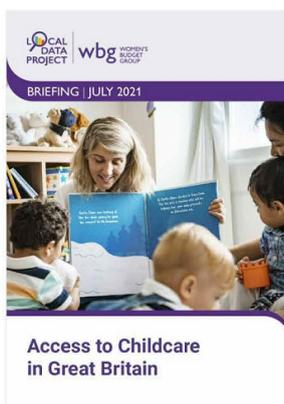


'HOW TO'

Access data on childcare provision

Our national briefing on Access to Childcare has been produced as part of the Local Data Project. Here we want to show you how to tailor the key information in the briefing to your local area. NOTE: this explainer will work with data on providers in England. The data for Scotland focuses on attendance.

You can find the national briefing and the template for your own local analysis on the Local Data Project website by clicking [here](#).



National Briefing

Read our national briefing on Access to Childcare.

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Click [here](#) for a template that you can use to do your own local data analysis.

Let's work through the data together.

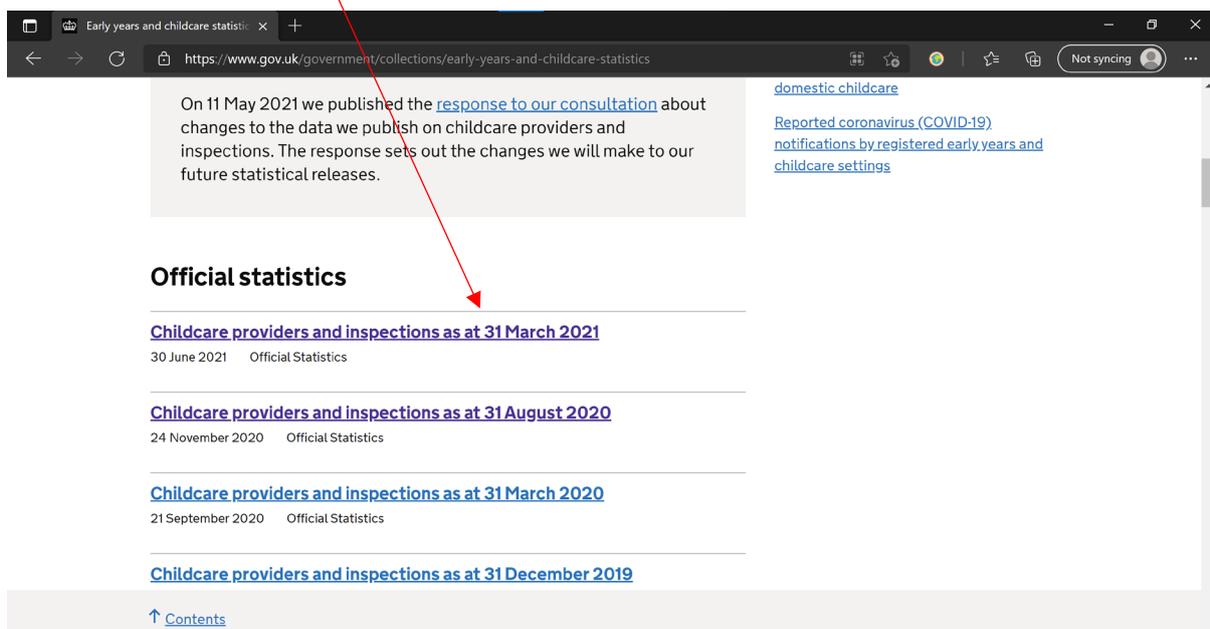
Let's start with the data for England

First, you will need to get the spreadsheet from the gov.uk website. You can do that by clicking [here](#).

This will take you to the space where data from Ofsted (The Office for Standards in Education) is presented.

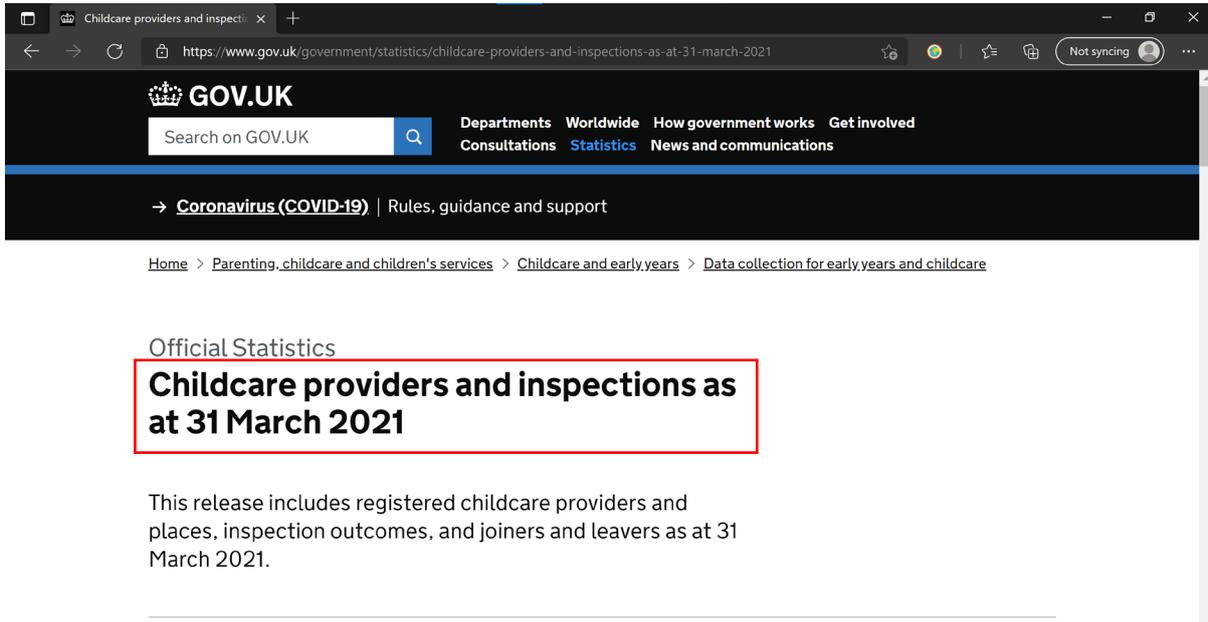


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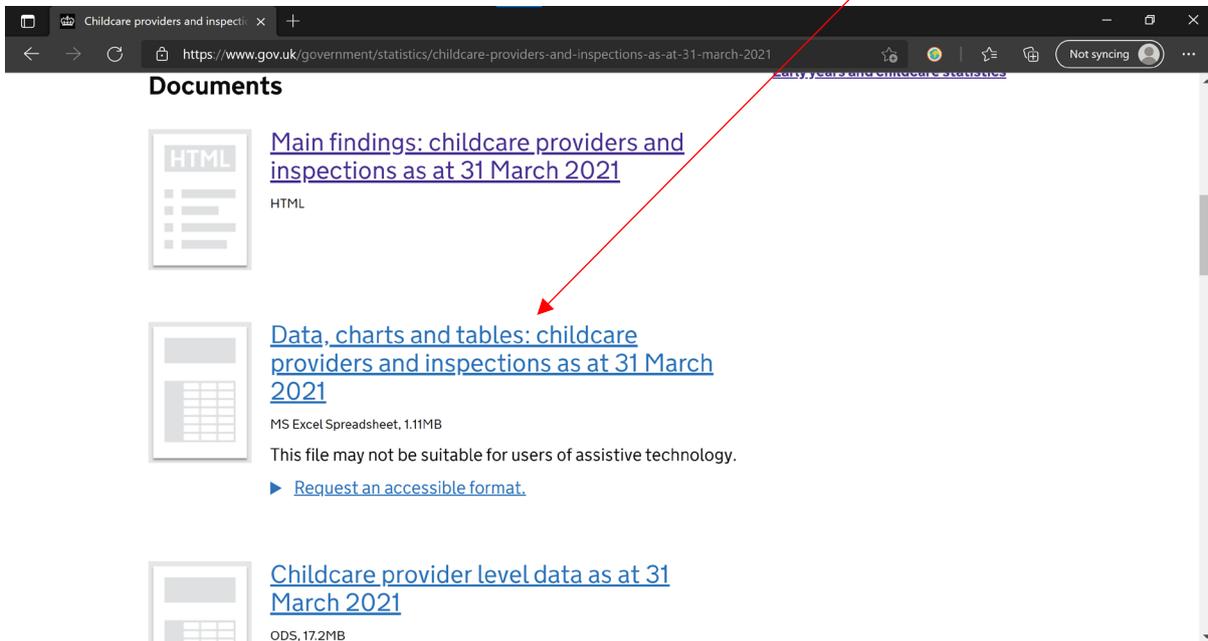


It might also be useful to look at the data from previous releases, which you can also find on this page.

The latest version used in our childcare briefing is this one:



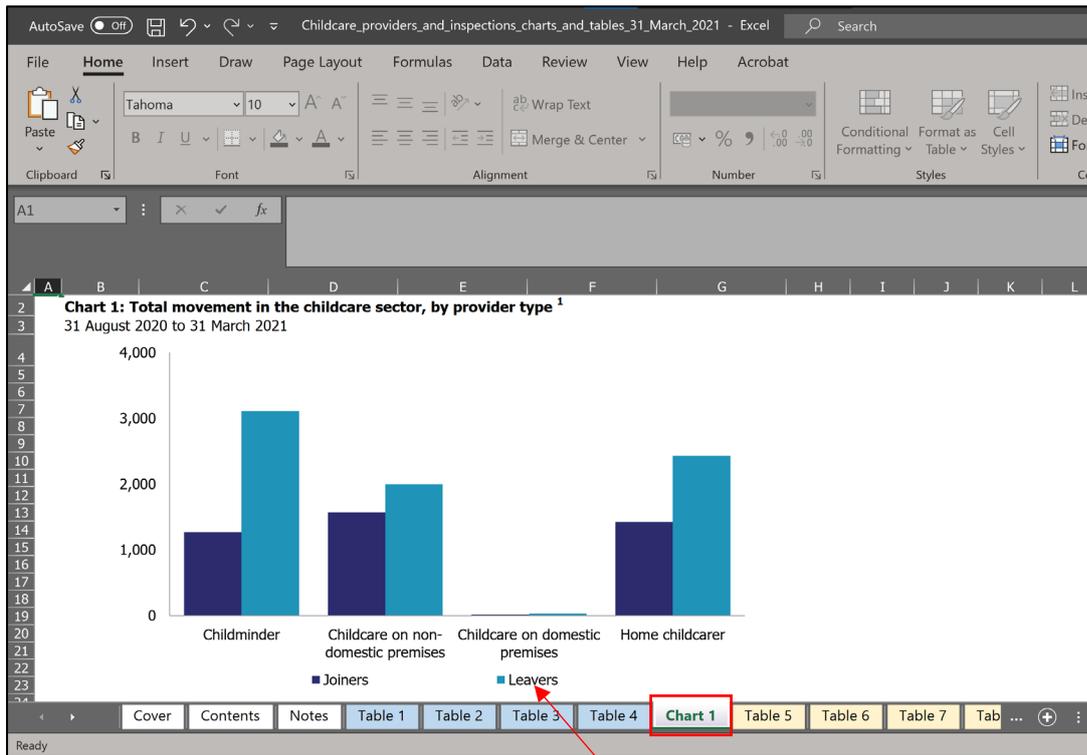
You'll need to download the spreadsheet. Normally you can choose between the Excel spreadsheet and the open data format ODS file. There are some differences in how the data is presented between these documents, though, so we'd recommend you **use the Excel version** if possible.



Once the spreadsheet has downloaded, you can open it. Before analysing the data, click on 'Enable editing' as this will make navigating through the data possible.



First, you can get an overview by looking at the chart – see Chart 1



You can clearly see the trend that more providers left the sector than those who joined.

This trend is interesting, but let's find out more about provision at the local level. To get a more detailed picture, we can use the data in table 3 or table 4.

Let's start with table 3.

When you first open the page, you will see the total numbers for England.

	Childminder		Childcare on non-domestic premises		Childcare on domestic premises		Home childcarer		All provision	
	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places
All registers										
Position as at 31 August 2020	36,631	224,469	27,610	1,082,470	238	5,276	10,857	-	75,336	1,312,215
Joiners	1,265	5,159	1,569	44,230	19	397	1,421	-	4,274	49,786
Leavers	3,109	16,361	2,001	47,290	26	522	2,430	-	7,566	64,173
Net overall change	-1,844	-11,362	-432	-2,911	-7	-113	-1,009	-	-3,292	-14,386
Position as at 31 March 2021	34,787	213,107	27,178	1,079,559	231	5,164	9,848	-	72,044	1,297,830
Provision on Early Years Register										
Position as at 31 August 2020	34,535	224,469	23,801	1,082,470	233	5,276	-	-	58,569	1,312,215

If we click next to the box here, we can choose our region from the dropdown menu.

The numbers will then disappear. Don't worry! You just need to select which local authority you want to look at.

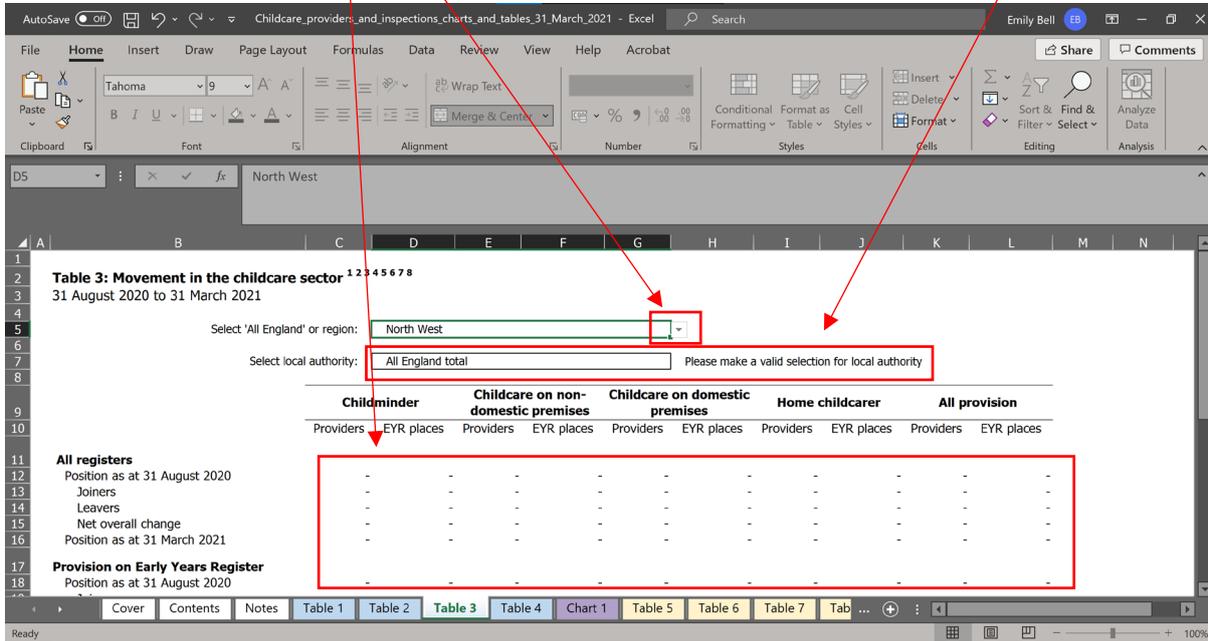


Table 3: Movement in the childcare sector^{1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8}
31 August 2020 to 31 March 2021

Select 'All England' or region: North West

Select local authority: All England total Please make a valid selection for local authority

	Childminder		Childcare on non-domestic premises		Childcare on domestic premises		Home childcarer		All provision	
	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places
All registers										
Position as at 31 August 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Joiners	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Leavers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net overall change	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Position as at 31 March 2021	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Provision on Early Years Register										
Position as at 31 August 2020	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Once you have chosen the local authority you want, again by clicking the arrow next to the box, you can then see how many providers have joined and left.

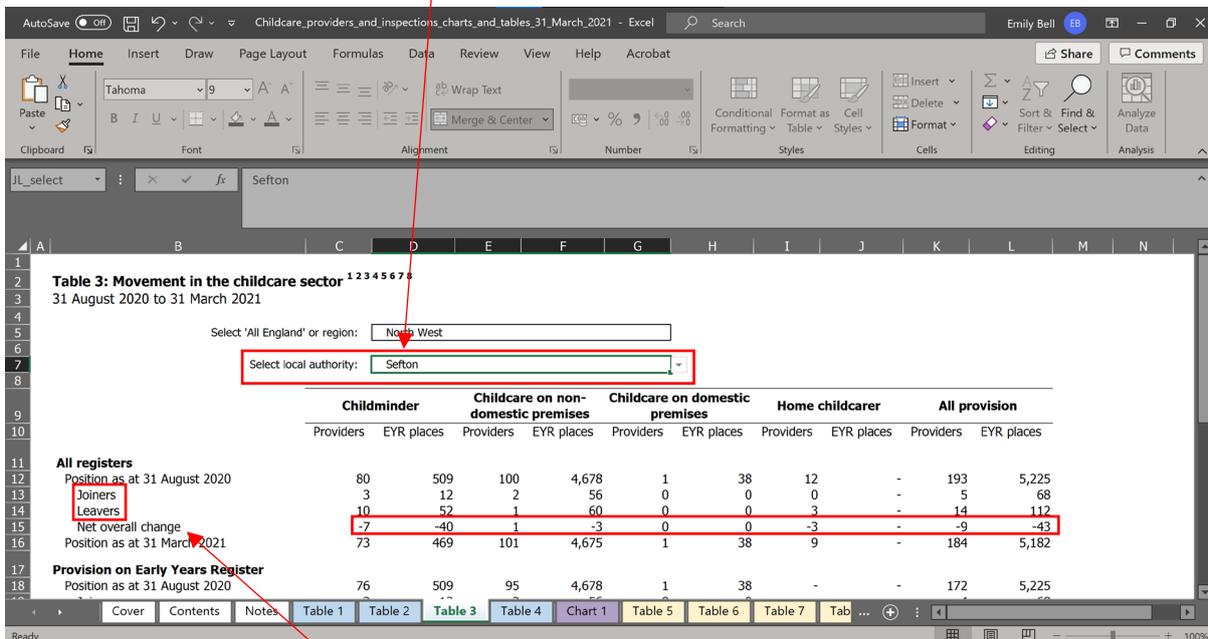


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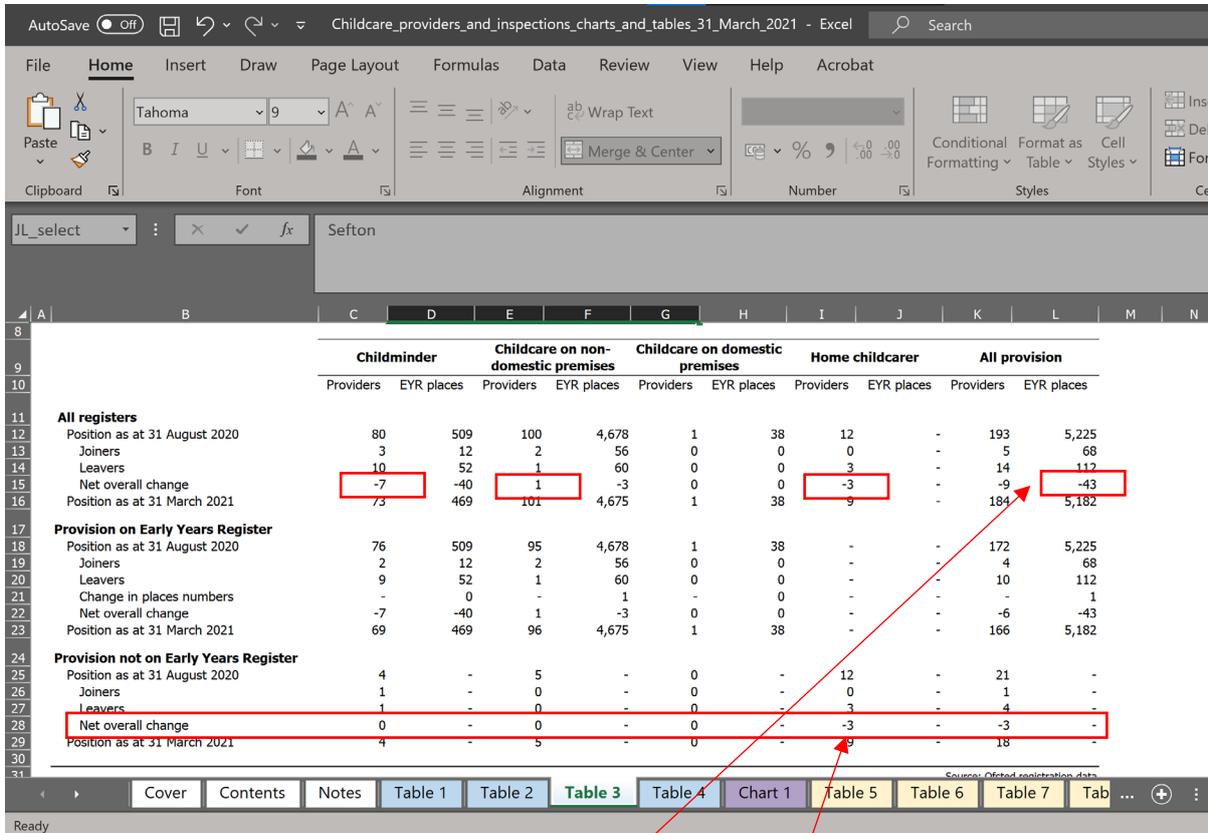
Select 'All England' or region: North West

Select local authority: Sefton

	Childminder		Childcare on non-domestic premises		Childcare on domestic premises		Home childcarer		All provision	
	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places	Providers	EYR places
All registers										
Position as at 31 August 2020	80	509	100	4,678	1	38	12	-	193	5,225
Joiners	3	12	2	56	0	0	0	-	5	68
Leavers	10	52	1	60	0	0	3	-	14	112
Net overall change	-7	-40	1	-3	0	0	-3	-	-9	-43
Position as at 31 March 2021	73	469	101	4,675	1	38	9	-	184	5,182
Provision on Early Years Register										
Position as at 31 August 2020	76	509	95	4,678	1	38	-	-	172	5,225

You can also see the net change. In other words, whether there are more or fewer providers and/or places in March 2021 compared to August 2020.

Let's look more closely at Sefton as an example. We can see that there has been a net loss of childminder providers and home childcarers, but a net gain in providers of childcare on non-domestic premises.



	Childminder		Childcare on non-domestic premises		Childcare on domestic premises		Home childcarer		All provision	
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Joiners	2	12	2	56	0	0	-	-	4	68
Leavers	9	52	1	60	0	0	-	-	10	112
Change in places numbers	-	0	-	1	-	0	-	-	-	1
Net overall change	-7	-40	1	-3	0	0	-	-	-6	-43
Position as at 31 March 2021	69	469	96	4,675	1	38	-	-	166	5,182
Provision not on Early Years Register										
Position as at 31 August 2020	4	-	5	-	0	-	12	-	21	-
Joiners	1	-	0	-	0	-	0	-	1	-
Leavers	1	-	0	-	0	-	3	-	4	-
Net overall change	0	-	0	-	0	-	-3	-	-3	-
Position as at 31 March 2021	4	-	5	-	0	-	9	-	18	-

We can also note that the changes have mostly been in providers on the Early Years register, with the only changes from non-EYR providers coming from the home childcarer category.

Overall, only a few places have been lost (43) relative to the overall amount of places available at the start of the period (5,225).

You can calculate what percentage that is by using the formula $x \div y \times 100$

So, $43 \div 5225 \times 100 = 0.8\%$

The loss in providers, though, is more significant:

$9 \div 193 \times 100 = 4.66\%$

It might be a good idea, though, to compare with the data from the previous release so that any trends can be compared to the longer-term view.

Table 4 provides the same information, but in a different format. Here, all the information about providers/places is provided for each local authority.

Table 4: Movement in the childcare sector, by region and local authority ^{1 2 3 4 5}											
31 August 2020 to 31 March 2021											
Select provider type: <input type="text" value="All provision"/>											
EYR providers											No
	Providers at start	Places at start	Providers joining	Joiners' places	Providers leaving	Leavers' places	Places changes	Providers at end	Places at end	Providers at start	Prov join
All England	58,569	1,312,215	2,108	49,786	3,929	64,173	1	56,748	1,297,830	16,767	2
North West	7,003	182,068	227	5,984	445	8,203	-7	6,785	179,842	926	
Blackburn with Darwen	147	4,303	6	273	11	320	1	142	4,257	14	
Blackpool	105	2,762	1	6	6	102	0	100	2,666	1	
Bolton	240	7,158	11	306	15	289	0	236	7,175	28	
Bury	191	5,543	4	208	12	374	6	183	5,384	24	
Cheshire East	348	10,251	16	472	28	768	18	336	9,973	54	
Cheshire West and Chester	327	9,251	12	192	22	372	3	317	9,074	44	
Cumbria	313	7,627	11	175	25	406	1	299	7,397	37	
Halton	139	3,363	5	195	9	234	1	135	3,325	9	

You might want to use this format to compare local authorities in the same region, for example. However, you would need to calculate the net losses/gains yourself as this information is not calculated on this table.

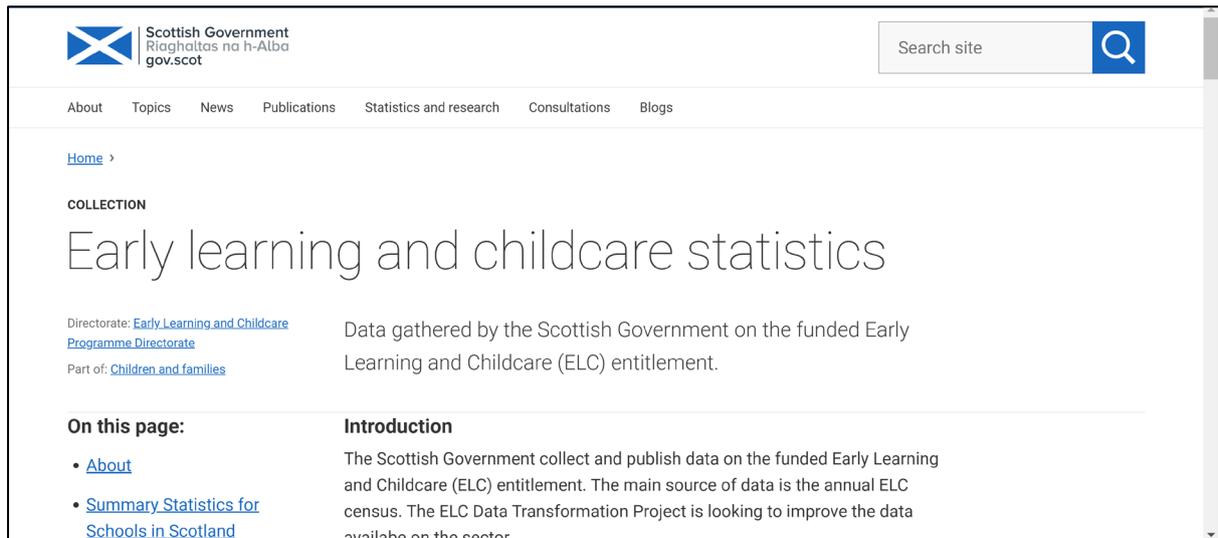
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31 August 2020 to 31 March 2021											
Select provider type: <input type="text" value="All provision"/>											
EYR providers											No
	Providers at start	Places at start	Providers joining	Joiners' places	Providers leaving	Leavers' places	Places changes	Providers at end	Places at end	Providers at start	Prov join
Knowsley	119	3,137	2	22	3	76	0	118	3,084	13	
Lancashire	1,212	32,522	31	802	69	1,518	2	1,174	31,808	88	
Liverpool	329	9,650	13	284	15	420	1	327	9,516	42	
Manchester	527	11,661	20	430	39	479	-42	508	11,570	138	
Oldham	260	6,832	7	116	16	180	0	251	6,769	45	
Rochdale	257	5,735	11	383	20	352	0	248	5,766	23	
Salford	295	7,696	9	79	12	190	1	292	7,587	42	
Sefton	172	5,225	4	68	10	112	1	166	5,182	21	
St Helens	119	3,819	7	234	16	439	0	110	3,615	12	
Stockport	413	8,057	18	524	29	339	-6	402	8,237	65	
Tameside	306	7,115	13	339	16	182	0	303	7,273	31	
Trafford	363	9,039	10	244	30	433	0	343	8,850	68	

Now, let's move on to Scotland.

It's important to note here that the data we're going to look at is **not** measuring the same thing as the Ofsted data. This data is about attendance, rather than availability.

During a pandemic you can expect to see a fall in the number of children attending childcare, but that doesn't tell us anything about providers joining or leaving the market. This means that you should adapt your local data project to include what is relevant to your local area in Scotland.

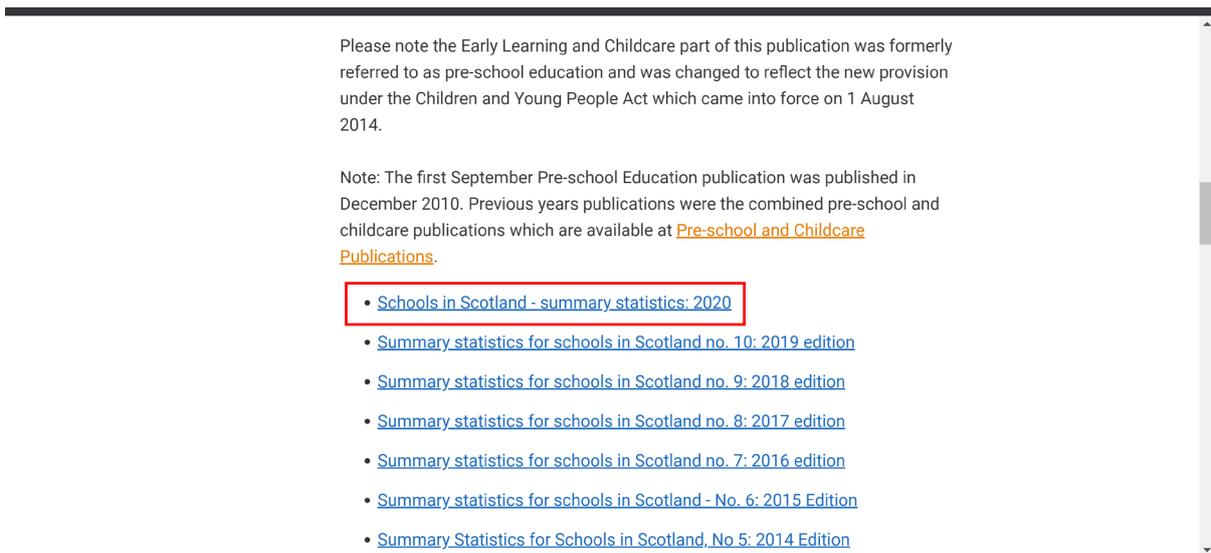
So, data on childcare attendance can be found [here](#).



The screenshot shows the Scottish Government website with the following content:

- Header: Scottish Government (Riaghaltas na h-Alba gov.scot)
- Navigation: About, Topics, News, Publications, Statistics and research, Consultations, Blogs
- Search bar: Search site
- Home link: Home >
- Section: COLLECTION
- Section Title: Early learning and childcare statistics
- Directorate: [Early Learning and Childcare Programme Directorate](#)
- Part of: [Children and families](#)
- Description: Data gathered by the Scottish Government on the funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) entitlement.
- On this page:
 - [About](#)
 - [Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland](#)
- Introduction: The Scottish Government collect and publish data on the funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) entitlement. The main source of data is the annual ELC census. The ELC Data Transformation Project is looking to improve the data available on the sector.

When you scroll down the page, you find all the previous releases and the most up-to-date information. There is a lot of other information available too, but we want the most recent summary statistics.



The screenshot shows the following text and links:

Please note the Early Learning and Childcare part of this publication was formerly referred to as pre-school education and was changed to reflect the new provision under the Children and Young People Act which came into force on 1 August 2014.

Note: The first September Pre-school Education publication was published in December 2010. Previous years publications were the combined pre-school and childcare publications which are available at [Pre-school and Childcare Publications](#).

- [Schools in Scotland - summary statistics: 2020](#) (highlighted with a red box)
- [Summary statistics for schools in Scotland no. 10: 2019 edition](#)
- [Summary statistics for schools in Scotland no. 9: 2018 edition](#)
- [Summary statistics for schools in Scotland no. 8: 2017 edition](#)
- [Summary statistics for schools in Scotland no. 7: 2016 edition](#)
- [Summary statistics for schools in Scotland - No. 6: 2015 Edition](#)
- [Summary Statistics for Schools in Scotland, No 5: 2014 Edition](#)

When you download this document, you need to go to chapter 5, which starts on page 20.

Some of the data has been analysed already. Explore p20 to read more.

Chapter 5: Early Learning and Childcare

95% of eligible three and four year olds were registered for funded ELC (98% in 2019)

9% of two year olds were registered for funded ELC (11% in 2019)

Table 5.1 shows that there were 90,126 registrations for funded Early Learning and Childcare (ELC) in September 2020, a decrease of 6.5% since September 2019 when there were 96,375 registrations. Uptake of funded ELC for eligible three and four year olds remains very high, with an estimated 95% registered (98% in 2019). Children registered to receive funded ELC at more than one centre may be counted more than once, so this will slightly overestimate true uptake. The decrease in the uptake of funded ELC this year may be due to the effects of COVID-19, with some parents choosing not to register their children.

The number of two year olds registered for funded ELC has decreased from 5,990 in 2019 to 4,863 in 2020. 9% of all two year olds were registered in 2020, a decrease from 11% in 2019.

On page 21, you will find data tables which record how many children were registered for funded childcare in different areas. You can compare this information with previous releases, but some of the calculations also appear on page 20.

Table 5.1: Registrations⁽¹⁾ for funded early learning and childcare at local authority and partnership centres, September 2020

	Under 2	2 year olds		3 & 4 year olds ⁽²⁾		Deferred entry ⁽⁴⁾		Total
		Number	% of population	Number	% of those eligible ⁽³⁾	Number	% of those eligible ⁽⁵⁾	
Aberdeen City	0	73	3	3,046	90	256	22	3,375
Aberdeenshire	2	152	5	4,201	95	322	21	4,677
Angus	0	89	8	1,529	91	162	29	1,780
Argyll and Bute	0	61	9	1,093	99	92	25	1,246
City of Edinburgh	90	374	8	6,907	95	527	22	7,898
Clackmannanshire	0	110	21	790	97	28	10	928
Dumfries and Galloway	0	104	8	2,021	105	163	25	2,288
Dundee City	1	207	15	2,062	93	234	32	2,504
East Ayrshire	26	181	15	1,865	98	88	13	2,160
East Dunbartonshire	11	74	7	1,803	97	133	22	2,021
East Lothian	6	42	4	1,690	97	158	26	1,896
East Renfrewshire	7	70	7	1,668	95	110	18	1,855
Falkirk	0	137	9	2,307	95	202	24	2,646
Fife	0	488	14	5,334	95	325	17	6,147
Glasgow City	42	535	9	8,366	86	553	17	9,496
Highland	0	144	7	3,366	102	442	39	3,952
Inverclyde	43	123	18	1,074	104	83	24	1,323
Midlothian	1	137	12	1,700	94	155	25	1,993
Moray	0	59	7	1,414	105	131	28	1,604
Na h-Eileanan Siar	2	20	9	362	95	32	26	416