2 (those who do not get the 15 hour free entitlement)	Information not held	£5.42 per hour	Information not held	£5.42 per hour

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 receive the 15 hour free entitlement and pay for 10 hours		
A place in a nursery for 50 hours a week where parents receive the 30 hour free entitlement and pay for 20 hours		

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	Information not held	£5.38 per hour
A place in a nursery for 50 hours a week	Information not held	

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	Information not held
The cheapest nursery that you are aware of in your area	Information not held

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	£4.58 per hour	
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>)	Information not held	

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:

Information not held	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	45
Maintained nurseries which can make charges to parents (even if they do not)	55

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	80	
Private and voluntary nurseries	100	
Stand alone (maintained) nursery schools	100	
Nursery classes in schools	55	

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