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INTRODUCTION

This bulletin contains information about day care facilities for children under eight in England at 31 March 2001 and comparative data for earlier years. It is compiled from returns submitted by local authorities. The information collected covers various types of day care facilities for children aged under 8: day nurseries, playgroups and pre-schools, childminders, out of school clubs, holiday schemes and family centres. Figures are collected on the number of providers of day care facilities, places provided and children receiving local authority provision. Where collected, provision for children under five is separately identified. A copy of the form is included for reference at the end of the bulletin.

The detailed tables in this report relate to the position at 31 March each year. The Children Act 1989, implemented on 14 October 1991, changed the legal framework for the provision and registration of day care facilities. This affects comparability between the figures for years up to 1991 and those collected since then. In particular, until 1991 figures were only available on the provision of day nurseries, childminders and playgroups and pre-schools for children aged under five. Time series information on these facilities for the years 1990–2001 is summarised in **Tables 1** and **2**, and in **Chart 1**. Figures on facilities available to school age children and for families were first collected centrally in 1992 following implementation of the Children Act. **Tables 3–5** provide information on these for the years 1992–2001. The range of data collected on numbers of children receiving local authority provision has widened since 1991 and the figures available in each of the years 1990–2001 are shown in **Table 6**. Regional breakdowns of the latest figures in **Tables 1, 2, 3** and **4** are shown in **Tables 7–9**. Some breakdowns by local authority area are available from the contact given in the Notes.

KEY FACTS

Day nurseries

- Between 1990 and 2001 the number of day nurseries has risen steadily: there were 7,800 day nurseries in 2001, compared with 7,500 in 2000 and 2,900 in 1990.
- Day nurseries provided 285,100 places in 2001, compared with 264,200 in 2000 and 87,500 in 1990.

Childminders

- Between 2000 and 2001, the number of registered childminders fell by 4 per cent to 72,300 and the number of places with childminders fell by 5 per cent to 304,600.
- The number of providers has decreased each year since 1996.

Playgroups and pre-schools

- The total number of playgroups and pre-schools reported in 2001 was 14,000, a fall of 300 from the previous year.
- The number of places they provided fell by 22,900 to 330,200 in 2001.
- On average, each playgroup or pre-school provided slightly fewer places in 2001 than they did in 2000.

Tables 1 and 2 contain information about day nurseries, childminders and playgroups and pre-schools

Out of school clubs

- The number of out of school clubs continued rising: there were 4,900 in 2001 compared with 4,400 a year earlier and 350 in 1992.
- In 2001, out of school clubs provided 152,800 places for five to seven year olds, 8 per cent more than in 2000.

Holiday schemes

- There were 1,200 more holiday schemes in 2001 than in 2000, an increase of 10 per cent.
- In 2001 there were 107,600 more places in holiday schemes than in 2000, an increase of 22 per cent.

Tables 3 and 4 contain information about out of school clubs and holiday schemes

Family centres

- There were 430 family centres providing services for children and their families in 2001, a decrease of 10 compared with 2000.

Table 5 contains information about family centres

SECTION 1

NATIONAL FIGURES

Day nurseries, childminders and playgroups and pre-schools: long term trends

1 Changes made to the registration of children's day care facilities by the Children Act 1989 have affected figures since 1991. Under previous legislation there was no duty for local authorities to inspect premises annually. As a result some registers may have included premises and people no longer providing services. Under the transitional provisions on the Act, registered providers and childminders were given a year from 14 October 1991 to re-register. Some authorities did not complete their review of registered providers in the first six months following implementation and consequently some providers no longer wishing to be registered were not removed from the register until the year ending 31 March 1993. This affected the figures for 1992 and 1993, particularly the number of childminders

2 **Tables 1 and 2** show figures since 1990 in the number of providers and places, respectively, for day nurseries, childminders and playgroups and pre-schools.

3 **Chart 1** illustrates the changes in the number of providers since 1990. The number of day nurseries has risen steadily while the number of playgroups and pre-schools has shown a steady decline. The number of childminders has been more variable over the last ten years, but there has been a downward trend since 1996.

4 **Chart 2** shows the changes in the number of places in day nurseries, with childminders and in playgroups

and pre-schools since 1990. Places in day nurseries have risen in each year since 1990. The number of places with childminders has decreased in each year since 1998. After a slight increase in the number of places in playgroups or pre-schools between 1999 and 2000, the downward trend continued.

Day nurseries (Tables 1 and 2)

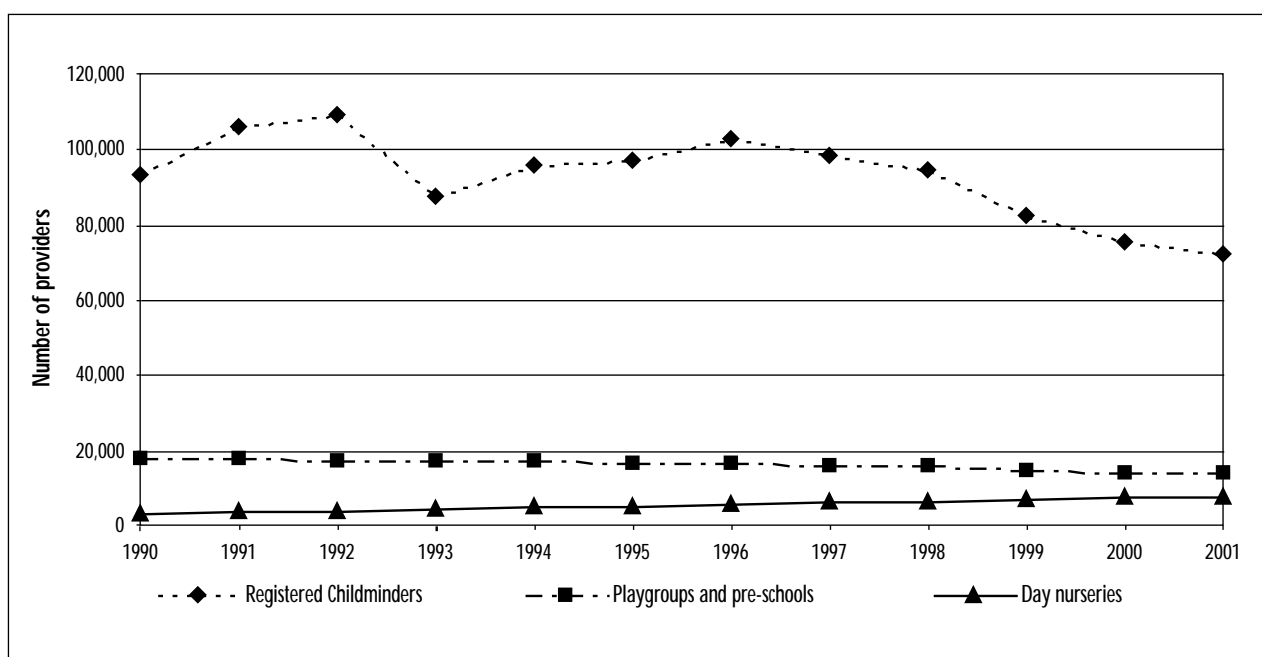
5 Day nursery provision more than trebled over the period 1990 to 2001 and represented a larger proportion of day care facilities at the end of the period than at the beginning. There were an estimated 7,800 day nurseries in England providing 285,100 places in 2001, an increase of about 3 per cent in providers and 8 per cent in places since 2000.

6 **Chart 3** shows that local authority provision of day nurseries represented a much lower proportion of all providers in 2001 (6 per cent) compared to 1990 (24 per cent). The number of day nurseries provided by local authorities has decreased by 240 (35 per cent) between 1990 and 2001 and the number of places in them by 10,600 (35 per cent). Many authorities now provide services to children under five in family centres rather than through traditional day nursery services.

7 Approximately 60 day nurseries were exempt from registration in 2001; they provided 2,100 places. As there is no obligation on such nurseries to notify local authorities of provision, these figures are less reliable than those about registered provision.

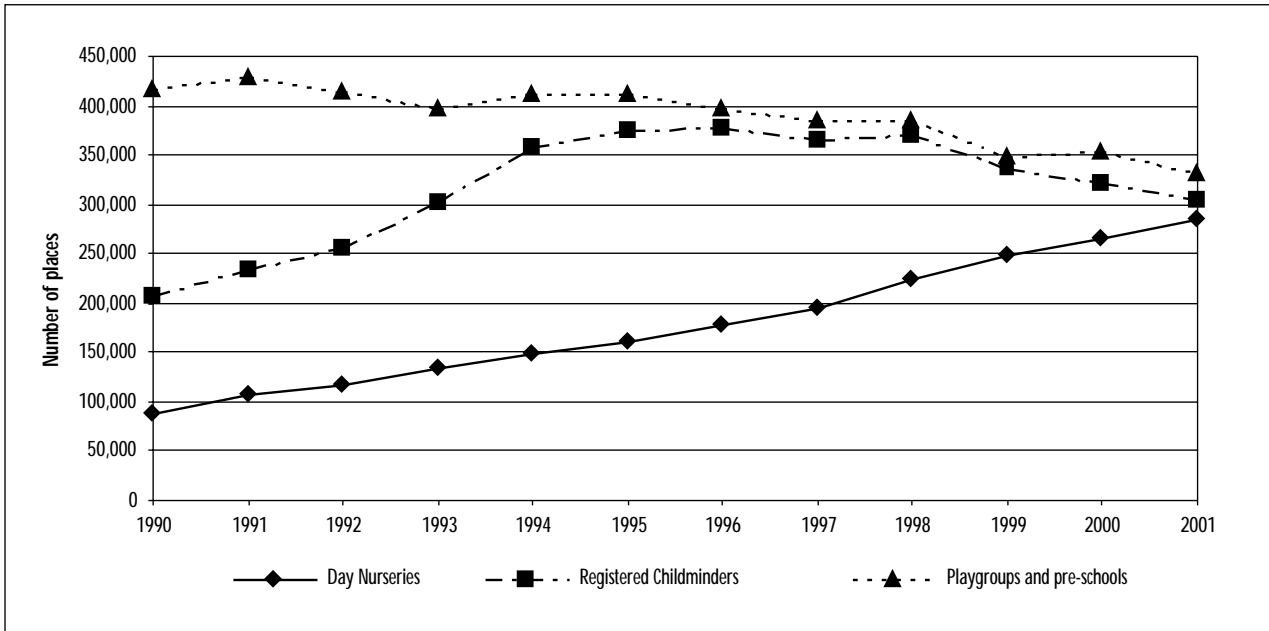
CHART 1:

Day nurseries, childminders and playgroups and pre-schools: 1990–2001



Note From 1992, figures for childminders are affected by the extension of registration to places for children aged 5 to 7.

CHART 2:
Places in day nurseries, with childminders and in playgroups and pre-schools 1990–2001



Note: From 1992, figures for childminders are affected by the extension of registration to places for children aged 5 to 7.

CHART 3:
Day nursery providers: 1990–2001

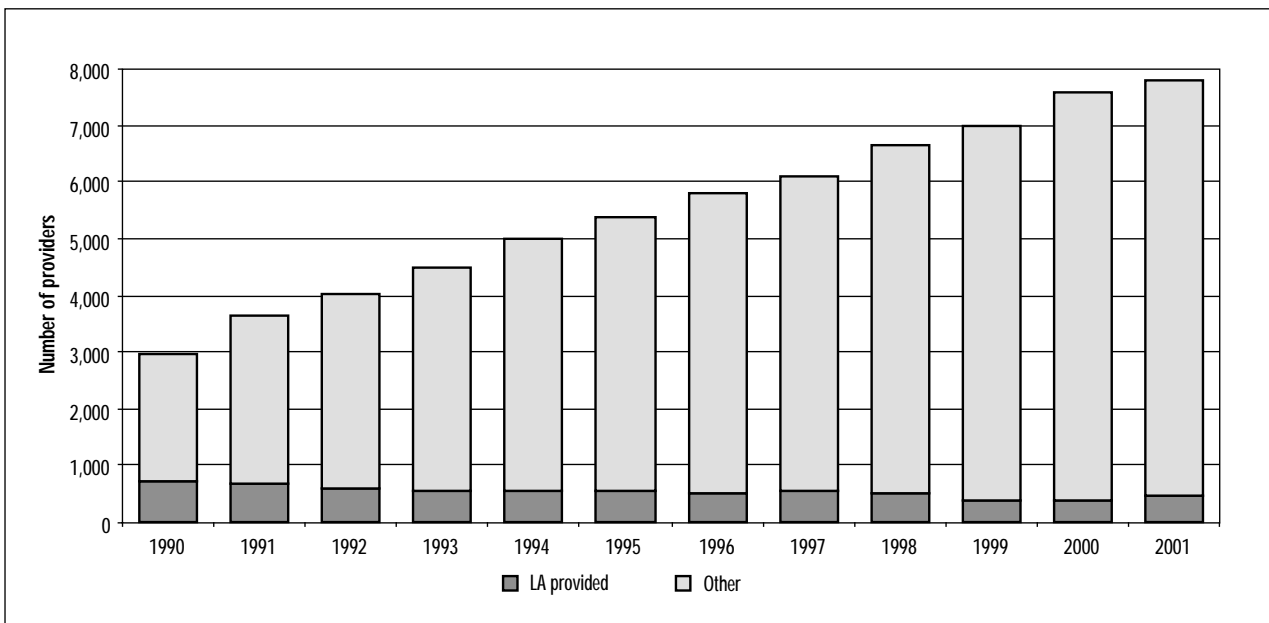
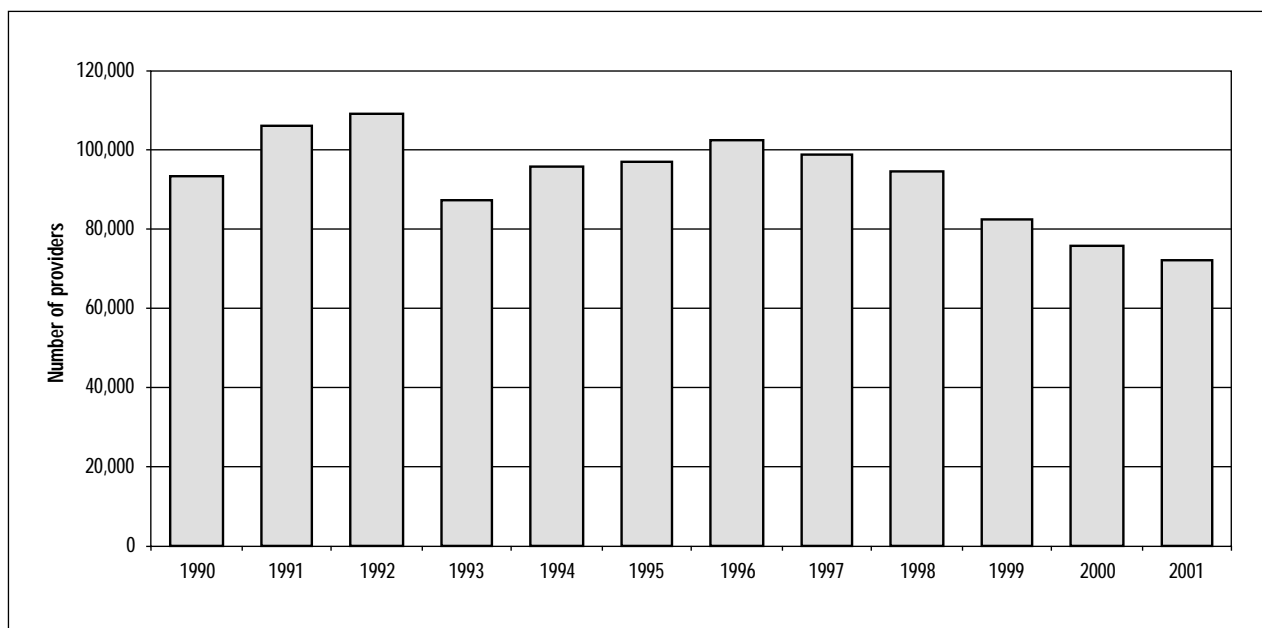


CHART 4:
Childminders: 1990-2001



Childminders (Tables 1 and 2)

8 In March 2001 there were 72,300 registered childminders providing 304,600 places. This represents a fall in the number of childminders of approximately 4 per cent and in the number of places of about 5 per cent since the previous year.

9 **Chart 4** shows that the pattern of registration of childminder provision has changed considerably over the last ten years. There were approximately 93,100 registered childminders in 1990 and the number increased steadily to 109,200 in 1992 before falling to 87,200 in 1993 and then rising to 102,600 in 1996. Since 1996 the number of childminders has fallen in each year.

10 The explanation for the large reduction in numbers of childminders between 1992 and 1993 is the re-registration process introduced under the Children's Act (see paragraph 1). Much of the increase in numbers of places since then has been due to the requirement to register places for five to seven year olds. Guidance issued at the time of implementation recommended lower ratios of childminders to five to seven year old children than for children aged under five, allowing total places to rise when there were fewer childminders.

11 There are other factors affecting the continuing reduction in childminder numbers over the last two years. Childminding tends to be a profession characterised by high turnover as many people take up childminding to allow them to also look after their own children in their own homes. With an expanding labour market, once their children reach school age many childminders move in to other occupations.

Playgroups and pre-schools (Tables 1 and 2)

12 In 2001, there were 14,000 playgroups and pre-schools with 330,200 places. The number of playgroups and pre-schools is now 22 per cent lower than the peak of 18,000 in 1991. **Chart 5** shows the downward trend in the number of playgroups and pre-schools since 1990.

13 Nearly all playgroup and pre-school provision is registered and the trend for registered provision is therefore similar to that for total provision.

14 Playgroups and pre-schools provided an average of 23.6 places each in 2001 compared to 24.7 in 2000.

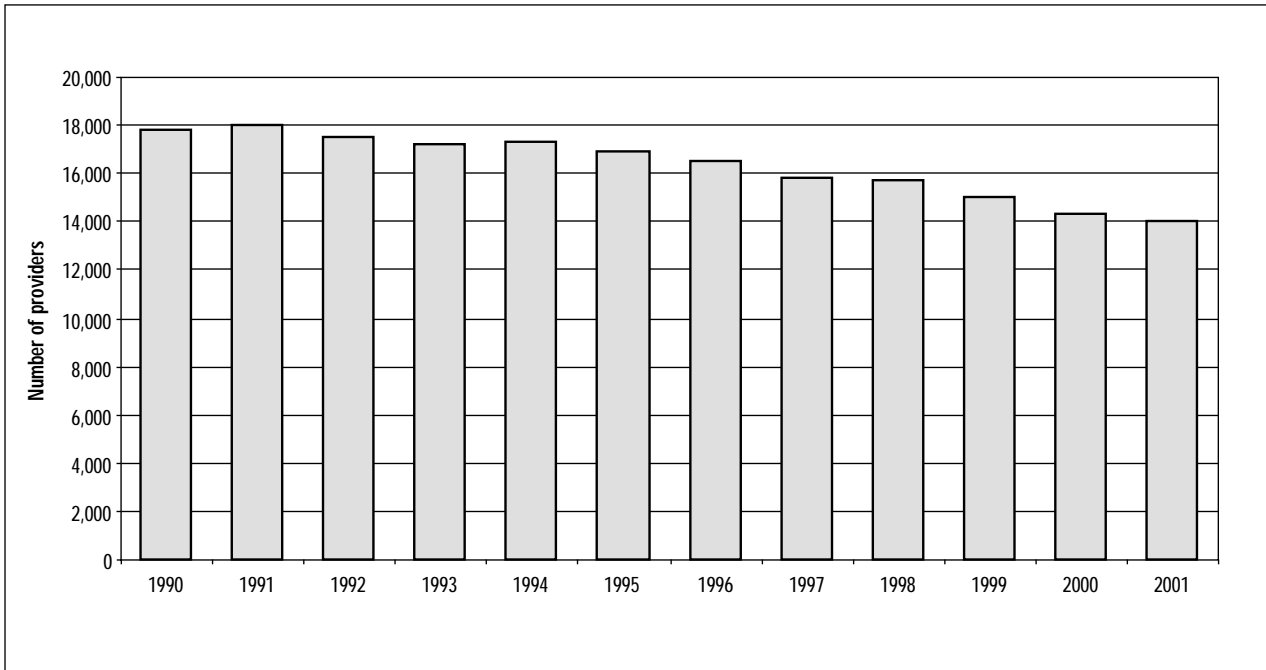
Out of school clubs and holiday schemes (Tables 3 and 4)

15 The Children's Act 1989 introduced registration of out of school clubs and holiday schemes for five to seven year old children. Information about them was requested in the Day Care Facilities Survey for the first time in 1992.

16 At 31 March 2001, there were 4,900 out of school clubs. This was a 11 per cent increase on the 2000 figure. 152,800 places were provided in 2001, an increase of approximately 8 per cent on the 2000 figure. As can be seen from **Chart 6**, the number of holiday schemes had increased considerably between 1992 and 2001. In fact in 2001, holiday schemes and places within them were thirteen times the 1992 level.

17 In the year ending 31 March 2001, there were a total of 12,900 holiday schemes, 10 per cent more than in 2000 and 598,000 places, a rise of 22 per cent since 2000. Data from 1999 onwards cannot be directly compared

CHART 5:
Playgroups and pre-schools: 1990–2001



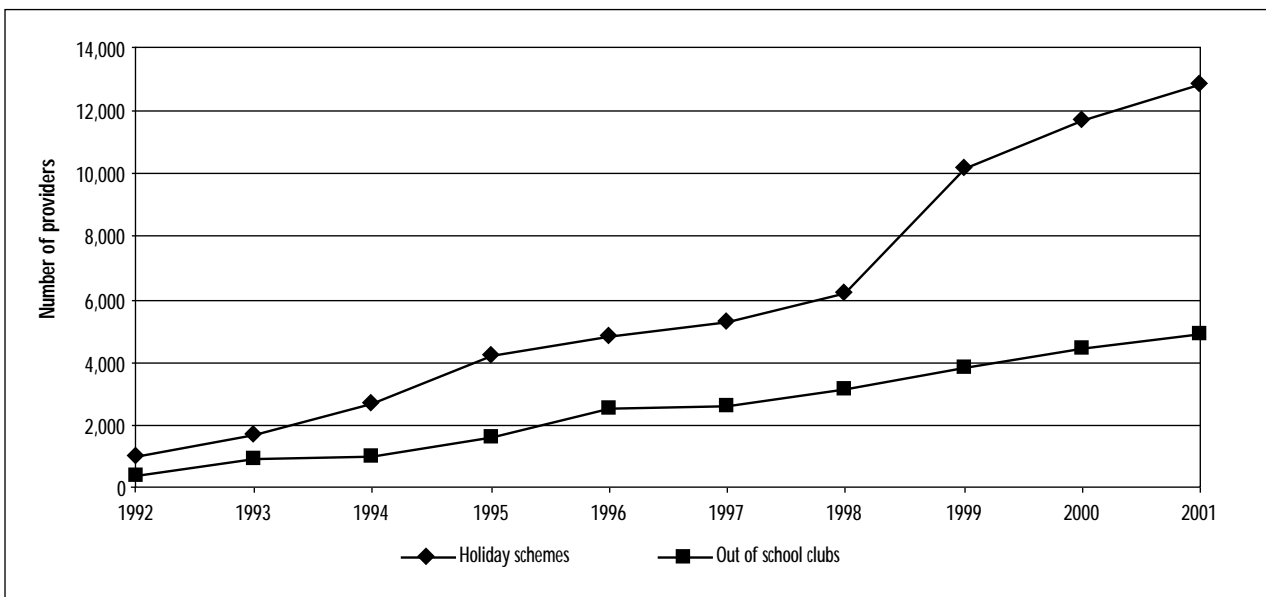
with earlier years because of the change in instructions given to data providers. From 1999 a holiday scheme was recorded for school holiday during which it was available, rather than for each premise on which it occurred.

Family centres (Table 5)

18 Information on family centres provided by local authorities was first collected in 1992 and is shown in

Table 5. At 31 March 2001 approximately 430 centres were provided for children and their families. Of these, 100 provided services for children aged under five, 20 catered for children five and over and 280 catered for children of all ages. Numbers of independent family centres were collected for the first time in 1999. In 2001 there were 100 independent family centres compared to 130 in 2000.

CHART 6:
Out of school clubs and holiday schemes: 1992–2001



Note: holiday scheme figures prior to 1998 may not be directly comparable to 1999 and 2000

Children receiving local authority day care provision

19 Table 6 shows information collected about children in receipt of local authority provision between 1990 and 2001. The table shows for 2001 children placed with childminders and the number placed and paid for in private and voluntary facilities.

Children receiving direct provision

20 The number of children placed with local authority provided childminders was 310 in 2001 compared with 320 in 2000, a continuation of the downward trend since 1997.

Children placed and paid for by a local authority in private or voluntary provision

21 There are concerns about the quality and consistency of these data, particularly those supplied in 1999. Information for the last three years contains estimates for missing data. The number of children placed and paid for by local authorities in private and voluntary day nurseries was estimated as 13,300 in 2001, while the number of children placed and paid for in playgroups and pre-schools was 11,500. The number placed and paid for with childminders for 2001 was 3,400.

SECTION 2

REGIONAL VARIATIONS

22 **Tables 7, 8 and 9** show regional breakdowns of the national totals for March 2001 in **Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4** together with the number of places in each type of provision per 10,000 children. These rates can be used to compare levels of provision across different regions and there is a lot of variation between regions in the availability of places per 10,000 children. However, the rates in a particular region will be affected by demographic differences, the accuracy of population estimates for the relevant regions, the geography of the region, (whether it is possible to provide facilities which are readily accessible, such as in rural areas) local economic factors, (such as areas of social and economic deprivation) and the amount of nursery education provided by schools. It should also be noted that it is the

region in which the provision is based that is presented here. There will be some children who live in a particular region but who use day care facilities based in a different one.

Places per 10,000 children in day nurseries and playgroups or pre-schools

23 The combined numbers of places in day nurseries and playgroups and pre-schools per 10,000 children are shown in **Chart 7**. Inner London and the North East have the lowest combined rates and the North West, the South West and the South East have the highest.

24 The balance of provision also varied between regions. While about 50 per cent of the places per 10,000

CHART 7:

Places in day nurseries and playgroups and pre-schools per 10,000 children as at 31 March 2001, by Government Office Region

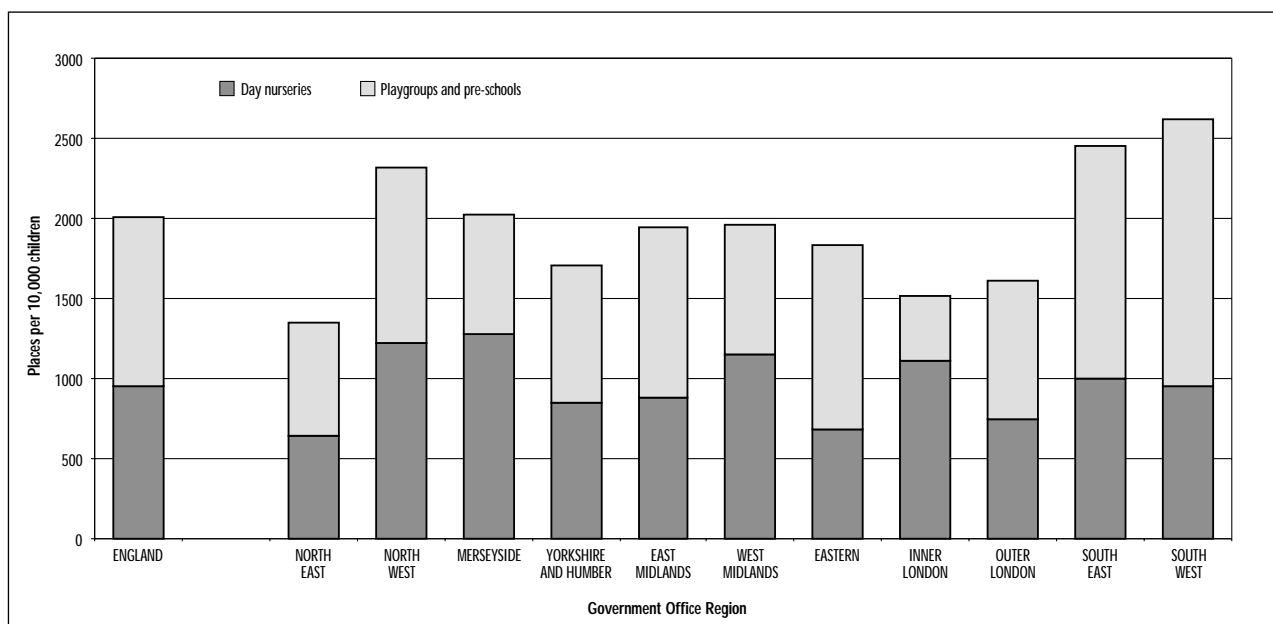


CHART 8:

Places with childminders per 10,000 children as at 31 March 2001, by Government Office Region

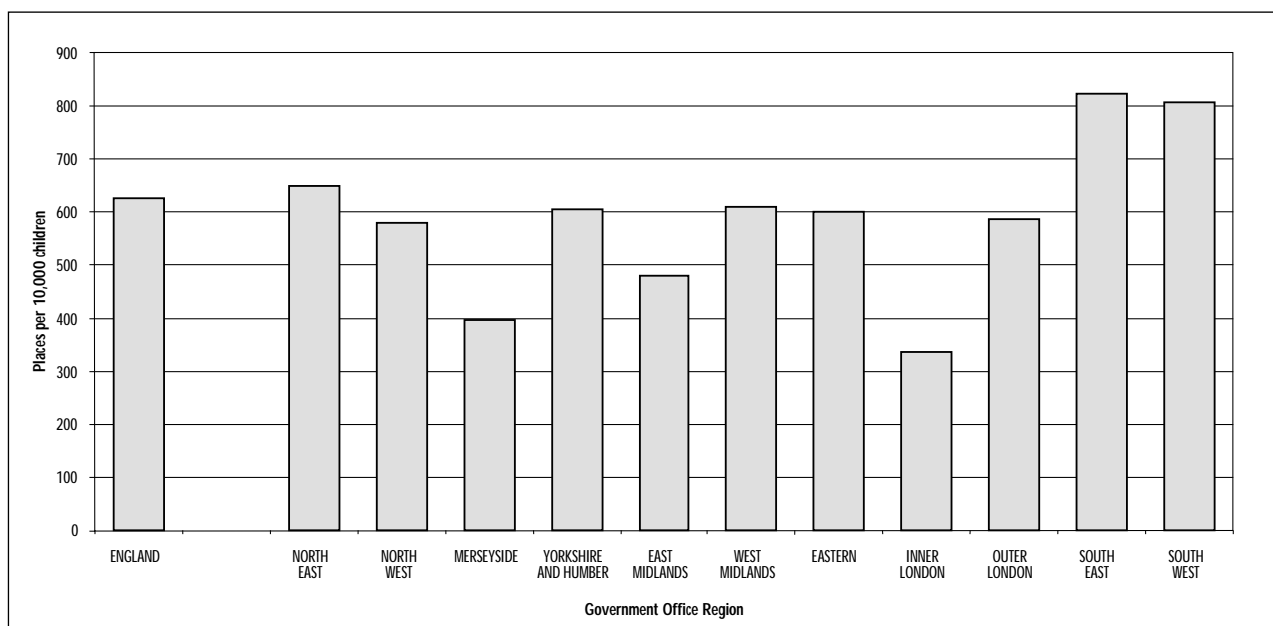
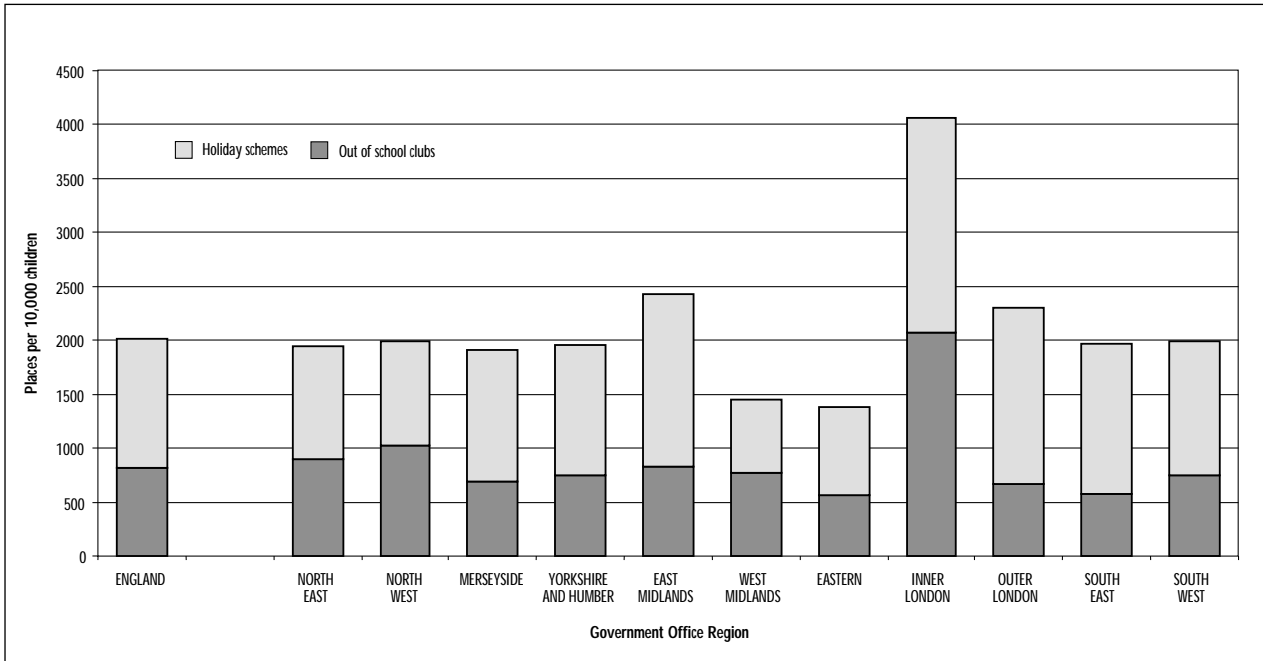


CHART 9:

Out of school club and holiday scheme places per 10,000 children as at 31 March 2001, by Government Office Region



children were in playgroups or pre-school in England as a whole, in Inner London playgroup or pre-school places were only 30 per cent of the total.

Places per 10,000 children with childminders

25 **Chart 8** shows the regional comparison for the number of places per 10,000 children with childminders. The lowest rates were in Inner London and Merseyside and the highest in the South East and South West regions.

26 The combined numbers of places in out of school clubs and holiday schemes per 10,000 children are shown in **Chart 9**. Inner London has by far the highest rates, followed by East Midlands and Outer London. The two lowest rates were in Eastern and West Midlands.

SECTION 3

NATIONAL TABLES

TABLE 1:
Number of day nurseries, childminders and playgroups and pre-schools for children under eight: 1990–2001

As at 31 March	Total	Day Nurseries			Registered Childminders			Playgroups and pre-schools			
		Local Authority Provided ²	Registered	Non- registered	Total	Local Authority Provided	Other Registered Persons	Total	Local Authority Provided ²	Registered	Non- registered
1990	2,900	700	2,200	60	93,100	1,000	92,100	17,800	100	17,500	240
1991	3,600	670	2,900	80	106,000	1,100	104,900	18,000	90	17,600	290
1992	4,100	580	3,400	50	109,200	1,100	108,100	17,500	80	17,200	180
1993	4,500	530	3,900	60	87,200	1,500	85,700	17,200	80	17,000	50
1994	5,000	560	4,400	40	96,000	910	95,100	17,300	90	17,100	90
1995	5,400	540	4,800	50	97,100	1,100	96,000	16,900	80	16,700	110
1996	5,700	510	5,200	70	102,600	1,300	101,300	16,500	70	16,400	120
1997	6,100	530	5,500	70	98,500	1,400	97,100	15,800	70	15,600	70
1998	6,700	500	6,100	60	94,700	1,400	93,300	15,700	50	15,600	80
1999	7,000	400	6,400	200 ⁴	82,200	2,300	80,000	15,000	110	14,700	130
2000	7,500	400	7,100	90	75,600	800	74,800	14,300	90	14,100	140
2001	7,800	460	7,300	60	72,300	860	71,400	14,000	200	13,500	90

(1) Prior to 1992 data was collected for children aged under 5 only.

(2) These figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

(3) Includes facilities provided by voluntary organisations under agency arrangements, under Section 22 of the National Health Service Act 1946.

(4) Data collection guidance changed in 1999.

TABLE 2:
Places in day nurseries, with childminders and playgroups and pre-schools for children under eight: 1990–2001

As at 31 March	Total	Places in Day Nurseries			Places with Childminders			Places in Playgroups and pre-schools			
		Local Authority Provided ²	Registered	Non- registered	Total	Local Authority Provided	Other Registered Persons	Total	Local Authority Provided ²	Registered	Non- registered
1990	87,500	28,000	57,700	1,800	205,600	1,900	203,700	416,400	2,000	409,600	4,800
1991	106,100	27,000	77,100	1,900	233,300	1,800	231,400	428,400	1,900	420,500	6,000
1992	116,800	23,800	91,600	1,300	254,300	2,200	252,100	414,500	1,400	409,800	3,300
1993	133,800	21,400	111,000	1,400	300,700	4,700	296,100	396,900	1,500	394,400	1,000
1994	147,600	22,300	124,000	1,300	357,500	2,100	355,400	411,300	1,600	407,600	2,100
1995	161,500	20,900	139,300	1,400	373,600	1,900	371,700	410,600	1,700	406,200	2,700
1996	178,300	19,900	156,600	1,800	376,200	2,300	373,900	397,700	1,200	394,000	2,600
1997	193,800	20,200	172,000	1,700	365,200	3,500	361,700	383,700	1,300	380,900	1,500
1998	223,000	18,670	203,000	1,200	370,700	4,200	366,600	383,600	1,200	381,200	1,200
1999	247,700	15,500	220,200	11,900	336,600	8,900	328,200	347,200	2,100	342,200	2,900
2000	264,200	17,200	245,100	2,000	320,400	3,200	308,500	353,100	1,600	350,200	1,300
2001	285,100	18,200	264,000	2,100	304,600	3,300	297,500	330,200	6,400	308,200	920

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(2) These figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

(3) Includes facilities provided by voluntary organisations under agency arrangements, under Section 22 of the National Health Service Act 1946.

(4) Data collection guidance changed in 1999.

TABLE 3:
Number of out of school clubs and holiday schemes for five to seven year old children: 1992–2001

As at 31 March	Total	Out Of school Clubs			Total	Holiday Schemes ²		
		LA Provided	Registered	Non Registered		LA Provided	Registered	Non Registered
1992	350	200	130	20	1,000	220	750	40
1993	950	250	450	250	1,700	250	1,300	90
1994	990	250	710	30	2,700	430	2,000	240
1995	1,600	310	1,300	50	4,200	800	2,900	470
1996	2,500	350	2,100	50	4,800	940	3,500	390
1997	2,600	290	2,300	60	5,300	670	4,400	230
1998	3,100	380	2,600	100	6,200	880	5,000	330
1999	3,800	260	3,200	300	10,200 ³	1600	8,400	260
2000	4,400	490	3,660	300	11,700	2,000	9,300	350
2001	4,900	450	4,300	160	12,900	2,200	10,500	..

(1) All figures are estimates and have been rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

(2) Holiday schemes are counted once for each holiday period in which they operate.

(3) Additional guidelines were given to providers in 1999.

TABLE 4:
Places in out of school clubs and holiday schemes for five to seven year old children: 1992–2001

As at 31 March	Total	Out of School Clubs			Children on registers of clubs provided by LAs ²	Total	Holiday Schemes		
		LA Provided	Registered	Non Registered			LA Provided	Registered	Non Registered
1992	11,900	8,600	3,100	200	9,200	47,500	13,100	29,100	5,200
1993	24,600	9,600	14,000	1,000	11,700	80,500	15,000	59,100	6,500
1994	30,000	9,100	20,400	610	12,500	102,600	18,900	75,200	8,500
1995	44,600	9,600	33,900	1,100	22,400	192,100	45,300	122,500	24,300
1996	70,000	11,600	57,300	1,000	13,800	205,900	36,100	151,700	18,100
1997	78,700	10,800	66,700	1,200	11,400	209,000	24,400	170,900	13,700
1998	92,300	15,800	74,400	2,100	14,400	256,500	31,400	211,600	13,500
1999	113,800	8,800	90,400	14,600	..	435,300	71,600	345,200	18,400
2000	141,100	19,400	109,300	12,400	..	490,400	92,500	388,600	9,300
2001	152,800	15,900	127,400	6,200	..	598,000	143,400	438,400	..

(1) All figures are estimates and have been rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

(2) Children on registers of clubs provided by LAs data not collected in 1999 onwards.

(3) Additional guidelines were given to providers in 1999.

TABLE 5:
Local Authority and independent provision of family centres by age of children: 1992–2001

As at 31 March	Total	Under 5	5 and over	All Ages	Independent centres(2)
1992	400	200	10	200	..
1993	390	150	30	210	..
1994	450	180	70	200	..
1995	480	170	20	300	..
1996	510	200	30	280	..
1997	480	180	30	270	..
1998	490	150	20	320	..
1999	470	120	10	330	120
2000	440	70	10	310	130
2001	430	100	20	280	100

(1) All figures are estimates and have been rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

(2) Independent centres data not collected until 1999.

TABLE 6:
Children receiving Local Authority provision of day care: 1990–2001

As at 31 March	Facilities provided by the Local Authorities ²			Children placed and paid for by LAs in private or voluntary day care facilities		
	Children on the register of:		Children placed with Local Authority childminders	Day Nurseries	Playgroups and pre-schools	With childminders
	Day Nurseries	Playgroups and pre-schools				
1990	32,400	2,500	..	1,800	11,600	5,500
1991	30,300	2,300	..	2,000	11,700	6,900
1992	28,400	1,600	..	2,000	11,100	6,300
1993	27,100	1,600	1,100	1,700	12,200	4,100
1994	29,000	2,300	1,700	2,800	13,600	5,000
1995	27,500	2,300	1,400	2,300	9,300	4,800
1996	23,500	1,400	1,700	2,200	10,100	3,800
1997	24,200	1,300	1,700	1,900	8,500	3,100
1998	21,700	1,600	1,400	5,400	5,200	4,000
1999 ⁴	18,100	2,000	840	11,000	10,000	4,300
2000	320	6,300	8,100	2,900
2001	310	13,300	11,500	3,400

(1) Prior to 1992 data was collected for children aged under 5 only.

(2) These figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

(3) Includes facilities provided by voluntary organisations under agency arrangements, under Section 22 of the National Health Service Act 1946.

(4) The introduction of nursery grants in 1999 are reflected in the figures.

SECTION 4

REGIONAL TABLES

TABLE 7:
Providers and places in day nurseries and playgroups and pre-schools as at 31 March 2001, by Government Office Region

	Day Nurseries				Playgroups and pre-schools			
	All Nurseries	All Places	2001 ¹ places/10,000 children	2000 ¹ places/10,000 children	All Playgroups	All Places	2001 ¹ places/10,000 children	2000 ¹ places/10,000 children
ENGLAND	7,800	285,100	950	870	14,000	330,200	1,100	1,200
North East	220	9,200	640	540	460	10,100	700	840
North West and Merseyside								
North West	940	40,700	1,200	1,100	1,400	35,500	1,100	1,000
Merseyside	250	10,200	1,300	910	270	6,000	750	710
Yorkshire and Humber	710	25,300	850	830	1,200	25,500	860	870
East Midlands	550	21,400	880	1,000	1,200	25,800	1,100	1,500
West Midlands	970	37,200	1,100	970	1,300	30,700	950	1,400
Eastern	600	22,400	680	680	1,900	45,300	1,380	1,400
Greater London								
Inner London	680	22,800	1,100	1,000	420	8,400	400	430
Outer London	620	22,100	750	760	960	25,700	870	880
South East	1,400	47,900	1,000	860	2,700	71,800	1,500	1,400
South West	910	25,900	950	820	2,200	45,300	1,700	1,500

- (1) The population figures relating to day nurseries and playgroups or pre-schools are of children aged 0 to 4 as at 31 March.
(2) These figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

TABLE 8:
Providers and places with childminders and in out of school clubs as at 31 March 2001, by Government Office Region

	Childminders				Out of School Clubs			
	All Childminders	All Places	2001 ¹ places/10,000 children	2000 ¹ places/10,000 children	All Clubs	All Places	2001 ¹ places/10,000 children	2000 ¹ places/10,000 children
ENGLAND	72,300	304,600	630	650	4,900	152,800	820	740
North East	3,300	15,300	650	620	250	8,400	900	680
North West and Merseyside								
North West	7,600	30,900	580	610	250	21,200	1,000	730
Merseyside	1,000	5,200	400	400	110	3,600	700	640
Yorkshire and Humber	6,300	29,500	610	610	540	14,300	750	670
East Midlands	4,700	19,200	500	600	330	13,000	830	710
West Midlands	6,700	32,200	610	590	600	15,700	770	850
Eastern	8,500	32,200	600	710	450	11,800	570	430
Greater London								
Inner London	3,100	10,600	330	350	460	23,200	2,100	2,100
Outer London	8,200	27,700	590	630	370	11,800	670	570
South East	14,400	64,400	820	860	580	17,400	580	520
South West	8,400	36,000	810	710	500	13,100	750	760

- (1) The population figures relating to childminders are of children aged 0 to 7 as at 31 March.
(2) The population figures relating to out of schools clubs are of children aged 5 to 7 as at 31 March.
(3) These figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

TABLE 9:
Providers and places in holiday schemes and family centres as at 31 March 2001, by Government Office Region

	Holiday Schemes				Family Centres		
	All Schemes	All Places	2001 ¹ places/10,000 children	2000 ¹ places/10,000 children	All Centres	Non Local Authority Centres	Local Authority Centres
ENGLAND	12,900	598,000	1,200	2,600	530	100	430
North East	720	24,700	1,000	2,700	30	10	20
North West and Merseyside							
North West	1,000	51,100	960	1,000	70	20	60
Merseyside	260	16,100	1,200	2,600	20	2	20
Yorkshire and Humber	2,000	58,500	1,200	2,700	40	5	30
East Midlands	520	63,700	1,600	2,000	50	4	50
West Midlands	970	35,800	680	1,600	40	9	30
Eastern	900	43,400	810	1,700	50	10	40
Greater London							
Inner London	1,200	63,200	2,000	5,100	40	10	30
Outer London	1,700	77,100	1,600	3,800	50	5	40
South East	2,000	109,000	1,400	3,300	80	7	70
South West	1,600	55,400	1,200	2,600	70	20	50

(1) The population figures relating to holiday schemes are of children aged 5 to 7 as at 31 March.

(2) These figures have been rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate. Figures may not add to totals because of rounding.

SECTION 5

DEFINITIONS AND NOTES

DEFINITIONS

28 The tables in this publication distinguish between day care facilities of the following types:

Day Nursery Services

29 Day nurseries look after under fives for the length of the adult working day. They may be run by Social Services Departments (or Education Departments), voluntary organisations, private companies or individuals as a business, community groups as a co-operative enterprise, employers in the public or private sectors including local authorities and health authorities and Government Departments for their workforce, or any of these bodies on a partnership basis. Children attend part-time or full-time depending on their parents' needs.

Childminders

30 Childminders look after children aged under five and school age children outside school hours and in the holidays. Provision is on domestic premises, usually the childminder's own home. They offer this service all the year round for the full adult working day. Parents and childminders negotiate the terms and conditions.

31 The Children Act 1989 extended registration to places provided by childminders for five to seven year old children. From 1992 to 1999, the data collection form sought information about the number of childminders, the number of places provided solely for those aged under five, for five to seven year olds, or, where a place could be used by either age group, for all aged under eight years. Local authorities were asked to indicate how many of the places for the full age range were available for use by children aged under five years. Information was also collected on the number of children placed by local authorities, by age group.

Playgroups and pre-schools

32 Playgroups and pre-schools provide sessional care for children aged between three and five, although some may take children aged two and a half. They aim to provide learning experiences through structured play opportunities in groups, and with involvement of the parents in all aspects of the operation of the group. Most playgroups are run on a self-help basis by groups of parents with one or two paid staff. Local authorities run a few. Some are called opportunity groups and cater specifically for children with special needs. A playgroup session is a morning or afternoon period that lasts no longer than 4 hours.

Out of school clubs and holiday schemes

33 Out of school clubs provide sessional care before and after school. Holiday schemes provide care all day during school holidays and sometimes at half term. Children are escorted to the facility and stay until collected. In these statistics a holiday scheme is

counted once for each holiday period during which it operates.

Family centres

34 A family centre is a place used or attended by children of any age and/or their parents or those with parental responsibility for them or looking after them. Family centres are likely to provide a range of services and facilities for children (e.g. play sessions, toy libraries, out of school activities), for adults (training opportunities, advice or therapy sessions) and for the whole family (e.g. group work with a professionally qualified person).

35 The majority of local authorities make some provision for care for the under fives in family centres. When the parents are present this would not generally be classified as day care and will not be reflected in the figures here. However, provision in family centres does include care services used by the under fives and their parents and may account for some of the levelling off of local authority day nursery provision. The pattern of attendance varies considerably at family centres. Since 1992, the Day Care Facilities Survey has collected information about the number of family centres operated by local authorities.

NOTES

Local Authority Provision

36 Local authorities provide day care either through their own facilities, or by placing and paying for children in non-local authority facilities.

37 If an authority provides formal day care in family centres in the absence of parents by way of day nursery services or playgroups these have been recorded under the appropriate heading.

Coverage

38 Out of school clubs or holiday schemes provided by a local authority other than Social Services Departments are included on the return. Day nurseries and playgroups run by the Education Department on behalf of the Social Services Department are also covered.

39 For the purposes of registration it is the number of day care providers that are registered (e.g. for day nursery services) rather than the number of premises, but each provider is registered for each location from which he/she operated.

40 Independent nursery schools and registered creches provided in connection with shopping centres are not covered by these statistics.

Estimation of national totals

41 The Day Care Facilities Survey was sent to all local authorities in England for completion. Many authorities who submitted returns were unable to supply complete

figures for all sections. Where an authority was unable to submit a figure an estimate based on the median of the known returns has been included in the national and regional totals. For some items a considerable amount of estimation was required and this should be borne in mind when considering the national totals.

42 Figures in this publication are rounded to the nearest 10 or to the nearest 100.

43 The following conventions are used in the tables:

- .. = not available,
- . = not applicable.

Related Statistics

44 Information on children aged under five in school was published in *Statistics of Education: Schools in England 2001* on 28 September 2001. Further published information about children under five can be found on the Department's website; www.dfes.gov.uk/statistics

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Transfer of responsibilities to the DFEE

46 The responsibility for statistics on day care provision in England transferred from the Department of Health to the Department for Education and Employment in March 1998.

Day Care for Children Aged Under 8 as at 31 March 2001

Day Care Facilities within a Local Authority

LA Name & address (Full Postal Address)	LA number ¹⁻³ <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/> <input type="text"/>
	⁴ Postcode <input type="text"/>

OVERVIEW:

This survey collects information about day care facilities in each local authority area. It is the only source of information about registered day care providers in England and is used to help develop and monitor Government policy.

For March 2001 the form remains virtually unchanged from the previous year. There are questions about new registrations and de-registrations. The form also asks for information about planned and actual inspections, registrations and inspection costs, delays in the registration process during the year ending 31 March 2001.

It is expected that approximately 2 hours will be needed to complete this questionnaire.

Provisional figures from the survey will be published in a Statistical First Release in July 2001 and more detailed information in the Day Care Facilities Bulletin in October 2001.

Should you have any queries about this survey, please contact the survey help line on 01325 392626. The completed form should be returned to Beverley Trelfa, Room 113, Mowden Hall, Staindrop Road, Darlington, DL3 9BG by **30 April 2001**.

Data Collection



Management and Finance

Providers

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Notes for Guidance

Please complete all boxes. If data is not available insert 'N/A', **if data is nil insert '0'**. This will reduce the need for us to query entries and ensure your data is interpreted correctly.

Include every registration once and only once under the type of provision which most nearly describes the facility registered.

A provider should be registered for every location he/she operates from. If a provider is registered for the same type of provision in more than one location, please record them once for each location for which they are registered. Similarly, if a provider is registered for more than one type of provision in the same location then they should be recorded once for each type of provision.

Include out of school clubs or holiday schemes provided by another department of the same authority on behalf of the Social Services Department and day nurseries or playgroups run by the Education Department on behalf of the Social Services Department.

Include formal day care in family centres through day nursery services or playgroups provided by the local authority in the absence of parents, in sections 1 and 3 respectively.

Do not include nurseries or registered creches provided in connection with shopping centres.

Types of day care: The definitions used in this form are based on those in 'The Children Act 1989, Guidance and Regulations, Volume 2 - Family Support, Day Care and Educational Provision for Young Children'.

Places: Generally, the number of places will represent the number registered. However, if the number varies through the week please count the maximum number (*e.g. in local authority premises*).

Form completion: You are required to complete sections 1-7 of this form. **Section 8 is an optional section which should only be completed if the information is readily available.**

Exemptions: The Ca 1989 lists the exemptions from registration as:

- *registered childrens' homes*
- *voluntary childrens' homes*
- *community homes*
- *homes registered under the Registered Homes Act 1984*
- *Portage Service not run by an outside organisation or individual*
- *NHS Hospitals*
- *LEA maintained or assisted schools*
- *independent schools*

For the last 3 bullets above, this means that where such an institution runs a day care activity on its premises as part of the institution they are not required to register that provision. If the activity is run by an outside organisation or individual it is required to be registered.

In addition to the above, child day care activity run on Crown property by someone working for or on behalf of the Crown, may have Crown immunity and may be exempt from registration under the CA-LAC (93) 1 para 52 - even though this is not specified in the Act.

Section 1: Day Nurseries

- Note:**
- Day nurseries look after under 5s for the length of the adult working day, and may also care for children over 5 after school. They may be run by Social Services Departments, voluntary organisations, private companies or individuals as a business, community groups as a co-operative enterprise, employers in the public or private sectors (including local authorities, health authorities and Government Departments) for their workforce, or any of these bodies on a partnership basis. They can also be run by colleges and universities. Children will attend part-time or full-time depending on their parents' needs.

1.1 Day nurseries provided by the local authority

1.1.1 Number of nurseries ⁵

1.1.2 Number of places ⁶

1.2 Other day nurseries registered under S71 CA 1989

1.2.1 Number of nurseries ⁷

1.2.2 Number of places ⁸

1.3 Number of children attending nurseries registered under S71 CA 1989 who are funded by the local authority

⁹

1.4 Day nurseries exempt from registration

Number of providers

¹⁰

Number of places

¹¹

1.5 New registrations and de-registrations of day nurseries in the year ending 31 March 2001

1.5.1 New registrations ¹²

1.5.2 De-registrations and closures ¹³

Section 2: Childminders

- Note:**
- *Childminders look after children aged under five and school age children outside school hours and in the holidays in domestic premises, usually the childminder's own home. They usually offer this service all the year round for the full adult working day. Parents and childminders negotiate the terms and conditions.*
 - *Childminders provided by the local authority are those in a scheme where a retainer or a salary is paid by the local authority.*

2.1 Childminders provided by the local authority

2.1.1	Number of childminders	¹⁴	<input type="text"/>
2.1.2	Number of places	¹⁵	<input type="text"/>
2.1.3	Number of children placed with local authority childminders	¹⁶	<input type="text"/>

2.2 Other registered childminders

2.2.1	Number of childminders	¹⁷	<input type="text"/>
2.2.2	Number of places	¹⁸	<input type="text"/>

2.3 Number of children placed with registered childminders in 2.2 and who are funded by the local authority

¹⁹

2.4 New registrations and de-registrations of Childminders in the year ending 31 March 2001

2.4.1	New registrations	²⁰	<input type="text"/>
2.4.2	De-registrations	²¹	<input type="text"/>

Section 4: Out of school clubs for school age children

- Note:**
- *Out of school clubs offer care for school age children in the absence of the parents/carers. They normally operate before and/or after school for four or five days a week, some operate all year round. They are not open access. They can be run by the local authority, voluntary, community group or private company.*

		Number of:	
		clubs	places
4.1	Total of out of school clubs provided by the local authority		
4.1.1	All clubs	31 <input type="text"/>	32 <input type="text"/>
4.1.2	Of the clubs in 4.1.1., how many are run after school only	33 <input type="text"/>	34 <input type="text"/>
4.1.3	Of the clubs in 4.1.1., how many are run before school only	35 <input type="text"/>	36 <input type="text"/>
4.1.4	Of the clubs in 4.1.1., how many are run before and after school	37 <input type="text"/>	38 <input type="text"/>
4.1.5	Of the clubs in 4.1.1., how many are run at weekends only	39 <input type="text"/>	40 <input type="text"/>

		Number of:	
		providers/location	places
4.2	Total of out of school clubs registered under S71 of CA 1989:		
4.2.1	All clubs	41 <input type="text"/>	42 <input type="text"/>
4.2.2	Of the clubs in 4.2.1., how many are run after school only	43 <input type="text"/>	44 <input type="text"/>
4.2.3	Of the clubs in 4.2.1., how many are run before school only	45 <input type="text"/>	46 <input type="text"/>
4.2.4	Of the clubs in 4.2.1., how many are run before and after school	47 <input type="text"/>	48 <input type="text"/>
4.2.5	Of the clubs in 4.2.1., how many are run at weekends only	49 <input type="text"/>	50 <input type="text"/>
TOTAL	[4.1.1 + 4.2.1]	51 <input style="border: 2px solid black;" type="text"/>	52 <input style="border: 2px solid black;" type="text"/>

4.3	Out of school clubs exempt from registration	53 <input type="text"/>	54 <input type="text"/>
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		Number of:	
		providers/location	places
4.4	New registrations and de-registrations of out of school clubs in the year ending 31 March 2001		
4.4.1	New registrations	55 <input type="text"/>	
4.4.2	De-registrations and closures	56 <input type="text"/>	

Section 5: Holiday schemes for school age children

- Note:**
- *Holiday schemes care for children of school age during the school holidays and operate like out of school clubs (see Section 4).*
 - *(Please count a holiday scheme for each holiday period it is in operation) - e.g. summer holiday, Christmas holiday, Easter holiday, 3 x half-term holidays.*

5.1 Total of of Holiday schemes provided by the local authority

		Number of:	
		schemes	places
5.1.1	Summer	57 <input type="text"/>	58 <input type="text"/>
5.1.2	Christmas	59 <input type="text"/>	60 <input type="text"/>
5.1.3	Easter	61 <input type="text"/>	62 <input type="text"/>
5.1.4	October Half-term	63 <input type="text"/>	64 <input type="text"/>
5.1.5	February Half-term	65 <input type="text"/>	66 <input type="text"/>
5.1.6	May Half-term	67 <input type="text"/>	68 <input type="text"/>
5.1.7	Total	69 <input type="text"/>	70 <input type="text"/>

5.2 Total of of Holiday schemes registered under S71 CA 1989

		Number of:	
		schemes	places
5.2.1	Summer	71 <input type="text"/>	72 <input type="text"/>
5.2.2	Christmas	73 <input type="text"/>	74 <input type="text"/>
5.2.3	Easter	75 <input type="text"/>	76 <input type="text"/>
5.2.4	October Half-term	77 <input type="text"/>	78 <input type="text"/>
5.2.5	February Half-term	79 <input type="text"/>	80 <input type="text"/>
5.2.6	May Half-term	81 <input type="text"/>	82 <input type="text"/>
5.2.7	Total	83 <input type="text"/>	84 <input type="text"/>

5.3 New registrations and de-registrations of holiday schemes in the year ending 31 March 2001

5.3.1	New registrations	87 <input type="text"/>
5.3.2	De-registrations and closures	88 <input type="text"/>

Section 6: Family centres

- Note:**
- *A family centre is a place used or attended by children of any age and their parents/those with parental responsibility for them or looking after them. The range of services or facilities likely to be provided include those for children (e.g. therapy sessions) and for the whole family (e.g. group work with a professionally qualified person).*

6.1 Family centres		Number
6.1.1	Enter the total number of local authority operated family centres	89 <input type="text"/>
6.1.2	Of the centres in 6.1.1 how many provide services for children under 5 and their families only	90 <input type="text"/>
6.1.3	Of the centres in 6.1.1 how many provide services for children over 5 and their families only	91 <input type="text"/>
6.1.4	Of the centres in 6.1.1 how many provide services for children of all ages and their families	92 <input type="text"/>

6.2 Independent Family Centres		
	How many family centres are provided by another source?	93 <input type="text"/>

Section 7: Enforcement Activity

7.1 Inspections in the year ending 31 March 2001		
7.1.1	How many inspections were planned?	94 <input type="text"/>
7.1.2	How many inspections were completed?	95 <input type="text"/>

Section 8: Registration and Inspection of day care costs

IMPORTANT - Section 8 is optional and should only be completed if the information is readily available.

- Note**
- Please include expenditure on under eights day care and childminding registration, inspection and development activities.
 - Please exclude expenditure on other activities which may be the responsibility of the unit but which are not registration / inspection / development activities for the under eights.
 - Exclude under 8.1.7 any subsidy from your own authority.
 - Include under 8.1.7 any income you receive from some other authority or authorities (whether LA or LEA) where your unit provides an R&I service for or on behalf of that authority or authorities.

8.1 Cost of Registration & Inspection Unit of under eight provision

Please estimate or provide the actual cost of the following for the 2000/01 financial year.

		£
8.1.1	Registration costs*	97 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
8.1.2	Inspection costs*	98 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
8.1.3	Training and development services for providers	99 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
8.1.4	Total Cost	100 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

Please estimate or provide the actual income received in the same period

		£
8.1.5	Income from Registration fees	101 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
8.1.6	Income from Inspection fees	102 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
8.1.7	Other income	103 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
8.1.8	Total Income	104 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
8.1.9	Please indicate whether the income and expenditure figures are estimates or actuals?	
	Please tick	
	2000-2001 estimates	105 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>
	2000-2001 actual	106 <input style="width: 100px; height: 20px;" type="text"/>

NB: Important - costs/expenditure and income should include regulation and inspection of childminding and day care for the under eights only.
 * - includes all staffing costs (i.e. salary, training) and non-staff costs (such as accommodation, telecommunications, IT, travel, legal fees, corporate charges)).

8.2 Estimated cost of Registration and Inspection for each provider type.

If possible, please estimate the average cost of a single registration and inspection for each type of provider (includes all staffing costs (i.e. salary, training) and non-staff costs (such as accommodation, telecommunications, IT, travel, legal fees, corporate charges)).

Registration Costs

£

8.2.1	Day Nurseries	107	<input type="text"/>
8.2.2	Playgroups and Pre-schools	108	<input type="text"/>
8.2.3	Out School Groups	109	<input type="text"/>
8.2.4	Holiday Schemes	110	<input type="text"/>
8.2.5	Childminders	111	<input type="text"/>

Inspection Costs

£

8.2.6	Day Nurseries	112	<input type="text"/>
8.2.7	Playgroups and Pre-schools	113	<input type="text"/>
8.2.8	Out School Groups	114	<input type="text"/>
8.2.9	Holiday Schemes	115	<input type="text"/>
8.2.10	Childminders	116	<input type="text"/>

8.3 Timing

8.3.1	How many registrations were not completed within 3 months (sessional care and childminders)?	117	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8.3.2	How many registrations were not completed within 6 months (Full day care)?	118	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
8.3.3	What prevented registrations being completed within the target period?	119	<input type="text"/>	
8.3.4	Which action has the LA already taken to improve the speed of registration?	120	<input type="text"/>	

Section 9: Completion time

9. Please enter the amount of time spent completing this form. This should be shown in minutes.

121

Name

Signature

Date

~ Thank you for completing this questionnaire ~
Please take a copy for your records
(in case we need to contact you about your answers)
and return it by 30 April 2001 to:

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