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Description

This document describes the data included in the 'Education Provision: children under 5 years of age in England, January 2020' National Statistics release's underlying data files. This data is released under the terms of the [Open Government License](#) and is intended to meet at least 3 stars for [Open Data](#).

The early years census guide which can be found [here](#) and the school census guide [here](#) should be referenced alongside this data. They provide information on the data sources, their coverage and quality as well as explaining methodology used in producing the data.

Coverage

This release provides the latest information on provision of education for children under 5 in the maintained, private, voluntary and independent sectors in England:

It includes information on:

- The number of 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds benefiting from some funded early education places by type of provider and local authority;
- The number of 3- and 4-year-olds benefiting from extended funded early education places by type of provider and local authority;
- Local authority rates for numbers benefiting as a proportion of the population for 3- and 4-year-olds and as a proportion of the eligible population for 2-year-olds;
- The proportion of 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds in funded early education by number of funded hours received;
- The number of 3- and 4-year-olds benefiting from some funded early education by reason for claiming early years pupil premium;
- The number of 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds benefiting from some funded early education by Ofsted inspection rating;
- The number and percentage of early years staff at private, voluntary and independent providers, by highest qualification;
- The number and percentage of private, voluntary and independent providers and children benefiting at private, voluntary and independent providers, with staff with graduate status;

The information is based on pupil level data collected via the early years census, school census and the school level annual school census.

The underlying data files include national, regional and local authority level information for the position during census week in January for years 2018 to 2020.

File format and conventions

Where is it decided disclosure control is necessary to protect confidentiality, symbols are used in the underlying data files as follows:

- c below 6
- 0 the original figure submitted was zero
- . data not applicable
- .. data not available
- represents less than 0.5%

Data files

This statistical release includes the following underlying data files in csv format:

File name	Content	Geographical levels	Years
Children_benefiting_by_age_and_provider_type_2018_to_2020	The number of children benefiting from funded early education by provider type.	National; Regional; Local authority.	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_percentage_benefiting_2018_to_2020	The percentage of children benefiting from funded early education places.	National; Regional; Local authority	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_banded_hours_2018_to_2020	The proportion of children in funded early education by number of funded hours received.	National; Regional; Local authority	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_provider_type_2018_to_2020	The number of children benefiting from funded early education, in private, voluntary and independent providers, and in maintained nursery, primary, secondary and special schools by type of provider.	National; Regional; Local authority	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_ofsted_ratings_2018_to_2020	The number of children benefiting from some funded early education by Ofsted.	National; Regional; Local authority	2018 to 2020

	inspection rating.		
Early_years_provision_sen_2018_to_2020	The number of children benefiting from some funded early education by SEN status.	National; Regional; Local authority	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_ethnicity_2018_to_2020	The number of children benefiting from some funded early education by ethnicity.	National; Regional; Local authority	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_children_pupil_premium_2018_to_2020	The number of children benefiting from some funded early education recorded as being in receipt of early years pupil premium.	National; Regional; Local authority	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_staff_highest_qualification_2018_to_2020	The number and percentage of early years staff at private, voluntary and independent providers, by highest qualification and category of provider.	National;	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_staff_2018_to_2020	Number and percentage of private, voluntary and independent providers and the number of children benefiting from funded	National; Regional; Local authority.	2018 to 2020

	early education at private, voluntary and independent providers with staff with graduate status by category of provider.		
Early_years_provision_basis_for_funding_2018_to_2020	The basis on which a 2-year-old has been funded for an early education place.	National; Regional; Local authority.	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_provider_type_National_2018_to_2020	The number of children benefiting from funded early education, in private, voluntary and independent providers, and in maintained nursery, primary, secondary and special schools by type of provider.	National	2018 to 2020
Early_years_provision_children_pupil_premium_National_2018_to_2020	The number of children benefiting from some funded early education recorded as being in receipt of early years pupil premium.	National	2018 to 2020

Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions

Variable names and descriptions included across the underlying data files are provided below.

Variable name	Variable description
time_identifier	The type of time period covered
year_breakdown	The breakdown of the year covered
time_period	The reporting year
geographic_level	The geographic level of the data
country_code	9 digit country code
country_name	Country name
region_code	Region code (Government Office Region) - 9 digit code
region_name	Region name (Government Office Region)
old_la_code	Local authority code (old)
new_la_code	Local authority code (new) - 9 digit code
la_name	Local authority name
entitlement_type	Type of entitlement: Funded or extended
provider_type	Type of provider: example childminders
number_of_2_year_olds	Number of two year olds benefiting
number_of_3_year_olds	Number of three year olds benefiting
number_of_4_year_olds	Number of four year olds benefiting
number_of_3_4_year_olds	Number of three and four year olds benefiting
number_2_yearolds	Number of two year olds
2_year_old_population	DWP population estimate for two year olds.
percent_2_yearolds	Per cent of two year old children benefiting
number_3_yearolds	Number of three year olds
3_year_old_population	ONS population estimate for three year olds.
percent_3_yearolds	Per cent of three year old children benefiting
number_4_yearolds	Number of four year olds
4_year_old_population	ONS population estimate for four year olds.
percent_4_yearolds	Per cent of four year old children benefiting
number_3_4_yearolds	Number of three and four year olds
3_4_year_old_population	ONS population estimate for three and four year olds.
percent_3_4_yearolds	Per cent of three and four year old children benefiting
funded_hours	Funded hours band
percent_hours_2_yearolds	Per cent of two year olds benefiting
percent_hours_3_yearolds	Per cent of three year olds benefiting
percent_hours_4_yearolds	Per cent of four year olds benefiting
number_providers_2	Number of providers delivering education for two year olds
number_providers_34	Number of providers delivering education for three and four year olds
number_children_2	Number of two year olds benefiting
number_children_34	Number of three and four year olds benefiting
ofsted_inspection	Ofsted inspection rating
number_2_year_olds	Number of two year olds benefiting
2_year_olds_%	Per cent of two year olds benefiting

number_3_4_year_olds	Number of three and four year olds benefiting
3_4_year_olds_%	Per cent of three and four year olds benefiting
characteristic	Characteristic category (SEN or Ethnicity)
characteristic_type	Characteristic type
number_3_year_olds_pp	Number of three year olds in receipt of pupil premium benefiting
number_4_year_olds_pp	Number of four year olds in receipt of pupil premium benefiting
number_3_4_year_olds_pp	Number of three and four year olds in receipt of pupil premium benefiting
pupil_premium	Type of pupil premium
number_3_year_olds	Number of three year olds in receipt of pupil premium benefiting
3_year_olds_%	Per cent of three year olds in receipt of pupil premium benefiting
number_4_year_olds	Number of four year olds in receipt of pupil premium benefiting
4_year_olds_%	Per cent of four year olds in receipt of pupil premium benefiting
highest_qualification	Highest level of qualification
type_of_provider	Type of provider
number_of_staff	Number of staff
percentage_of_staff	Per cent of staff
number_providers	Number of providers
number_providers_with_graduate	Number of providers having staff with a graduate status
percent_providers_with_graduate	Per cent of providers having staff with a graduate status
number_benefiting	Number of children benefiting
number_benefiting_at_provider_with_graduate	Number of children benefiting at providers having staff with a graduate status
percent_benefiting_at_provider_with_graduate	Per cent of children benefiting at providers having staff with a graduate status
basis_for_funding	Basis for funding



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