EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES in DUBAI

Landscape report for the 2025-26 academic year

-2% enrollment growth

24 new centres

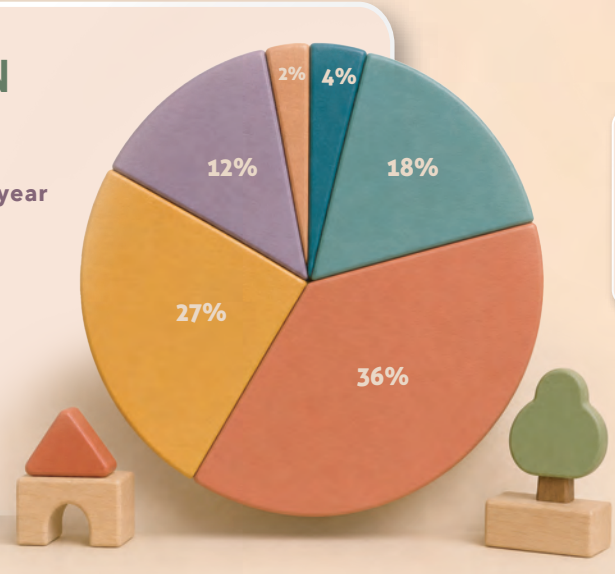
CHILDREN

28,961 children enrolled

2,630 Emirati students

Children birth to 3 years old **16,827** | Children 3-6 years old **12,134**

CHILDREN BY AGE



16 different curricula

160 nationalities

TOP 10 STUDENT NATIONALITIES

1. India
2. United Kingdom
3. United Arab Emirates
4. Egypt
5. Pakistan
6. France
7. Philippines
8. Jordan
9. United States of America
10. Canada

These nationalities account for **68%** of total students in private ECCs in Dubai

TEACHERS

2,976 teachers

2,930 teaching assistants

TOP 10 TEACHER NATIONALITIES

1. India
2. Philippines
3. United Kingdom
4. Egypt
5. Pakistan
6. Sri Lanka
7. Syrian Arab Republic
8. South Africa
9. Lebanon
10. Algeria

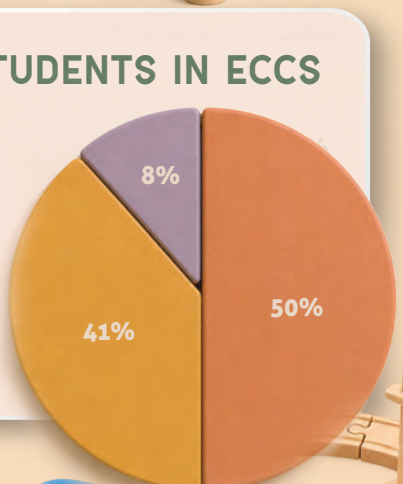
These nationalities account for **70%** of total teachers in private ECCs in Dubai

CENTRES

330 Early Childhood Centres (ECCs)

178 centres have children of 20 or more different nationalities

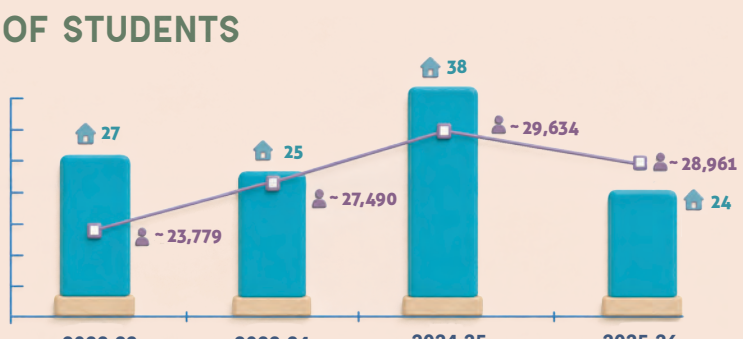
DIVERSITY OF STUDENTS IN ECCS



NUMBER OF STUDENTS & CENTRES BY CURRICULUM

	Students	Centres
Early Years Foundation Stage	23,791	258
Montessori	1,336	21
International Preschool	995	18
Norwegian	638	4
The Creative Curriculum	636	9
Maple Bear Curriculum	616	9
Ontario	313	6
US curriculum - Washington State	181	3
The French Kindergarten Program	113	2
Swedish	108	1
Philippine	80	1
US curriculum - Connecticut State	49	1
Chinese	39	1
Russian	37	2
Finnish	28	1
US curriculum - Colorado State	1	1

YEAR-ON-YEAR GROWTH IN NEW CENTRES AND TOTAL NUMBER OF STUDENTS



LOCATION OF DUBAI'S EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES

- Bur Dubai
- Deira
- Jumeira
- Madinat Al Maktoum
- Madinat Hind
- Madinat Mohammed Bin Rashid
- Jebel Ali
- Mushrif
- Ras Al Khor
- Wadi al Safa
- Zaa'beel

