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**Roscommon County
Childcare Committee.**

Roscommon County Childcare Committee Childcare Census 2016

Findings

Roscommon County Childcare Committee is the local government supported agency that works for the development, sustainability, and advancement of Early Childhood Services in high quality Early Childhood Care and Education in Roscommon.

This Census summaries the results of Roscommon CCC Census that was carried out with Early Childhood Care and Education Services in County Roscommon in 2016.

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Acronyms and Terms

A list of acronyms and terms used throughout this document.

Afterschool	A service that caters for school aged children (5-12)
CCS	Community Childcare Subvention Scheme
TEC	Childcare and Education Training Support Scheme
ECCE	Often called the 'free preschool year'
Full day care	A childcare service offering structured day care for <u>more than 5 hours per day</u>
Part time day care	A childcare service offering structured day care for <u>more than 3.5 hours</u> a day but <u>less than 5 hours</u>
Sessional Service	A service offering up to 3.5 hours a day



Response Rate

In total, 49 out of the 57 childcare services responded to the survey giving it an 86% response rate.

In the County of Roscommon 40% of childcare services are community based and 60% are private based, this is slightly less than the national average of 30% community based and 70% private based. (Sourced Pobal)

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Sessional Services

The table below shows which settings have a sessional service in the 6 Electoral Districts in Co. Roscommon.

Athlone	Ballaghaderreen	Boyle	Castlerea	Roscommon	Strokestown
Early Days Pre-school	Early Learners	Kilronan Community Playgroup	Cuddles & Care Crèche	First Steps Montessori	Elphin Childcare Ltd
Eileen's Pre-school	Tir na nÓg Pre-school	Kinderkare preschool	Nursery Thymes Community Playschool	St. John's Pre-school	Happy Days Pre-school
Juniper Tree	Frenchpark & Districts Childcare Ltd	Tangier Tots	Ardcarne Community Playschool & Afterschool	Geraldine's Little Rascals Montessori	Frenchpark & Districts Childcare Ltd
Kiltoom Playgroup	Siamsa Resource Centre		Brightsparks Pre-school	Ballagh Montessori Pre-school	Hollyhocks Crèche
Little Peoples Place	Toddle In Childcare Centre		Castlerea Community Playschool Ltd	Rinn Dún Montessori	Strokestown Community Playschool
Millmount Childcare	Tir na nÓg Crèche		Happyfeet Playschool	Cam Community Pre-school	Buttercups Community Playschool Ltd
Right Start Montessori			Jack & Jill Community Playgroup Ltd	Cuan Bhríde Childcare Centre	Nurtures Best Crèche
Wonder Years Crèche			Patricia's Montessori & Afterschool Club	Greenfields Childcare & Montessori	Tulsk Community Childcare Ltd
Hopes & Dreams Playschool			Country Kids	Lean Ar Aghaidh	
				Linda Madden's Pre-school	
				Little Rascals	
				Marian house	
				Reiltini Roxboro Pre-school	
				Roscommon Community Playgroup	

Full day care

The table below shows 19 settings have full day care in the 6 Electoral Districts in Co. Roscommon.

Athlone	Ballaghaderreen	Boyle	Castlerea	Roscommon	Strokestown
Grovelands Childcare	Toddle In Childcare Centre	Croghan Fairy Bush	Cuddles & Care Crèche	Cara House	Chatterland Playschool & Crèche
Millmount Childcare	Frenchpark & Districts Childcare Ltd	Tangier Tots	Country Kids	Cuan Bhríde Childcare Centre	Hollyhocks Crèche
Wonder Years Crèche	Tir na nÓg Crèche	The Playhouse Crèche & Playschool		Greenfields Childcare & Montessori	Nurtures Best Crèche
				Little Rascals	Tulsk Community Childcare Ltd



Afterschool

The table below shows which settings have an Afterschool programme in the 6 Electoral Districts in Co. Roscommon.

Athlone	Ballaghaderreen	Boyle	Castlerea	Roscommon	Strokestown
Grovelands Childcare	Toddle In Childcare Centre	Ardcarne Community Playschool & Afterschool	Cuddles & Care Crèche	St. John's Pre-school	Chatterland Playschool & Crèche
Millmount Childcare	Frenchpark & Districts Childcare Ltd	Croghan Fairy Bush	Cloonbonniffe National School	Cara House	Hollyhocks Crèche
Wonder Years Crèche	Tir na nÓg Crèche	Tangier Tots	Patricia's Montessori & Afterschool Club	Cuan Bhríde Childcare Centre	Strokestown Community Playschool
		Aughrim –	Country Kids	Greenfields	Nurtures Best

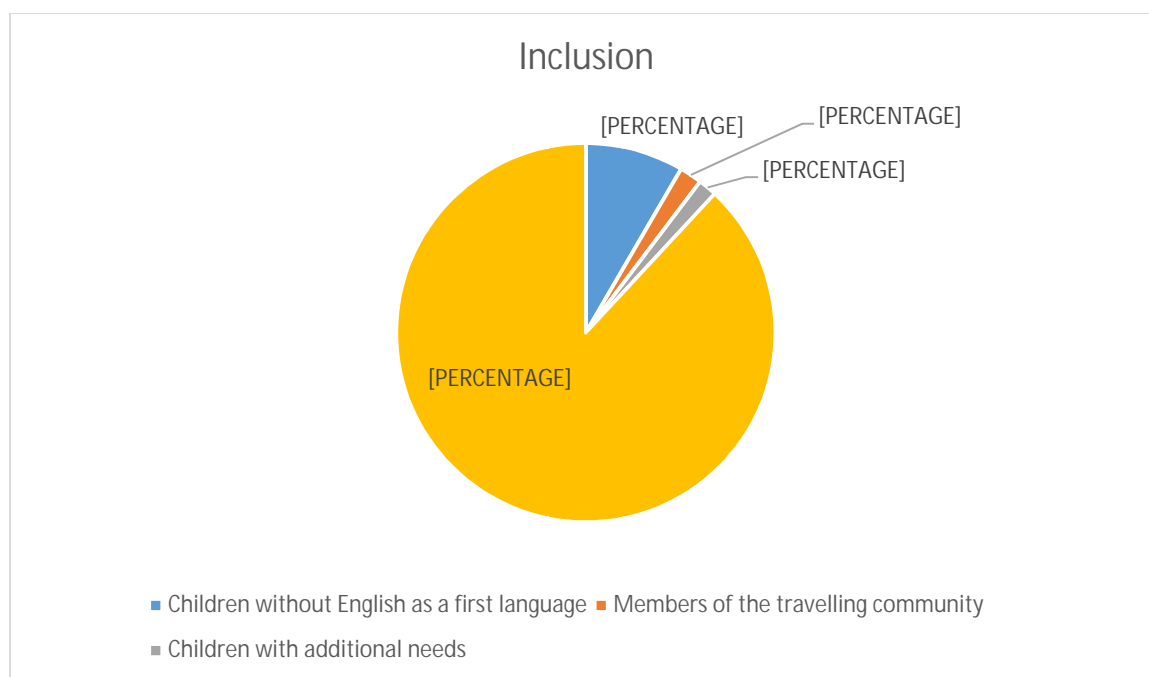
		Kilmore After-School		Childcare & Montessori	Creche
				Marian house	Tulsk Community Childcare Ltd
				Reiltini Roxboro Pre- school	

Inclusion and Diversity

It was found that in Childcare Services in Roscommon there are 70 children attending services who do not have English as a first language. There are also 16 children attending childcare services who are members of the travelling community and 14 children with additional needs.

From the enrolment figures there are 1,205 children attending childcare services, below is a pie chart showing the numbers of children without English as a first language, children who are members of a travelling community and children with additional needs.

There are 15 staff who stated they wished to become inclusion officers in childcare services in Roscommon.



Fees

The table below shows the minimum and maximum prices given for full day care, part time day care, afterschool, sessional and breakfast club, as well as the average prices of each of these. In 2016, 6 services increased their fees and no service decreased their fees.

	Range	Average
Full day care (Babies)	€130 - €175	€157
Full day care	€130 - €165	€145
Part time day care (Babies)	€65 - €120	€80.75
Part time day care	€65 - €105	€80.60
Afterschool (3 hours)	€15 - €75	€48
Afterschool (4 hours)	€18 - €80	€57
Sessional	€30 - €75	€57.80
Breakfast club	€5 - €30	€19

When compared to the POBAL Annual Early Years Sector Survey 2013, prices for childcare services in Roscommon are significantly less expensive than the rest of the country.

	Average Price
Full day care (Babies)	€170.29
Full day care	€164.93
Part time day care	€92.88
Afterschool	€68.40
Sessional	€65.54
Breakfast club	€30.89

(Sourced from POBAL)



Enrolments

The table below indicates the number of children enrolled in childcare facilities in the 6 Electoral Districts in Co. Roscommon.

	Full time day care	Part time day care	Sessional	Afterschool
Athlone	34	13	90	22
Ballaghaderreen	40	10	111	70
Boyle	28	21	46	109
Castlerea	0	0	35	11
Roscommon	39	28	114	48
Strokestown	79	40	112	113

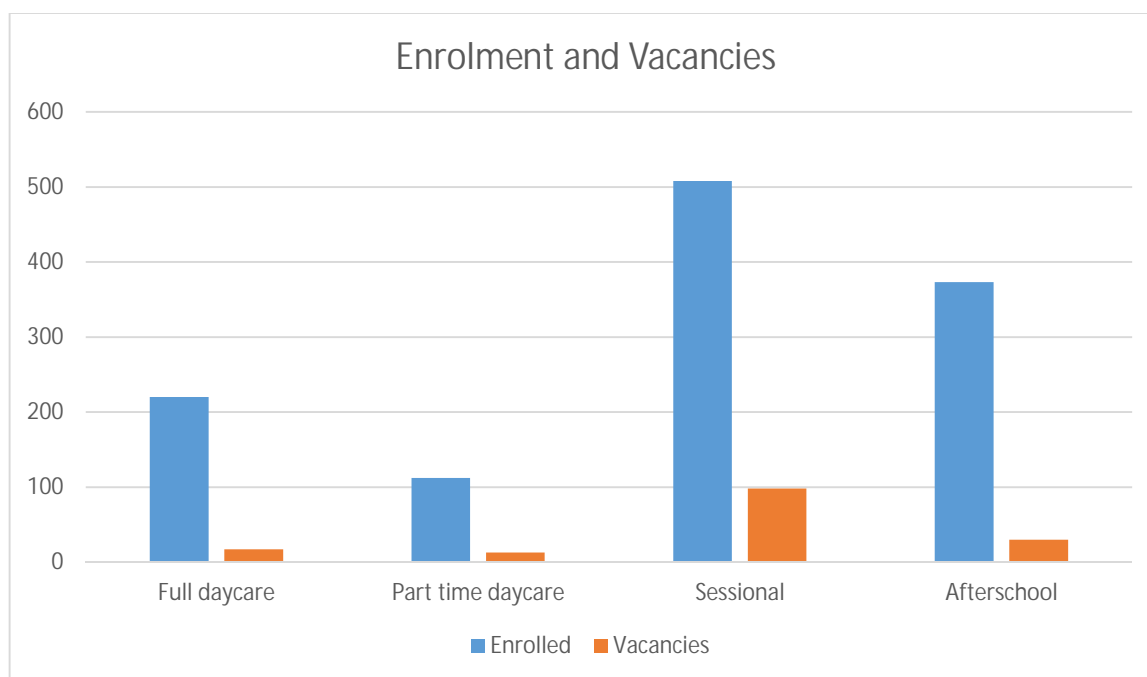
From the 2011 CSO Census there are 660 children of primary school age (5-12), from the Roscommon census there is 373 children attending an Afterschool provision, this means that 56.5% of children aged 5-12 attend Afterschool.



Vacancies

The table below indicates the total number of vacancies in childcare services. RCCC's 2016 Census found that there is a total of 17 vacancies in full time day care, 13 vacancies in part time day care, 98 vacancies in sessional services and 30 vacancies in afterschool.

	Full time day care	Part time day care	Sessional	Afterschool
Athlone	7	5	7	3
Ballaghaderreen	0	0	13	0
Boyle	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	28	5
Roscommon	0	0	17	0
Strokestown	10	8	33	22



Bar chart showing enrolment figures compared to vacancies.

Aistear and Siolta

The table below shows the number of childcare services that are currently implementing Aistear and Siolta. Not all services responded to this question.

Also indicated in the table below: 7 services would like to avail of one-to-one support with the implementation of Aistear the and Siolta.

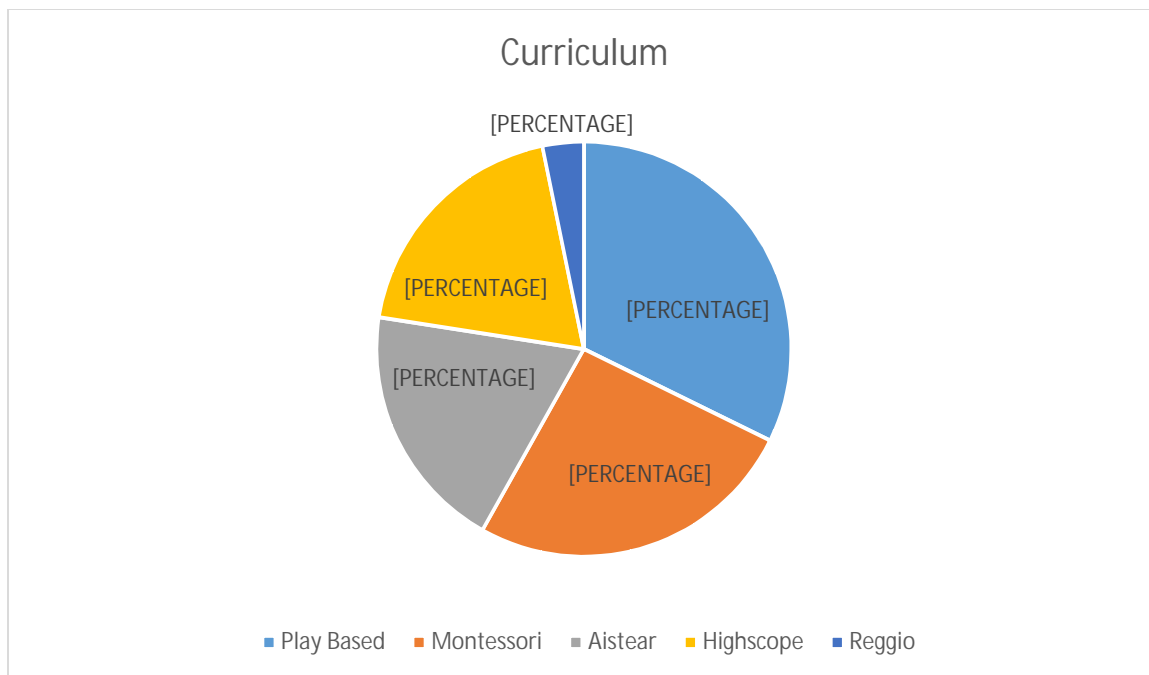
	Aistear	Siolta
Yes	22	22
No	0	0
Partly	1	1
Request support from RCCC	7	7



Curriculum

There are a variety of curriculums implemented in childcare services in Co. Roscommon. These include Play Based, Montessori, Highscope, Aistear and Reggio. Below is a pie chart showing the percentages of services using each curriculum in the county of Roscommon?

11 services have indicated that they have appointed a curriculum education officer in their childcare settings in Roscommon and 7 services have requested support with choosing the right person in their service to that role.



RCCC Support

Below is a table with a list of supports that services would like to receive help with from RCCC in 2016, and the number of services seeking each support.

RCCC will provide these supports to the services throughout 2016.

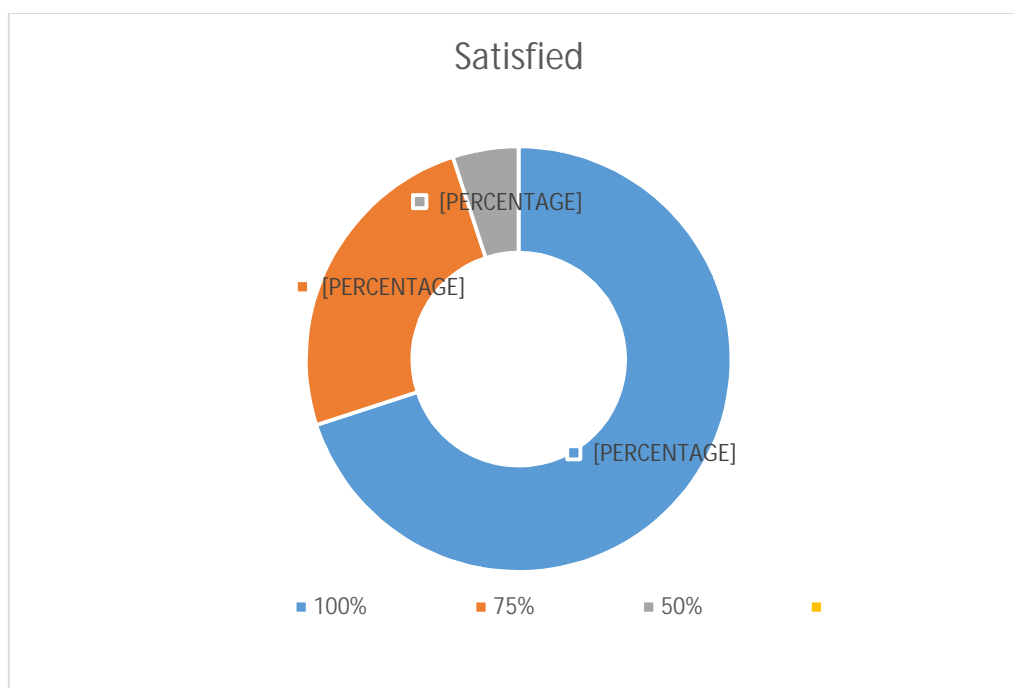
Support	Number of Services
ECCE	5
TEC	2
CCS	6
Child Protection	11

Compliance Support	6
Aistear and Siolta	11
Inclusion Practices	11
Sustainability	5
Curriculum Development	7
HR and Recruitment	4
Committee Skills Training	5
PIP Supports	7
Governance Codes (Community Settings)	5
Epipen Training	8
First Aid	8
Policies and Procedures	6
Manual Handling	8
Capital Funding Applications	10
Positive Behaviour Management	5
English as an Additional Language	2



Feedback

Of the childcare services who filled out this section; 70.% were fully satisfied, and the remainder were quite satisfied with the support they receive from Roscommon CCC. This is shown on the pie chart below.



Some of the comments given were;

- "could not do my job without staff in RCCC , support is excellent"
- "always happy with support I receive. RCCC give regular updates and are also available to answer questions"
- "any queries questions answered promptly and efficiently"
- "I find that times of courses are too early. It is a challenge when you have children to pick up and drop to afterschool activities"

Disclaimer

Roscommon County Childcare Committee endeavoured to ensure the information contained in this Census report is correct. The information provided in this is as a result of the analysis of Roscommon CCC's annual Census. The answers were provided by childcare services in Co. Roscommon therefore Roscommon CCC has made every attempt to ensure the comments and figures are presented in an accurate manner. Roscommon County childcare Committee has compiled this report as a result of the analysis of their 2016 Census.