



## CRÈCHES IN 2015

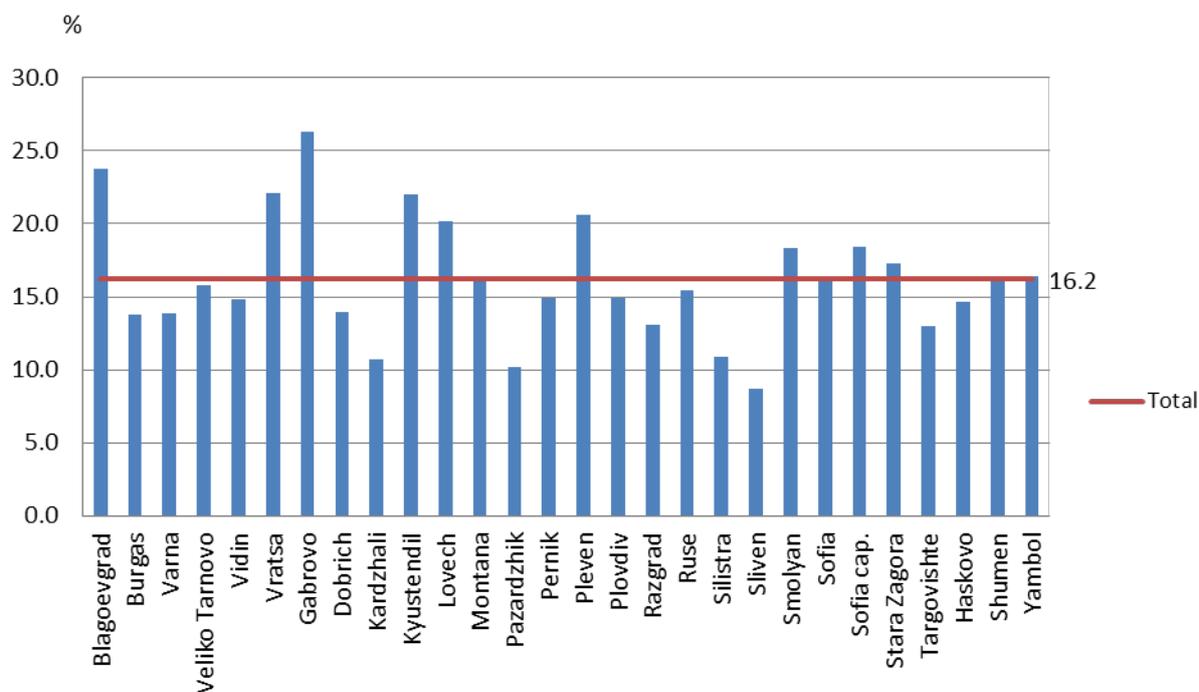
The number of detached crèches and groups in kindergartens functioning in the country as of 31.12.2015 was 812 with 32 040 places in them (Table 1). The number of places in the country has increased with 1 516, or with 5.0% compared to the previous year.

### 1. Crèches and places in crèches

	(Number)					
	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Establishments</b>	<b>731</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>812</b>
<b>Places - total</b>	<b>28139</b>	<b>29612</b>	<b>29601</b>	<b>30120</b>	<b>30524</b>	<b>32040</b>
In detached crèches	13658	13972	13687	14021	13707	13511
In groups in kindergartens	14481	15640	15914	16099	16817	18529

There were 682 crèches in urban areas with 29 657 places and 130 crèches with 2 383 places in rural areas respectively.

**Figure 1. Number of places in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens per 100 children aged up to 3 years<sup>1</sup> as of 31.12.2015 by districts**



<sup>1</sup> The coefficient was expressed by ratio of the number of places in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens per 100 of children aged up to 3 years.



The total number of places in crèches per 100 children aged up to 3 years as of 31.12.2015 was 16.2 (Figure 1). The highest values were registered in districts Gabrovo (26.3 per 100 children), Blagoevgrad (23.7 per 100 children) and Vratsa (22.1 per 100 children). Lowest values were indicated for districts: Sliven (8.7 per 100 children), Pazardzhik (10.2 per 100 children) and Kardzhali (10.7 per 100 children).

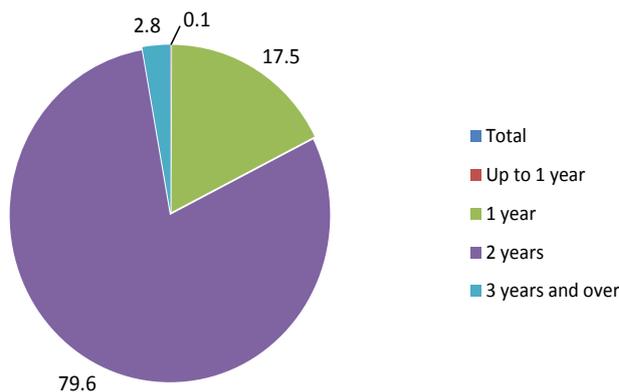
The number of children new entrants in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens in 2015 was 29 576 or 521 children more than the children new entrants in the previous year. 32 124 children were accommodated there at the end of the year (Table 2). 16 497 of them were boys, and - 15 627 girls. In comparison with 2014 the number of children accommodated in crèches has increased by 2.0%.

## 2. Children in crèches as of 31.12.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
<b>Total</b>	<b>29507</b>	<b>31611</b>	<b>31474</b>	<b>31199</b>	<b>31489</b>	<b>32124</b>
Boys	15302	16293	16273	16122	16167	16497
Girls	14205	15318	15201	15077	15322	15627

The distribution of children raised in crèches by age remains without changes in 2015. The highest was the share of children aged 2 years - 79.6%, the smallest was the share of children aged up to 1 year - 0.1% (Figure 2).

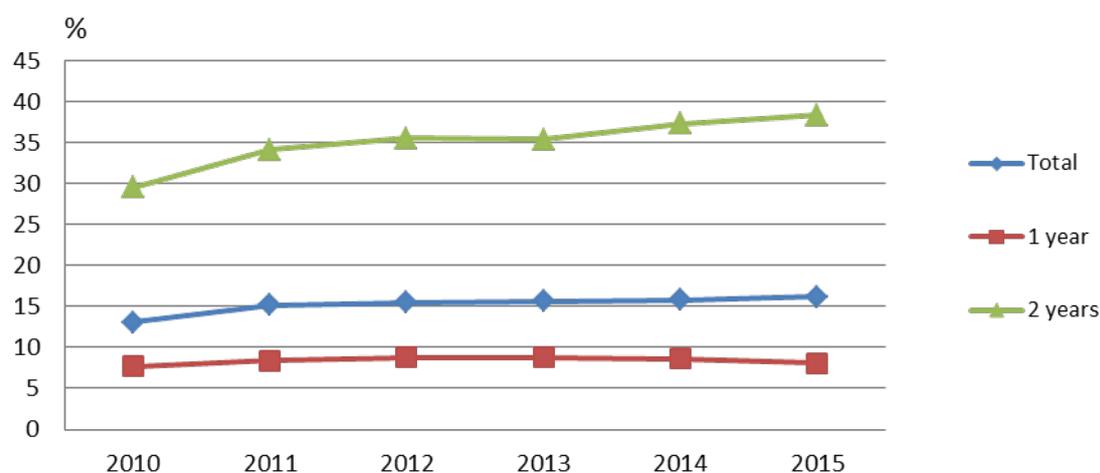
**Figure 2. Structure of children accommodated in crèches as of 31.12.2015 by age**





The coverage<sup>1</sup> of children brought up in crèches at the end of 2015 was 16.2%, as it has increased by 0.4% compared to previous year. The coverage of children aged 2 years was 38.3 % and the coverage of children aged 1 year at the end of 2015 was 8.1% (Figure 3).

**Figure 3. Coverage of children brought up in crèches and groups in kindergartens as of 31.12.**



7 574 medical and non-medical specialists were working on a basic labour contract in crèches at the end of 2015 in order to raise, educate and train the children. The number of medical specialists on Health care was 3 850, as 93.9% of them were nurses (3 615) (Table 3).

### 3. Medical specialists on Health care and non-medical personnel in crèches as of 31.12

(Number)

Year	Medical specialists on Health cares			Other non-medical personnel
	Total	Of which:		
		Nurses	Midwives	
2010	3783	3654	100	3121
2011	3838	3692	114	3215
2012	3803	3652	123	3274
2013	3811	3643	138	3311
2014	3863	3691	129	3398
2015	3850	3615	132	3718

<sup>1</sup> The indicator was expressed by ratio of the number of children aged up to 3 years brought up in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens per 100 of children of the same age group of the total population.



## Methodological notes

The survey 'Crèches' is an exhaustive survey carried out by the National Statistical Institute annually. Detached crèches as well as groups in kindergartens are covered.

Sources of data are detached crèches and groups in kindergartens. Data on personnel, places in crèches and number of children as well as their distribution by age are collected.

Crèches are set up to support families in raising children up to the age of three years and to ensure their normal physical and mental development in accordance with the Law on Health and Ordinance № 26/18.11.2008 of the Minister of Health. Crèches are organizationally distinct structures, where medical and other specialists raise, educate and train children aged from three months to three years.

Groups for children aged between 3 months and 3 years could be opened at daily and weekly kindergartens as the organization of work there do not differ from the work of detached crèches.

Additional statistical information about the Survey on crèches can be found on the NSI's website, 'Statistical data' Rubric, theme 'Health' - [www.nsi.bg](http://www.nsi.bg).