



CRÈCHES IN 2012

The number of detached crèches and groups in kindergartens functioning in Bulgaria at the end of 2012 was 754 with 29 601 places in them. There were 630 crèches in urban areas with 27 303 places and 124 crèches with 2 298 places in rural areas respectively.

The number of places remained almost unchanged compared to the previous year as in crèches places were 13 687 and in kindergartens' groups - 15 914.

1. Crèches and places in crèches

	(Number)							
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Establishments	641	668	671	673	701	731	753	754
Places	22 094	23 478	24 409	25 091	26 952	28 139	29 612	29601

The number of children new entrants in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens in 2012 was 29 216 or 164 children less than children new entrants in 2011. 31 474 children were accommodated there at the end of the year. 16 273 of them were boys, and - 15 201 girls.

2. Children in crèches

	(Number)							
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Entrants during the year	22 675	24 082	24 597	25 023	27 395	27 026	29 380	29216
Children, as of 31.12.	22 993	25 040	26 689	27 297	30 066	29 507	31 611	31474

The distribution of children raised in crèches by age remains without changes in 2012. The highest was the share of children aged from 2 to 3 years - 77.9%, the share of children aged from 1 to 2 years was 19.2%. The smallest was the share of children aged up to 1 year - 40 persons or 0.1%. The number of children aged 3 years and over was 900 or 2.9%.

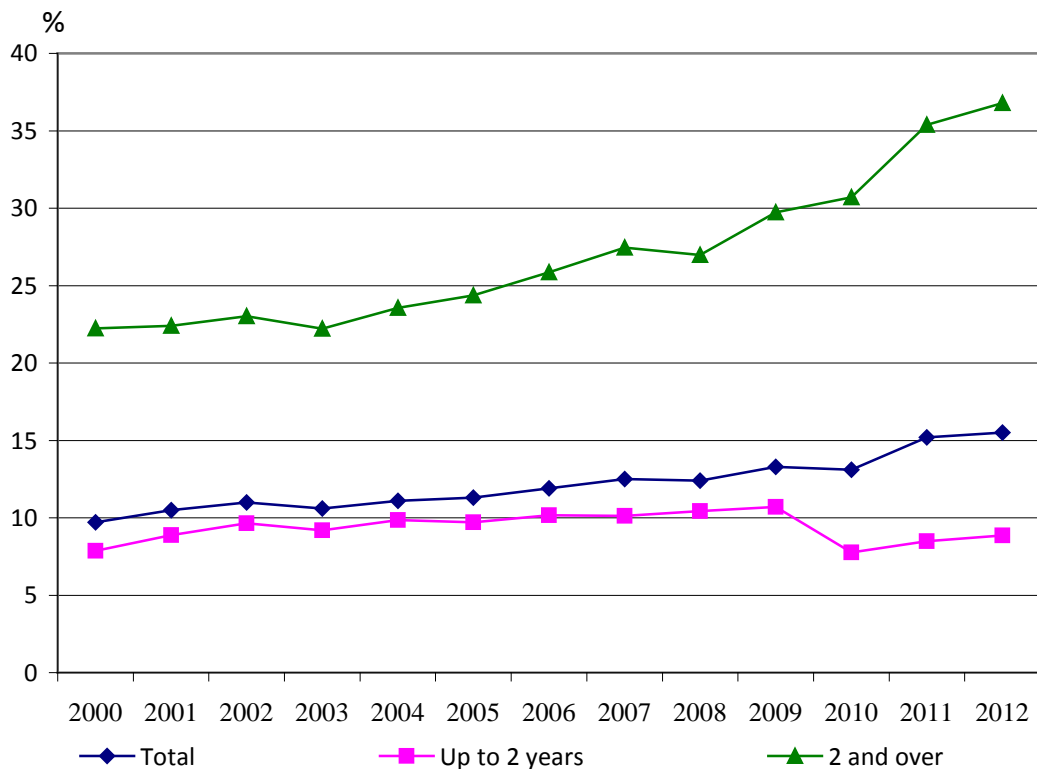


3. Children in crèches as of 31.12.2012 by age

	Number	Structure - %
Children - total	31474	100.0
Up to 1 year	40	0.1
1 to 2 years	6028	19.1
2 to 3 years	24506	77.9
3 years and over	900	2.9

The coverage of children brought up in crèches at the end of 2012 was 15.5%, as increasing by 0.2 percentage points only, compared to the end of 2011 was observed. 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. The coverage of children aged 2 and over years increased from 35.4% in 2011 to 36.8% in 2012. The coverage of children aged up to 2 year at the end of 2012 was 8.9%.

Figure 1. Coverage of children brought in crèches and groups in kindergartens as of 31.12.





7 086 persons were working on a basic labour contract in crèches at the end of 2012 in order to ensure conditions for physical and mental development and education of the children. The number of medical specialists on Health care was 3 803. The most of them were nurses (3 652) and midwives (123). The attendance of children was provided by 3 274 persons - non-medical personnel.

4. Personnel in crèches by categories as of 31.12

(Number)

Year	Medical specialists on Health cares			Other non-medical personnel
	Total	Nurses	Midwives	
2005	3598	3497	72	2770
2006	3796	3690	76	2859
2007	3861	3751	73	2879
2008	3925	3821	68	2842
2009	3801	3671	97	2947
2010	3783	3654	100	3121
2011	3838	3692	114	3215
2012	3803	3652	123	3274



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 provided through the NSI’s “Administrative Services” Division, or by e-mail: info@nsi.bg.