



## CRÈCHES IN 2013

The number of detached crèches and groups in kindergartens functioning in the country as of 31.12.2013 was 770 with 30 120 places in them (Table 1). There were 642 crèches in urban areas with 27 833 places and 128 crèches with 2 287 places in rural areas respectively. The number of places in the country has increased in 2013 with 519, or with 1.8% compared to the previous year.

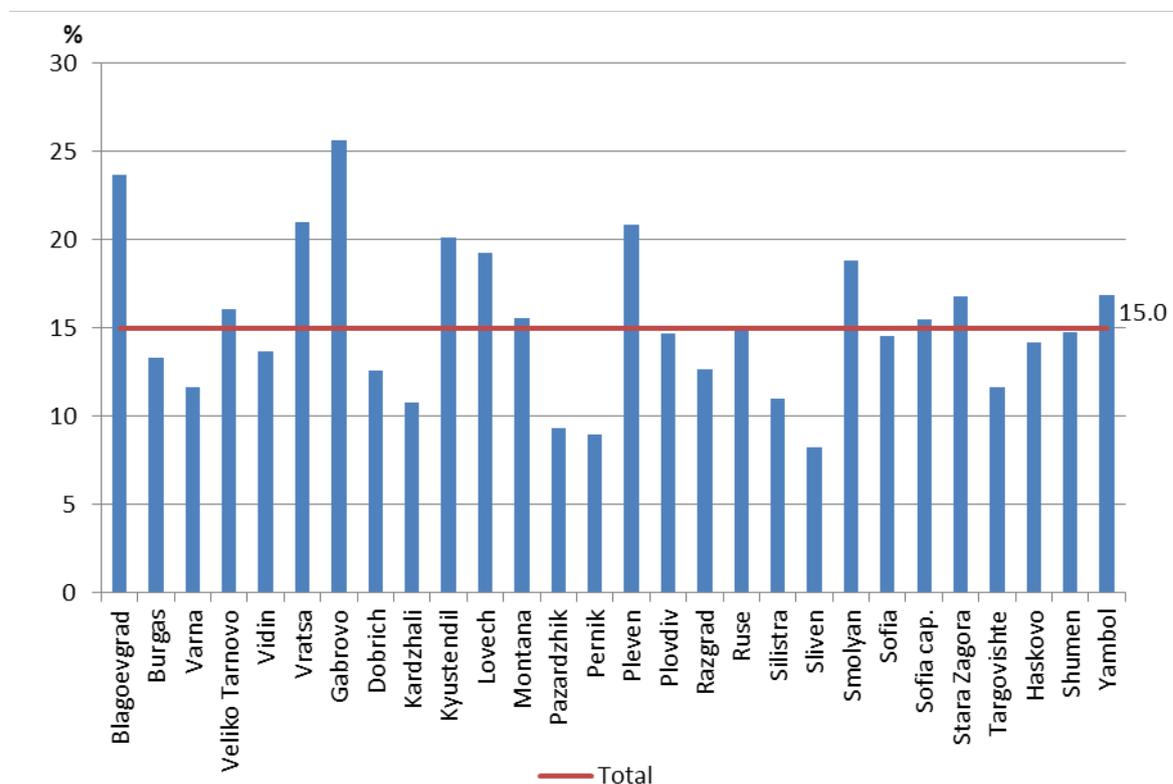
### 1. Crèches and places in crèches

	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Establishments	701	731	753	754	770
Places	26 952	28 139	29 612	29601	30120

(Number)

There were 14 021 places in detached crèches and 16 099 places in groups in kindergartens as of 31.12.2013.

**Figure 1. Number of places in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens per 100 children aged up to 3 completed years as of 31.12.2013 by districts**





The total number of places in crèches per 100 children aged up to 3 completed years<sup>1</sup> as of 31.12.2013 was 15 per 100 (Figure 1). The highest values were registered in districts Gabrovo (25.6 per 100 children), Blagoevgrad (23.7 per 100 children) and Vratsa (21.0 per 100 children). Lowest values were indicated for districts: Sliven (8.3 per 100 children), Pernik (9.0 per 100 children) and Pazardzhik (9.4 per 100 children).

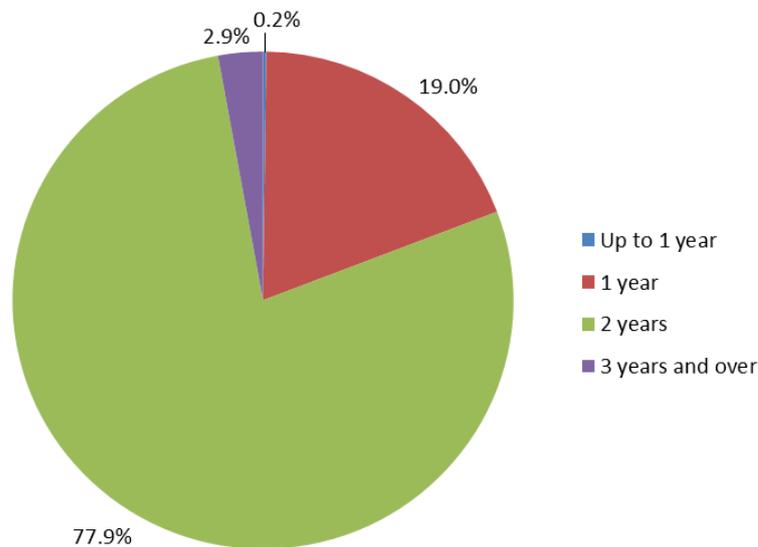
The number of children new entrants in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens in 2013 was 28 479 or 737 children less than the children new entrants in 2012. 31 199 children were accommodated there at the end of the year (Table 2). 16 122 of them were boys, and - 15 077 girls. The number of children accommodated in crèches as of 31.12.2013 has decreased by 0.9% compared to the end of 2012.

## 2. Children in crèches

	(Number)				
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Entrants during the year	27395	27026	29380	29216	28479
Children, as of 31.12.	30066	29507	31611	31474	31199

The distribution of children raised in crèches by age remains without changes in 2013. The highest was the share of children aged 2 years - 77.9%, the share of children aged 1 year was 19.0%. The smallest was the share of children aged up to 1 year - 66 persons or 0.2%. The number of children aged 3 years and over was 898 or 2.9% (Figure 2).

**Figure 2. Structure of children accommodated in crèches as of 31.12. 2013 by age**

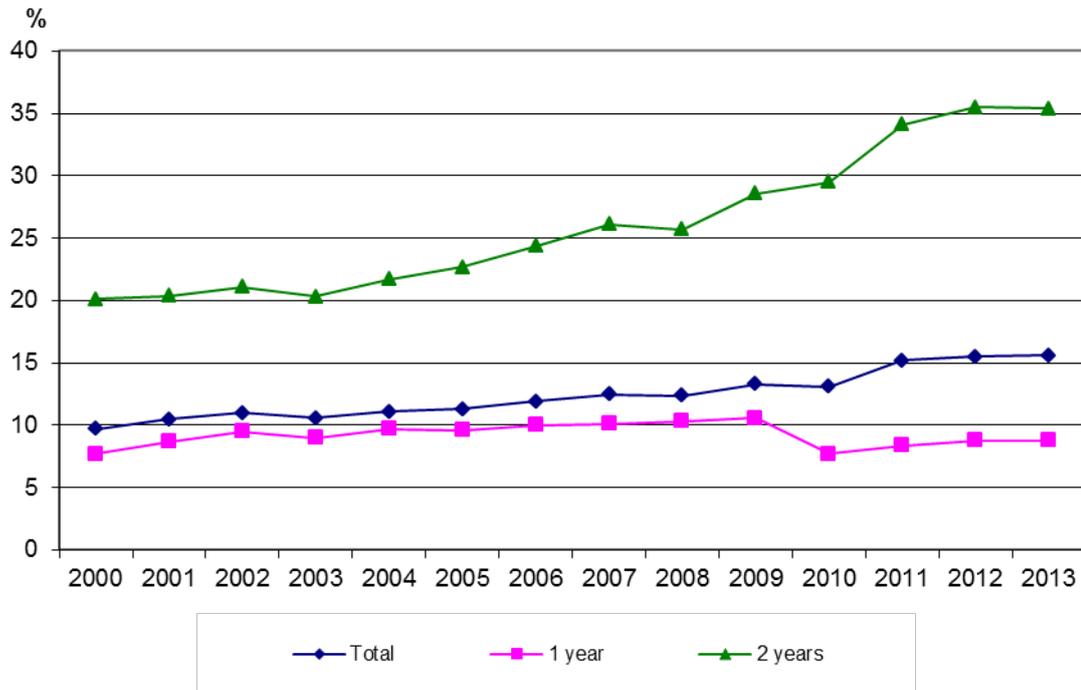


<sup>1</sup> The coefficient was expressed by ratio of the number of places in detached crèches and groups in kindergartens per 100 of children aged up to 3 completed years.



The coverage<sup>1</sup> of children brought up in crèches at the end of 2013 was 15.6%, as it remains without changes compared to previous year. The coverage of children aged 2 years was 35.4 % and the coverage of children aged 1 year at the end of 2012 was 8.8% (Figure 3).

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



7 129 persons were working on a basic labour contract in crèches at the end of 2013 in order to ensure conditions for physical and mental development and education of the children. The number of medical specialists on Health care was 3 811. The most of them were nurses (3 643) and midwives (138). The attendance of children was provided by 3 311 persons - non-medical personnel (Table 3).

### 3. Medical specialists on Health care and non-medical personnel in crèches as of 31.12

Year	Medical specialists on Health cares			Other non-medical personnel
	Total	Of which:		
		Nurses	Midwives	
2009	3801	3671	97	2947
2010	3783	3654	100	3121
2011	3838	3692	114	3215
2012	3803	3652	123	3274
2013	3811	3643	138	3311

<sup>1</sup> 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 provided through the NSI’s web site, “Statistical data” Rubric, theme “Health” – [www.nsi.bg](http://www.nsi.bg).