

## ~ Methodology ~

### PRESCHOOL EDUCATION STATISTICS

#### LEGAL BASIS

The statistical activity is conducted in accordance with the Statistical Programme of Republika Srpska for the period 2026-2029 and pursuant to the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska ("Official Gazette of Republika Srpska", No 85/03).

#### CLASSIFICATIONS APPLIED

The International Standard Classification of Education ISCED-2011 is applied as recommended by UNESCO, OECD, Eurostat and other international organisations for the collection of data on education. This classification ensures comparability of data both within countries and internationally. ISCED-2011 is the reference classification for organizing education programmes and related qualifications by education levels and fields.

#### METHODOLOGICAL BASIS

##### Aim and content

The aim of preschool education statistics is to produce data on the number of preschool institutions, the number of children, educational groups and employees, and the number of children who attended the programme for children in the year prior to enrolling in school.

##### Reporting units/Observation units

Reporting units are all public and private preschool institutions and other institutions that apply the preschool education and upbringing programme, as well as primary schools that provided a programme for children in the year prior to enrolling in school.

Observation unit are children in preschool institutions by educational groups, sex and year of birth, employees in preschool institutions by sex, age and employment equivalent, and children attending the programme for children prior to enrolling in school.

## **Coverage**

The survey covers all kindergartens, primary schools and other institutions that provided certain forms of organised preschool education and upbringing as on 1 October.

## **Method and period of data collection**

The data on preschool education and upbringing are collected through the Annual report on preschool institutions – form PŠV. The data are collected once a year for the entire working/school year, using a web application, as on 1 October of the current year.

## **PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIAL DATA**

Confidential data are protected pursuant to Articles 25 and 27 of the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska (“Official Gazette of Republika Srpska, No 85/03) and in accordance with the Rules of protection of confidential data.

## **Definitions**

**Preschool education and upbringing** is an activity that covers upbringing, education, nutrition, care and preventive health and social protection of children from the age of six months until starting primary school. This activity is performed in all public and private preschool institutions.

Work with children in preschool institutions is organized in educational groups according to the age of children, the type and duration of programme, and abilities, needs and interests of children and parents.

**Educational groups** include:

- Nursery groups – for children aged six months to three years
- Kindergarten groups – for children from the age of three years until they start school
- Mixed age groups – groups of children of different ages, formed in cases when same-age groups cannot be formed.

## **Compliance with international recommendations and standards**

The data partly comply with international recommendations and standards.

## **IMPLEMENTATION ORGANISATION**

### **Authorities implementing the statistical survey**

The Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics is the responsible authority for the production of data on preschool education and upbringing. The collection of data is carried out by the regional offices of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics, while the data processing is carried out at the Institute.

### **Obligation to provide data**

Reporting units must submit data to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics in accordance with the Law on Statistics of Republika Srpska.

## **IMPLEMENTATION FREQUENCY**

Reporting units must submit data on children and employees in preschool institutions to the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics by 15 October.

Preliminary data are published on 15 December, while final data are published on 15 March.

## **INSTRUMENTS**

### **Questionnaire**

A questionnaire available at the Institute's website is used for the implementation of activities in the field of preschool education statistics. Reporting units complete the questionnaire using a web application.

### **Instructions for completing the questionnaire**

Instructions for completing the questionnaire are provided in the questionnaire itself.

## **PUBLISHING**

Preliminary data are published in the annual release Preschool education and upbringing. Detailed final data are published in the thematic bulletin, as well as in the Statistical Yearbook of Republika Srpska and in the publications Cities and Municipalities of Republika Srpska and This is Republika Srpska. All the publications are available at the website of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

## **ONLINE DATABASE**

An online database containing a series of statistical data on preschool education and upbringing is available at the official website of the Republika Srpska Institute of Statistics.

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