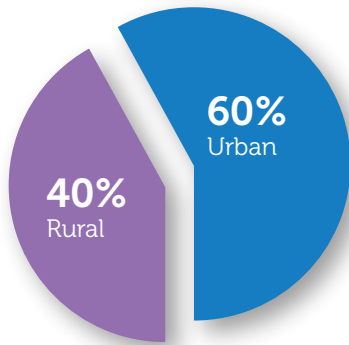
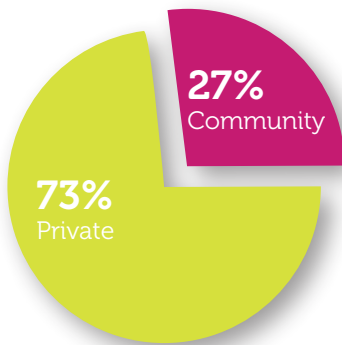


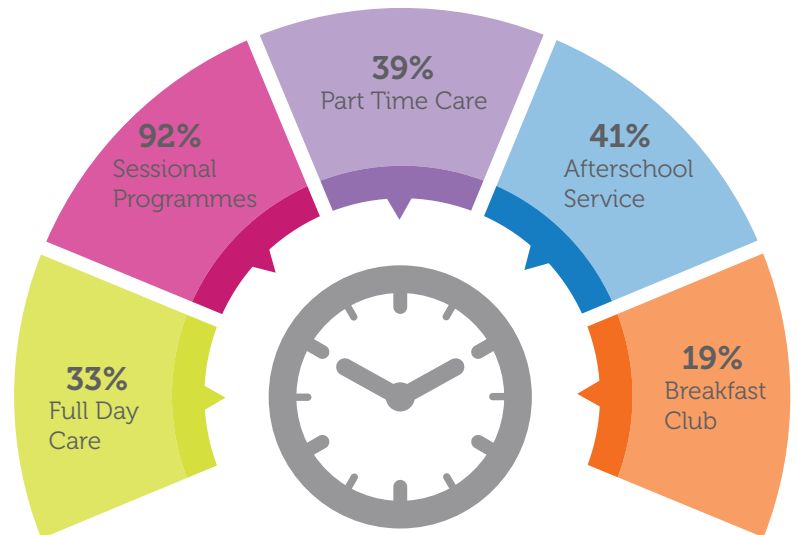
### Profile of Early Years Services in Ireland

4,448

Childcare services in Ireland



### Type of care on offer



### Chains (3 settings or more)



**77 Chains**  
comprising 404 (9%)  
individual settings.



**4,044 (91%)**  
settings in the sector  
are not part of chain

### Naíonra

**6%** of services are  
Irish-speaking

### Commercial Rates

**29%** are billed for  
Commercial Rates

### Curriculum and Quality

**83%** implement Aistear

**71%** follow Síolta standards

**43%** follow Montessori principles

**52%** follow a play-based curriculum