

GERMANY : Main types of Early Childhood Education & Care services for children below school age obligation

Name of provision ¹	Type of arrangement ²	Ages served ³	Sector of Provision ⁴	Opening Hours ⁵			Registration Criteria ⁶	Priority criteria ⁷
				within a day	within a week	within a year		
krip	day nursery	<3years	PB	vary : <5h ; 5-7h ; >7h	5d	vary : 48-52w	UNIV ^a	WRK, STU, SP
krip	day nursery	<3years	1/2-PR	vary : <5h ; 5-7h ; >7h	5d	vary : 48-52w	UNIV ^a	WRK, STU, SP
tagesmütter	family daycare	<3years	PR	vary : <5h ; 5-7h ; >7h	5d	vary	UNIV	NO
kindergarten	kindergarten	(2)3-<6years	PB	vary : <5h ; 5-7h ; >7h	5d	vary : +/-38w	UNIV ^b	NO ^y
kindergarten	kindergarten	(2)3-<6years	PR	vary : <5h ; 5-7h ; >7h	5d	vary : +/-38w	UNIV ^b	NO ^y
kindergarten	kindergarten	(2)3-<6years	1/2-PR	vary : <5h ; 5-7h ; >7h	5d	vary : +/-38w	UNIV ^b	NO ^y

Name of Provision¹ : Original name of main institutional arrangements providing early childhood education and care within the country

Type of Arrangement² : Basic nomenclature of early childhood education and care services

Ages Served³ : <3years = 0 to 35 months ; (2)3-<6 years = (24)36 to 71 months

Sector of Provision⁴ : According to the provider of care, **PB** when = the government (local/regional or national/federal); **1/2 PR** when= the non profit private sector; **PR** when = the for profit private sector

Opening Hours⁵ = Regular (average) opening hours of the arrangement during the year :

a) **within a day** = number of hours (h) covered during the day ; b) **within a week** = number of days (d) covered during the week ; c) **within a year** = number of months (m) covered during the year

Registration Criteria⁶ = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in that type of arrangement :

UNIV = there are no criteria restricting the admission ; **PRIOR** = see "priority criteria"

Priority Criteria⁷ = Terms defining the families/children who are entitled to register in priority in that type of arrangement :

WRK = working parent(s) ; **STU** = parent(s) in training ; **SP** = special needs of the child or family ; **NO** = no priority criteria of access to registration

Additional Notes : (**a**) Due to a shortage of places for the <3years old, priority criteria are usually applied ; (**b**) Entitlement to 4 hours per day ;

(**y**) If parents want to use kindergarten for more than 4 hours per day, the same priority criteria as for day nurseries apply

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