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KINDERGARTENS AND OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES IMPLEMENTING PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES. BEGINNING OF 2024/2025 PEDAGOGIC YEAR



At the beginning of the 2024/2025 pedagogic year, according to the methodology of statistical data collection, there were **1 770** reporting units implementing preschool education and care programmes, of which **1 637** were kindergartens and **133** were other legal entities (basic schools, playrooms in libraries or other institutions or organisations).

Kindergartens founded by local government and self-government units were attended by **81.4%** of children.

The total number of children covered by any preschool education and care programmes was **157 076**, out of which **76 039** were girls (48.4%). There were **145 487** children covered by a regular programme, **7 641** by a preschool programme and 3 948 by a shorter programme.

There were 82.7% of children who spent eight and more hours in a kindergarten.

Out of the total number of kindergartens, **384** were self-contained, that is, those without departments, while 302 of them included departments. The number of departments amounted to **951**.

Out of the total number of persons in employment, **59.7%** were kindergarten teachers and teachers.

In the 2023/2024 school year, the preschool programme covered **7 641** children who did not attend a regular preschool programme.

1 KINDERGARTENS AND OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES IMPLEMENTING PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES, BEGINNING OF 2024/2025 PEDAGOGIC YEAR

			Kindergartens	;	Other legal entities				
Founder	Total	Self- contained	With departments	Departments	Basic schools	Playrooms in libraries	Other institutions		
Total	1 770	384	302	951	97	5	31		
Republic of Croatia	6	2	-	1	2	1	-		
Local government and self- government units	1 353	205	232	809	91	4	12		
Other domestic legal entities and natural persons (private)	351	161	56	111	4	-	19		
Religious communities	60	16	14	30	-	-	-		

2 CHILDREN, BY TYPE OF PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMME AND BY SEX, BEGINNING OF 2024/2025 PEDAGOGIC YEAR

Founder	Tot	Total In regula programn			In preschool institutions ¹⁾		In shorter programmes	
	All	Girls	All	Girls	All	Girls	All	Girls
Total	157 076	76 039	145 487	70 181	7 641	3 671	3 948	2 187
Republic of Croatia	618	407	387	285	116	57	115	65
Local government and self-government units	127 927	61 600	119 844	57 570	6 373	3 043	1 710	987
Other domestic legal entities and natural persons (private)	24 623	12 118	21 529	10 506	971	477	2 123	1 135
Religious communities	3 908	1 914	3 727	1 820	181	94	-	-

¹⁾ The data refer to a preschool programme implemented in the 2023/2024 pedagogic year.

3 CHILDREN, BY SEX AND BY TIME SPENT DAILY IN PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMES, BEGINNING OF 2024/2025 PEDAGOGIC YEAR

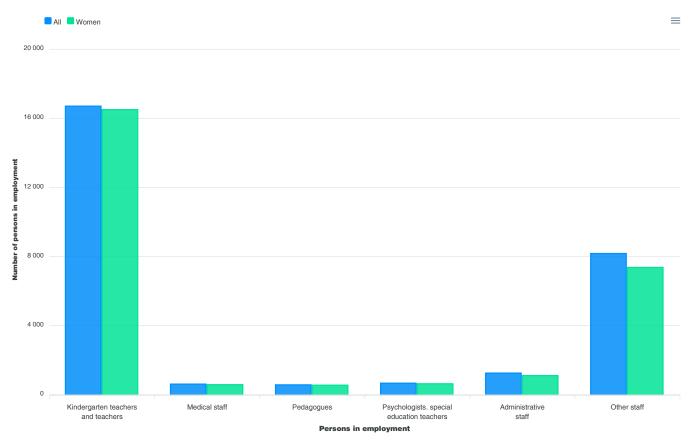
Founder	Chilc	Iren		nt daily in p rammes, ho		Percentage of children by time spent in preschool programmes, hours			
	All	Girls	Less than 5	5 – 8	8 and more	Less than 5	5 – 8	8 and more	
Total	157 076	76 039	13 838	13 273	129 965	8,81	8,45	82,74	
Republic of Croatia	618	407	234	113	271	37,86	18,28	43,85	
Local government and self-government units	127 927	61 600	10 290	10 542	107 095	8,04	8,24	83,72	
Other domestic legal entities and natural persons (private)	24 623	12 118	3 114	2 130	19 379	12,65	8,65	78,70	
Religious communities	3 908	1 914	200	488	3 220	5,12	12,49	82,40	

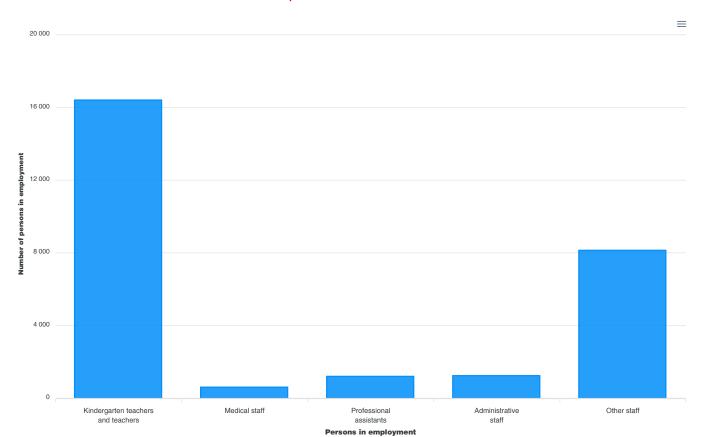
4 PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT IN KINDERGARTENS AND OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES IMPLEMENTING PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMES, BEGINNING OF 2024/2025 PEDAGOGIC YEAR

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		All	Women	All	Women	All	Women	All	Women	All	Women	All	Women	All	Women
Total	Total	28 009	26 767	16 708	16 506	619	585	575	556	672	638	1 256	1 110	8 179	7 372
	Full- time	26 398	25 279	16 288	16 104	418	395	428	416	547	520	1 154	1 019	7 563	6 825
Kindergartens	Total	27 600	26 401	16 411	16 243	607	573	568	549	634	602	1 240	1 095	8 140	7 339
	Full- time	26 195	25 104	16 166	16 006	411	388	423	411	515	488	1 143	1 009	7 537	6 802
Preschool institutions ¹⁾	Total	123	121	123	121	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Full- time	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other legal entities	Total	286	245	174	142	12	12	7	7	38	36	16	15	39	33
	Full- time	203	175	122	98	7	7	5	5	32	32	11	10	26	23

¹⁾ The data refer to a preschool programme implemented in the 2023/2024 pedagogic year.

G-2 PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT IN KINDERGARTENS AND OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES, BY SEX, BEGINNING OF 2024/2025 PEDAGOGIC YEAR





5 PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT IN KINDERGARTENS, BY EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT AND SEX, BEGINNING OF 2024/2025 PEDAGOGIC YEAR

Founder		Persons in employment		Kindergarten teachers and teachers		Medical staff	Professional assistants	Administrative staff	Other staff
		All	Women	All	Women				
Total	All	27 600	26 401	16 411	16 243	607	1 202	1 240	8 140
	High	5 390	5 158	3 318	3 262	155	1 164	480	273
	Higher	13 186	13 009	12 210	12 110	382	38	335	221
	Secondary	7 088	6 318	881	869	70	-	420	5 717
	Basic	1 936	1 916	2	2	-	-	5	1 929
Republic of Croatia	All	81	77	51	51	2	5	3	20
	High	27	26	12	12	2	5	2	6
	Higher	40	40	39	39	-	-	1	-
	Secondary	14	11	-	-	-	-	-	14
	Basic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Local government and self- government units	All	23 316	22 327	13 803	13 672	440	899	1 015	7 159
	High	4 328	4 166	2 749	2 714	109	883	391	196
	Higher	11 254	11 119	10 527	10 440	276	16	272	163
	Secondary	5 885	5 212	526	517	55	-	347	4 957
	Basic	1 849	1 830	1	1	-	-	5	1 843
Other domestic legal entities and natural persons	All	3 569	3 395	2 185	2 153	139	248	181	816
	High	896	832	500	480	37	229	66	64
	Higher	1 561	1 532	1 349	1 340	91	19	58	44
	Secondary	1 035	955	335	332	11	-	57	632
	Basic	77	76	1	1	-	-	-	76
Religious communities	All	634	602	372	367	26	50	41	145
	High	139	134	57	56	7	47	21	7
	Higher	331	318	295	291	15	3	4	14
	Secondary	154	140	20	20	4	-	16	114
	Basic	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	10

6 KINDERGARTENS AND OTHER LEGAL ENTITIES IMPLEMENTING PRESCHOOL EDUCATION PROGRAMMES AND PRESCHOOL PROGRAMMES, CHILDREN BY AGE GROUPS, PERSONS IN EMPLOYMENT BY COUNTIES, BEGINNING OF 2024/2025 PEDAGOGIC YEAR

			Children by age groups					Persons in employment				
		Other				5 – 7		Out of th	iat			
	Kindergartens	legal entities	All	Up to 3 years	3 – 5 years	years and older	All	Kindergarten teachers and teachers	Medical staff			
Republic of Croatia	1 637	133	157 076	35 226	59 349	62 501	28 009	16 708	619			
State-owned	1 249	110	128 545	28 282	48 142	52 121	23 724	14 077	453			
Private	328	23	24 623	6 254	9 608	8 761	3 651	2 259	140			
Established by religious communities	60	-	3 908	690	1 599	1 619	634	372	26			
County of Zagreb	110	10	12 864	3 261	4 879	4 724	2 253	1 290	49			
State-owned	70	7	9 791	2 173	3 799	3 819	1 804	1 015	33			
Private	36	3	2 890	1 053	1 004	833	418	254	15			
Established by religious communities	4	-	183	35	76	72	31	21	1			
County of Krapina-Zagorje	33	5	4 378	985	1 500	1 893	708	426	26			
State-owned	27	5	3 932	845	1 350	1 737	645	388	21			
Private	6	-	446	140	150	156	63	38	5			
County of Sisak-Moslavina	37	5	4 355	1 042	1 550	1 763	846	494	18			
State-owned	36	4	4 294	1 042	1 523	1 729	829	483	17			
Private Established by religious	- 1	1	21	-	10 17	11 23	5 12	7	1			
communities	· ·	-		-								
County of Karlovac	25	7	3 429	733	1 267	1 429	540	337	12			
State-owned	23	7	3 305	697	1 232	1 376	527	329	12			
Private	2	-	124	36	35	53	13	8	-			
County of Varaždin	57	3	6 244	1 363	2 260	2 621	974	595	33			
State-owned Private	30 24	2	3 362 2 773	674 689	1 158 1 044	1 530 1 040	573 387	345 240	20 13			
Established by religious communities	3	-	109	- 089	58	51	14	10	-			
County of Koprivnica- Križevci	46	8	3 816	805	1 226	1 785	602	391	17			
State-owned	33	8	2 807	587	903	1 317	476	306	15			
Private	10	-	801	204	241	356	96	65	2			
Established by religious communities	3	-	208	14	82	112	30	20	-			
County of Bjelovar-Bilogora	30	9	3 435	685	1 294	1 456	570	316	21			
State-owned	23	9	2 759	608	942	1 209	450	247	17			
Private	7	-	676	77	352	247	120	69	4			
County of Primorje-Gorski Kotar	127	4	9 201	1 916	3 929	3 356	1 911	1 167	30			
State-owned	101	3	7 831	1 722	3 314	2 795	1 676	1 006	29			
Private	22	1	1 193	152	548	493	203	141	-			
Established by religious communities	4	-	177	42	67	68	32	20	1			
County of Lika-Senj	14	3	1 382	312	546	524	244	158	2			
State-owned	14	3	1 382	312	546	524	244	158	2			
County of Virovitica- Podravina	15	3	2 198	265	809	1 124	343	203	9			
State-owned	14	3	2 137	265	772	1 100	329	197	9			
Private	1	-	61	-	37	24	14	6	-			
County of Požega-Slavonia	18	4	2 218	480	757	981	338	210	2			
State-owned	15	4	1 909	410	621	878	299	182	2			

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CORRECTION

In the First Release OBR-2025-1-1 Kindergartens and Other Legal Entities Implementing Preschool Education Programmes. Beginning of 2024/2025 Pedagogic Year, of 31 July 2025, there were some errors that occurred during data processing, specifically in the commentary, in the tables and in the graphs G-2 and G-3.

Therefore, users are kindly requested to use the corrected parts of the First Release presented here.

Thank you for your understanding.

Abbreviations

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