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PROVISION FOR CHILDREN UNDER FIVE YEARS OF AGE IN ENGLAND - JANUARY 2003

INTRODUCTION

1. This Statistical Bulletin contains information on provision for three and four year olds in the maintained and private, voluntary and independent sectors. It contains figures on numbers of three and four year olds taking up free nursery education places and numbers of free nursery education places taken up by three and four year olds. It contains figures for 2003 and figures for earlier years, generally 1999-2002.

2. The information in the bulletin is relevant to the progress that has been made towards achieving some of the Government's targets for early years and childcare. The Government's policy aims and targets for early years and childcare are:

Early years and childcare aims

The Government is working with families, providers and partners to:

- Increase the availability of affordable, high quality early education in all sectors to give children a firm foundation for future learning.
- Increase the availability of affordable, accessible and quality childcare in every neighbourhood, with a particular focus on extending provision in disadvantaged areas.
- Help increase employment and decrease unemployment with the provision that parents, particularly lone parents, need.
- Promote integrated early education and childcare provision.

Early years and childcare strategic targets

The Government has set out the following targets:

- By April 2004, there will be a free early nursery education place for every three year old whose parents want one.
- By March 2004, 94% of all early years settings, inspected by the Office for

Standards in Education, should be making satisfactory or better progress in delivering the early learning goals.

- By March 2004, the Government will have created 900,000 new childcare places for 1.6 million children, which taking into account turnover, should allow around 1 million extra children to benefit.
- By March 2004, the Government's ambition is that there should be a childcare place for every lone parent entering employment in the most disadvantaged areas.

Childcare statistics fall outside the scope of this bulletin (see related sources of information in the explanatory notes).

KEY POINTS

Three year olds

- The number of 3 year olds taking up places at maintained nursery and primary schools decreased by 4,800 from 223,500 in January 2002 to 218,700 in January 2003; the percentage of the 3 year old population remained the same, at 38%. **See Table 2.**
- The number of 3 year olds taking up places at private and voluntary providers increased by 40,700 from 283,200 or 48% of the 3 year old population in January 2002 to 323,900 or 56% in January 2003. Of these, the number of 3 year olds taking up free nursery education places increased by 85,100 from 184,600 or 31% in January 2002 to 269,700 or 47% in January 2003. **See Table 2.**
- The number of free nursery education places taken up by 3 year olds in the maintained, private, voluntary and independent sectors increased from 408,300 or 68 places per 100 three year old children in January 2002 to 444,800 or 77 places per 100 three year old children in January 2003. **See Table 8.**

Four year olds

- The number of four year olds taking up places at maintained nursery and primary schools decreased by 5,500 from 477,700 in January 2002 to 472,200 in January 2003; the percentage of the four year old

population remained the same, at 80%. See Table 3.

- The number of four year olds taking up places at private and voluntary providers increased by 19,200 from 96,500 or 16% of the three year old population in January 2002 to 115,700 or 19% in January 2003. Of these, the number of four year olds taking up free nursery education places increased by 20,800 from 89,500 or 15% in January 2002 to 110,300 or 19% in January 2003. See Table 3.

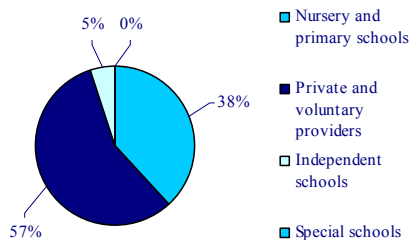
STATISTICAL COMMENTARY

Table 2 Number of three year olds by type of early years provider England 2000-2003

3. In January 2003, 571,300 three year olds or 99% of the three year old population took up places in the maintained and private, voluntary and independent sectors. Of these, 323,900 or 56% of the three year old population attended private and voluntary providers.

4. Chart 1a shows the number of three taking up places at private and voluntary providers, maintained nursery and primary schools, independent schools and special schools expressed as a percentage of the total number of three year olds taking up places.

CHART 1a:
Percentage of three year olds by type of early years education provider, January 2003



5. Over all types of early years education provider, the total number of three year olds increased from 536,300 olds or 90% of the three year old population in January 2002 to 571,300 or 99% in January 2003. The number of three year olds taking up free nursery education places increased from

421,000 or 71% of the three year old population in January 2002 to 509,000 or 88% in January 2003.

6. The number of three year olds taking up places at private and voluntary providers increased by 40,700 from 283,200 or 48% of the three year old population in January 2002 to 323,900 or 56% in January 2003. Of these, the number of three year olds taking up free nursery education places increased by 85,100 from 184,600 or 31% of the three year old population in January 2002 to 269,700 or 47% in January 2003.

7. In January 2003, 218,700 three year olds or 38% of the three year old population took up places at maintained nursery and primary schools, 4,800 fewer than the previous year, when there were 223,500. There were 26,800 three year olds or 5% of the three year old population at independent schools. Of these, the number taking up free nursery education places was 18,700 or 3% in January 2003, up from 10,700 or 2% in January 2002. 1,900 three year olds or less than 0.5% of the three year old population took up places in special schools.

8. Chart 1b shows the number of three year olds taking up places and the number taking up free nursery education places by type of early years education provider.

CHART 1b:
Number of three year olds by type of early years provider, January 2003

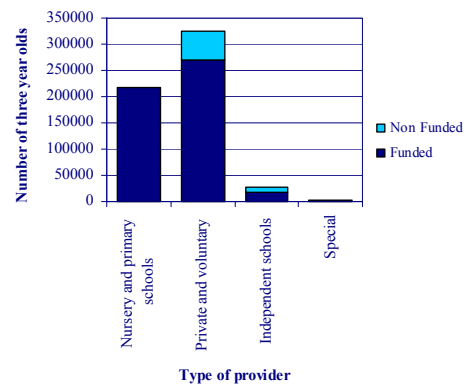
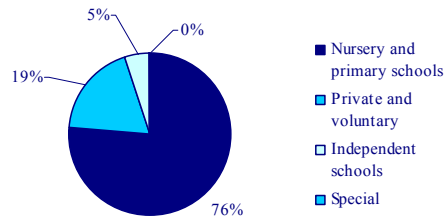


Table 3 Number of four year olds by type of early years education provider England 1999-2003

9. 619,300 four year olds took up places in the maintained and private, voluntary and independent sectors. Chart 2 shows the number of four year olds taking up places at private and voluntary providers, maintained nursery and primary schools, independent schools and special schools expressed as a percentage of the total number of four year olds taking up places.

**CHART 2:
Proportion of four year olds by type of early years provider, January 2003**



10. Over all types of early years education provider, the total number of four year olds increased from 606,300 in January 2002 to 619,300 in January 2003. The number taking up free nursery education places increased from 591,100 in January 2002 to 609,900 in January 2003.

11. The number of four year olds taking up places at private and voluntary providers increased by 19,200 from 96,500 or 16% of the four year old population in January 2002 to 115,700 or 19% in January 2003. Of these, the number taking up free nursery education places increased by 20,800 from 89,500 or 15% in January 2002 to 110,300 or 19% in January 2003.

12. In January 2003, 472,200 four year olds or 80% of the four year old population took up places at maintained nursery and primary schools, 5,500 fewer than the previous year, when there were 477,700. There were 29,000 four year olds or 5% of the four year old population at independent schools. Of these, the number taking up free nursery education places was 24,900 or 4%. There

were 2,500 four year olds, i.e. less than 0.5% of the population, at special schools.

Table 4 Number of three and four year olds in maintained nursery, primary, special and independent schools England 1999-2003

13. 751,100 three and four year olds or 65% of the three and four year old population took up places at maintained or independent schools in January 2003, 11,800 fewer than the previous year. Some 690,900 of these children or 59% of the population took up places at maintained nursery and primary schools, 55,800 or 5% in independent schools and 4,400 or 0.4% in special schools

Table 5 Number of three and four year olds in maintained nursery and primary schools England 1994-2003

14. The number of three and four year olds taking up places at maintained nursery and primary schools decreased for the fifth year running after rising steadily throughout the period 1994 to 1998. For the last 5 years, the percentage of the population of three and four year olds taking up places at maintained nursery and primary schools has remained at 59%.

Table 6 Number of three and four year olds in maintained nursery and primary schools by Government Office region England 2003

15. The number of three and four year olds taking up places at maintained nursery and primary schools expressed as a percentage of the three and four year old population varied from 85% in the North East to 43% in the South West and 41% in the South East.

Table 8 Number of free nursery education places taken up by three and four year olds by Local Education Authority area England 1999-2003

16. The number of free nursery education places taken up by three year olds increased from 408,300 or 68 places per 100 three year old children in January 2002 to 444,800 or 77 places per 100 three year old children in January 2003.

17. The number of free nursery education places taken up by four year olds decreased from 584,500 in January 2002 to 579,300 or 98 places per 100 four year old children in January 2003.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Number of children taking up free nursery education places and number of places taken up by children

18. A free nursery education place consists of five two and a half hour sessions of early years education per week for thirty-three weeks of the year, usually three terms of eleven weeks. Parents do not necessarily take up their full entitlement and one free nursery education place may be taken up by more than one child. For this reason, the number of children taking up free nursery education places can exceed the number of free nursery education places taken up by children. The number of free nursery education places taken up by children is derived by counting children taking up five sessions per week as one place, four sessions per week as 0.8 places, three sessions per week as 0.6 places, 2 sessions per week as 0.4 places and 1 session per week as 0.2 places. A three or four year old child taking up a place at a maintained nursery or primary school is counted as one free nursery education place.

Age of children

19. Since 1996, the Annual Schools Census has collected data on three and four year olds in schools. Since 1999, the Early Years Census has collected data on four year olds taking up places at private and voluntary providers and independent schools registered with Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships. In addition, since 2000, the Early Years Census has collected data on three year olds from private and voluntary providers and independent schools registered with Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships.

20. Children of compulsory school age i.e. children who turn five before the end of December of the previous calendar year, are excluded from this bulletin. For example, for January 2003, three year olds born in the calendar year 1999; four year olds are born in 1998. Children who do not turn three before the end of December of the previous calendar year are excluded too, except that children in schools who were two at the end of August of the previous calendar year are assumed to have turned three by the end of the year.

Population estimates

21. The percentages and rates shown in this bulletin were calculated using population estimates derived from mid-year estimates and projections provided by the Office of National Statistics and the Government Actuary's Department. The population estimates for the two smallest Local Education Authority areas, City of London and Isles of Scilly, are not sufficiently robust to use in the calculations. Percentages and rates have been calculated for Inner London, including City of London, and Cornwall, including the Isles of Scilly. Percentages and rates have not been calculated for the City of London and Isles of Scilly, individually.

22. The population estimates are subject to a margin of error and should be considered to be approximations. For example, National Census 2001 population estimates for the three year old population in England were accurate to within 1%. Population estimates for later years and sub-national population estimates will be less accurate. For this reason, and also because the counts of children taking up nursery education places do not correspond exactly to the counts of children in the population, percentages and rates may be overstated or understated and percentage may exceed 100% in some instances. Children not resident in England are included in the count of children taking up nursery education places.

Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships

23. Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships are convened by Local Education Authorities and bring together all local parties to map out early education and childcare services. Through their Annual Plans they are obliged to guarantee good quality part time nursery education places for all four year olds whose parents want one and some three year olds. These places can be in the maintained and private, voluntary and independent sectors. Since September 1998 all four year olds have had access to three terms of free nursery education prior to reaching compulsory school age. The Government has set out the following target:

By April 2004, there will be a free early education place for every three year old whose parents want one.

24. From April 2003, nursery education funding was made available to Local Education Authorities (LEAs) in the under

fives sub-block of their Education Formula Spending Share (EFSS), their main education budget. The calculation of EFSS feeds into the Local Government Finance Settlement. This is usually announced provisionally in November. The pupil numbers that feed into these calculations come mainly from the Pupil Level Annual Schools' Census collection for the previous January. From April 2005 authorities' nursery education funding will be calculated on this basis. Until this time authorities will receive sufficient funding to enable them to meet their legal obligation of universal provision for three and four year olds by April 2004. As in the 2003-2004 financial year, authorities will receive sufficient funding for at least 85% of their three year old population.

Nursery and Infant Classes in Maintained Primary Schools

25. For January 2001, the Annual Schools' Census database did not distinguish between nursery and infant classes. It was therefore not possible to produce the detailed information on:

- Maintained nursery schools and nursery classes in maintained primary schools, and
- Infant classes in maintained primary schools that has been produced previously.

Sources of information

26. Information about pupils attending maintained and independent schools was derived from the Department for Education and Skills' Annual Schools' Census. The Annual Schools' Census collects information from all schools in January each year. Information about children attending private and voluntary providers and taking up free nursery education places at independent schools was derived from the Department's Early Years Census. The Early Years Census collects information from providers registered with Early Years Development and Childcare Partnerships in January each year.

27. For 2003, for children taking up places at private and voluntary providers or free places at independent schools, the figures were scaled up from Early Years Census returns from 16,900 of the 19,400 providers in the private, voluntary and independent sector. For earlier years the figures were not scaled up and may be based on fewer than all providers.

28. Information on the number of free nursery education places taken up by three and four year olds at maintained nursery and primary schools was derived from the Annual Schools' Census. Information on the number of free nursery education places taken up by three year olds at providers, other than maintained nursery and primary schools, in the maintained, private, voluntary and independent sectors, was derived from the Department for Education and Skills' Nursery Education Grant Data collection exercise. Information on the number of free nursery education places taken up by four year olds at providers, other than maintained nursery and primary schools, in the maintained, private, voluntary and independent sectors was derived from the Department for Education and Skills' supplementary data collection exercise. The supplementary data collection exercise collected data on four year old children taking up free nursery education places.

Related sources of information

29. Statistics on the number of full day care places were published on 30 September 2003 in a report by Ofsted 'Registered Childcare Providers and Places in England, 30 June 2003', which is available on the Ofsted website, www.ofsted.gov.uk/publications.

30. Statistical Bulletin 08/2001 'Children's Day Care Facilities at 31st March 2001' contains figures on children's day care facilities in England for children who were under eight years of age. It covers local authority provision of day nurseries, playgroups, childminders, out of school clubs and holiday schemes. The figures in the bulletin cover numbers of providers, numbers of places provided and numbers of children attending local authority provision.

**Table 1: Number of three and four year olds (1) (2) (3) by type of early years education provider
England
2000 - 2003**

Position in January each year

	2000	2001	2002	2003
Private and voluntary providers (4)				
Number	364,800	386,200	379,800	439,600 (5)
Percentage of population (6)	30	32	32	38
Number taking up funded places	125,000 (7)	208,200 (7)	274,000 (7)	380,000 (5)(7)
Percentage of population (6)	10	17	23	32
Independent schools				
Number	54,400	55,500	56,800	55,800
Percentage of population (6)	4	5	5	5
Number taking up funded places	22,900 (7)	27,300 (7)	31,900 (7)	43,400 (5)(7)
Percentage of population (6)	2	2	3	4
Nursery and primary schools:				
Number	713,600	709,500	701,200	690,900
Percentage of population (6)	59	58	59	59
Number taking up funded places	713,600	709,500	701,200	690,900
Percentage of population (6)	59	59	59	59
Nursery schools and nursery classes in primary schools				
Number	362,700	..	341,400	331,400
Percentage of population (6)	30	..	29	28
Number taking up funded places	362,700	..	341,400	331,400
Percentage of population (6)	30	..	29	28
Infant classes in primary schools (8)				
Number	350,900	..	359,900	359,500
Percentage of population (6)	29	..	30	31
Number taking up funded places	350,900	..	359,900	359,500
Percentage of population (6)	29	..	30	31
Special schools (9)				
Number	4,900	5,000	4,800	4,400
Percentage of population (6)	-	-	-	-
Number taking up funded places	4,900	5,000	4,800	4,400
Percentage of population (6)	-	-	-	-
All providers (10)				
Number	1,137,700	1,156,100	1,142,700	1,190,600
Percentage of population (6)	93	95	96	102
Number taking up funded places	866,400	950,100	1,012,000	1,118,700
Percentage of population (6)	71	78	85	96

(1) Headcount of children aged three and four at 31st December in the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest hundred.

(2) Numbers of three and four year olds in schools may include some two year olds.

(3) Any child attending more than one provider may have been counted twice.

(4) Includes some Local Authority providers (other than schools) registered to receive nursery education grants; excludes independent schools and providers not registered to receive nursery education grants.

(5) Scaled up from the data as returned by providers to all providers of early years education.

(6) Numbers of three and four year olds taking up places expressed as a percentage of the three and four year old population.

(7) Providers returned the number of places for three and four year olds for which they had received or expected to receive funding; Nursery Education Grants for places for three year olds were available in only 65 Local Education Authority areas in January 2000.

(8) Includes reception and other classes not designated as nursery classes.

(9) Includes general hospital schools.

(10) Rounding of components may cause discrepancies in totals.

.. Not available.

- less than 0.5%

**Table 2: Number of three year olds (1) (2) (3) by type of early years education provider
England
2000 - 2003**

Position in January each year

	2000	2001	2002	2003
Private and voluntary providers (4)				
Number	268,800	285,100	283,200	323,900 (5)
Percentage of population (6)	44	47	48	56
Number taking up funded places	37,000 (7)	116,900 (7)	184,600 (7)	269,700 (5)(7)
Percentage of population (6)	6	19	31	47
Independent schools				
Number	25,900	27,200	27,400	26,800
Percentage of population (6)	4	5	5	5
Number taking up funded places	2,500 (7)	6,100 (7)	10,700 (7)	18,700 (5)(7)
Percentage of population (6)	-	1	2	3
Nursery and primary schools:				
Number	229,900	226,600	223,500	218,700
Percentage of population (6)	38	38	38	38
Number taking up funded places	229,900	226,600	223,500	218,700
Percentage of population (6)	38	37	38	38
Nursery schools and nursery classes in primary schools				
Number	228,400	..	222,000	216,200
Percentage of population (6)	37	..	37	37
Number taking up funded places	228,400	..	222,000	216,200
Percentage of population (6)	37	..	37	37
Infant classes in primary schools (8)				
Number	1,500	..	1,600	2,500
Percentage of population (6)	-	..	-	-
Number taking up funded places	1,500	..	1,600	2,500
Percentage of population (6)	-	..	-	-
Special schools (9)				
Number	2,300	2,300	2,100	1,900
Percentage of population (6)	-	-	-	-
Number taking up funded places	2,300	2,300	2,100	1,900
Percentage of population (6)	-	-	-	-
All providers (10)				
Number	526,900	541,100	536,300	571,300
Percentage of population (6)	86	89	90	99
Number taking up funded places	271,700	351,900	421,000	509,000
Percentage of population (6)	44	58	71	88

(1) Headcount of children aged three at 31st December in the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest hundred.

(2) Numbers of three year olds in schools may include some two year olds.

(3) Any child attending more than one provider may have been counted twice.

(4) Includes some Local Authority providers (other than schools) registered to receive nursery education grants; excludes independent schools and providers not registered to receive nursery education grants.

(5) Scaled up from the data as returned by providers to all providers of early years education.

(6) Numbers of three year olds taking up places expressed as a percentage of the three year old population.

(7) Providers returned the number of places for three and four year olds for which they had received or expected to receive funding; Nursery Education Grants for places for three year olds were available in only 65 Local Education Authority areas in January 2000.

(8) Includes reception and other classes not designated as nursery classes.

(9) Includes general hospital schools.

(10) Rounding of components may cause discrepancies in totals.

.. Not available.

- less than 0.5%

**Table 3: Number of four year olds (1)(2) by type of early years education provider
England
1999 - 2003**

Position in January each year

	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Private and voluntary providers (3)					
Number	95,100	96,000	101,100	96,500	115,700 (4)
Percentage of population (5)	15	16	17	16	19
Number taking up funded places	.. (6)	88,000 (6)	91,300 (6)	89,500 (6)	110,300 (4)(6)
Percentage of population (5)	..	14	15	15	19
Independent schools					
Number	28,700	28,500	28,300	29,400	29,000
Percentage of population (5)	5	5	5	5	5
Number taking up funded places	.. (6)	20,400 (6)	21,200 (6)	21,200 (6)	24,900 (4)(6)
Percentage of population (5)	..	3	3	4	4
Nursery and primary schools:					
Number	496,400	483,700	482,800	477,700	472,200
Percentage of population (5)	80	80	79	80	80
Number taking up funded places	..	483,700	482,800	477,700	472,200
Percentage of population (5)	..	80	79	80	80
Nursery schools and nursery classes in primary schools					
Number	142,400	134,300	..	119,400	115,100
Percentage of population (5)	23	22	..	20	19
Number taking up funded places	..	134,300	..	119,400	115,100
Percentage of population (5)	..	22	..	20	19
Infant classes in primary schools (7)					
Number	353,900	349,400	..	358,300	357,000
Percentage of population (5)	57	57	..	60	60
Number taking up funded places	..	349,400	..	358,300	357,000
Percentage of population (5)	..	57	..	60	60
Special schools (8)					
Number	2,900	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,500
Percentage of population (5)	0.5	-	-	-	-
Number taking up funded places	..	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,500
Percentage of population (5)	..	-	-	-	-
All providers (9)					
Number	623,100	610,900	614,900	606,300	619,300
Percentage of population (5)	101	100	101	101	104
Number taking up funded places	..	594,800	598,000	591,100	609,900
Percentage of population (5)	..	98	98	98	103

(1) Headcount of children aged four at 31st December in the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest hundred.

(2) Any child attending more than one provider may have been counted twice.

(3) Includes some Local Authority providers (other than schools) registered to receive nursery education grants; excludes independent schools and providers not registered to receive nursery education grants.

(4) Scaled up from the data as returned by providers to all providers of early years education.

(5) Numbers of four year olds taking up places expressed as a percentage of the four year old population.

(6) Providers returned the number of places for four year olds for which they had received or expected to receive funding.

(7) Includes reception and other classes not designated as nursery classes.

(8) Includes general hospital schools.

(9) Rounding of components may cause discrepancies in totals.

.. Not available.

- less than 0.5%

**Table 4: Number of 3 and 4 year olds (1) in maintained nursery, primary, special and independent schools
England
1999 - 2003**

Position in January each year

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
ALL SCHOOLS						
Number	3 (2)	254,100	258,000	256,300	253,100	247,400
	4	528,000	514,900	513,800	509,800	503,700
	3 + 4 (2)	782,000	772,900	769,900	762,900	751,100
Percentage (3)	3 (2)	42	42	42	43	43
	4	84	84	84	85	85
	3 + 4 (2)	63	63	63	64	64
MAINTAINED NURSERY AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS						
Number	3 (2)	225,700	229,900	226,600	223,500	218,700
	4	496,400	483,700	482,800	477,700	472,200
	3 + 4 (2)	722,000	713,600	709,500	701,200	690,900
Percentage (3)	3 (2)	37	38	38	38	38
	4	80	80	79	80	80
	3 + 4 (2)	59	59	59	59	59
OF WHICH:						
Nursery schools and nursery classes in primary schools						
Number	3 (2)	224,500	228,400	..	222,000	216,200
	4	142,400	134,300	..	119,400	115,100
	3 + 4 (2)	366,900	362,700	..	341,400	331,400
Percentage (3)	3 (2)	37	38	..	37	37
	4	23	22	..	20	19
	3 + 4 (2)	30	30	..	29	28
Infant classes in primary schools (4)						
Number	3 (2)	1,100	1,500	..	1,600	2,500
	4	353,900	349,400	..	358,300	357,000
	3 + 4 (2)	355,100	350,900	..	359,900	359,500
Percentage (3)	3 (2)	0.2	0.2	..	0.3	0.4
	4	57	57	..	60	60
	3 + 4 (2)	29	29	..	30	31
INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS (5)						
Number	3 (2)	25,900	25,900	27,200	27,400	26,800
	4	28,700	28,500	28,300	29,400	29,000
	3 + 4 (2)	54,600	54,400	55,500	56,800	55,800
Percentage (3)	3 (2)	4	4	5	5	5
	4	5	5	5	5	5
	3 + 4 (2)	4	4	5	5	5
SPECIAL SCHOOLS (6)(7)						
Number	3 (2)	2,500	2,300	2,300	2,100	1,900
	4	2,900	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,500
	3 + 4 (2)	5,400	4,900	5,000	4,800	4,400
Percentage (3)	3 (2)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
	4	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.4
	3 + 4 (2)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4

(1) Headcount of children aged 3 and 4 at 31st December in the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest 100.

(2) Numbers of 3 and 4 year olds in schools may include some 2 year olds.

(3) Number attending provider expressed as a percentage of the relevant population.

(4) Includes reception and other classes not designated as nursery classes.

(5) Includes direct grant nursery schools.

(6) Includes general hospital schools.

(7) Excludes pupils who are also registered elsewhere.

.. not available.

**Table 5: Number of 3 and 4 year olds (1) (2) in maintained nursery and primary schools
England
1994-2003**

Position in January each year

Year	Nursery schools			Nursery classes in primary schools			All full-time and part-time pupils in nursery schools and nursery classes			Other pupils under 5 in infant classes in primary schools (3)					All pupils under 5 in nursery and primary schools		
	Number of schools	Number of pupils		Number of schools	Number of pupils		Age at previous 31 December		Total	Number of pupils		Age at previous 31 December		Total	Number of pupils	Percentage of population at previous 31 December	
		Full-time	Part-time		Full-time	Part-time	3	4		Full-time	Part-time	3	4			Nursery schools & classes	All pupils under 5
1994	550	8,900	43,300	5,100	27,300	267,000	..	..	346,600	299,200	28,800	..	..	328,000	674,600	27	52
1995	550	8,700	43,900	5,400	27,500	275,900	..	..	356,000	313,800	30,000	..	..	343,800	699,800	27	53
1996	550	8,600	43,500	5,600	28,400	283,700	209,300	155,000	364,300	314,600	29,600	800	343,400	344,200	708,500	28	54
1997	540	8,500	42,200	5,800	30,100	286,500	213,200	154,200	367,400	317,100	29,100	900	345,200	346,100	713,500	29	56
1998	530	8,200	40,400	6,000	30,700	289,100	220,900	147,500	368,400	321,100	31,000	1,200	351,000	352,100	720,500	29	57
1999	520	8,400	39,100	6,200	31,700	287,900	224,500	142,400	366,900	324,200	30,900	1,100	353,900	355,100	722,000	30	59
2000	510	8,000	38,300	6,200	31,500	284,900	228,400	134,300	362,700	321,900	29,100	1,500	349,400	350,900	713,600	30	59
2001	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	709,500	..	59
2002	490	8,300	34,000	6,400	33,400	265,600	222,000	119,400	341,400	329,600	30,300	1,550	358,300	359,900	701,200	29	59
2003	480	8,300	32,100	6,400	34,400	256,500	216,200	115,100	331,400	331,600	27,800	2,500	357,000	359,500	690,900	28	59

(1) Headcount of children aged 3 and 4 at 31st December in the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate.

(2) Numbers of 3 and 4 year olds may include some 2 year olds.

(3) Includes reception and other classes not designated as nursery classes.

.. not available.

**Table 6: Number of 3 and 4 year olds (1)(2) in maintained nursery and primary schools by Government Office region
England**

January 2003

	Nursery Schools			Nursery classes in primary schools			All full-time and part-time pupils in nursery schools and nursery classes			Other pupils under 5 in infant classes in primary schools(3)					All pupils under 5 in nursery and primary schools		
	Number of Pupils			Number of Pupils			Age at previous 31 December			Number of Pupils		Age at previous 31 December			Percentage of population at previous 31 December		
	Number of schools	Full-time	Part-time	Number of schools	Full-time	Part-time	3	4	Total	Full-time	Part-time	3	4	Total	Number of pupils	Nursery schools & classes under 5	
																All	pupils
ENGLAND	480	8,300	32,100	6,400	34,400	256,500	216,200	115,100	331,400	331,600	27,800	2,500	357,000	359,500	690,900	28	59
NORTH EAST	50	630	3,200	570	1,200	23,000	20,000	8,000	28,000	18,600	490	80	19,000	19,100	47,100	51	85
NORTH WEST	90	710	6,200	1,200	9,700	36,000	36,500	16,100	52,700	51,800	730	340	52,200	52,500	105,200	33	67
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	40	570	3,200	910	2,700	40,500	30,100	16,900	47,000	33,800	1,800	540	35,100	35,600	82,600	40	70
EAST MIDLANDS	40	100	3,000	480	1,600	24,700	17,800	11,700	29,400	26,600	2,200	520	28,300	28,800	58,200	30	60
WEST MIDLANDS	70	1,600	3,700	830	5,700	31,200	28,500	13,700	42,200	40,300	1,600	40	41,900	41,900	84,100	33	66
EAST OF ENGLAND	40	230	3,800	600	460	23,000	15,500	11,900	27,400	33,900	5,200	400	38,700	39,100	66,500	21	51
LONDON	90	3,300	4,500	1,300	12,000	50,000	46,900	22,800	69,700	50,900	1,700	440	52,200	52,600	122,300	37	66
INNER LONDON	50	2,300	2,400	570	9,800	15,800	21,400	9,000	30,400	19,500	370	300	19,500	19,800	50,200	42	70
OUTER LONDON	40	920	2,100	710	2,100	34,200	25,600	13,800	39,300	31,500	1,300	140	32,700	32,800	72,100	35	63
SOUTH EAST	50	540	3,600	390	370	18,900	13,000	10,300	23,400	43,000	11,100	80	54,100	54,100	77,500	12	41
SOUTH WEST	20	700	1,000	230	670	9,200	7,800	3,700	11,600	32,800	3,000	30	35,700	35,800	47,300	11	43

(1) Headcount of children aged 3 and 4 at 31st December in the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate.

(2) Numbers of 3 and 4 year olds may include some 2 year olds.

(3) Includes reception and other classes not designated as nursery classes.

Table 7: Number of 3 and 4 year olds (1)(2) in maintained nursery and primary schools by Local Education Authority area England

January 2003

	Nursery Schools			Nursery classes in primary schools			All full-time and part-time pupils in nursery schools and		
	Number of Pupils			Number of Pupils			Age at previous 31 December		
	Number of schools	Full-time	Part-time	Number of schools	Full-time	Part-time	3	4	Total
ENGLAND	480	8,300	32,100	6,400	34,400	256,500	216,200	115,100	331,400
NORTH EAST	50	630	3,210	570	1,200	23,000	20,000	8,000	28,000
Darlington	10	-	700	10	-	480	870	310	1,200
Durham	10	-	1,200	80	50	3,800	3,500	1,400	5,000
Gateshead	-	20	30	50	40	1,600	1,200	530	1,700
Hartlepool	-	-	50	30	-	1,200	920	330	1,300
Middlesbrough	-	-	-	40	-	2,100	1,500	510	2,100
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	10	580	30	50	890	890	1,600	750	2,400
North Tyneside	-	-	110	50	100	2,000	1,600	620	2,200
Northumberland	-	-	60	80	20	2,700	2,000	830	2,800
Redcar and Cleveland	-	-	-	50	30	2,000	1,500	530	2,000
South Tyneside	10	-	330	30	-	1,500	1,300	510	1,800
Stockton-on-Tees	-	-	-	60	-	2,300	1,600	680	2,300
Sunderland	10	30	750	60	60	2,500	2,400	950	3,300
NORTH WEST	90	710	6,200	1,200	9,700	36,000	36,500	16,100	52,700
Blackburn with Darwen	10	-	730	10	-	620	960	400	1,400
Blackpool	-	-	-	10	10	440	300	140	400
Bolton	-	40	350	50	230	2,100	1,900	740	2,700
Bury	-	20	60	40	400	970	960	480	1,400
Cheshire	-	-	190	70	20	2,800	2,100	900	3,000
Cumbria	10	130	250	90	60	2,700	2,000	1,200	3,200
Halton	-	-	390	10	20	320	520	210	730
Knowsley	-	-	-	50	260	2,000	1,600	660	2,300
Lancashire	30	10	2,300	80	10	3,300	3,900	1,700	5,600
Liverpool	10	150	250	90	360	3,800	3,200	1,300	4,600
Manchester	-	90	40	130	4,300	870	3,700	1,700	5,300
Oldham	-	-	-	60	1,000	1,100	1,500	710	2,200
Rochdale	-	-	300	40	150	1,400	1,300	620	1,900
Salford	-	-	-	80	2,060	330	1,500	870	2,400
Sefton	-	-	290	50	110	2,000	1,700	690	2,400
St. Helens	-	-	130	30	-	1,300	980	470	1,500
Stockport	10	240	370	50	10	1,700	1,600	640	2,300
Tameside	-	-	70	50	90	2,000	1,500	650	2,200
Trafford	-	-	-	50	520	1,600	1,500	620	2,100
Warrington	-	-	90	30	-	1,100	880	340	1,200
Wigan	-	-	210	30	10	1,800	1,400	570	2,000
Wirral	-	40	210	50	10	1,700	1,400	620	2,000
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	40	570	3,200	910	2,700	40,500	30,100	16,900	47,000
Barnsley	-	10	50	50	-	2,900	1,400	1,500	2,900
Bradford	10	210	460	110	340	5,500	4,600	1,900	6,500
Calderdale	-	-	-	40	310	1,300	1,100	520	1,600
Doncaster	-	-	-	70	-	3,100	2,100	1,000	3,100
East Riding of Yorkshire	-	-	480	40	130	1,300	1,100	880	1,900
Kingston Upon Hull, City of	-	170	70	60	780	2,200	1,800	1,400	3,200
Kirklees	-	-	310	70	10	2,800	2,000	1,200	3,100
Leeds	-	-	-	150	70	7,200	5,200	2,000	7,300
North East Lincolnshire	-	70	240	20	300	1,100	970	760	1,700
North Lincolnshire	-	-	-	30	430	790	560	660	1,200
North Yorkshire	-	-	220	60	50	2,100	1,500	860	2,400
Rotherham	-	50	310	50	70	1,900	1,500	780	2,300
Sheffield	10	80	570	60	210	3,500	3,200	1,200	4,400
Wakefield	-	-	350	80	30	4,000	2,500	1,900	4,400
York	-	-	110	20	-	900	640	370	1,000

Other pupils under 5 in infant classes in primary schools(3)					All pupils under 5 in nursery and primary schools				
Number of Pupils		Age at previous 31 December			Total	Percentage of population at previous 31 December			
		3	4			Number of pupils	Nursery schools & classes	All pupils under 5	
Full-time	Part-time								
331,600	27,800	2,500	357,000	359,500	690,900	28	59	ENGLAND	
18,600	500	80	19,000	19,100	47,100	51	85	NORTH EAST	
740	20	-	760	760	1,900	50	82	Darlington	
3,600	-	-	3,600	3,600	8,600	47	81	Durham	
1,400	20	10	1,400	1,400	3,100	40	74	Gateshead	
750	10	10	760	760	2,000	60	97	Hartlepool	
1,100	-	-	1,100	1,100	3,200	63	97	Middlesbrough	
1,700	70	-	1,800	1,800	4,200	43	76	Newcastle-upon-Tyne	
1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500	3,800	55	92	North Tyneside	
2,200	140	10	2,400	2,400	5,200	43	80	Northumberland	
930	130	10	1,100	1,100	3,100	67	102	Redcar and Cleveland	
1,100	-	-	1,100	1,100	2,900	54	86	South Tyneside	
1,400	60	40	1,400	1,500	3,700	54	89	Stockton-on-Tees	
2,100	40	10	2,100	2,100	5,400	55	89	Sunderland	
51,800	730	340	52,200	52,500	105,200	33	67	NORTH WEST	
1,300	-	-	1,300	1,300	2,700	32	63	Blackburn with Darwen	
1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000	1,500	14	47	Blackpool	
2,200	40	30	2,200	2,200	4,900	40	73	Bolton	
1,400	100	100	1,400	1,500	3,000	32	65	Bury	
4,900	40	-	4,900	4,900	7,900	19	52	Cheshire	
3,300	90	10	3,400	3,400	6,600	31	65	Cumbria	
1,000	40	-	1,000	1,000	1,700	25	59	Halton	
1,300	-	-	1,300	1,300	3,600	62	96	Knowsley	
8,500	-	-	8,500	8,500	14,100	21	54	Lancashire	
3,300	10	-	3,300	3,300	7,800	47	81	Liverpool	
3,300	20	60	3,300	3,400	8,700	56	92	Manchester	
2,000	10	40	2,000	2,000	4,200	36	69	Oldham	
1,800	10	10	1,800	1,800	3,700	34	67	Rochdale	
1,600	10	-	1,600	1,600	4,000	49	83	Salford	
2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	4,400	41	74	Sefton	
1,400	-	-	1,400	1,400	2,900	36	70	St. Helens	
2,100	20	-	2,200	2,200	4,400	35	68	Stockport	
1,600	190	20	1,700	1,700	3,900	43	77	Tameside	
1,600	80	60	1,700	1,700	3,800	43	79	Trafford	
1,600	-	-	1,600	1,600	2,800	26	59	Warrington	
2,300	-	-	2,300	2,300	4,300	29	61	Wigan	
2,300	40	20	2,300	2,300	4,300	28	61	Wirral	
33,800	1,800	540	35,100	35,600	82,600	40	70	YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	
710	110	-	820	820	3,800	59	75	Barnsley	
4,000	190	-	4,200	4,200	10,700	49	80	Bradford	
1,600	-	10	1,600	1,600	3,200	32	66	Calderdale	
2,300	50	-	2,400	2,400	5,400	46	81	Doncaster	
1,800	10	-	1,800	1,800	3,700	29	56	East Riding of Yorkshire	
1,200	70	-	1,200	1,200	4,500	56	77	Kingston Upon Hull, City of	
3,300	90	30	3,400	3,400	6,500	30	63	Kirklees	
5,200	40	20	5,200	5,300	12,500	45	77	Leeds	
840	70	20	880	900	2,600	45	68	North East Lincolnshire	
860	70	20	910	930	2,100	35	62	North Lincolnshire	
3,900	260	120	4,000	4,100	6,500	20	54	North Yorkshire	
2,000	330	230	2,100	2,300	4,600	38	77	Rotherham	
3,800	-	-	3,800	3,800	8,200	38	70	Sheffield	
1,200	450	100	1,600	1,700	6,000	60	83	Wakefield	
1,100	90	-	1,200	1,200	2,200	27	58	York	

Table 7: Number of 3 and 4 year olds (1)(2) in maintained nursery and primary schools by Local Education Authority area England

January 2003

	Nursery Schools			Nursery classes in primary schools			All full-time and part-time pupils in nursery schools and		
	Number of Pupils			Number of Pupils			Age at previous 31 December		
	Number of schools	Full-time	Part-time	Number of schools	Full-time	Part-time	3	4	Total
EAST MIDLANDS	40	100	3,000	480	1,600	24,700	17,800	11,700	29,400
Derby	10	30	560	40	70	2,100	1,800	900	2,700
Derbyshire	10	10	660	90	10	4,300	3,500	1,500	5,000
Leicester City	-	-	20	60	960	2,700	2,000	1,700	3,700
Leicestershire	-	-	40	10	-	100	100	80	180
Lincolnshire	10	50	500	40	20	1,700	1,600	700	2,300
Northamptonshire	10	-	810	40	10	2,600	2,400	970	3,400
Nottingham	-	-	230	80	530	3,700	2,300	2,200	4,400
Nottinghamshire	-	10	170	120	50	7,400	4,000	3,600	7,600
Rutland	-	-	-	-	-	110	80	20	110
WEST MIDLANDS	70	1,600	3,700	830	5,700	31,200	28,500	13,700	42,200
Birmingham	30	1,000	920	160	3,200	5,000	6,700	3,400	10,100
Coventry	-	10	150	60	50	2,400	1,800	830	2,600
Dudley	-	-	90	40	310	2,600	2,100	920	3,000
Herefordshire	-	-	-	10	-	540	340	200	540
Sandwell	-	-	-	80	210	3,900	2,900	1,200	4,100
Shropshire	-	-	-	40	10	1,300	520	780	1,300
Solihull	-	-	-	60	20	2,100	1,400	760	2,100
Staffordshire	10	-	730	70	10	2,600	2,300	1,100	3,300
Stoke-on-Trent	10	390	-	70	1,800	370	1,600	920	2,500
Telford and Wrekin	-	-	140	20	-	1,200	990	360	1,300
Walsall	10	40	710	80	-	3,100	2,700	1,100	3,800
Warwickshire	10	40	550	40	180	1,300	1,400	700	2,100
Wolverhampton	10	110	350	60	-	2,900	2,500	890	3,300
Worcestershire	-	-	50	50	10	1,900	1,300	640	1,900
EAST OF ENGLAND	40	230	3,800	600	460	23,000	15,500	11,900	27,400
Bedfordshire	10	100	640	40	220	1,600	1,200	1,300	2,600
Cambridgeshire	10	10	530	20	20	1,000	1,100	480	1,600
Essex	-	-	300	70	90	3,200	2,000	1,700	3,600
Hertfordshire	20	40	1,200	240	20	8,400	6,300	3,500	9,700
Luton	10	70	610	20	10	630	820	500	1,300
Norfolk	-	-	250	70	10	2,500	1,800	920	2,800
Peterborough	-	10	140	10	-	230	250	120	380
Southend-on-Sea	-	-	-	10	-	670	450	230	670
Suffolk	-	-	100	100	80	3,600	1,100	2,700	3,800
Thurrock	-	-	-	20	10	1,100	530	540	1,100
LONDON	90	3,300	4,500	1,300	12,000	50,000	46,900	22,800	69,700
INNER LONDON⁴	50	2,300	2,400	570	9,800	15,800	21,400	9,000	30,400
Camden	-	80	-	30	860	340	890	390	1,300
Hackney	-	60	100	50	930	1,100	1,500	700	2,200
Hammersmith and Fulham	10	350	110	30	670	490	1,200	430	1,600
Haringey	-	130	110	50	560	1,800	1,800	820	2,600
Islington	-	160	120	40	1,000	440	1,200	520	1,700
Kensington and Chelsea	-	200	40	20	540	80	630	230	860
Lambeth	10	210	280	50	630	1,500	1,900	750	2,700
Lewisham	-	110	130	60	420	2,000	1,900	780	2,700
Newham	10	200	770	60	170	3,600	3,400	1,300	4,700
Southwark	10	280	300	60	910	1,500	2,100	920	3,000
Tower Hamlets	10	360	200	60	1,600	1,100	2,200	960	3,200
Wandsworth	-	120	80	50	1,000	1,100	1,600	710	2,300
Westminster	-	80	160	30	540	660	990	440	1,400

Other pupils under 5 in infant classes in primary schools(3)					All pupils under 5 in nursery and primary schools			
Number of Pupils		Age at previous 31 December			Percentage of population at previous 31 December			
		3	4	Total	Number of pupils	Nursery schools & classes	All pupils under 5	
Full-time	Part-time							
26,600	2,200	520	28,300	28,800	58,200	30	60	EAST MIDLANDS
1,700	50	-	1,700	1,700	4,400	49	80	Derby
5,500	360	230	5,600	5,800	10,800	30	65	Derbyshire
1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800	5,500	50	74	Leicester City
4,700	130	10	4,800	4,900	5,000	1	36	Leicestershire
4,700	350	170	4,900	5,100	7,400	16	52	Lincolnshire
5,200	-	-	5,200	5,200	8,600	21	55	Northamptonshire
600	100	-	740	740	5,200	75	87	Nottingham
2,100	1,200	110	3,200	3,300	10,900	46	66	Nottinghamshire
200	-	-	240	240	340	14	45	Rutland
40,300	1,600	40	41,900	41,900	84,100	33	66	WEST MIDLANDS
8,800	20	-	8,800	8,800	18,900	36	68	Birmingham
2,300	20	-	2,300	2,300	4,900	35	66	Coventry
2,200	-	-	2,200	2,200	5,300	44	76	Dudley
1,100	40	-	1,100	1,100	1,700	14	42	Herefordshire
2,400	10	-	2,400	2,400	6,500	57	91	Sandwell
1,000	60	10	1,000	1,000	2,300	21	37	Shropshire
1,700	-	-	1,700	1,700	3,800	46	82	Solihull
6,200	1,200	10	7,400	7,400	10,700	18	59	Staffordshire
1,700	60	-	1,700	1,700	4,300	47	79	Stoke-on-Trent
1,300	30	10	1,400	1,400	2,700	32	64	Telford and Wrekin
2,200	20	10	2,200	2,200	6,000	58	91	Walsall
3,700	-	-	3,700	3,700	5,800	18	49	Warwickshire
1,900	-	-	1,900	1,900	5,200	60	93	Wolverhampton
3,800	180	-	4,000	4,000	5,900	16	48	Worcestershire
33,900	5,200	400	38,700	39,100	66,500	21	51	EAST OF ENGLAND
1,600	1,100	10	2,700	2,700	5,200	26	53	Bedfordshire
4,100	40	10	4,200	4,200	5,700	12	44	Cambridgeshire
7,200	1,700	40	8,800	8,800	12,400	11	40	Essex
8,300	510	300	8,500	8,800	18,500	37	71	Hertfordshire
1,700	150	20	1,800	1,800	3,200	26	62	Luton
5,200	370	-	5,600	5,600	8,300	17	50	Norfolk
1,500	10	10	1,500	1,500	1,800	9	46	Peterborough
1,200	210	10	1,400	1,400	2,100	17	52	Southend-on-Sea
2,400	1,000	-	3,400	3,400	7,100	24	46	Suffolk
890	130	-	1,000	1,000	2,100	26	51	Thurrock
50,900	1,700	440	52,200	52,600	122,300	37	66	LONDON
19,500	370	300	19,500	19,800	50,200	42	70	INNER LONDON⁴
1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000	2,300	28	50	Camden
1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500	3,800	35	59	Hackney
820	-	-	820	820	2,400	40	61	Hammersmith and Fulham
1,900	40	20	1,900	2,000	4,600	48	83	Haringey
1,300	10	-	1,300	1,300	3,000	42	73	Islington
630	-	-	630	630	1,500	22	39	Kensington and Chelsea
1,700	-	-	1,700	1,700	4,300	39	63	Lambeth
1,800	10	-	1,800	1,800	4,500	39	66	Lewisham
2,600	130	90	2,700	2,700	7,500	61	96	Newham
2,000	50	60	2,000	2,000	5,100	46	77	Southwark
1,900	100	100	1,900	2,000	5,100	55	88	Tower Hamlets
1,500	20	30	1,500	1,500	3,800	37	61	Wandsworth
830	10	-	830	830	2,300	41	64	Westminster

Table 7: Number of 3 and 4 year olds (1)(2) in maintained nursery and primary schools by Local Education Authority area England

January 2003

	Nursery Schools			Nursery classes in primary schools			All full-time and part-time pupils in nursery schools and		
	Number of Pupils			Number of Pupils			Age at previous 31 December		
	Number of schools	Full-time	Part-time	Number of schools	Full-time	Part-time	3	4	Total
OUTER LONDON	40	920	2,100	710	2,100	34,200	25,600	13,800	39,300
Barking and Dagenham	.	.	.	40	-	2,000	1,300	740	2,000
Barnet	-	60	400	40	290	1,800	1,800	820	2,600
Bexley	.	.	.	50	30	1,900	1,200	680	1,900
Brent	-	210	10	50	910	1,300	1,600	790	2,400
Bromley	.	.	.	10	10	320	210	120	330
Croydon	10	90	390	50	90	2,300	1,900	910	2,800
Ealing	10	140	270	60	30	3,000	2,400	1,000	3,400
Enfield	.	.	.	30	-	1,900	1,200	660	1,900
Greenwich	10	290	330	50	460	2,200	1,700	1,500	3,200
Harrow	-	-	60	20	30	1,000	640	450	1,100
Havering	.	.	.	20	-	930	610	320	930
Hillingdon	-	-	110	50	40	3,000	2,200	1,000	3,200
Hounslow	.	.	.	50	-	2,200	1,500	720	2,200
Kingston-upon-Thames	-	30	80	20	10	1,200	890	400	1,300
Merton	.	.	.	40	20	2,300	1,700	590	2,300
Redbridge	.	.	.	40	40	2,400	1,600	830	2,500
Richmond-upon-Thames	-	10	60	20	-	810	550	330	880
Sutton	-	40	100	30	20	1,400	1,100	480	1,600
Waltham Forest	-	60	260	40	150	2,300	1,300	1,400	2,800
SOUTH EAST	50	540	3,600	390	370	18,900	13,000	10,300	23,400
Bracknell Forest	.	.	.	20	-	770	160	620	780
Brighton and Hove	-	-	180	20	-	910	740	350	1,100
Buckinghamshire	-	-	160	20	-	1,300	820	620	1,400
East Sussex	.	.	.	20	-	780	550	230	780
Hampshire	-	-	200	10	-	580	550	240	780
Isle of Wight	.	.	.	-	-	80	70	10	80
Kent	-	-	70	40	-	1,900	1,400	570	1,900
Medway	.	.	.	10	-	580	410	180	580
Milton Keynes	-	-	130	10	-	740	510	360	870
Oxfordshire	10	110	580	60	250	2,500	1,100	2,400	3,500
Portsmouth	-	-	90	10	-	530	440	180	620
Reading	10	120	360	20	20	1,100	670	970	1,600
Slough	10	60	570	20	10	1,100	1,200	570	1,700
Southampton	-	-	50	10	-	390	330	120	440
Surrey	-	150	250	60	10	3,100	2,400	1,100	3,500
West Berkshire	-	30	140	20	10	590	360	420	770
West Sussex	-	10	410	20	-	730	800	350	1,200
Windsor and Maidenhead	-	60	280	10	40	600	310	670	1,000
Wokingham	-	-	150	10	10	640	360	450	810
SOUTH WEST	20	700	1,000	230	670	9,200	7,800	3,700	11,600
Bath and North East Somerset	.	.	.	10	10	360	250	120	370
Bournemouth	.	.	.	10	-	320	210	110	320
Bristol, City of	10	590	780	40	530	1,400	2,300	970	3,300
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	-	20	90	30	20	1,500	1,000	600	1,600
Devon	-	30	50	40	20	1,500	1,000	600	1,600
Dorset	.	.	.	10	10	260	180	90	270
Gloucestershire	.	.	.	-	-	70	50	20	70
North Somerset	.	.	.	10	-	260	190	80	260
Plymouth	-	50	100	20	80	700	670	250	920
Poole	.	.	.	-	-	170	110	50	170
Somerset	.	.	.	20	10	620	430	200	630
South Gloucestershire	.	.	.	10	-	420	300	130	420
Swindon	.	.	.	10	-	570	400	180	570
Torbay	.	.	.	20	-	650	440	210	650
Wiltshire	.	.	.	10	-	340	220	110	340

(1) Headcount of children aged 3 and 4 at 31st December in the previous calendar year, rounded to the nearest 10 or 100 as appropriate.

(2) Numbers of 3 and 4 year olds may include some 2 year olds.

(3) Includes reception and other classes not designated as nursery classes.

(4) Includes City of London.

. Not applicable (no nursery schools)

- less than 5

Other pupils under 5 in infant classes in primary schools(3)					All pupils under 5 in nursery and primary schools				
Number of Pupils		Age at previous 31 December			Total	Percentage of population at previous 31 December			
		3	4			Number of pupils	Nursery schools & classes	All pupils under 5	
Full-time	Part-time								
31,500	1,300	140	32,700	32,800	72,100	35	63	OUTER LONDON	
1,600	-	-	1,600	1,600	3,600	40	71	Barking and Dagenham	
2,000	180	80	2,100	2,200	4,800	32	60	Barnet	
1,800	10	-	1,800	1,800	3,700	36	69	Bexley	
2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	4,400	38	69	Brent	
2,200	-	-	2,200	2,200	2,600	5	35	Bromley	
2,600	100	10	2,600	2,700	5,500	31	61	Croydon	
2,200	30	20	2,200	2,300	5,600	47	78	Ealing	
2,400	10	-	2,400	2,400	4,300	26	61	Enfield	
1,000	-	-	1,000	1,000	4,300	52	69	Greenwich	
1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500	2,600	23	55	Harrow	
1,800	-	-	1,800	1,800	2,700	18	54	Havering	
2,100	10	-	2,100	2,100	5,300	50	83	Hillingdon	
1,600	10	10	1,600	1,600	3,800	41	71	Hounslow	
920	110	-	1,000	1,000	2,300	35	63	Kingston-upon-Thames	
1,100	30	-	1,200	1,200	3,400	47	70	Merton	
1,900	-	-	1,900	1,900	4,400	38	68	Redbridge	
440	750	-	1,200	1,200	2,100	19	44	Richmond-upon-Thames	
1,300	-	-	1,300	1,300	2,900	34	62	Sutton	
1,000	90	30	1,100	1,100	3,900	46	65	Waltham Forest	
43,000	11,100	80	54,100	54,100	77,500	12	41	SOUTH EAST	
150	110	-	260	260	1,000	25	33	Bracknell Forest	
710	880	-	1,600	1,600	2,700	21	52	Brighton and Hove	
2,000	1,800	10	3,800	3,800	5,200	12	43	Buckinghamshire	
1,500	1,900	-	3,400	3,400	4,100	7	38	East Sussex	
9,300	100	10	9,400	9,400	10,200	3	35	Hampshire	
870	80	40	920	1,000	1,000	3	39	Isle of Wight	
9,100	1,400	10	10,500	10,500	12,400	6	39	Kent	
1,700	340	-	2,000	2,000	2,600	9	40	Medway	
1,800	40	-	1,800	1,800	2,700	15	47	Milton Keynes	
1,200	770	-	1,900	1,900	5,400	24	38	Oxfordshire	
1,300	-	-	1,300	1,300	2,000	14	46	Portsmouth	
170	-	-	170	170	1,800	48	53	Reading	
840	10	-	850	850	2,600	55	82	Slough	
1,560	-	-	1,600	1,600	2,000	9	42	Southampton	
6,000	1,600	-	7,600	7,600	11,100	14	43	Surrey	
540	320	-	860	860	1,600	22	46	West Berkshire	
3,900	1,600	-	5,400	5,400	6,600	7	38	West Sussex	
160	-	-	160	160	1,100	29	34	Windsor and Maidenhead	
220	280	-	500	500	1,300	22	36	Wokingham	
32,800	3,000	30	35,700	35,800	47,300	11	43	SOUTH WEST	
1,100	10	-	1,100	1,200	1,500	10	42	Bath and North East Somerset	
910	100	-	1,000	1,000	1,300	10	40	Bournemouth	
2,600	170	-	2,800	2,800	6,100	37	68	Bristol, City of	
1,700	2,000	10	3,700	3,700	5,300	15	49	Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	
4,600	70	10	4,600	4,600	6,300	12	44	Devon	
2,200	410	-	2,600	2,600	2,900	4	37	Dorset	
4,100	-	-	4,100	4,100	4,200	1	32	Gloucestershire	
1,400	-	-	1,400	1,400	1,700	6	38	North Somerset	
1,800	10	-	1,800	1,800	2,700	17	51	Plymouth	
900	10	10	900	910	1,100	6	38	Poole	
3,700	30	-	3,800	3,800	4,400	6	39	Somerset	
2,100	-	-	2,100	2,100	2,500	7	41	South Gloucestershire	
1,600	-	-	1,600	1,600	2,200	13	48	Swindon	
890	-	-	890	890	1,500	25	59	Torbay	
3,100	220	-	3,400	3,400	3,700	3	35	Wiltshire	

Table 8: Number of free nursery education places taken up by three and four year olds by Local Education Authority area England

1999 - 2003

Position in January each year

	1999			2000			2001					
	3 year olds mtd nursery and primary schools (1)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	4 year olds (3)	Total	3 year olds mtd nursery and primary schools (1)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	4 year olds (3)	Total	3 year olds mtd nursery and primary schools (1)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	4 year olds (3)	Total
<i>mtd denotes maintained</i>												
ENGLAND	225,700	..	593,800	819,500	229,900	40,300	598,500	868,600	226,600	108,800	589,300	924,700
NORTH EAST	22,500	..	30,600	53,000	22,300	2,200	29,700	54,200	21,900	3,300	29,400	54,600
Darlington	1,000	..	1,300	2,300	1,000	0	1,300	2,200	900	0	1,300	2,300
Durham	3,800	..	5,700	9,500	3,800	300	5,400	9,600	3,900	600	5,500	9,900
Gateshead	1,300	..	2,300	3,600	1,400	600	2,200	4,200	1,300	600	2,300	4,200
Hartlepool	1,200	..	1,200	2,400	1,100	0	1,000	2,100	1,000	0	1,100	2,100
Middlesbrough	1,800	..	1,900	3,800	1,700	100	1,800	3,600	1,800	100	1,500	3,500
Newcastle-upon-Tyne	1,800	..	3,100	4,900	1,800	700	3,000	5,500	1,800	900	2,900	5,600
North Tyneside	1,800	..	2,200	4,000	1,800	100	2,300	4,200	1,800	200	2,300	4,300
Northumberland	2,100	..	3,500	5,600	2,100	0	3,500	5,600	2,100	100	3,400	5,700
Redcar and Cleveland	1,800	..	1,800	3,600	1,800	0	1,700	3,500	1,600	0	1,700	3,300
South Tyneside	1,500	..	1,800	3,300	1,400	100	1,800	3,200	1,500	100	1,700	3,300
Stockton-on-Tees	2,000	..	2,200	4,300	1,900	100	2,200	4,100	1,800	100	2,300	4,200
Sunderland	2,300	..	3,400	5,800	2,600	300	3,400	6,300	2,400	400	3,300	6,200
NORTH WEST	41,700	..	86,500	128,100	41,300	9,200	84,400	134,800	39,600	20,700	84,700	145,000
Blackburn with Darwen	1,000	..	2,000	3,000	1,000	400	2,000	3,400	1,000	700	2,000	3,700
Blackpool	300	..	1,500	1,800	300	1,300	1,400	3,000	300	1,100	1,600	3,000
Bolton	2,100	..	3,400	5,500	2,200	800	3,200	6,200	2,100	900	3,700	6,700
Bury	1,000	..	2,300	3,400	1,000	0	2,100	3,200	1,000	100	2,200	3,400
Cheshire	2,200	..	8,200	10,500	2,200	0	7,900	10,200	2,200	800	7,800	10,800
Cumbria	2,500	..	5,700	8,200	2,400	0	5,400	7,800	2,400	1,100	5,600	9,100
Halton	700	..	1,500	2,200	600	600	1,400	2,600	500	600	1,400	2,500
Knowsley	2,000	..	2,200	4,300	2,100	100	2,100	4,200	1,800	100	2,200	4,200
Lancashire	4,400	..	16,000	20,400	4,300	0	15,900	20,200	4,200	5,200	15,700	25,000
Liverpool	3,900	..	5,600	9,500	3,900	1,300	5,100	10,300	3,600	1,300	4,500	9,400
Manchester	4,200	..	5,500	9,700	4,100	500	5,400	10,000	3,900	700	5,400	10,000
Oldham	1,600	..	3,000	4,600	1,500	800	3,100	5,500	1,500	1,000	3,100	5,600
Rochdale	1,400	..	2,800	4,200	1,400	900	2,700	5,000	1,300	1,000	2,700	5,000
Salford	2,100	..	2,900	5,000	2,000	100	2,800	5,000	1,800	200	2,700	4,800
Sefton	2,100	..	3,200	5,300	2,100	300	3,100	5,500	2,100	800	3,200	6,000
St. Helens	1,100	..	2,100	3,200	1,100	400	2,100	3,600	1,100	500	2,100	3,700
Stockport	1,600	..	3,400	5,000	1,600	0	3,500	5,100	1,700	100	3,300	5,100
Tameside	1,600	..	2,800	4,400	1,600	500	2,700	4,900	1,600	600	2,800	4,900
Trafford	1,600	..	2,600	4,200	1,600	0	2,600	4,200	1,500	200	2,600	4,200
Warrington	900	..	2,300	3,200	1,000	0	2,400	3,400	900	1,100	2,400	4,300
Wigan	1,400	..	3,500	5,000	1,500	0	3,500	5,000	1,400	1,200	3,600	6,200
Wirral	1,700	..	3,900	5,600	1,700	1,200	3,900	6,800	1,600	1,500	4,400	7,400
YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER	32,900	..	58,100	91,000	32,500	7,200	60,700	100,400	31,800	15,200	58,800	105,800
Barnsley	1,400	..	2,700	4,100	1,400	200	2,700	4,300	1,400	500	2,100	4,000
Bradford	4,700	..	6,700	11,400	4,700	800	5,600	11,100	4,500	1,200	5,900	11,600
Calderdale	1,200	..	2,500	3,700	1,300	0	2,500	3,800	1,200	700	2,400	4,200
Doncaster	2,200	..	3,700	6,000	2,200	100	3,700	6,000	2,200	200	3,700	6,200
East Riding of Yorkshire	1,100	..	3,400	4,500	1,000	0	3,500	4,500	1,000	100	3,400	4,600
Kingston Upon Hull, City of	2,300	..	3,300	5,600	2,100	500	3,500	6,100	2,000	500	3,200	5,700
Kirklees	2,600	..	4,900	7,500	2,600	400	5,100	8,100	2,500	1,500	5,000	9,000
Leeds	6,200	..	8,700	14,900	5,900	1,800	8,700	16,300	5,600	1,800	8,400	15,900
North East Lincolnshire	1,000	..	2,000	3,100	1,000	500	2,000	3,500	900	600	1,900	3,400
North Lincolnshire	600	..	1,800	2,400	600	0	2,000	2,500	600	500	1,800	2,900
North Yorkshire	1,800	..	6,300	8,100	1,800	0	6,500	8,300	1,700	3,200	6,300	11,200
Rotherham	1,400	..	3,200	4,700	1,400	700	3,200	5,300	1,400	900	3,100	5,300
Sheffield	2,800	..	2,900	5,800	2,900	1,800	5,900	10,700	3,400	2,000	5,800	11,200
Wakefield	2,600	..	4,000	6,700	2,700	400	3,900	7,000	2,600	600	4,000	7,200
York	800	..	1,900	2,700	800	0	2,000	2,800	700	900	1,800	3,500

2002						2003						
3 year olds		4 year olds		total 4 year olds	Total	3 year olds		4 year olds		total 4 year olds	Total	<i>md denotes maintained</i>
mtd nursery and primary schools (1)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	mtd nursery and primary schools (4)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (3)			mtd nursery and primary schools (1)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	mtd nursery and primary schools (4)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (5)			
223,500	184,700	477,700	106,800	584,500	992,800	218,700	226,100	472,200	107,100	579,300	1,024,000	ENGLAND
21,000	5,100	27,600	1,400	29,000	55,100	20,100	4,500	27,000	1,600	28,600	53,200	NORTH EAST
900	300	1,100	100	1,200	2,400	870	350	1,100	120	1,200	2,400	Darlington
3,800	900	5,200	300	5,500	10,200	3,500	1,000	5,100	350	5,400	9,900	Durham
1,300	600	2,000	300	2,200	4,100	1,200	650	1,900	220	2,100	4,000	Gateshead
900	100	1,100	0	1,100	2,100	930	80	1,100	20	1,100	2,100	Hartlepool
1,600	100	1,800	0	1,800	3,500	1,500	150	1,600	50	1,700	3,400	Middlesbrough
1,700	1,000	2,700	300	3,000	5,600	1,600	860	2,500	260	2,800	5,300	Newcastle-upon-Tyne
1,700	300	2,100	100	2,200	4,200	1,600	270	2,100	110	2,200	4,100	North Tyneside
2,100	700	3,200	0	3,200	6,000	2,000	510	3,200	220	3,400	5,900	Northumberland
1,500	0	1,600	0	1,600	3,200	1,500	90	1,600	10	1,600	3,200	Redcar & Cleveland
1,300	100	1,700	0	1,700	3,200	1,300	110	1,600	30	1,600	3,000	South Tyneside
1,700	200	2,100	100	2,200	4,100	1,600	110	2,100	110	2,200	3,900	Stockton-on-Tees
2,400	900	3,100	200	3,200	6,500	2,400	370	3,000	130	3,200	5,900	Sunderland
38,300	23,600	69,800	10,600	80,400	142,300	36,900	27,200	68,300	11,300	79,600	143,700	NORTH WEST
1,000	700	1,700	300	2,000	3,800	1,000	790	1,800	290	2,000	3,800	Blackburn with Darwen
300	1,100	1,200	400	1,600	3,000	310	1,100	1,100	410	1,600	2,900	Blackpool
2,000	1,000	3,000	400	3,400	6,400	2,000	1,100	3,000	390	3,400	6,400	Bolton
1,100	200	1,900	300	2,100	3,400	1,100	400	1,900	350	2,200	3,700	Bury
2,100	1,400	6,000	1,800	7,700	11,200	2,100	2,900	5,800	1,700	7,500	12,500	Cheshire
2,200	1,200	4,700	600	5,400	8,700	2,000	1,200	4,500	690	5,200	8,500	Cumbria
600	700	1,200	200	1,400	2,700	520	720	1,200	280	1,500	2,700	Halton
1,800	200	2,000	0	2,000	4,000	1,600	160	1,900	60	2,000	3,800	Knowsley
4,100	5,300	10,500	2,500	13,000	22,400	3,900	6,200	10,200	2,500	12,600	22,800	Lancashire
3,500	1,400	4,700	500	5,200	10,000	3,200	1,300	4,600	550	5,200	9,700	Liverpool
3,800	800	5,000	200	5,300	9,800	3,700	920	5,000	210	5,200	9,800	Manchester
1,500	1,000	2,800	300	3,100	5,600	1,500	1,100	2,700	280	3,000	5,600	Oldham
1,300	1,200	2,400	300	2,700	5,100	1,300	1,000	2,400	260	2,700	5,000	Rochdale
1,700	400	2,600	400	3,000	5,100	1,500	520	2,500	270	2,800	4,800	Salford
1,800	900	2,900	300	3,200	6,000	1,700	1,000	2,700	380	3,000	5,700	Sefton
1,000	700	1,900	200	2,100	3,900	1,000	730	1,900	280	2,200	3,900	St Helens
1,700	200	2,900	500	3,300	5,200	1,600	670	2,800	430	3,200	5,500	Stockport
1,600	600	2,400	200	2,600	4,700	1,600	620	2,400	190	2,600	4,800	Tameside
1,500	300	2,300	300	2,600	4,300	1,600	290	2,300	320	2,600	4,400	Trafford
900	1,200	1,900	400	2,300	4,400	880	1,200	1,900	390	2,300	4,400	Warrington
1,400	1,500	2,900	500	3,400	6,300	1,400	1,500	2,900	500	3,400	6,300	Wigan
1,500	1,700	3,000	0	3,000	6,200	1,400	1,800	2,900	590	3,500	6,700	Wirral
31,700	17,300	52,700	7,200	59,900	108,800	30,600	18,800	52,000	7,400	59,400	108,800	YORKSHIRE AND THE HUMBER
1,500	500	2,300	200	2,600	4,600	1,400	640	2,300	230	2,500	4,600	Barnsley
4,500	1,500	6,000	400	6,400	12,400	4,600	1,400	6,100	480	6,600	12,600	Bradford
1,100	900	2,300	300	2,500	4,600	1,100	1,000	2,200	290	2,500	4,500	Calderdale
2,200	300	3,500	0	3,500	6,000	2,100	540	3,400	150	3,500	6,100	Doncaster
1,100	100	2,800	700	3,500	4,700	1,100	1,200	2,700	890	3,600	5,800	East Riding of Yorkshire
1,900	700	2,700	300	3,000	5,600	1,800	760	2,600	280	2,900	5,500	Kingston Upon Hull, City of
2,400	1,800	4,500	500	4,900	9,000	2,000	1,700	4,500	710	5,200	8,900	Kirklees
5,400	2,000	7,400	800	8,200	15,600	5,200	2,000	7,300	840	8,100	15,400	Leeds
900	600	1,700	200	1,900	3,500	1,000	690	1,600	230	1,900	3,500	North East Lincolnshire
700	800	1,500	200	1,700	3,200	570	700	1,600	210	1,800	3,100	North Lincolnshire
1,700	3,300	5,000	1,300	6,200	11,300	1,600	3,200	4,900	1,300	6,200	11,000	North Yorkshire
1,800	900	3,000	200	3,100	5,800	1,800	900	2,900	190	3,100	5,700	Rotherham
3,300	2,300	5,000	800	5,800	11,400	3,200	2,300	5,000	890	5,900	11,300	Sheffield
2,600	700	3,600	900	4,400	7,700	2,600	780	3,400	320	3,800	7,100	Wakefield
700	900	1,500	400	1,900	3,600	640	1,000	1,500	370	1,900	3,500	York

Table 8: Number of free nursery education places taken up by three and four year olds by Local Education Authority area England

1999 - 2003

Position in January each year

	1999			2000			2001					
	3 year olds mtd	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	4 year olds (3)	Total	3 year olds mtd	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	4 year olds (3)	Total	3 year olds mtd	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	4 year olds (3)	Total
<i>mtd denotes maintained</i>												
EAST MIDLANDS	18,300	..	49,400	67,700	19,900	1,600	49,900	71,400	19,100	8,300	48,800	76,300
Derby	1,600	..	2,900	4,500	1,900	0	2,900	4,800	1,800	900	2,800	5,500
Derbyshire	3,500	..	8,600	12,000	4,200	0	8,800	13,100	4,000	3,100	8,400	15,500
Leicester City	2,300	..	4,000	6,300	2,300	1,000	3,900	7,200	2,100	1,100	3,800	7,100
Leicestershire	100	..	6,200	6,300	100	0	6,900	7,000	100	600	6,600	7,400
Lincolnshire	1,700	..	7,100	8,800	1,800	0	7,100	8,900	1,700	0	7,000	8,800
Northamptonshire	2,300	..	8,100	10,400	2,300	0	7,800	10,100	2,300	800	7,900	11,000
Nottingham	2,600	..	3,800	6,300	2,700	700	3,600	7,000	2,500	700	3,600	6,800
Nottinghamshire	4,100	..	8,400	12,400	4,500	0	8,400	12,900	4,300	1,000	8,300	13,700
Rutland	100	..	300	400	100	0	400	500	100	0	400	500
WEST MIDLANDS	30,500	..	67,300	97,900	30,900	5,200	67,100	103,200	30,400	9,500	65,800	105,700
Birmingham	7,400	..	14,200	21,600	7,300	3,300	14,000	24,600	7,200	3,800	14,000	25,100
Coventry	2,000	..	3,800	5,700	2,000	1,000	3,700	6,700	2,000	1,000	3,800	6,800
Dudley	2,300	..	4,000	6,300	2,200	0	3,800	6,000	2,300	700	3,700	6,800
Herefordshire	300	..	1,900	2,200	300	0	2,100	2,500	300	100	2,200	2,700
Sandwell	3,100	..	3,900	7,000	3,200	0	3,500	6,700	3,100	100	3,500	6,700
Shropshire	400	..	3,100	3,500	400	0	3,200	3,600	500	300	3,100	4,000
Solihull	1,500	..	2,700	4,200	1,500	0	2,700	4,200	1,500	100	2,700	4,300
Staffordshire	2,700	..	9,500	12,200	2,600	0	9,400	11,900	2,600	400	9,200	12,200
Stoke-on-Trent	2,000	..	2,900	4,800	2,000	300	2,800	5,100	1,800	400	2,800	5,000
Telford and Wrekin	500	..	2,100	2,600	500	500	2,100	3,100	700	600	2,100	3,400
Walsall	3,000	..	3,500	6,400	2,900	100	3,400	6,400	2,800	200	3,400	6,400
Warwickshire	1,500	..	6,100	7,600	1,600	0	6,000	7,600	1,500	800	6,000	8,200
Wolverhampton	2,700	..	3,200	5,800	2,700	100	3,000	5,800	2,600	100	3,000	5,700
Worcestershire	1,400	..	6,400	7,800	1,500	0	7,400	9,000	1,600	800	6,100	8,500
EAST OF ENGLAND	14,000	..	65,300	79,300	14,900	0	65,300	80,200	15,700	4,400	64,100	84,200
Bedfordshire	1,300	..	5,000	6,200	1,200	0	4,900	6,100	1,200	200	4,900	6,300
Cambridgeshire	1,200	..	6,300	7,400	1,100	0	6,400	7,500	1,200	900	5,900	7,900
Essex	2,000	..	15,200	17,200	2,000	0	15,100	17,000	2,000	200	15,100	17,300
Hertfordshire	4,900	..	13,800	18,700	5,900	0	13,300	19,200	6,400	300	13,500	20,200
Luton	1,000	..	2,600	3,600	1,000	0	2,700	3,700	1,000	1,000	2,600	4,600
Norfolk	1,900	..	8,500	10,400	1,900	0	8,900	10,800	1,900	100	8,400	10,500
Peterborough	300	..	2,300	2,600	300	0	2,200	2,500	300	600	2,100	3,000
Southend-on-Sea	400	..	2,200	2,500	500	0	2,100	2,500	400	400	2,100	3,000
Suffolk	700	..	8,000	8,700	600	0	8,000	8,600	900	500	7,600	9,000
Thurrock	400	..	1,600	2,000	500	0	1,800	2,300	500	200	1,800	2,500
LONDON	44,900	..	87,500	132,300	46,500	12,100	87,000	145,600	46,700	20,800	87,800	155,300
INNER LONDON¹	21,400	..	32,900	54,300	21,800	8,600	33,100	63,400	21,500	10,100	34,100	65,600
Camden	900	..	2,000	3,000	900	800	1,900	3,600	900	700	2,100	3,700
Hackney	1,600	..	2,700	4,300	1,600	1,000	2,700	5,300	1,500	1,000	2,700	5,200
Hammersmith and Fulham	1,100	..	1,500	2,600	1,100	400	1,500	2,900	1,000	600	1,600	3,200
Haringey	1,900	..	2,800	4,700	2,000	400	3,000	5,300	1,900	500	3,400	5,800
Islington	1,300	..	2,100	3,300	1,200	800	2,100	4,100	1,300	800	2,100	4,200
Kensington and Chelsea	500	..	1,000	1,600	600	0	1,100	1,700	600	300	1,000	1,900
Lambeth	1,900	..	2,800	4,700	2,000	1,100	2,800	5,900	2,000	1,200	3,100	6,200
Lewisham	1,900	..	3,100	4,900	1,900	800	3,100	5,800	1,900	1,000	3,000	5,900
Newham	3,200	..	3,900	7,100	3,500	400	4,100	8,000	3,300	600	3,900	7,800
Southwark	2,300	..	3,400	5,700	2,200	700	3,300	6,300	2,200	1,100	3,400	6,800
Tower Hamlets	2,400	..	2,800	5,200	2,300	300	2,800	5,500	2,400	300	2,800	5,400
Wandsworth	1,600	..	3,200	4,800	1,700	1,300	3,100	6,100	1,600	1,300	3,200	6,200
Westminster	800	..	1,600	2,400	800	600	1,600	3,000	900	800	1,700	3,300

2002						2003						
3 year olds		4 year olds		Total		3 year olds		4 year olds		Total		
nursery and primary schools (1)	other mtd and private voluntary independent providers (2)	nursery and primary schools (4)	other mtd and private voluntary independent providers (3)	total 4 year olds		nursery and primary schools (1)	other mtd and private voluntary independent providers (2)	mtd nursery and primary schools (4)	other mtd and private voluntary independent providers (5)	total 4 year olds		
18,900	13,200	40,600	8,700	48,700	80,800	18,300	17,900	39,900	8,400	48,300	84,500	EAST MIDLANDS
1,900	900	2,600	300	2,900	5,700	1,800	940	2,600	340	2,900	5,700	Derby
4,000	3,400	7,000	1,200	8,300	15,600	3,700	3,500	7,100	1,100	8,200	15,400	Derbyshire
2,100	1,200	3,500	400	3,900	7,200	2,000	1,300	3,500	370	3,900	7,100	Leicester City
100	3,200	4,900	1,800	6,700	10,100	110	4,000	4,900	1,400	6,400	10,400	Leicestershire
1,800	900	5,700	1,300	7,000	9,700	1,800	2,700	5,600	1,500	7,100	11,600	Lincolnshire
2,300	1,800	6,100	1,600	7,700	11,700	2,400	2,700	6,200	1,600	7,800	13,000	Northamptonshire
2,400	700	3,000	400	3,400	6,600	2,300	730	2,900	440	3,400	6,400	Nottingham
4,200	1,200	6,900	1,400	8,400	13,800	4,100	1,800	6,800	1,500	8,300	14,200	Nottinghamshire
100	0	300	100	400	500	80	150	260	140	400	630	Rutland
29,000	16,800	56,600	8,700	65,400	111,200	28,500	21,200	55,600	8,600	64,100	113,800	WEST MIDLANDS
6,800	4,500	12,600	1,500	14,000	25,300	6,700	4,600	12,200	1,500	13,700	25,000	Birmingham
1,800	1,100	3,300	400	3,700	6,600	1,800	1,300	3,100	420	3,600	6,600	Coventry
2,100	500	3,300	400	3,700	6,400	2,100	770	3,200	390	3,600	6,400	Dudley
400	500	1,400	500	1,900	2,700	340	810	1,300	480	1,800	3,000	Herefordshire
2,900	200	3,700	100	3,800	7,000	2,900	360	3,600	90	3,700	7,000	Sandwell
500	1,000	1,900	1,200	3,100	4,600	520	1,800	1,800	1,200	3,000	5,300	Shropshire
1,500	400	2,400	200	2,600	4,400	1,400	210	2,400	200	2,600	4,200	Solihull
2,600	1,700	8,400	600	9,100	13,300	2,300	3,500	8,500	740	9,200	15,000	Staffordshire
1,600	400	2,800	100	2,900	4,900	1,600	640	2,700	80	2,700	5,000	Stoke-on-Trent
800	1,100	1,400	600	2,000	4,000	1,000	940	1,700	260	2,000	3,900	Telford and Wrekin
2,800	200	3,400	100	3,400	6,400	2,700	260	3,300	70	3,300	6,300	Walsall
1,500	2,300	4,400	1,500	5,900	9,700	1,400	2,200	4,400	1,400	5,800	9,400	Warwickshire
2,500	400	2,900	100	3,000	5,900	2,500	350	2,800	140	2,900	5,700	Wolverhampton
1,400	2,400	4,700	1,500	6,200	10,000	1,300	3,500	4,600	1,600	6,200	10,900	Worcestershire
16,300	20,900	50,800	13,400	64,200	101,400	15,900	28,900	50,600	13,400	64,000	108,800	EAST OF ENGLAND
1,200	1,000	4,100	700	4,800	7,100	1,300	2,400	4,000	670	4,700	8,300	Bedfordshire
1,200	1,500	4,700	1,600	6,200	8,900	1,100	2,700	4,600	1,600	6,200	10,000	Cambridgeshire
2,000	6,700	10,400	4,700	15,100	23,800	2,000	9,500	10,400	4,600	15,000	26,500	Essex
7,000	2,000	11,800	1,400	13,200	22,200	6,600	2,400	11,900	1,400	13,300	22,300	Hertfordshire
800	1,300	2,300	300	2,600	4,700	840	1,300	2,300	370	2,700	4,800	Luton
1,800	3,000	6,600	1,900	8,400	13,200	1,800	4,300	6,500	1,900	8,400	14,600	Norfolk
300	800	1,600	500	2,100	3,200	260	1,400	1,600	520	2,100	3,700	Peterborough
500	700	1,600	400	2,000	3,300	450	870	1,600	460	2,100	3,400	Southend-on-Sea
1,000	3,200	6,300	1,600	7,900	12,100	1,100	3,300	6,100	1,600	7,700	12,100	Suffolk
600	600	1,500	300	1,800	2,900	530	640	1,600	320	1,900	3,000	Thurrock
46,900	32,700	76,100	13,500	89,600	169,200	47,400	29,400	75,000	14,000	89,000	165,800	LONDON
21,600	12,700	29,300	5,400	34,700	69,000	21,700	11,400	28,500	5,600	34,100	67,200	INNER LONDON
900	700	1,400	600	2,000	3,600	890	760	1,400	690	2,100	3,700	Camden
1,500	1,000	2,300	600	2,900	5,400	1,500	1,000	2,200	580	2,800	5,300	Hackney
1,100	1,600	1,200	300	1,500	4,300	1,200	710	1,300	340	1,600	3,500	Hammersmith and Fulham
1,900	900	2,800	300	3,100	5,900	1,800	870	2,800	240	3,000	5,700	Haringey
1,200	900	1,900	300	2,200	4,300	1,200	930	1,800	340	2,200	4,300	Islington
600	400	900	200	1,100	2,100	630	450	870	230	1,100	2,200	Kensington and Chelsea
1,900	1,400	2,500	600	3,100	6,400	1,900	1,200	2,400	620	3,000	6,100	Lambeth
1,900	1,000	2,700	300	3,100	6,000	1,900	1,000	2,600	350	3,000	5,900	Lewisham
3,600	600	4,000	100	4,100	8,200	3,500	620	4,000	80	4,100	8,200	Newham
2,200	1,200	3,000	500	3,600	7,000	2,200	1,100	2,900	570	3,500	6,800	Southwark
2,300	400	2,900	100	3,000	5,700	2,300	410	2,800	130	2,900	5,700	Tower Hamlets
1,600	1,800	2,300	1,000	3,200	6,600	1,600	1,500	2,200	1,000	3,100	6,200	Wandsworth
1,000	700	1,300	500	1,800	3,500	1,000	780	1,300	450	1,700	3,500	Westminster

mtd denotes maintained

Table 8: Number of free nursery education places taken up by three and four year olds by Local Education Authority area England

1999 - 2003

Position in January each year

	1999			2000			2001					
	3 year olds mtd	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	4 year olds (3)	Total	3 year olds mtd	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	4 year olds (3)	Total	3 year olds mtd	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	4 year olds (3)	Total
<i>mtd denotes maintained</i>												
OUTER LONDON	23,400	..	54,600	78,000	24,700	3,600	54,000	82,200	25,200	10,700	53,800	89,700
Barking and Dagenham	1,300	..	2,400	3,700	1,400	300	2,200	3,900	1,400	300	2,300	4,100
Barnet	2,000	..	3,800	5,800	2,000	0	3,600	5,600	2,000	400	3,700	6,000
Bexley	1,300	..	2,800	4,100	1,400	0	2,900	4,300	1,300	900	2,600	4,800
Brent	1,700	..	3,100	4,800	1,700	800	3,000	5,400	1,700	900	3,000	5,500
Bromley	200	..	3,700	3,900	200	0	3,700	4,000	200	400	3,700	4,300
Croydon	1,900	..	3,300	5,200	1,800	0	4,100	6,000	1,900	600	4,100	6,600
Ealing	2,700	..	4,000	6,700	2,600	600	3,900	7,000	2,600	500	3,700	6,900
Enfield	1,200	..	3,400	4,700	1,200	0	3,700	4,900	1,200	1,000	3,500	5,800
Greenwich	1,900	..	2,800	4,700	1,900	700	2,800	5,400	1,800	800	2,800	5,400
Harrow	600	..	2,300	2,900	600	0	2,400	3,000	600	400	2,400	3,300
Havering	500	..	2,700	3,200	600	0	2,400	2,900	600	1,200	2,300	4,100
Hillingdon	600	..	3,700	4,300	1,400	0	3,200	4,600	1,800	100	3,300	5,300
Hounslow	1,500	..	2,500	4,100	1,500	500	2,500	4,500	1,600	600	2,500	4,600
Kingston-upon-Thames	900	..	1,700	2,600	900	0	1,400	2,300	900	200	1,700	2,800
Merton	1,700	..	2,100	3,700	1,700	0	2,100	3,800	1,700	100	2,100	3,900
Redbridge	1,300	..	3,200	4,600	1,600	0	3,200	4,800	1,600	900	3,400	5,800
Richmond-upon-Thames	600	..	2,000	2,500	600	0	2,000	2,600	500	0	2,000	2,600
Sutton	300	..	2,100	2,400	200	0	2,100	2,300	300	400	2,000	2,700
Waltham Forest	1,300	..	3,000	4,300	1,400	800	2,800	4,900	1,400	1,100	2,700	5,200
SOUTH EAST	12,200	..	94,600	106,800	12,600	700	97,200	110,500	12,700	14,300	93,700	120,700
Bracknell Forest	100	..	1,400	1,500	100	0	1,400	1,500	100	700	1,300	2,200
Brighton and Hove	800	..	2,700	3,400	800	700	2,700	4,200	700	1,000	2,600	4,300
Buckinghamshire	700	..	6,200	6,800	700	0	6,100	6,800	800	400	6,100	7,300
East Sussex	600	..	5,300	5,900	600	0	5,200	5,800	600	1,100	5,000	6,700
Hampshire	600	..	14,400	15,000	600	0	15,700	16,300	600	1,700	14,600	16,900
Isle of Wight	100	..	1,400	1,500	100	0	1,300	1,500	100	500	1,400	2,000
Kent	1,500	..	16,000	17,500	1,400	0	16,300	17,800	1,500	800	15,800	18,100
Medway	400	..	3,300	3,700	400	0	3,300	3,700	400	2,100	3,200	5,800
Milton Keynes	300	..	2,700	3,000	400	0	2,700	3,100	400	200	2,800	3,300
Oxfordshire	900	..	7,000	7,900	1,000	0	7,300	8,300	1,000	200	6,900	8,100
Portsmouth	500	..	2,200	2,700	400	0	2,200	2,700	400	900	2,500	3,800
Reading	600	..	1,900	2,500	700	0	1,700	2,500	700	200	1,700	2,600
Slough	800	..	1,700	2,500	900	0	1,500	2,400	1,000	0	1,700	2,700
Southampton	400	..	2,400	2,800	400	0	2,500	3,000	300	1,300	2,300	4,000
Surrey	2,400	..	12,800	15,200	2,400	0	13,300	15,700	2,400	2,100	12,800	17,300
West Berkshire	200	..	1,500	1,700	300	0	1,600	1,900	300	100	1,600	2,000
West Sussex	900	..	8,400	9,200	800	0	8,700	9,500	800	400	8,200	9,500
Windsor and Maidenhead	300	..	1,600	1,900	300	0	1,600	1,900	300	200	1,500	2,100
Wokingham	100	..	1,900	2,000	100	0	2,000	2,100	100	0	1,800	2,000
SOUTH WEST	8,700	..	54,700	63,400	8,900	2,000	57,200	68,100	8,700	12,400	56,100	77,200
Bath and North East Somerset	300	..	1,900	2,200	300	0	1,700	2,000	300	200	1,800	2,300
Bournemouth	200	..	1,600	1,900	300	0	1,500	1,800	300	900	1,600	2,800
Bristol, City of	2,800	..	4,700	7,500	2,800	0	4,600	7,400	2,700	1,200	4,500	8,300
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	1,000	..	5,200	6,200	1,100	1,700	5,300	8,000	1,000	2,100	5,200	8,300
Devon	1,200	..	7,200	8,400	1,200	0	7,800	9,000	1,200	600	7,300	9,200
Dorset	200	..	3,900	4,100	200	0	4,100	4,400	200	300	4,000	4,500
Gloucestershire	100	..	6,400	6,500	100	0	7,300	7,300	100	3,400	8,500	12,000
North Somerset	200	..	2,000	2,200	200	0	2,200	2,400	200	100	2,000	2,300
Plymouth	700	..	2,800	3,600	800	400	2,800	4,000	700	1,500	2,500	4,800
Poole	100	..	1,500	1,600	100	0	1,500	1,600	100	700	1,400	2,200
Somerset	500	..	5,500	6,000	500	0	5,900	6,400	500	200	5,400	6,100
South Gloucestershire	300	..	3,100	3,400	300	0	3,200	3,500	300	100	3,100	3,600
Swindon	400	..	2,200	2,700	400	0	2,400	2,800	400	200	2,300	2,900
Torbay	300	..	1,300	1,700	400	0	1,400	1,800	400	500	1,300	2,200
Wiltshire	300	..	5,400	5,700	300	0	5,600	5,900	300	300	5,100	5,700

1. Headcount of children aged three at 31st December in the previous calendar year from the Annual Schools Census.
 2. Part-time equivalent number of children aged three at 31st December in the previous calendar year from the Nursery Education Grant data collection exercise. Nursery Education Grant for three year olds was allocated to the 65 Local Education Authorities in 1999-2000 and all LEAs from 2000-2001.
 3. Part-time equivalent number of children aged four at 31st December in the previous calendar year from the Nursery Education grant data collection exercise.
 4. Headcount of children aged four at 31st December in the previous calendar year from the Annual Schools Census.
 5. Part-time equivalent number of children aged four at 31st December in the previous calendar year from the Early Years supplementary data collection exercise.
- .. Not available

2002						2003						
3 year olds		4 year olds		total 4 year olds	Total	3 year olds		4 year olds		total 4 year olds	Total	<i>mtd denotes maintained</i>
mtd nursery and primary schools (1)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	mtd nursery and primary schools (4)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (3)			mtd nursery and primary schools (1)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (2)	mtd nursery and primary schools (4)	other mtd and private, voluntary and independent providers (5)			
25,300	20,000	46,900	8,100	54,900	100,300	25,700	18,000	46,500	8,400	54,900	98,600	OUTER LONDON
1,400	700	2,400	0	2,400	4,500	1,300	360	2,300	60	2,400	4,000	Barking and Dagenham
1,900	300	3,000	600	3,600	5,800	1,900	1,300	2,900	690	3,600	6,700	Barnet
1,200	1,000	2,500	200	2,800	5,000	1,200	1,000	2,500	330	2,800	5,000	Besley
1,600	900	2,900	400	3,200	5,800	1,600	920	2,700	370	3,100	5,700	Brent
200	1,100	2,500	1,200	3,700	4,900	210	2,600	2,400	1,300	3,600	6,400	Bromley
1,900	900	3,600	700	4,400	7,200	1,900	1,100	3,600	710	4,300	7,300	Croydon
2,600	800	3,300	400	3,700	7,100	2,400	640	3,200	530	3,800	7,100	Ealing
1,300	900	3,100	600	3,600	5,800	1,200	1,100	3,100	590	3,700	6,000	Enfield
1,800	800	2,500	300	2,900	5,500	1,700	810	2,500	470	3,000	5,500	Greenwich
600	700	2,000	300	2,300	3,700	640	1,100	2,000	280	2,300	4,000	Harrow
600	1,300	2,100	500	2,500	4,500	610	1,300	2,100	510	2,600	4,600	Havering
2,300	1,200	3,100	300	3,400	6,900	2,200	580	3,100	260	3,300	6,100	Hillingdon
1,500	600	2,500	100	2,600	4,700	1,500	630	2,300	170	2,500	4,600	Hounslow
900	200	1,400	300	1,600	2,800	890	400	1,400	230	1,700	3,000	Kingston-upon-Thames
1,400	200	1,900	300	2,200	3,800	1,700	160	1,700	270	2,000	3,900	Merton
1,700	600	2,700	500	3,200	5,600	1,600	850	2,700	510	3,200	5,700	Redbridge
600	600	1,400	600	2,000	3,200	550	940	1,500	590	2,100	3,600	Richmond-upon-Thames
300	1,000	1,600	400	2,000	3,300	1,100	780	1,800	250	2,000	3,900	Sutton
1,400	6,000	2,500	400	2,800	10,200	1,400	1,200	2,500	350	2,900	5,400	Waltham Forest
13,000	33,900	64,200	29,000	93,200	140,100	13,100	48,500	64,400	29,000	93,400	155,000	SOUTH EAST
200	800	900	500	1,400	2,300	160	850	870	500	1,400	2,400	Bracknell Forest
800	1,500	1,900	600	2,600	4,800	740	1,500	1,900	690	2,600	4,900	Brighton and Hove
700	1,800	4,300	1,600	5,900	8,500	830	3,100	4,400	1,600	6,000	9,900	Buckinghamshire
600	1,400	3,700	1,600	5,300	7,200	550	2,700	3,600	1,600	5,200	8,500	East Sussex
500	7,200	9,600	4,200	13,800	21,500	560	7,700	9,600	4,400	14,000	22,300	Hampshire
100	500	900	400	1,300	2,000	110	630	930	370	1,300	2,000	Isle of Wight
1,400	3,700	11,200	4,900	16,100	21,200	1,400	8,000	11,100	4,500	15,600	25,000	Kent
400	2,200	2,400	900	3,300	5,900	410	2,200	2,200	890	3,100	5,700	Medway
400	1,300	2,100	600	2,700	4,400	510	1,500	2,200	690	2,900	4,900	Milton Keynes
1,000	2,000	4,300	3,000	7,400	10,400	1,100	4,300	4,300	2,500	6,800	12,300	Oxfordshire
400	1,200	1,600	600	2,200	3,800	440	1,300	1,500	480	2,000	3,700	Portsmouth
700	200	1,200	400	1,600	2,600	670	540	1,100	460	1,600	2,800	Reading
1,100	300	1,400	200	1,600	3,000	1,200	200	1,400	90	1,500	2,900	Slough
400	1,600	1,700	600	2,300	4,200	330	1,400	1,700	1,300	3,000	4,800	Southampton
2,500	5,200	8,400	4,200	12,600	20,300	2,400	5,900	8,700	4,400	13,100	21,400	Surrey
300	600	1,300	400	1,700	2,700	360	940	1,300	420	1,700	3,000	West Berkshire
800	1,800	5,600	2,500	8,100	10,700	800	4,100	5,800	2,600	8,400	13,200	West Sussex
400	300	800	800	1,600	2,300	310	870	820	780	1,600	2,800	Windsor and Maidenhead
300	200	900	800	1,800	2,300	360	680	1,000	630	1,600	2,600	Wokingham
8,500	21,200	39,900	14,300	54,100	83,800	7,900	29,600	39,500	13,500	52,900	90,400	SOUTH WEST
300	500	1,300	500	1,800	2,600	250	470	1,300	580	1,800	2,600	Bath and North East Somerset
200	1,000	1,100	500	1,600	2,900	210	1,000	1,100	500	1,600	2,800	Bournemouth
2,500	1,300	3,900	600	4,500	8,300	2,300	1,400	3,700	570	4,300	8,000	Bristol, City of
1,000	2,400	4,300	1,000	5,300	8,700	1,000	3,000	4,300	1,000	5,300	9,300	Corwall
1,200	1,600	5,400	2,000	7,300	10,100	1,100	3,600	5,200	1,100	6,300	10,900	Devon
200	1,100	2,600	1,300	3,800	5,100	180	2,300	2,700	1,200	3,900	6,400	Dorset
100	3,800	4,200	2,100	6,300	10,100	50	4,200	4,200	2,200	6,400	10,600	Gloucestershire
200	900	1,400	500	1,900	3,100	190	1,300	1,500	540	2,000	3,500	North Somerset
700	1,700	2,100	600	2,800	5,200	670	1,800	2,000	700	2,700	5,200	Plymouth
100	1,100	1,000	400	1,300	2,500	120	1,000	1,000	280	1,200	2,400	Poole
500	1,900	3,900	1,500	5,400	7,800	430	3,000	4,000	1,600	5,500	9,000	Somerset
300	1,300	2,300	800	3,100	4,700	300	1,900	2,200	770	3,000	5,200	South Gloucestershire
400	500	1,800	500	2,300	3,300	400	1,000	1,800	510	2,300	3,700	Swindon
500	500	1,100	300	1,300	2,200	440	730	1,100	270	1,400	2,500	Torbay
300	1,700	3,500	1,700	5,300	7,200	220	3,000	3,500	1,700	5,200	8,400	Wiltshire