

63345 Childcare and Early Learning Provision

I am seeking annual recorded information held by the Council on childcare and early learning provision in the Council area for the years 2010 to 2025 inclusive.

If information is not held for the full period, please provide the years for which it is held.

Please provide the information in spreadsheet format, preferably CSV or Excel, where possible.

For each year from 2010 to 2025, please provide any recorded information held by the Council on average hourly childcare prices or fees charged to parents, broken down where available by:

- age group: under 2, age 2, ages 3–4;
- provider type: local authority, private, voluntary / third sector, childminder, playgroup, out-of-school care or other categories used by the Council;
- if the recorded prices are not per hour, please state the time period covered (e.g. length of the session, daily rate etc)
- any charges in addition to the hourly fee, such as meals or consumables, where held.

(If the Council does not hold calculated mean prices, I am not asking the Council to create new calculations; please instead provide the underlying recorded data from which prices were taken, if held.)

Prior to last year the City of Edinburgh Council did not sell additional hours and therefore we are unable to provide costs from 2010 to 2025.

From 2025 we charged the following for non-funded hours with no additional charge in relation to funded hours:

Year	Under 2 Yrs	2 Yrs	3 to 5 Yrs	Snack	Meal
2025	Not Sold	£6.10	£5.60	£0.70	£3.10
2026	Not Sold	£6.40	£5.90	£0.70	£3.65

In relation to other provision, i.e. private, voluntary, and independent, we are unable to advise on this as these fees are set at provision level.

Under the National Standard for Early Learning and Childcare (ELC), local authorities are only responsible for ensuring that funded provision meet the required criteria for funded entitlement. We do not regulate or determine the fees that other providers charge for non-funded hours. Any fees charged for non-funded hours is a contractual matter between the provider and family and can vary from provision to provision.