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# 52% children in daycare have a care place that is compatible with their parents working full-time

## First Monitoring Report on child education and care

Vienna, 2024-04-23 – Just under 30% of under-threes and almost 95% of three- to five-year-olds attended an elementary education facility in 2022/23, but only around half of these children were cared for in a facility that allows parents to work full-time. The Monitoring Report on elementary education is published for the first time by Statistics Austria and is commissioned by the Federal Ministry for Women, Family, Integration and Media. The monitoring report provides a regional overview of child education and care throughout Austria, broken down to district level.

“Whether parents have real freedom of choice in organising their work and family life depends to a large extent on the availability of childcare. Currently, around 52% of all children up to the age of five who are cared for in daycare centres in Austria attend a childcare facility that is compatible with their parents working full-time. The proportion varies greatly from region to region – from 90% in Vienna to 27% in Upper Austria. The Childcare Monitor, which will be published annually in future, provides an overview of the childcare situation in Austria and shows, broken down by region down to district level, where parents can count on daycare centres that allow parents to work full-time,” explains Statistics Austria Director General Tobias Thomas at the presentation of the Monitoring Report 2022/23.

### Data on day-care centers now available down to district level for the first time

Key figures such as the number of childcare facilities, attendance rates according to the age of the children and the proportion of children attending VIF-compliant childcare facilities (compatibility indicator for family and work; see definition below in the “methodological information box”) are presented in graphical and tabular form. This provides a comprehensive overview of elementary education in Austria, the federal provinces and the political districts.

The Monitoring Report on statistics on elementary education 2022/23 can be found on our [website](#), along with other detailed results on elementary education and after-school care (day-care center statistics 2022/23).

**Information on methodology, definitions:** This report only considers children up to the age of five who attend a childcare facility (crèches, kindergartens and mixed-age childcare facilities including after-school care) in the public and private sectors. Accordingly, only institutional childcare facilities attended by children up to the age of five are included.

The term “**institutional childcare**” is defined according to the following criteria: regular and full-year childcare, operated with public funding, by trained staff, without the presence of parents, for at least 30 weeks per year, on at least four days per week and for at least 15 hours per week. The cut-off date for data collection is October 15 of each reporting period.

The **attendance rate** describes the proportion of children in institutional childcare facilities compared to the resident population of the same age; the attendance rate does not include care provided by childminders. It

should also be noted that the federal state or district of residence may differ from the location of the childcare facility. Accordingly, children from other federal states and districts or from abroad may also attend a childcare facility.

**VIF** stands for compatibility indicator for family and career. Opening hours of elementary educational institutions according to the VIF criteria are those that are compatible with full-time employment of the parents/guardians for at least 47 weeks per year, at least 45 hours per week, in any case on weekdays from Monday to Friday, on four days per week for at least 9.5 hours per day and a lunch offer. The proportion of children in VIF-compliant facilities is assessed in relation to the total number of same-aged children in all childcare facilities.

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