

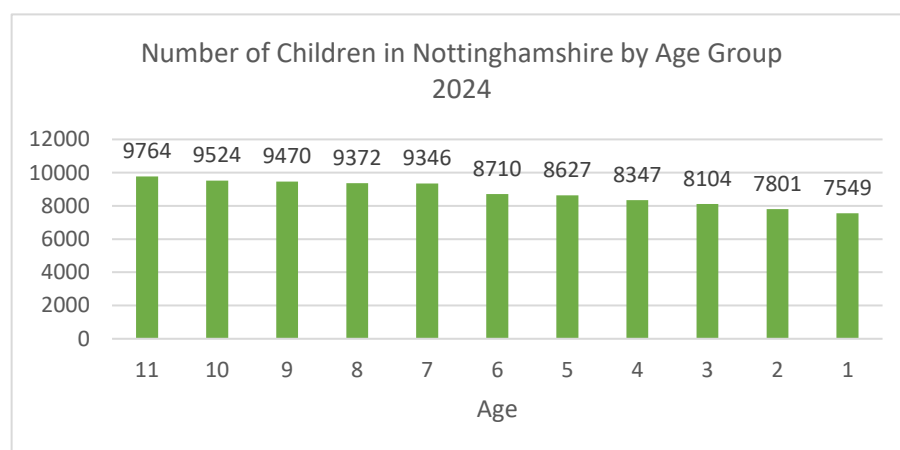
Sufficiency Data Prepared for William Lilley Infant and Nursery School Spring Term 2025

The Childcare Act (2006) states that the Local Authority must make arrangements to secure that early childhood services in their area are provided in such a way that facilitates access to those services, and maximises the benefit of those services to parents, prospective parents, and young children.

Under section 11 of The Act there is a requirement on local authorities to produce an annual sufficiency report on the availability and sufficiency of childcare in their area. Below are some of the relevant highlights from the 2024 report, the full report will be available in the public domain from January 2025 when it has been fully approved by Nottinghamshire County Council Cabinet Members.

Childcare Population 1-11 years old - Live Birth Data

According to the Office of National Statistics (ONS), the population aged 1 - 11 years in Nottinghamshire is as follows.



Age 1 source - [Births in England and Wales: summary tables - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

Ages 2-11 source - [ONS Mid-year population estimates 2022 published March 2024](#)

As reported in previous year's assessments, the population of children living in Nottinghamshire continues to drop year on year.

Child population 0-11 years

In June 2022 (latest data available), it was estimated that Nottinghamshire had a population of £109,330 for the ages of 11 years and under. Detailed population estimates are available in from the Office of National Statistics which is available using the link below.

Population Estimates Mid 2022 (latest data)

	0	1 year olds	2 year olds	3 year olds	4 year olds	5 year olds
Nottinghamshire	7,801	8,104	8,347	8,627	8,710	9,346
Broxtowe	987	972	1,018	1,075	1,095	1,167

	6 year olds	7 year olds	8 year olds	9 year olds	10 year olds	11 year olds
Nottinghamshire	9,372	9,470	9,524	9,764	10,118	10,147
Broxtowe	1,182	1,216	1,194	1,264	1,294	1,297

[Estimates of the population for the UK, England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - Office for National Statistics \(ons.gov.uk\)](#)

Nottinghamshire Childcare Supply

In June 2024, there were 1014 Ofsted Registered early years providers, including Private, Voluntary, and Independent (PVI) settings and schools delivering childcare, early education and wraparound care across Nottinghamshire. Of those, 874 are registered to deliver funded places for 2-, 3- and 4-year-olds.

267 schools (Maintained and Academies) are registered to provide childcare and early education for 3- and 4-year-olds in a nursery or reception class. 19 schools currently offer places for funded 2-year-olds.

Number of PVI Providers in Nottinghamshire by Provider Type:

Private, Voluntary and Independent Sector	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	+/- change 2023 to 2024	+/- change 2019 to 2024	% change 2019 to 2024
Childminders	604	581	554	483	447	426	-21	-178	-29%
Day Nurseries	177	176	174	173	171	162	-9	-15	-8%
Independent Schools	10	10	9	9	8	7	-1	-3	-30%
Pre-schools	89	82	80	76	77	67	-10	-22	-24%
Wraparound ¹						76	-	-	-
NOTTS TOTAL	880	849	817	741	703	767	64	-103	-12%

Changes in the Number of Providers

Overall, the number of settings in Nottinghamshire had been largely static for a number of years, hovering around the 1,000 mark. However, in the last six years there has been an overall net decrease in PVI providers of 24% (excluding wraparound only provision), a 6% reduction in the last year. This has largely been driven by a decrease in childminder numbers. There has been a national decrease in the numbers of providers delivering early years places, according to the latest Ofsted data (June 2024).²

Nottinghamshire therefore reflects national and regional trends for the number of providers who are joining and leaving the early years profession including childminding.

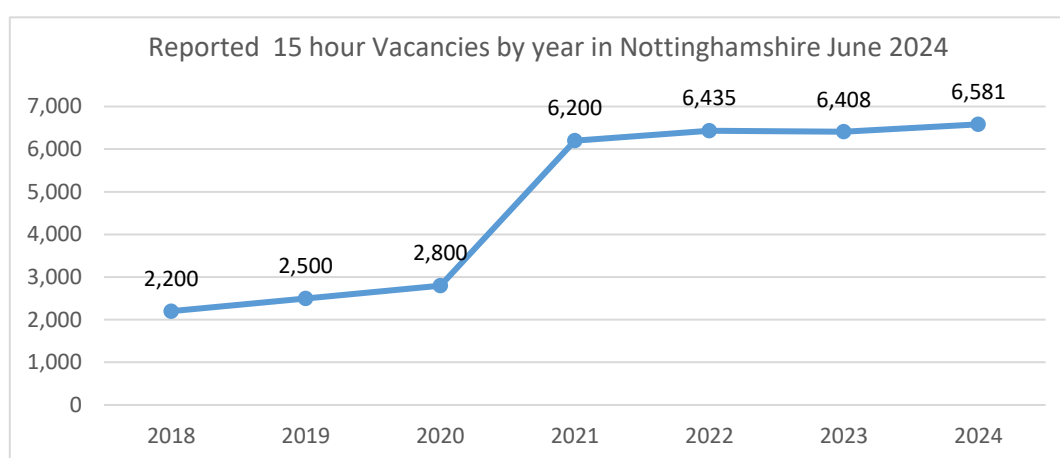
¹ Data for wrap around childcare provision has only been required this year.

² [Management information - childcare providers and inspections data as at 30 June 2024](#)

Vacancies for 2, 3 and 4 year olds (Children funded by Early Education Entitlements)

The table below shows the number of reported vacancies for funded children across Nottinghamshire, reporting a year-on-year increase. However, this year we have seen 173 more vacancies than in 2023, demonstrating only a slight increase in the number of unfilled places.

Number of vacant places as reported in Nottinghamshire Childcare Sufficiency Assessments 2018-2024						
2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
2,200	2,500	2,800	6,200	6,435	6,408	6,581



There are no areas of the County where demand for funded childcare outweighs supply, but there are eight areas of concern where there could be insufficient places in the future and are reported as having under 10% vacancies. However, in some of the areas we did not receive returns from some providers, and this has meant we are not able to accurately estimate vacancy levels. Some of the returns from Schools which were submitted in the summer term indicate their Early Years Provision is full, but for future terms this is not the case and there are some vacancies.

There are eight areas where there are more than 40% of available places that remain unfilled, which is a concern for the sustainability of providers in those areas which will therefore affect future supply.

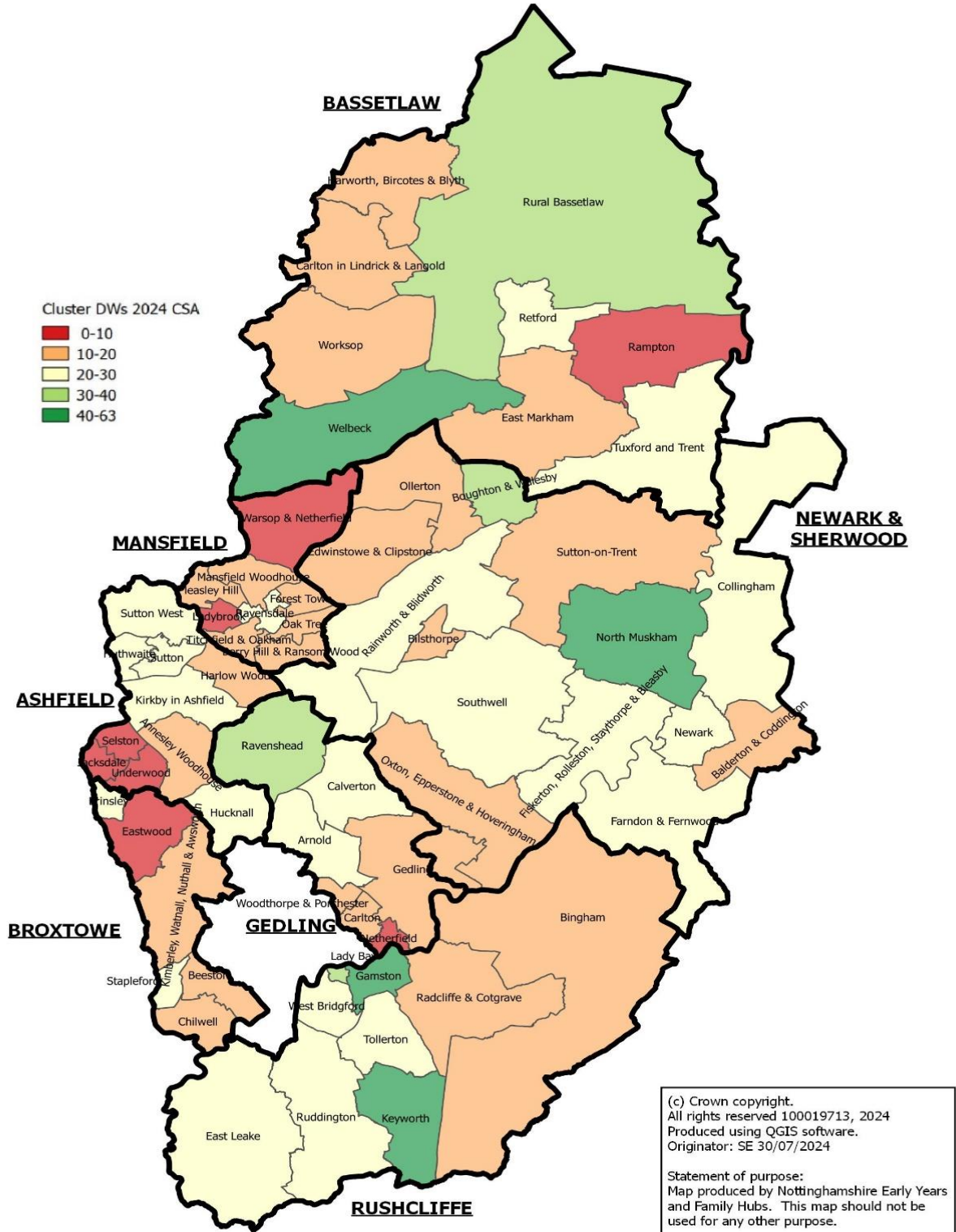
Sufficiency levels have been estimated for approximately 7% of providers as they did not submit a sufficiency return (based on the known take up of places in the summer term).

The map on the following page shows at a glance the supply of FUNDED childcare by ward, and details vacancies reported as a percentage of places available.

There are reported to be over 40% of PTE available places that remain vacant	There are reported to be between 30% and 40% of PTE available places that remain vacant	There are reported to be between 20% and 30% of PTE available places that remain vacant	There are reported to be between 10% and 20% of PTE available places that remain vacant	There are reported to be less than 10% of PTE available places that remain vacant



Nottinghamshire - District Ward Clusters and % vacancy rates (Reported Vacancies for 2-4yr olds of Reported Capacity) - Summer 2024



Latest Ward Data Spring Term 2025

Below details ward information, the data gives the total number of providers, the number of children taking up their entitlement places and the number of reported vacancies.

Please note that the information below is current data as of Spring term and will fluctuate each term.

Registered Providers in Stapleford South West Ward (William Lilley sits within this ward)

In total there are 5 providers registered to offer early years funded places (including William Lilley) of these providers, 1 is a childminder, 1 is a playgroup, 2 are day nurseries and 1 is a school.

Take up of Early Years Funded Entitlement Places

In the Spring term 2025, across all the above 5 providers there were:

2 year olds residing in the Stapleford South West Ward

2-year-olds families receiving some additional forms of financial support accessing their funded places (supported 2 year olds)

Population	Total attending	% take up
14	6	43%
		Red Ward Area

Number of 2 year olds in the ward claiming working funding
17

Two year old vacancies in the Stapleford West Ward

Data is collected via the sufficiency return submitted by individual providers registered to offer funded places.

Spring term sufficiency returns- of those reports returned there were 17 full time equivalent places for two-year-olds vacant across the Ward.

Summary

Population projections indicate that the birth rate is dropping and although we saw a slight increase in the birth rate in 2021 the latest data over the following years continues with the trend that the birth rate is dropping.

What must be taken into consideration is the roll out of the final stage of Childcare Support Expansion in September 2025 where children 9 months+ of working families will be able to access 30 hours funded entitlement, Stapleford ward is **currently** not a 'red' ward that has an insufficient

supply of childcare and education places. However, it is a 'yellow' ward with only 20-30 % of vacancies available, it also sits in between 3 amber wards with 10-20% of vacancies available.

We could see the number of places needed rising from September 2025 once all children of eligible working parents over the age of nine months will be entitled to 30 hours of funded childcare.

Early Childhood Services work closely with schools who want to lower their age range to raise awareness of the Childcare Support Expansion and to ensure there is no oversupply in areas where we have a high numbers of vacancies.

Based upon the information presented in this document, our data at this point indicates that William Lilley Primary School offering 5 initial places to 2 year olds from September 2025 should not have a significant impact on other providers within the district ward, the small number of places will offer additional parental choice and may support the take up of places for supported 2 year olds in a ward area that we class as 'red' for take up.

We would advise the school to conduct a full business case and consider whether offering a nursery/foundation one provision will be sustainable and viable for them in the future. In addition to the business case, a fair and open consultation will assist the school in their decision making.

For your information current funding rates for 2024 – 2025 to support with business planning and future viability.

	2024-2025
Early Years Base Rate:	
Eligible 9 month + PVI settings	£10.20 (Applicable Sept 2024 onwards)
Eligible 2-year-olds School & PVI settings	£7.58
Eligible 3- and 4-year-olds in PVI settings	£5.34

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