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Pre-primary education and child care

2024/2025

In Montenegro there are 55 pre-primary institutions, out of which 21 institutions are public, and 34 are private, with the network of 162 child care units, within which there were organised 894 child care groups.

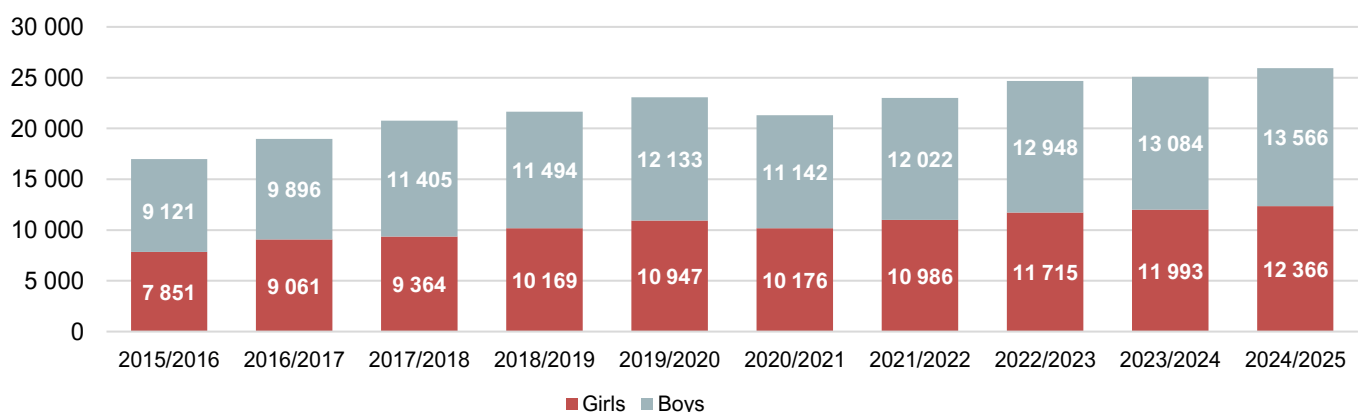
The total number of children enrolled in pre-primary institutions in school year 2024/2025 is 25 932. Out of the total number of children enrolled, there are 47.7% (12 366) of girls, and 52.3% (13 566) of boys. The number of enrolled children increased by 3.4% in comparison with the previous school year. Out of the total number of enrolled children, there are 94.8% enrolled in public institutions.

An average number of children per educational group in public preschool institutions is 31, and in private is 13. Out of the total number of employees in preschool institutions, child-care workers represent 45%.

Table 1. Pre-primary education and child care, 2024/2025

| | Total | Public pre-primary institutions | Private pre-primary institutions |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Total number of children | 25 932 | 24 577 | 1 355 |
| Girls | 12 366 | 11 718 | 648 |
| Boys | 13 566 | 12 859 | 707 |
| Child-care workers | 1 655 | 1 559 | 96 |

Figure 1. Total number of children enrolled in pre-primary institutions



METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

Data on pre-primary education and child care in this release refer to the beginning of school year, and they are the result of statistical processing of the Ministry of Education, Science and Innovation's database.

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

Pre-primary education is a part of uniform education system.

Pre-primary 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 institutions of pre-primary education which is organized in accordance with the appropriate law.

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

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](#)

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