

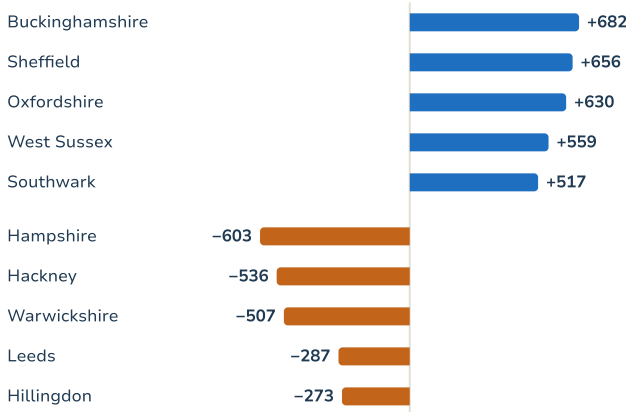
What moved at England's nurseries, pre-schools and clubs

1,640 settings opened and 1,401 closed between 31 December 2025 and 30 June 2026 at England's nurseries, pre-schools, before and after-school clubs and holiday clubs, 27,990 settings in all. The counts cover every setting. Your workbook names the settings run by companies and charities, with the company number where we find it; settings run by individuals are counted, never named.



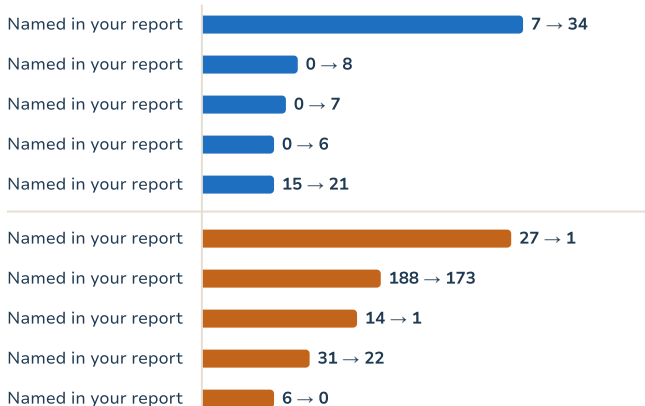
Buckinghamshire added the most places; Hampshire lost the most

105 of 154 local authorities gained places and 46 lost. Buckinghamshire gained 682 places from 48 openings against 35 closures. Hampshire lost 603 places while opening 65 settings and closing 63, so it is a market turning over, not a market shrinking.



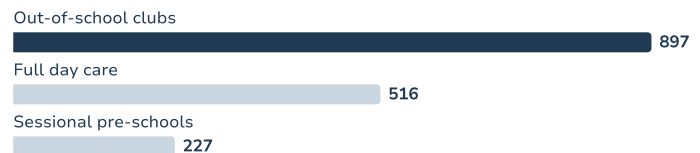
105 groups grew by two or more settings; 52 shrank by two or more

The group that grew most went from 7 to 34 settings; the group that shrank most from 27 to 1. 423 closed settings reopened at the same postcode under a different owner, 202 with the same name or places; the register does not say why.



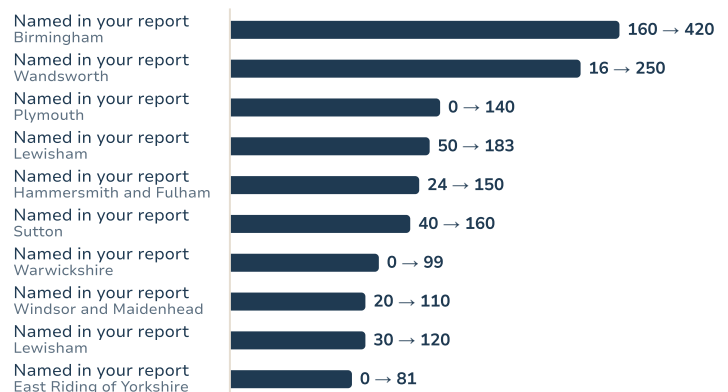
More than half of new settings are clubs, not nurseries

Of 1,640 openings, 897 are before and after-school or holiday clubs, 516 are full day care nurseries and 227 are sessional pre-schools. Filter by setting type before you build a call list.



742 settings added places; 196 added twenty or more

Existing settings added 12,522 places and 444 settings gave up 8,889. The largest expansion went from 160 to 420 places. A row that starts at 0 had its places recorded for the first time. A setting that adds places needs more of everything you sell.



777 settings have never been inspected; 290 have a weak report card

777 settings registered 12 to 18 months ago have never been inspected; Ofsted usually inspects settings registered before April 2026 within 30 months, and those registered since within 18 months. 555 were inspected in the 90 days to 30 Jun 2026. 2,524 have not had a full inspection in over four years.



Sample edition: real figures from the latest report; setting and owner names are in the report you request. Your first report is free for up to 10 local authorities you name; all of England is £495 a year, or £149 a report. nurserywatch@infoblu.io

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Figures as at 31 December 2025 and 30 June 2026, from Ofsted's register and Companies House. Ofsted publishes its register four times a year; your next brief follows within a week of the next release.

Handovers are candidates. Ofsted does not say why a setting closed or who took it over; where a new setting opened at a closed setting's postcode under a different owner we show it on the closure's row in the full report, and mark it corroborated when the name or the places match.

Who to call now

Four call lists from your workbook, one per kind of supplier. Every count below is settings or companies run by a company or charity, unless the line says otherwise; those are the rows you can open. The register is as at 30 Jun 2026; check a setting is still open before you call. The counts are for England; the rows below cover the ten local authorities in this sample, with the names shown in the report you request.

● OPENINGS AND NEW OPERATORS

Software and insurers

England: 1,024 company-run settings opened, plus 347 where the company's name is withheld because it may identify a person; all are in your Openings tab. 342 companies entered childcare for the first time; 297 with one setting, 45 with two or more.

ACTION Sort Openings by Registered on and call the newest first; a new setting is still choosing its software and insurer. The full report adds the Groups and new operators tab, with each company's age from Companies House.

SETTING	PLACES	OWNER	REGISTERED ON
Setting named in your report, Surrey	80	Owner named in your report	25 Jun 2026
Setting named in your report, Surrey	40	Owner named in your report	25 Jun 2026
Setting named in your report, Buckinghamshire	42	Owner named in your report	24 Jun 2026
Setting named in your report, Birmingham	102	Owner named in your report	5 Jun 2026
Setting named in your report, Kent	60	Owner named in your report	5 Jun 2026

OPEN **Openings** tab.

● WEAK REPORT CARDS AND FIRST INSPECTIONS DUE

Trainers and consultants

England: 182 company-run settings have at least one report card area at Needs attention or Urgent improvement, or safeguarding not met. 531 company-run settings registered 12 to 18 months ago have not yet been inspected.

ACTION For weak report cards, read the Weak because column and lead with that area. For settings not yet inspected, offer inspection readiness before the first visit, which for these settings is usually due by the end of December 2027.

SETTING · OWNER · WHY LISTED

Setting named in your report, Oxfordshire · Owner named in your report
● Leadership and governance; Safeguarding not met

Setting named in your report, Buckinghamshire · Owner named in your report
● Inclusion; Curriculum and teaching; Achievement; Behaviour, attitudes and establishing routines; Leadership and governance

Setting named in your report, Oxfordshire · Owner named in your report
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OPEN **Inspection triggers** tab filtered to Why listed = Weak report card, then Why listed = Never inspected, registered 12 to 18 months ago.

● EXPANSIONS

Food, resources and recruitment

England: 129 company-run settings added twenty or more places. Across all settings, 12,522 places were added to existing sites.

ACTION More places means more meals, more furniture, more staff. The old and new numbers are on the row; the Owner's settings now column tells you whether one call at head office covers several sites.

SETTING	PLACES, 31 DEC 2025	PLACES, 30 JUN 2026	OWNER
Setting named in your report, Birmingham	160	420	Owner named in your report
Setting named in your report, Hertfordshire	50	120	Owner named in your report
Setting named in your report, Oxfordshire	0	64	Owner named in your report
Setting named in your report, Essex	83	142	Owner named in your report
Setting named in your report, Hampshire	0	50	Owner named in your report

OPEN **Expansions** tab filtered to Direction = Expansion, sorted by Change.

● GROUP MOVES AND HANDOVERS

Anyone selling to groups

In the full report. 105 groups grew and 52 shrank by two or more settings. 157 company-run settings closed and reopened at the same postcode under a different owner, 59 with the same name or places. The full report names every group with its settings at both dates, both owners of every handover, and every company new to childcare with its incorporation date where Companies House has it. All of England, every quarter: £495 a year, or £149 a report.

Every row in the workbook carries the setting, its local authority, region and postcode, the setting type, the owner and the company number, so the whole workbook filters to your territory in Excel without us.

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