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Preschool education in 2019/20 school year

In 2019/20, total of 224 563 children attended preschool education and upbringing. Out of them, there were 108 842 girls (48%) and 115 721 boys (52%). There were 54 135 (24%) children aged from six months up to 3 years and 170 428 (76%) children from 3 years up to the age of starting school.

Program of preschool education and upbringing is organized in 466 pre-primary institutions (162 state-owned and 304 private) and 2 842 facilities (2 426 state-owned and 416 private) and in 9 874 educational groups.

Compulsory preparatory preschool program (PPP) was attended by 63 733 children, i.e. 30 959 girls and 32 814 boys. Most of them (55%) attended full-time programs and 45% attended 4-hour programs.

Children coverage in PPP is 97.36%.

1. Preschool institutions by ownership, enrolled children, children not enrolled due to limited capacities and children enrolled in excess of the maximum norm

	Ownership	Number of institutions	Number of facilities	Number of enrolled children	Children not enrolled due to capacities at full	Children enrolled in excess of the maximum norm
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	Total	466	2842	224563	6902	11680
	State-owned	162	2426	199250	6804	11567
	Private	304	416	25313	98	113
SRBIJA – SEVER	Total	337	1447	135507	2204	6231
	State-owned	61	1074	114106	2127	6144
	Private	276	373	21401	77	87
Beogradski region	Total	244	721	73391	1108	3164
	State-owned	17	403	55625	1047	3121
	Private	227	318	17766	61	43
Region Vojvodine	Total	93	726	62116	1096	3067
	State-owned	44	671	58481	1080	3023
	Private	49	55	3635	16	44
SRBIJA – JUG	Total	129	1395	89056	4698	5449
	State-owned	101	1352	85144	4677	5423
	Private	28	43	3912	21	26
Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	Total	78	785	53463	1199	3443
	State-owned	54	755	50115	1199	3417
	Private	24	30	3348	-	26
Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	Total State-owned Private	51 47 4	610 597 13	35593 35029 564	3499 3478 21	2006 2006
Region Kosovo i Metohija				***		

2. Children in preschool education by age and sex

		All	Up to 6 months to 2 years	From completed 2 to 3 years	From completed 3 to 4 years	From completed 4 to 5 years	From completed 5 to 5,5 years	From completed 5,5 to 6,5 years	From completed 6,5 to 7,5 years
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	All	224563	23835	30300	38524	41195	28672	57227	4810
	Girls	108842	11558	14678	18627	19999	13862	27912	2206
SRBIJA – SEVER	All	135507	15629	19530	24080	25639	17683	30333	2613
	Girls	65668	7538	9463	11686	12481	8556	14734	1210
Beogradski region	All	73391	9642	11276	13240	13395	9426	14661	1751
	Girls	35766	4673	5476	6500	6581	4639	7077	820
Region Vojvodine	All	62116	5987	8254	10840	12244	8257	15672	862
	Girls	29902	2865	3987	5186	5900	3917	7657	390
SRBIJA – JUG	All	89056	8206	10770	14444	15556	10989	26894	2197
	Girls	43174	4020	5215	6941	7518	5306	13178	996
Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	All	53463	5260	6614	8804	9481	6115	15445	1744
	Girls	26011	2591	3246	4204	4626	2968	7565	811
Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	All	35593	2946	4156	5640	6075	4874	11449	453
	Girls	17163	1429	1969	2737	2892	2338	5613	185
Region Kosovo i Metohija									

3. Educational groups

		Number of groups with children aged:							
Territory	Total	From 6 months to 3 years	From completed 3 to 4 years	From completed 4 to 5,5 years	From completed 5,5 to start to PPP	Groups of children attending PPP			
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	9874	2406	1524	2090	504	3350			
SRBIJA – SEVER	5903	1616	1006	1356	337	1588			
Beogradski region	3563	1068	625	822	226	822			
Region Vojvodine	2340	548	381	534	111	766			
SRBIJA – JUG	3971	790	518	734	167	1762			
Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	2379	489	319	435	123	1013			
Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	1592	301	199	299	44	749			
Region Kosovo I Metohija									

4. Children by length of stay in preschool education

		Number of children by the duration of the programme											
		Total	Up to 6 hours a day	Up to 6 hours a day, up to three times a week	From 9 to 12 hours a day	Multiple day duration – more than 24 hours	In PPP lasting 4 hours a day	In PPP within full- day programme					
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	AII	224563	7608	453	152694	35	28653	35120					
	Girls	108842	3801	221	73845	16	13885	17074					
SRBIJA – SEVER	All	135507	4290	27	97212	10	11403	22565					
	Girls	65668	2162	18	47039	4	5488	10957					
Beogradski region	All Girls	73391 35766	70 33	-	56783 27771	3 1	3142 1512	13393 6449					
Region Vojvodine	All	62116	4220	27	40429	7	8261	9172					
	Girls	29902	2129	18	19268	3	3976	4508					
SRBIJA – JUG	All	89056	3318	426	55482	25	17250	12555					
	Girls	43174	1639	203	26806	12	8397	6117					
Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	All Girls	53463 26011	1841 903	261 124	34111 16582	-	9589 4701	7661 3701					
Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	All	35593	1477	165	21371	25	7661	4894					
	Girls	17163	736	79	10224	12	3696	2416					
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5. Employees in preschool education by type/title of occupation and sex

			Preschool teachers – total									
Territory		Total	All	Teachers	Nurse - teachers	Special education needs teachers	Associate assistants	Assistants	Other assistants	Teaching assistants	Administrative staff	Supporting technical staff
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	Total	30276	20192	15015	5064	113	907	653	113	81	1228	7102
	Women	28834	19896	14731	5058	107	827	576	104	66	1000	6365
SRBIJA – SEVER	Total	18589	12571	9029	3443	99	647	502	64	53	583	4169
	Women	17940	12413	8880	3439	94	594	438	61	47	496	3891
Beogradski region	Total	11415	7549	4939	2520	90	439	374	38	20	355	2640
	Women	11007	7453	4851	2517	85	402	321	36	19	300	2476
Region Vojvodine	Total	7174	5022	4090	923	9	208	128	26	33	228	1529
	Women	6933	4960	4029	922	9	192	117	25	28	196	1415
SRBIJA – JUG	Total	11687	7621	5986	1621	14	260	151	49	28	645	2933
	Women	10894	7483	5851	1619	13	233	138	43	19	504	2474
Region Šumadije i	Total	6862	4595	3562	1026	7	137	84	42	10	351	1643
Zapadne Srbije	Women	6438	4495	3464	1024	7	121	78	38	7	288	1411
Region Južne i Istočne	Total	4825	3026	2424	595	7	123	67	7	18	294	1290
Srbije	Women	4456	2988	2387	595	6	112	60	5	12	216	1063
Region Kosovo i Metohija												

6. Attendance in compulsory preschool preparatory programme

Territory		of children ompulsory PPP		f live births February 2014	Attendance in compulsory preschool programme, %		
	Total	Girls	Total	Girls	Total	Girls	
REPUBLIC OF SERBIA	63773	30959	65502	31766	97.36	97.46	
SRBIJA – SEVER	33968	16445	35396	17154	95.97	95.87	
Beogradski region	16535	7961	18073	8706	91.49	91.44	
Region Vojvodine	17433	8484	17323	8448	100.63	100.43	
SRBIJA – JUG	29805	14514	30106	14612	99.00	99.33	
Region Šumadije i Zapadne Srbije	17250	8402	17143	8311	100.62	101.09	
Region Južne i Istočne Srbije	12555	6112	12963	6301	96.85	97.00	
Region Kosovo i Metohija							

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Methodological explanations

Data published in this release have been obtained on the basis of the annual statistical survey of Preschool Education (form PSV) in 2019/20 school year. Survey coverage is complete and data refer to all preschool institutions (state-owned and private), primary schools and other organisations authorised by the competent ministry, which as of 1 December 2019 carried out educational programme with children of preschool age.

Preschool education and upbringing is a part of the mutual system of education and upbringing and is conducted with children of preschool age- children aged from six months to the age of starting school.

The activity of preschool education and upbringing is realized in preschool institutions (PI), and exceptionally, it can be performed in primary school. PI can be established by the Republic of Serbia, autonomous province, local self-government unit and other legal or physical entity in accordance with the law.

Educational preschool programme contains: basics of care and education of children aged from 6 months to three years, basics of preschool programme for children from three years to the age of starting school, including the PPP basics realized in the year preceding the entry to school.

The educational work with children is organized in educational groups.

Educational and upbringing work is preformed by preschool teachers (preschool teacher, nurse-teacher and special education teacher) and professional assistants. Professional assistants carry out professional work that enhances the educational work. Professional assistants are: school counsellor, psychologist, school counsellor for art, music and physical education and speech language therapist. Assistants are in charge of work relative to the care, food, prevention, health and social protection in a preschool establishment.

The coverage of preschool preparatory program presents the ratio of the children that in 2019/20 school year attend PPP and the number of live - born children in the period March 2013 – February 2014.

Data presented in this statistical release relate to the education level *ISCED0* according to *The International Standard Classification of Education – ISCED2011*.

Starting from 1999 the Statistical Office of the Republic of Serbia has not at disposal and may not provide available certain data relative to AP Kosovo and Metohija and therefore these data are not included in the coverage for the Republic of Serbia (total).

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