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## Pre-primary education and child care

### 2025/2026

In Montenegro there are 57 pre-primary institutions of which 24 institutions are public and 33 are private, with the network of 201 child care units, within which there were organised 922 child care groups.

The total number of children enrolled in pre-primary institutions in school year 2025/2026 is 26 786. Of the total number of children, there are 47.7% (12 776) of enrolled girls and 52.3% (14 010) of boys. The share of enrolled children is higher for 3.3% in comparison with the previous school year. Of the total number of children, children enrolled in public institutions account for 94.8%.

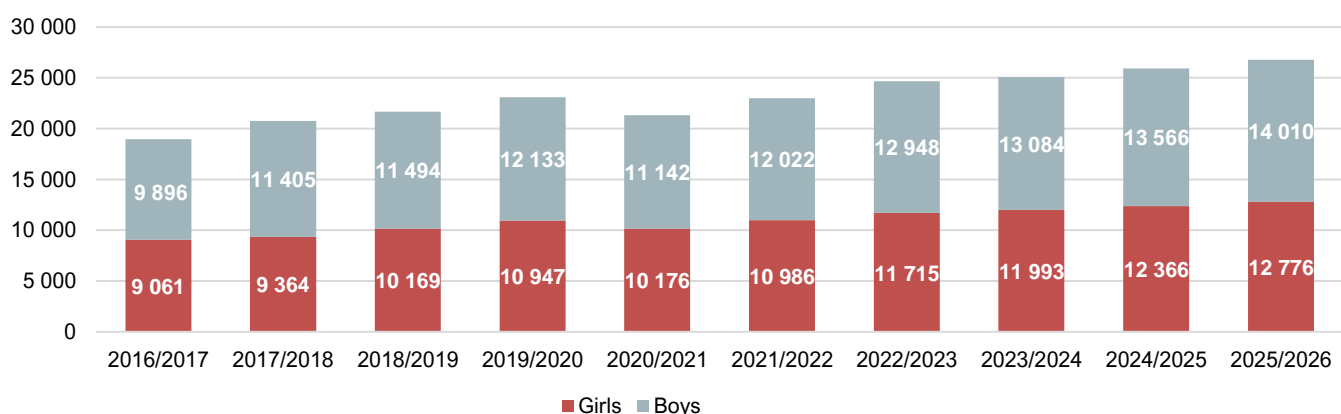
The average number of children per educational group in public pre-primary institution is 31, and in private is the 14.

Of the total number of employees in pre-primary institutions, child-care workers account for 43.4%.

**Table 1.** Pre-primary education and child care, 2025/2026

	Total	Public pre-primary institutions	Private pre-primary institutions
<b>Total number of enrolled children</b>	<b>26 786</b>	<b>25 397</b>	<b>1 389</b>
Girls	12 776	12 121	655
Boys	14 010	13 276	734
Child-care workers	1 706	1 602	104

**Figure 1.** Total number of enrolled children



## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The data on pre-primary education and child care in this release refer to the beginning of school year, and they are results of statistical processing of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation.

Data cover all pre-primary educational institutions at the territory of Montenegro (private and public) with the licence for the work obtained from the responsible ministry.

Pre-primary child care and education is a part of uniform education and child care system.

Pre-primary child care and education is performed in accordance with the educational programme of pre-primary education, and it covers children up to the enrolment of primary school.

**Pre-primary institutions are:** kindergarten, nursery and other institution of pre-primary education which is organized in accordance with appropriate law.

**The child care** unit is a part of pre-primary institution, out of the main office of institution, covering one or two child care group;

**The child care group** is a composition of children structured by age, pedagogical norms and number.

When using the data, state: "Data source: Statistical Office of Montenegro - MONSTAT"

*More data, as well as detailed methodological notes can be found in the section: [Pre-primary education](#)*