

Briefing from the Family and Childcare Trust The costs of full-time childcare, 18 March 2014

In response to a request from the Labour Party we have released calculations from our 2014 Annual Childcare Costs Survey for full-time childcare. These are based on 42 hours and 50 hours care every week:

- A parent buying 42 hours of nursery childcare every week for a child under two would expect to pay £9,600 every year.
- A parent buying 50 hours of nursery childcare every week for a child under two would expect to pay £10,564 every year.

We have always collected costs for 25 hours and 50 hours of childcare every week, but generally our survey just publishes data on 25 hours of childcare every week. This is because the majority of families in the UK do not purchase full-time childcare.

The 2014 Childcare and Early Years Survey of Parents indicated that parents use 18.1 hours of childcare every week if their children are under two, although this figure also includes families where mothers and fathers are on parental leave, so it is not an accurate representation of the hours of childcare that parents might use. It also indicates that household composition and work status are the factors most closely associated with the use of full-time childcare. Those who are most likely to purchase full-time childcare include:

- Single parents who work full-time or near full-time.
- Couples where both work full-time.
- Families living in London and the South East.
- Families who earn more than £45, 000 every year.

¹Childcare costs in nurseries by hours purchased and age of child 2014

Region/Nation	Nursery 25 hours (under 2)	Nursery 42 hours (under 2)	Nursery 50 hours (under 2)	Nursery 25 hours (2 and over)	Nursery 42 hours (2 and over)	Nursery 50 hours (2 and over)
East of England	£111.90	£188	£207.14	£105.02	£176.48	£194.47
East Midlands	£94.30	£158.42	£184	£97.19	£163.28	£184.29
London	£140.12	£235.40	£271.33	£136.93	£230.03	£256.10
North East	£108.24	£181.84	£190.48	£102.66	£172.27	£180.96
North West	£98.00	£164.64	£174.18	£97.58	£163.93	£168.11
South East	£130.08	£218.53	£255.84	£121.58	£204.25	£223.93
South West	£109.70	£184.30	£201.70	£104.96	£176.33	£205.76
West Midlands	£112.17	£188.45	£192.50	£101.85	£171.11	£172.77
Yorks and Humberside	£94.03	£157.97	£181.11	£87.94	£147.74	£175.36
England regional average	£110.95	£186.40	£206.48	£106.19	£178.40	£195.75
Scotland average	£106.04	£178.14	£191.38	£102.06	£171.46	£187.75
Wales average	£103.17	£173.32	£185.05	£102.28	£171.83	£177.04
Britain average of regions and nations	£109.89	£184.62	£203.16	£105.46	£177.16	£193.32

¹ Source: Family and Childcare Trust Annual Childcare Costs Survey, 2014