Pre-primary education and child care
2013/2014

In Montenegro there are 34 pre-primary institutions of which 21 institutions are public and 13 are private, with the network of 119 child care units, within which there were organised 534 child care groups.

In school year 2013/2014 there were 16 461 enrolments of children in pre-primary institutions. Of this number, 47.1% were girls. There is an increase of 7.5% in number of children enrolled compared with school year 2012/13. In public institutions there were 97.1% children enrolled.

In public pre-primary institutions an average number of children per child care group is 30, while this average is 12 in private pre-school institutions. The highest average number of children per child care group is in Podgorica, and it is 40.

The highest average number of children per child-care worker is in Tivat, and it is 21. Of the total number of employed in the pre-primary institutions, 56.6% are child-care workers.
METHODOLICAL EXPLANATIONS

The data on pre-primary education and child care in this release refer to the beginning of the school year, and they are the results of statistically processed annual reports provided by pre-primary institutions.

Statistical surveys covered all pre-primary educational institutions at the territory of Montenegro having the licence for the work 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 until they enrol the primary school.

- The infant nursery is a part of pre-primary institution covering child care and education of children aged up to three years;
- The kindergarten is a part of pre-primary institution covering education and child care of children aged three years and over until they enrol the primary school;
- 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.