



CRÈCHES IN 2014

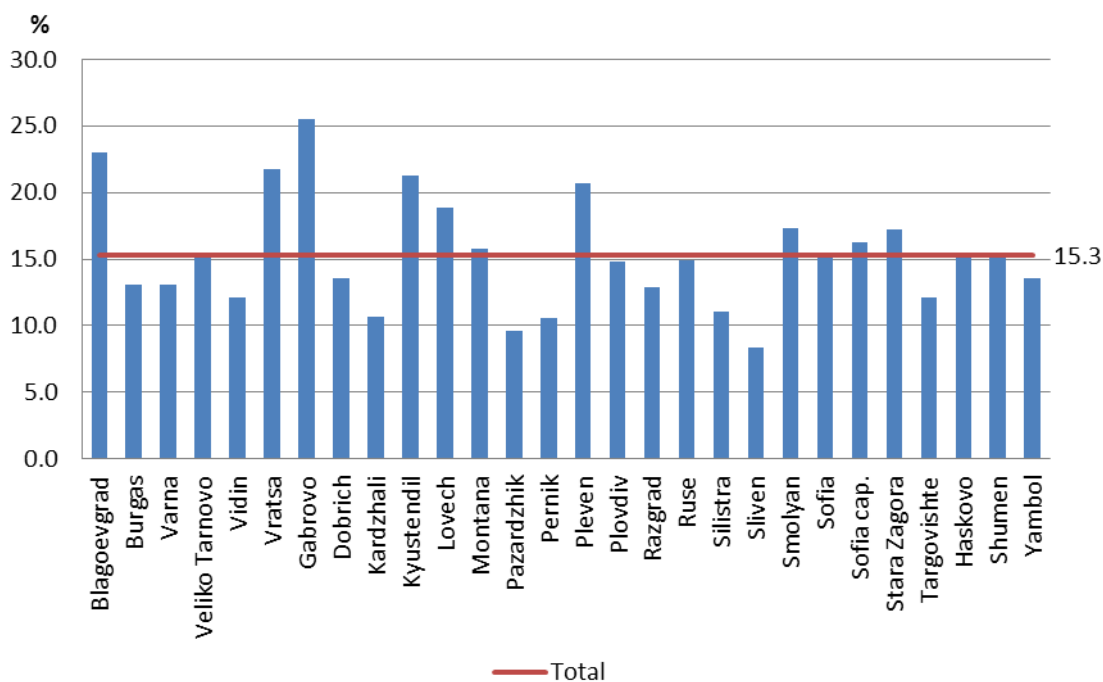
The number of detached crèches and groups in kindergartens functioning in the country as of 31.12.2014 was 794 with 30 524 places in them (Table 1). The number of places in the country has increased with 404, or with 1.3% compared to the previous year.

1. Crèches and places in crèches

| | (Number) | | | | |
|----------------------------|----------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
| Establishments | 731 | 753 | 754 | 770 | 794 |
| Places - total | 28139 | 29612 | 29601 | 30120 | 30524 |
| In detached crèches | 13658 | 13972 | 13687 | 14021 | 13707 |
| In groups in kindergartens | 14481 | 15640 | 15914 | 16099 | 16817 |

There were 666 crèches in urban areas with 28 229 places and 128 crèches with 2 295 places in rural areas respectively.

Figure 1. Number of places in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens per 100 children aged up to 3 years¹ as of 31.12.2014 by districts



¹ 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 31.12.2014 was 15.3 per 100 (Figure 1). The highest values were registered in districts Gabrovo (25.5 per 100 children), Blagoevgrad (23.0 per 100 children) and Vratsa (21.7 per 100 children). Lowest values were indicated for districts: Sliven (8.3 per 100 children), Pazardzhik (9.6 per 100 children) and Pernik (10.6 per 100 children).

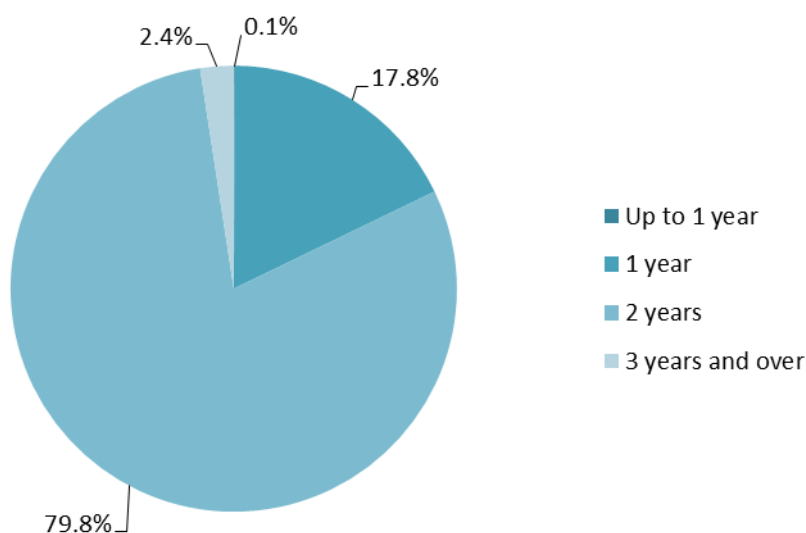
The number of children new entrants in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens in 2014 was 29 055 or 576 children more than the children new entrants in 2013. 31 489 children were accommodated there at the end of the year (Table 2). 16 167 of them were boys, and - 15 322 girls. The number of children accommodated in crèches has increased by 0.9% compared to the end of 2013.

2. Children in crèches as of 31.12.

| | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Total | 29507 | 31611 | 31474 | 31199 | 31489 |
| Boys | 15302 | 16293 | 16273 | 16122 | 16167 |
| Girls | 14205 | 15318 | 15201 | 15077 | 15322 |

The distribution of children raised in crèches by age remains without changes in 2014. The highest was the share of children aged 2 years - 79.8%, the smallest was the share of children aged up to 1 year - 0.1% (Figure 2).

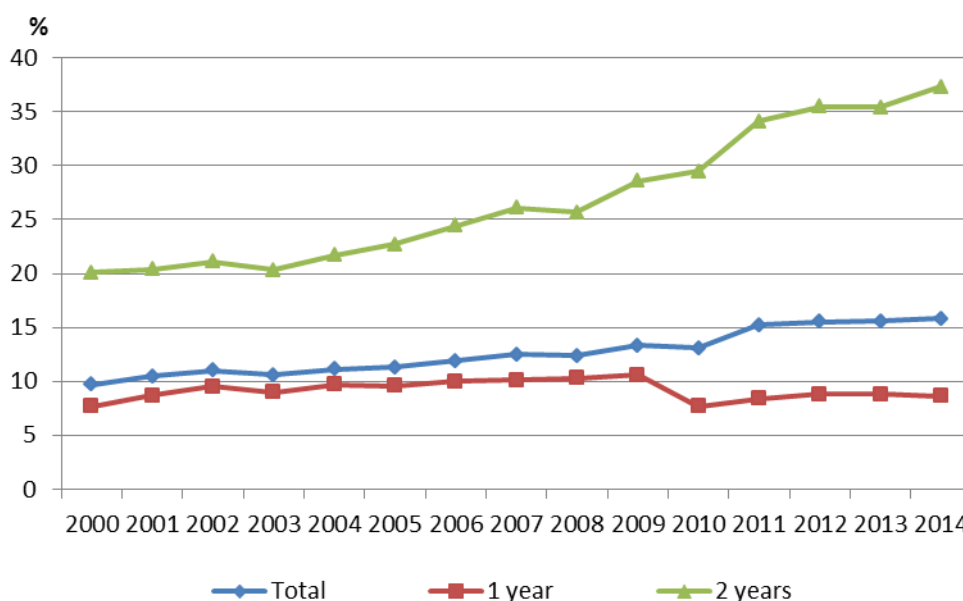
Figure 2. Structure of children accommodated in crèches as of 31.12.2014 by age





The coverage¹ of children brought up in crèches at the end of 2014 was 15.8%, as it remains without changes compared to previous year. The coverage of children aged 2 years was 37.3 % and the coverage of children aged 1 year at the end of 2014 was 8.6% (Figure 3).

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



7 263 medical and non-medical specialists were working on a basic labour contract in crèches at the end of 2014 in order to raise, educate and train the children. The number of medical specialists on Health care was 3 863, as 95.5% of them were nurses (3 691) (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 |

¹ 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.