



# Department of Education Sport and Culture

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## Department of Education, Sport and Culture

### Analysis of Feedback from the Pre-school, Early Years Childcare and Education Survey

#### **Summary**

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture submitted a paper to Treasury in order to request an increase of universal pre-school credit sufficient to enable all children, in their pre-school year, to access up to 20 hours provision a week during the 38 week academic year. This was approved by Tynwald on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018. This will bring the island in line with the offer in Jersey and ahead of Guernsey who provide up to 15 hours universal provision.

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture will look to extend the use of the pre-school vouchers to child-minders who offer pre-school education.

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture and the Department of Health and Social Care Registrations and Inspections Unit to share information with providers in order to monitor the capacity of settings to provide sufficient places.

The Department of Education, Sport and Culture and the Department of Health and Social Care Registrations and Inspections Unit to continue to work together to finalise the move to inspect the quality of education provided within all early years settings. The Department of Education, Sport and Culture included a request to fund the appointment of an Education Inspector within the pre-school bid to Treasury. This was approved by Tynwald on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2018.

In addition the Department of Education, Sport and Culture will work with the Department of Infrastructure to explore the possibility of making other government buildings available for tender in order to provide additional early years provision.

#### **Respondent information**

307 people with children aged between 0-5 years responded to the survey in total

89% of respondents were female

10% of respondents were male

1% preferred not to answer

3% of respondents were aged between 16- 24 years

50% of respondents were aged between 25-34 years

40% of respondents were aged between 35-44 years

5% of respondents were aged between 45-54 years

25% of respondents had children in the 0-2 years category.

31% of respondents had children in the 2-3 years category

29% of respondents had children in the 3-4 years category

57% of respondents who work full-time (30+hours per week) receive preschool vouchers  
20% of recipients working 16-29 hours per week receive pre-school vouchers. 61% of these respondents also receive additional benefits.

### **Demographic overview**

- 32% of respondents were based in the Douglas area
- 19% of respondents were based in the East of the island
- 17% of respondents were based in the South of the island
- 16% of respondents were based in the North of the island
- 14% of respondents were based in the West of the island

### **Reasons for choosing provision**

- 84% of respondents cited the quality of the provision in their top 3 reasons for choosing provision
- 81% of respondents cited proximity to home in their top 3 reasons for choosing provision
- 66% of respondents cited the needs of their child in their top 3 reasons for choosing provision

### **Adequacy of Provision**

#### **Overall – all ages 0-5 years old**

16% of respondents with children aged **0-5 years** found it very easy to find provision  
32% of respondents found it fairly easy to find provision.  
12% found it neither easy nor difficult to find provision  
19% found it fairly difficult to find provision  
18% found it very difficult to find provision  
3% didn't know

#### **Breakdown by age group**

26% of respondents with children aged **4-5 years** found it very easy to find provision  
26% of respondents found it fairly easy to find provision.  
15% found it neither easy nor difficult to find provision  
18% found it fairly difficult to find provision  
10% found it very difficult to find provision  
2% didn't know

21% of respondents with children aged **3-4 years** found it very easy to find provision  
47% of respondents found it fairly easy to find provision.  
13% found it neither easy nor difficult to find provision  
16% found it fairly difficult to find provision  
3% found it very difficult to find provision

17% of respondents with children aged **2-3 years** found it very easy to find provision  
34% of respondents found it fairly easy to find provision.  
14% found it neither easy nor difficult to find provision  
18% found it fairly difficult to find provision  
15% found it very difficult to find provision  
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3% of respondents with children aged **0-2 years** found it very easy to find provision  
15% of respondents found it fairly easy to find provision.  
8% found it neither easy nor difficult to find provision  
26% found it fairly difficult to find provision  
42% found it very difficult to find provision  
6% didn't know

For those who found it fairly difficult or very difficult to find a place the top three reasons cited were:-

22% Lack of spaces – 31% Douglas, 22% North, 17% South, 18% East, 12% West  
20% Difficulties for under 2s - 41% Douglas, 18% South, 16% East, 15% North, 10% West  
15% Expense – 38% Douglas, 21% South, East 21%, North 13%, West 7%

## **Funding**

### **Pre- school vouchers**

36% of respondents said that the preschool voucher helped them a great deal in accessing a minimum of 15 hours provision  
30% of respondents said that the preschool voucher helped them a fair amount in accessing a minimum of 15 hours provision  
79% of respondents said the reason that they were not receiving the preschool voucher was that their child was not eligible

### **Access to additional hours**

39% of respondents said the reason their children were not attending additional hours was due to the cost.

### **Benefits**

12% of respondents receive additional benefits from the Isle of Man Government alongside the pre school voucher  
91% of respondents do not currently receive any assistance towards provision from the from the Isle of Man Government benefits system

## **Conclusion**

37% of parents who responded reported difficulties in accessing places for their children aged between 0-5 years old – Of those 37% - 47% were for children between 0-2 years old, 27% were for children between 2-3 years old, 15% were for children between 3-4 years old, 10% were for children between 4-5 years old. From those parents who responded there appears to be an issue with accessing places for children within the 0-2-age range and some difficulty for those children within the 2-3-age range.

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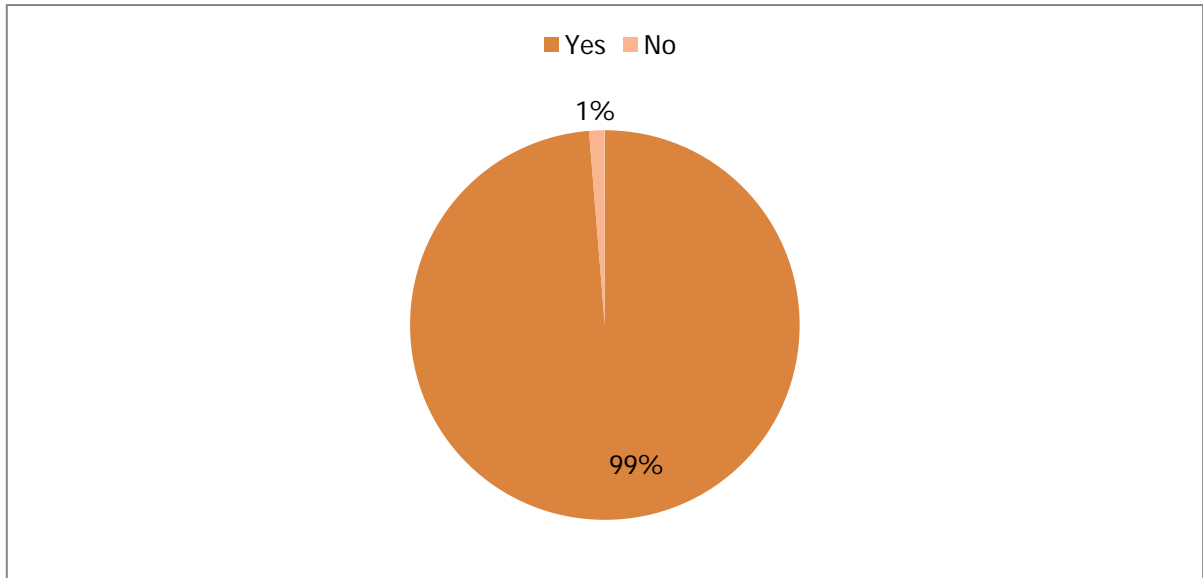
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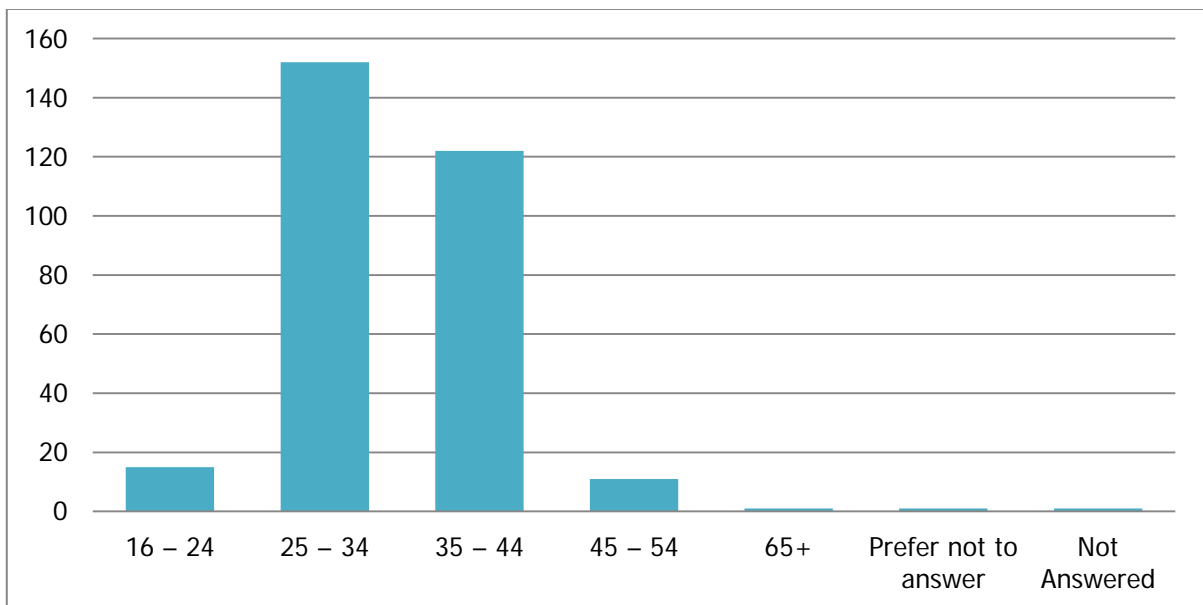
# Pre-school and Early Years Childcare and Education Survey Analysis

Do you have main or shared responsibility for making decisions about childcare or Nursery/Pre-school education for at least one child aged 5 years or under living in your household?



## Age of respondents (Number)

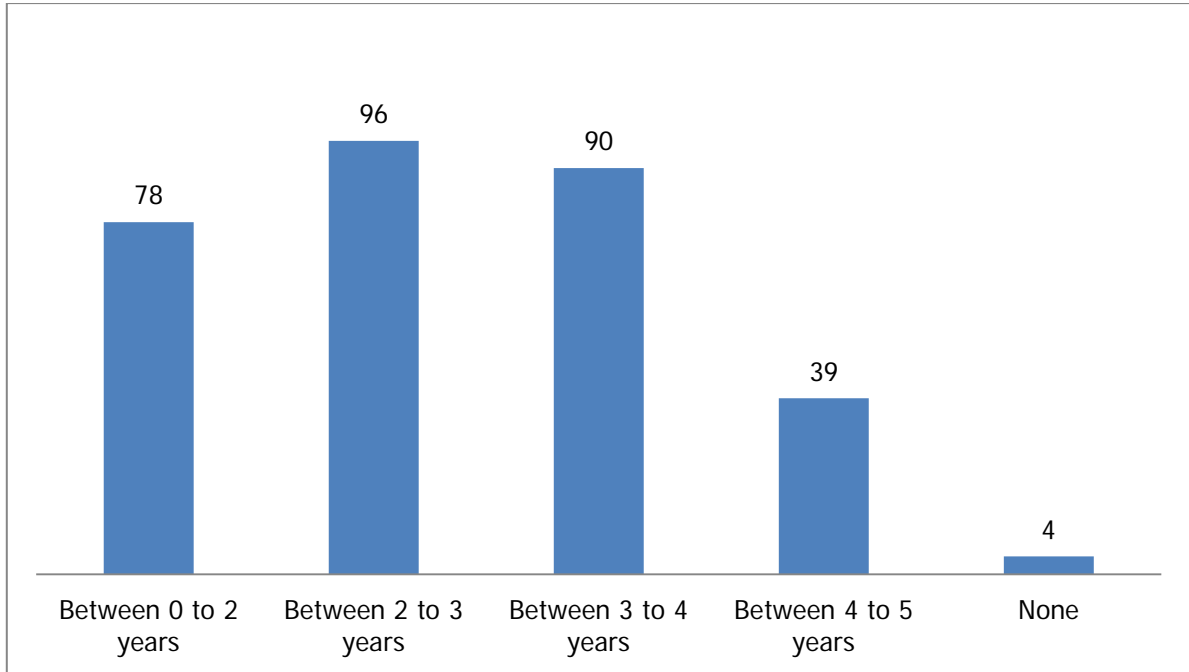
16 – 24	25 – 34	35 – 44	45 – 54	65+	Prefer not to answer	Not Answered
15	152	122	11	1	1	1



Survey Analysis

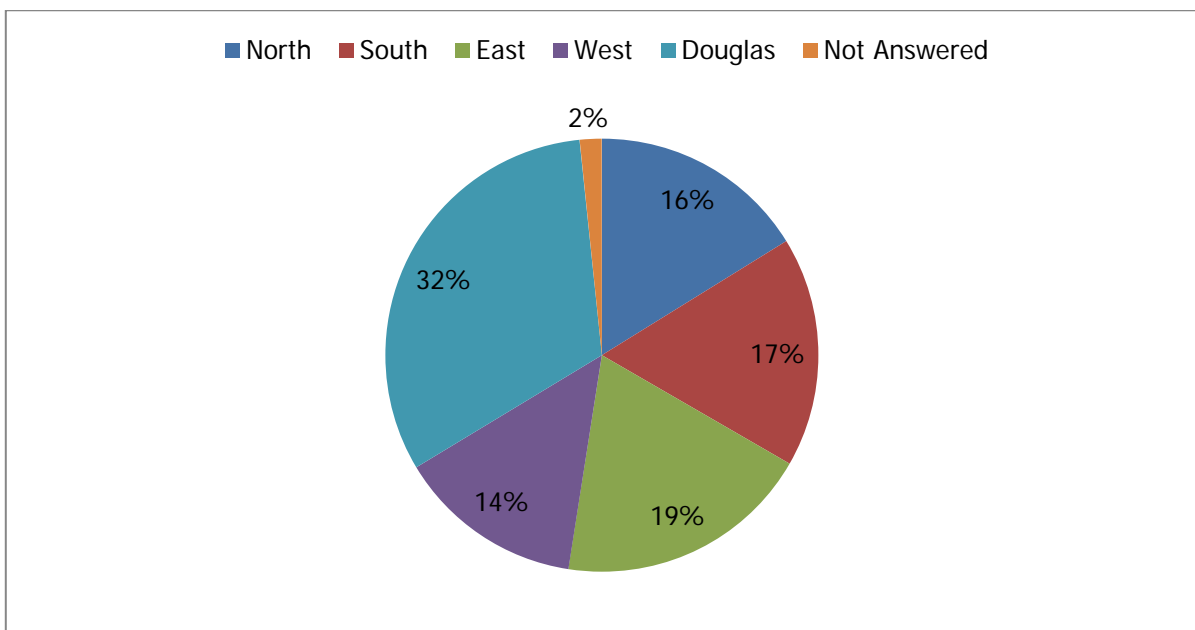
**Age of the Child (Number)**

Between 0 to 2 years	Between 2 to 3 years	Between 3 to 4 years	Between 4 to 5 years	No under 5s	Total
78	96	90	39	4	307



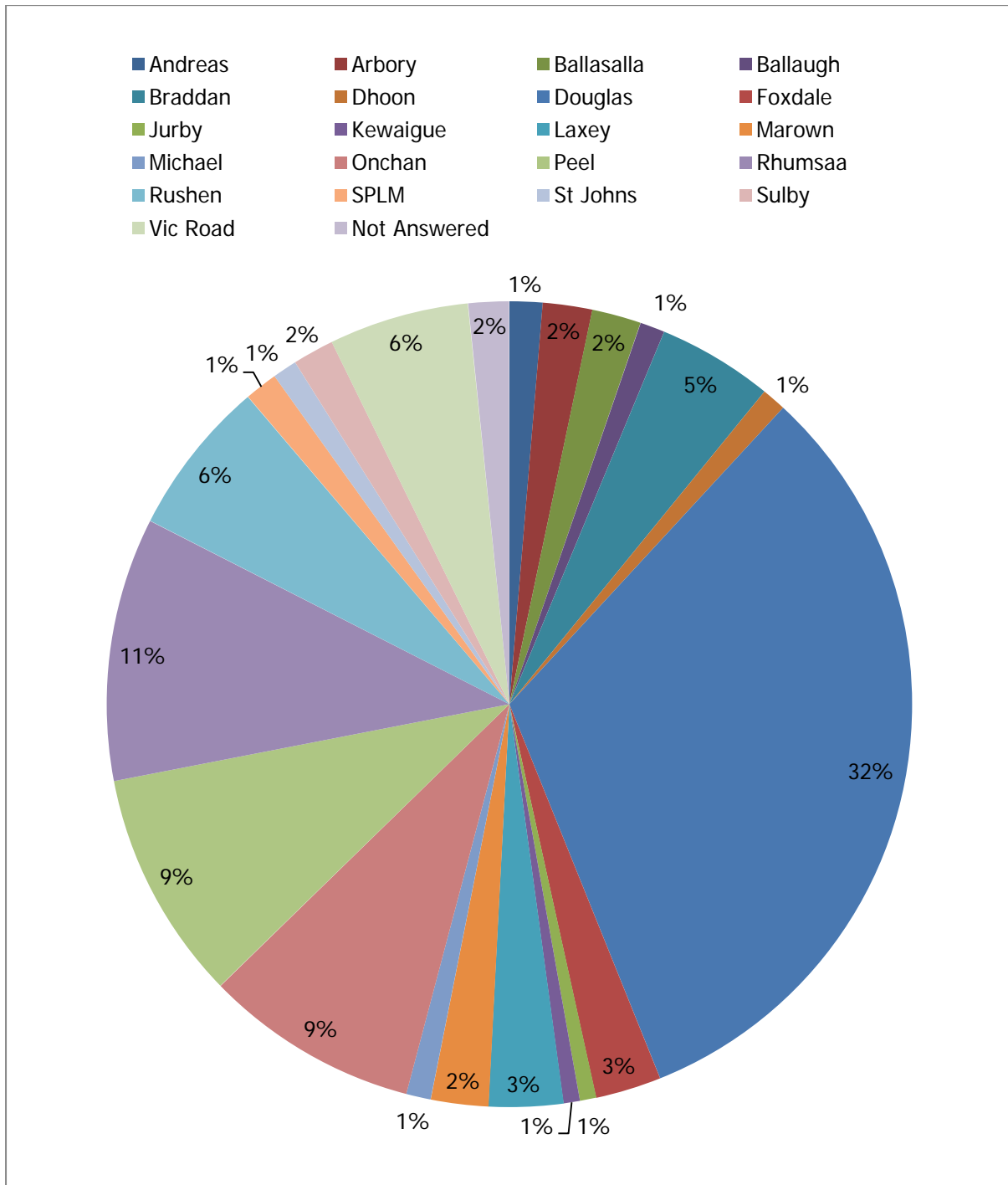
**Location Living by Area of Island (Number)**

North	South	East	West	Douglas	Not Answered	Total
49	52	58	42	97	5	303

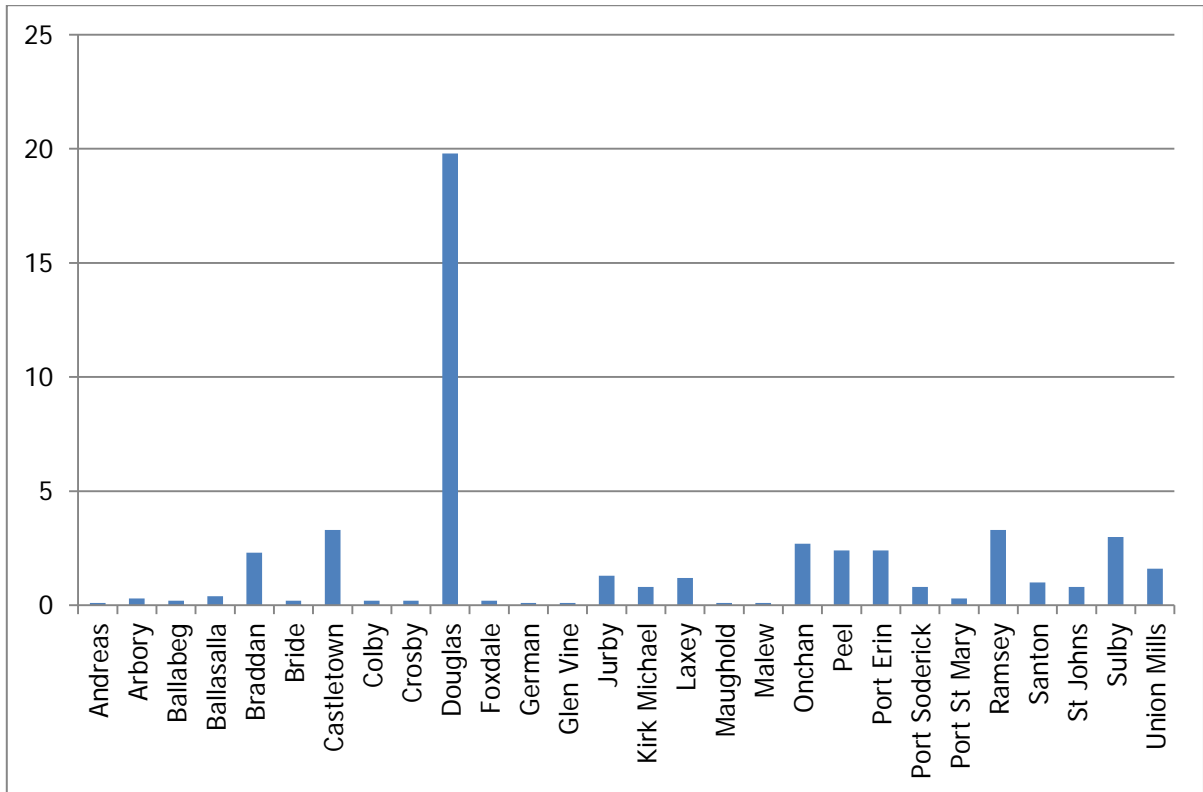


**Location Living by School Catchment Area (Number)**

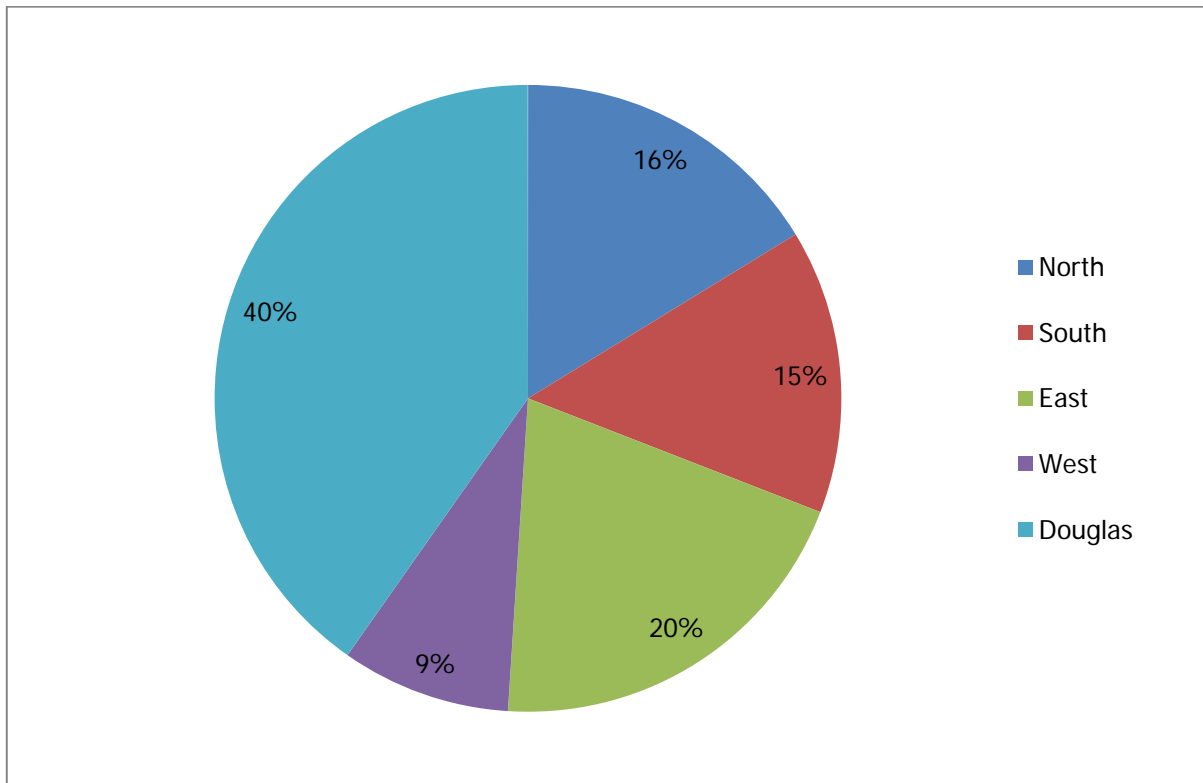
Andreas	Arbory	Ballasalla	Ballaugh	Braddan	Dhoon	Douglas			
4	6	6	3	14	3	97			
Foxdale	Jurby	Kewaigue	Laxey	Marown	Michael	Onchan			
8	2	2	9	7	3	26			
Peel	Rhumsaa	Rushen	SPLM	St Johns	Sulby	Vic Road	Not Answered	Total	
28	32	19	4	3	5	17	5	303	



**Spread of pre-school and early years childcare provision location based on responses**



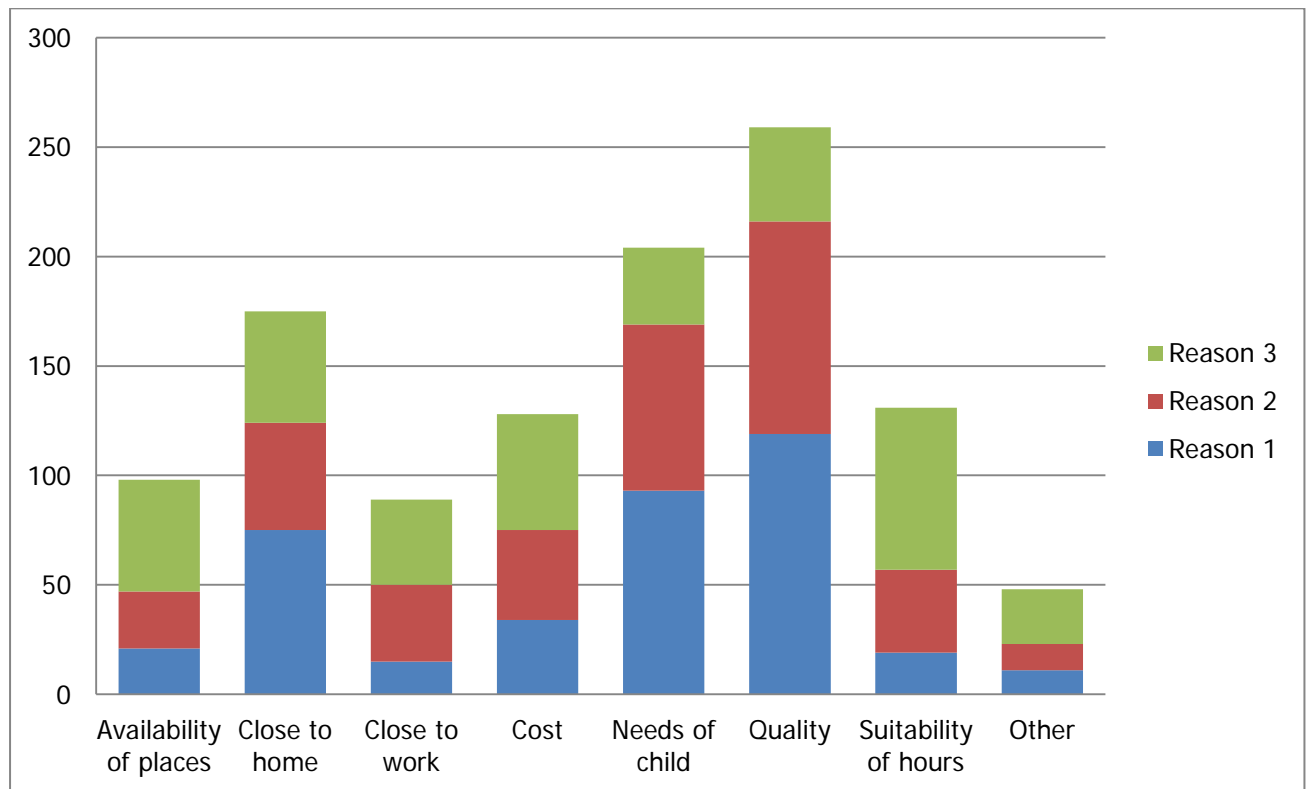
**Pre-school and Early Years childcare provision location by area of Island based on responses**



## Survey Analysis

### Top 3 reasons for choosing provision (Numbers)

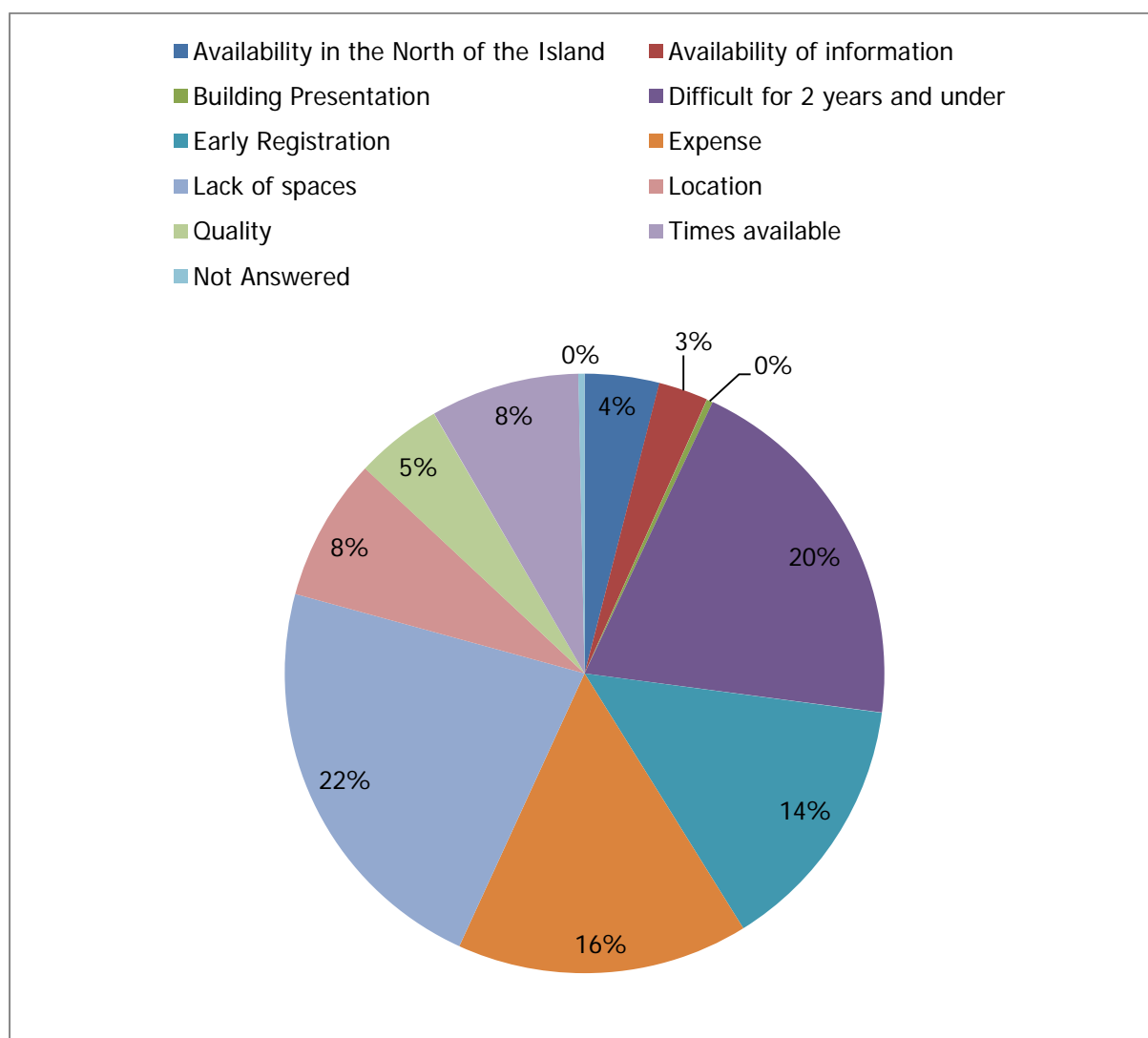
	Availability of places	Close to home	Close to work	Cost	Needs of child	Quality	Suitability of hours	Other
Reason 1	21	75	15	34	93	119	19	11
Reason 2	26	49	35	41	76	97	38	12
Reason 3	51	51	39	53	35	43	74	25





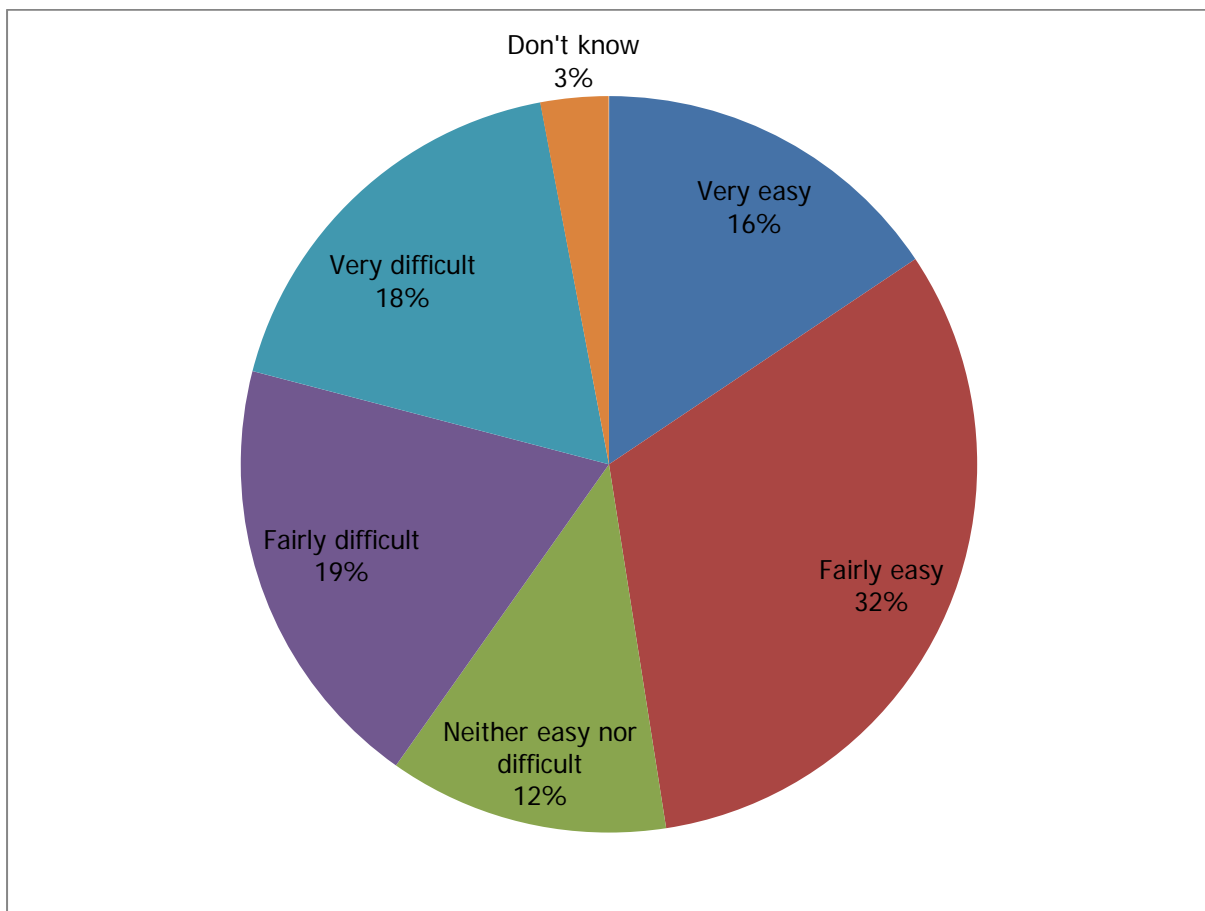
**Additional reasons for choosing provision (both positive and negative)**

Option	Between 0 to 2 years	Between 2 to 3 years	Between 3 to 4 years	Between 4 to 5 years	Total	Percentage
Availability in the North of the Island	3	5	3	1	12	4.01%
Availability of information	2	3	3	0	8	2.68%
Building Presentation	0	0	0	1	1	0.33%
Difficult for 2 years and under	35	14	10	1	60	20.07%
Early Registration	14	15	8	5	42	14.05%
Expense	15	13	15	4	47	15.72%
Lack of spaces	29	18	15	5	67	22.41%
Location	2	9	7	5	23	7.69%
Quality	2	2	6	4	14	4.68%
Times available	6	8	8	2	24	8.03%
Not Answered	0	1	0	0	1	0.33%
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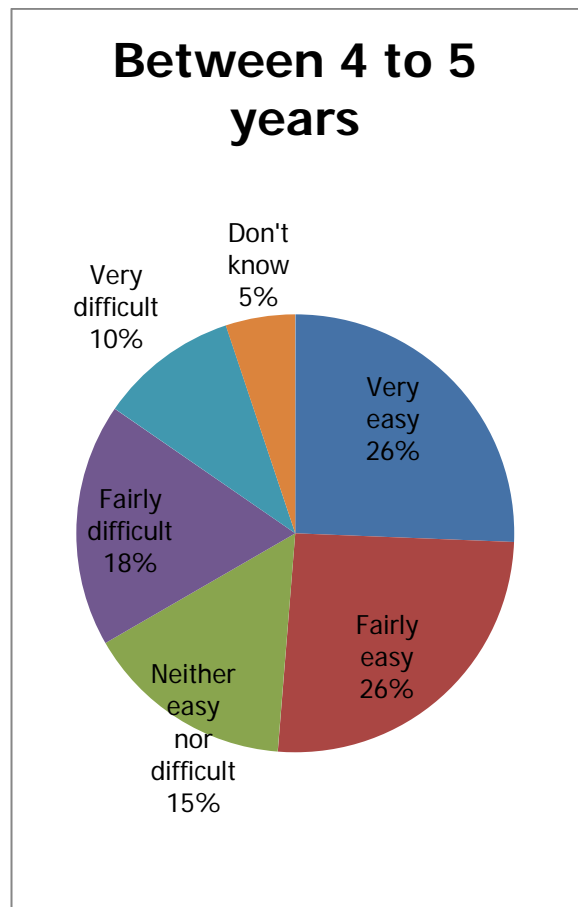
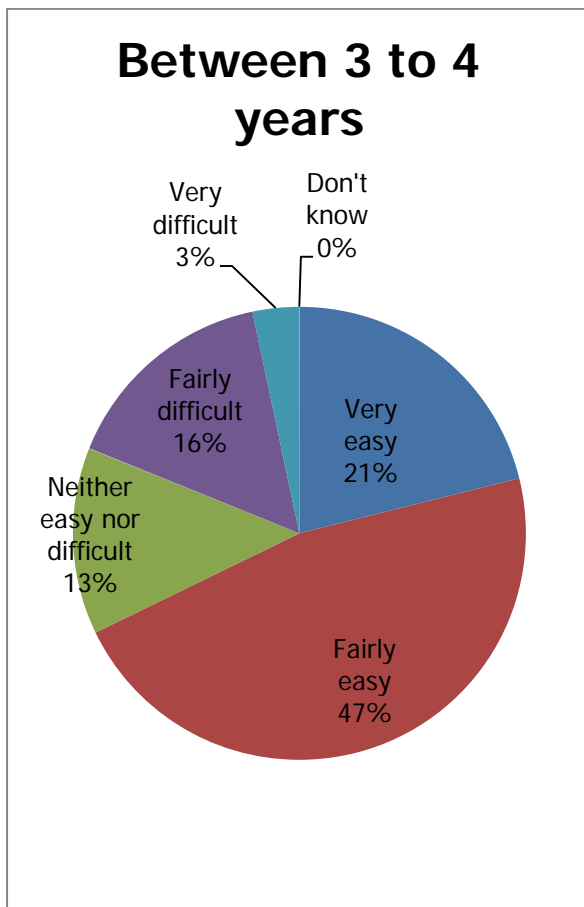
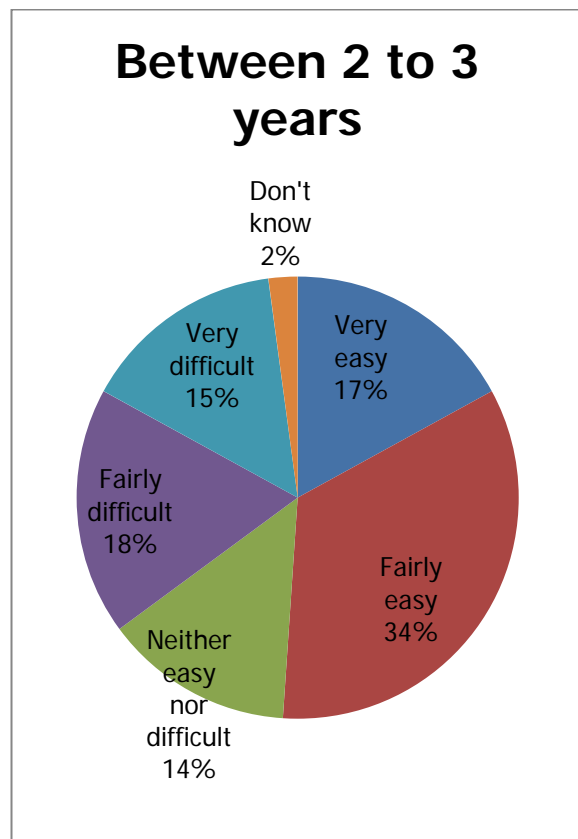
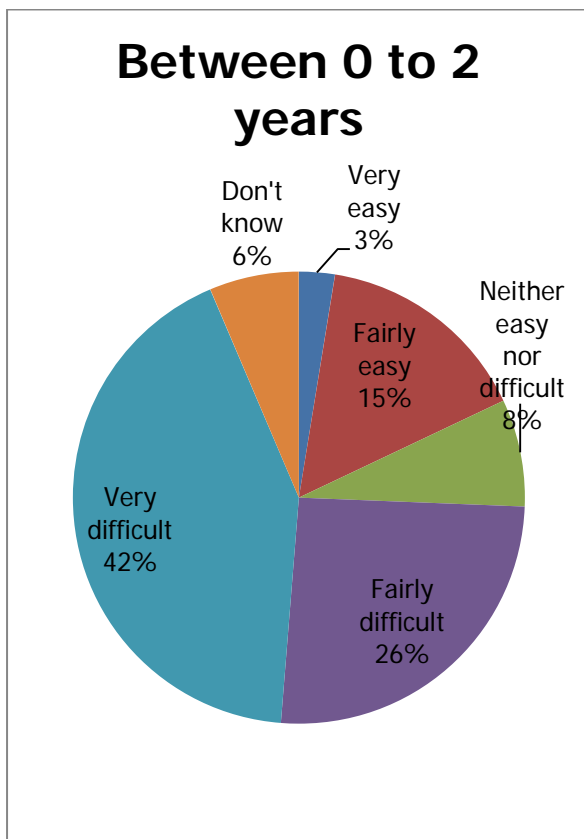


**How easy was it to find a suitable/appropriate place for your child? (Numbers)**

Option	Between 0 to 2 years	Between 2 to 3 years	Between 3 to 4 years	Between 4 to 5 years
Very easy	2	16	19	10
Fairly easy	12	32	42	10
Neither easy nor difficult	6	13	12	6
Fairly difficult	20	17	14	7
Very difficult	33	14	3	4
Don't know	5	2	0	2

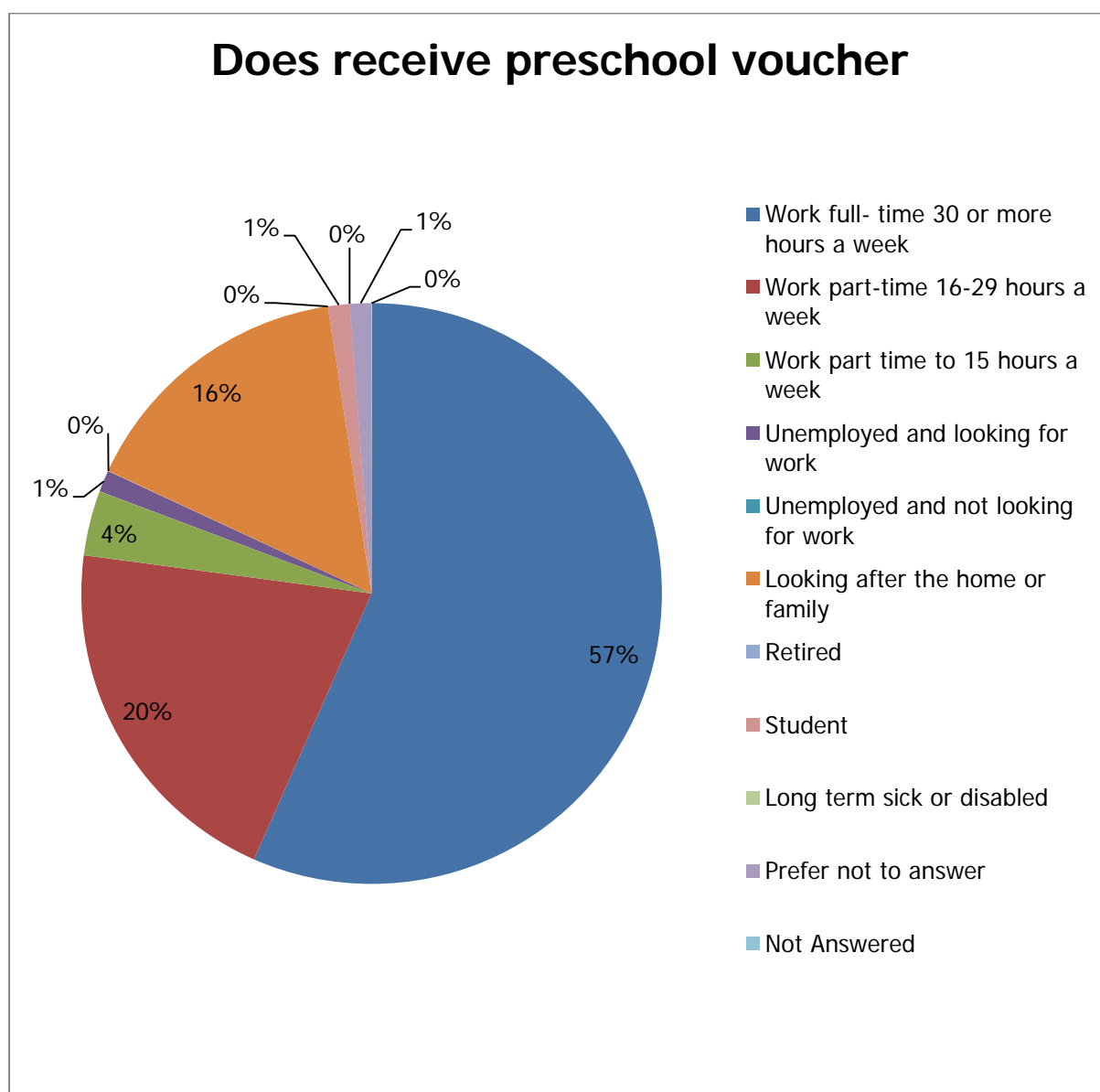


How easy was it to find a suitable/appropriate place for your child by age group?

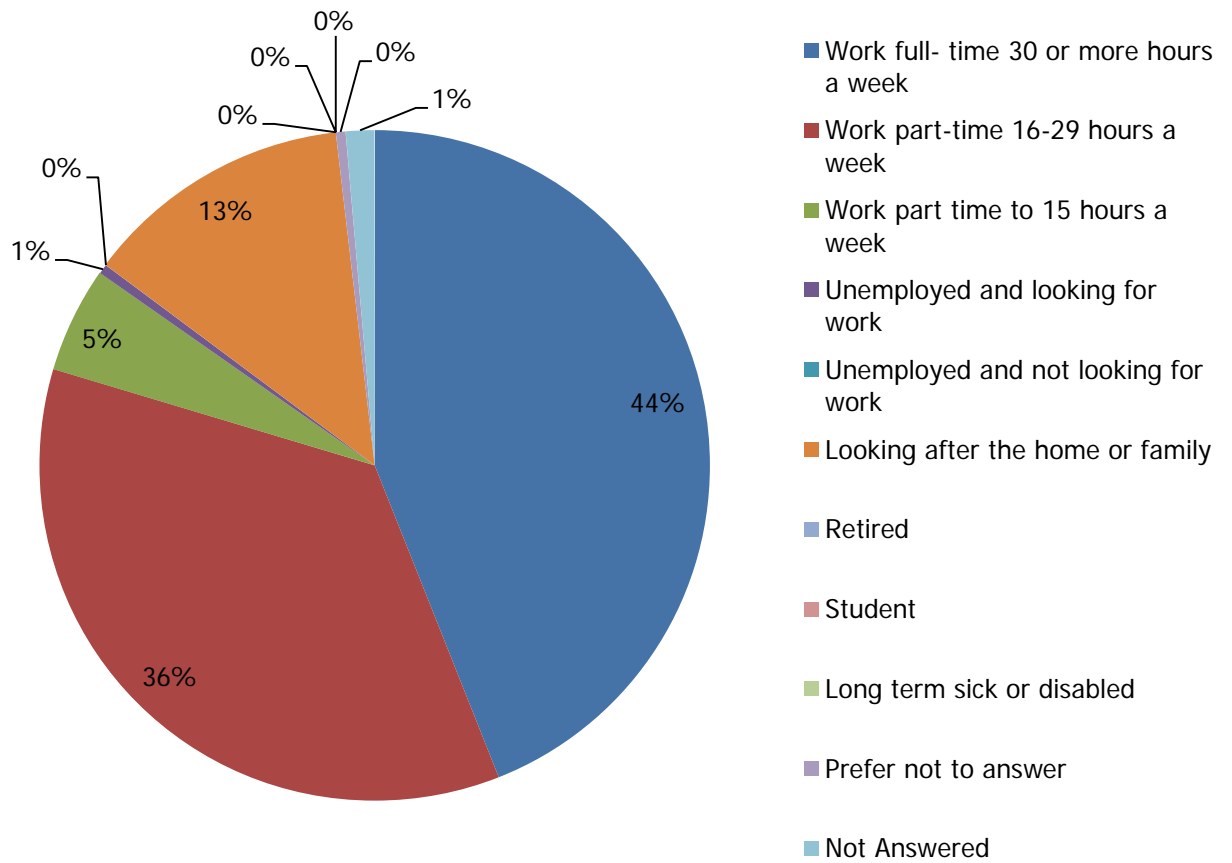


**What is your employment status & do you receive preschool voucher? (Number)**

Option	Yes	No	Don't know
Work full- time 30 or more hours a week	47	95	3
Work part-time 16-29 hours a week	17	77	1
Work part time to 15 hours a week	3	11	0
Unemployed and looking for work	1	1	0
Unemployed and not looking for work	0	0	0
Looking after the home or family	13	28	0
Retired	0	0	0
Student	1	0	0
Long term sick or disabled	0	0	0
Prefer not to answer	1	1	0
Not Answered	0	3	0

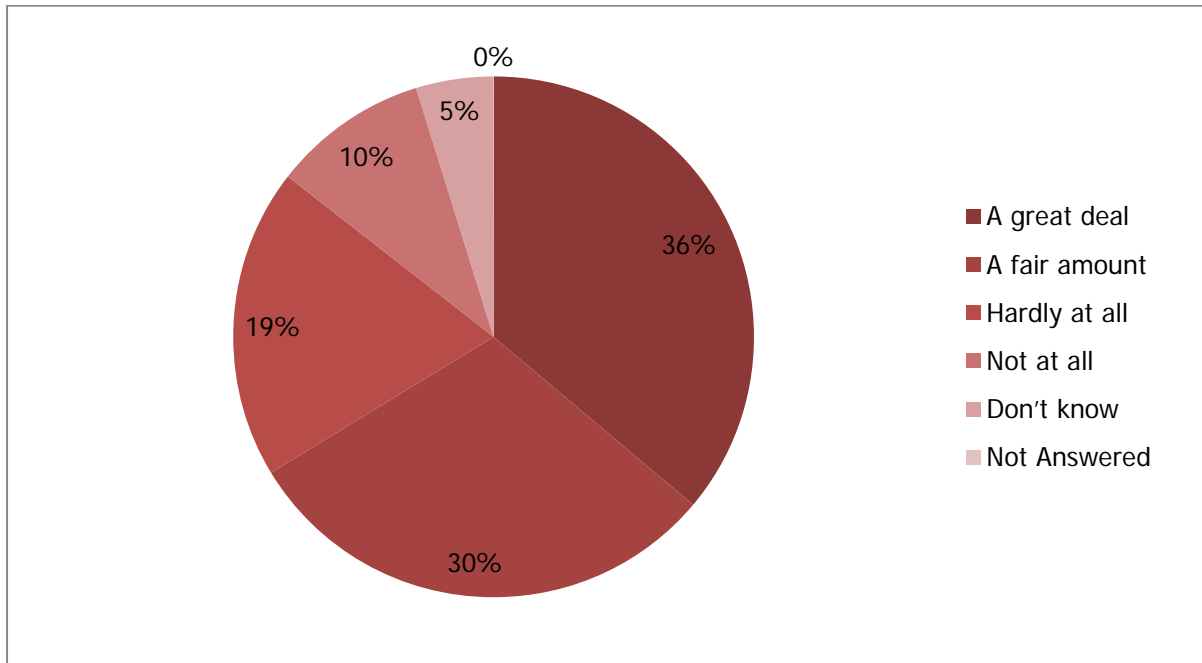


## Doesn't receive preschool voucher

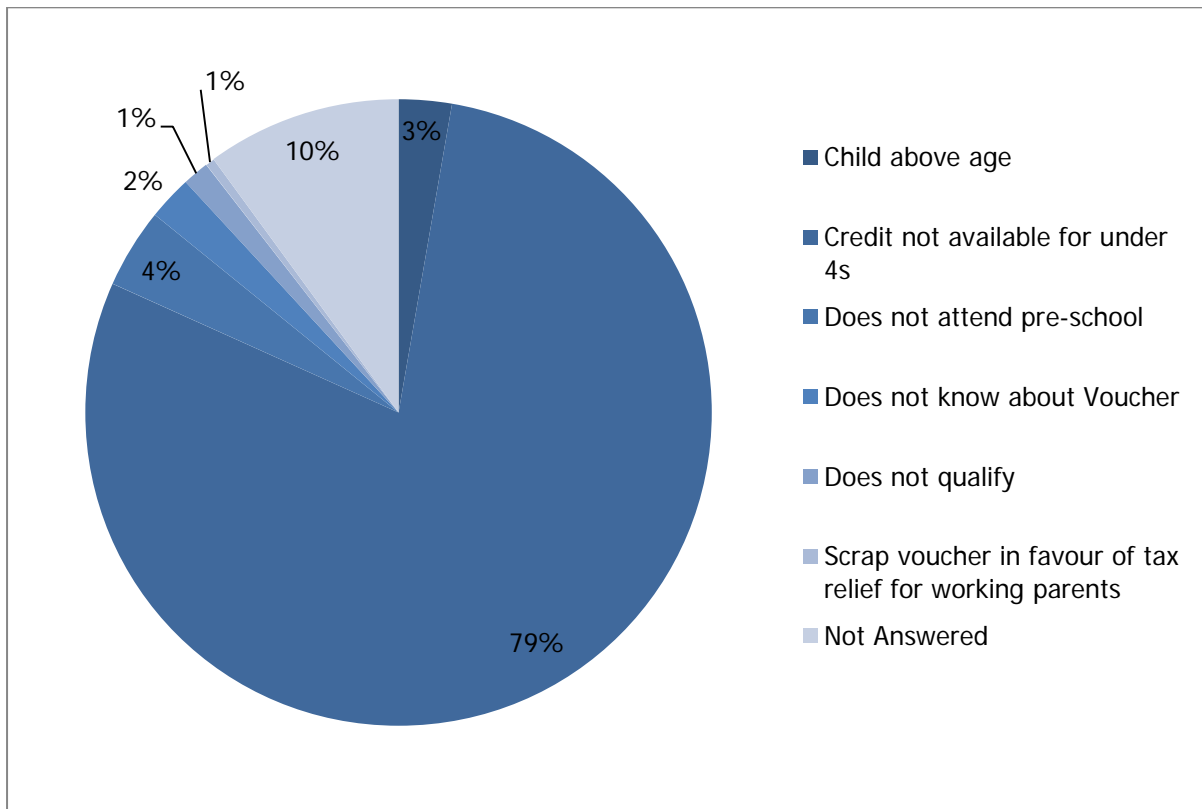


**To what extent did this assistance enable your child access a minimum of 15 hours provision? (Number)**

A great deal	A fair amount	Hardly at all	Not at all	Don't know	Not Answered
30	25	16	8	4	0

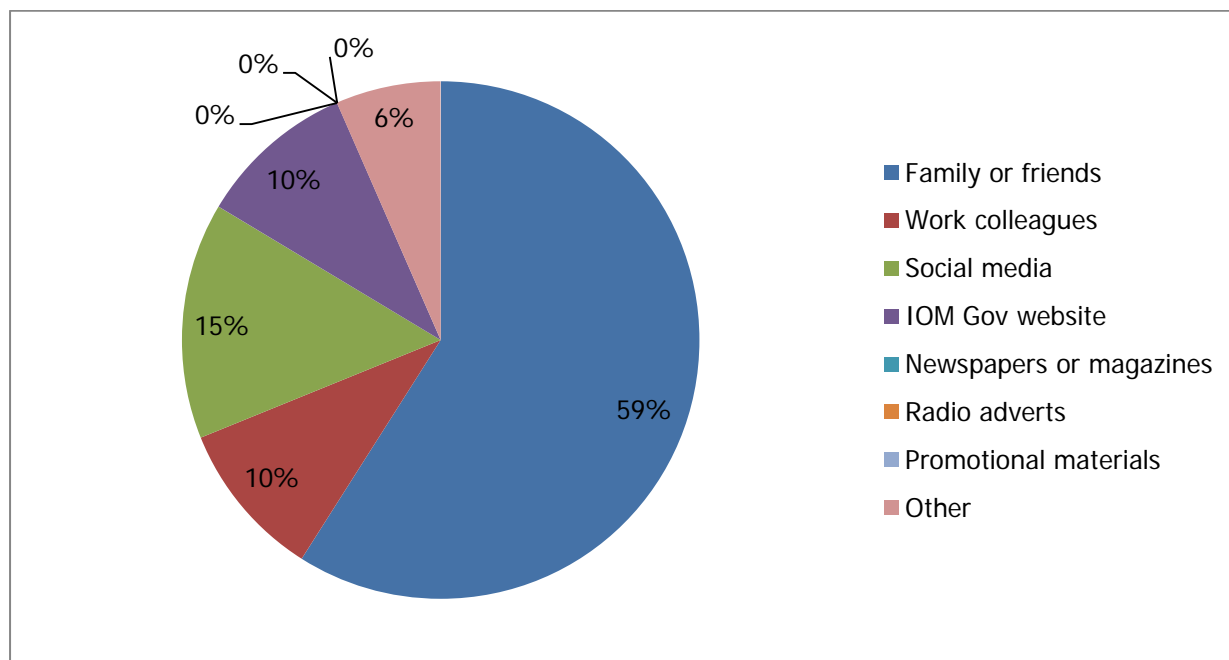


**Tagged reasons for not receiving the Preschool voucher**



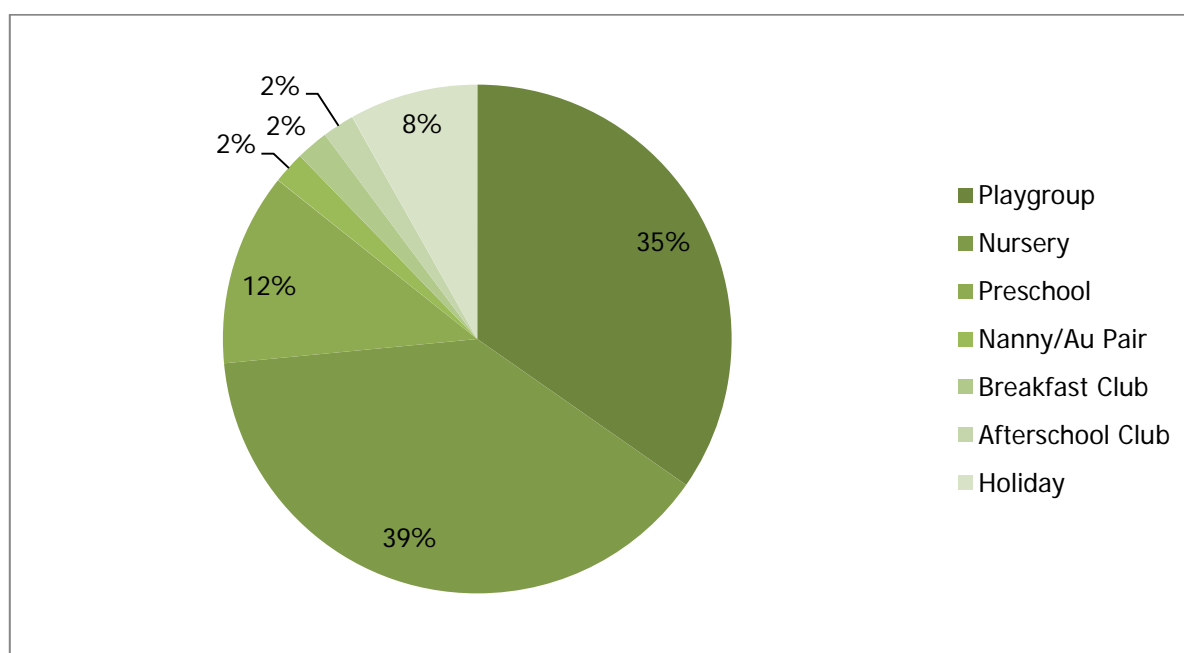
**How did you find out about the other provision you are using? (Number)**

Family or friends	Work colleagues	Social media	IOM Gov website	Newspapers or magazines	Radio adverts	Promotional materials	Other
36	6	9	6	0	0	0	4



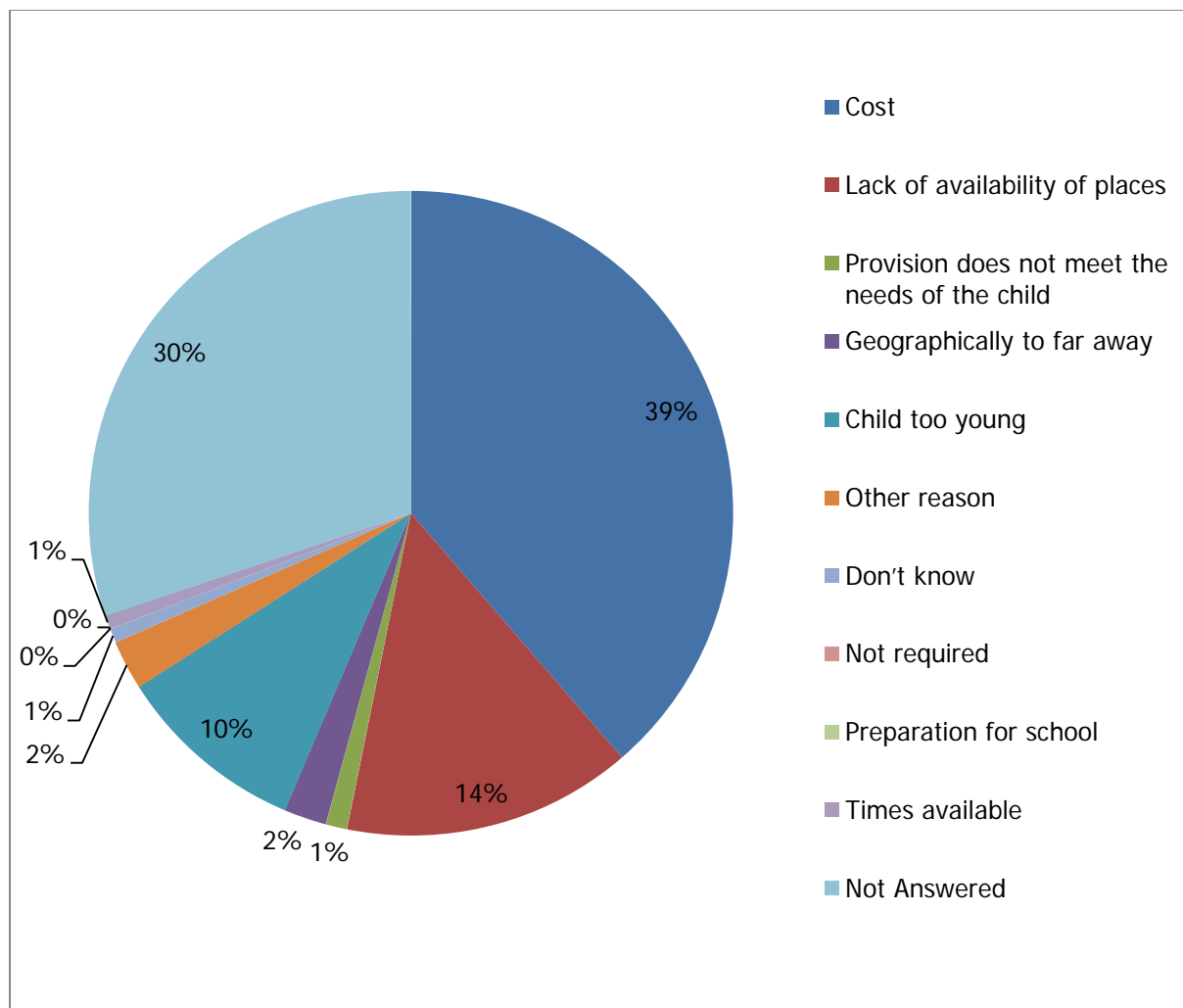
**Does your child attend any other provision alongside the alternatives? (Number)**

Playgroup	Nursery	Preschool	Nanny/Au Pair	Breakfast Club	Afterschool Club	Holiday
17	19	6	1	1	1	4



**Why is your child not attending additional hours? (Number)**

Cost	Lack of availability of places	Provision does not meet the needs of the child	Geographically too far away	Child too young	Other reason	Don't know	Not required	Preparation for school	Times available	Not Answered
109	41	3	6	27	7	2	0	0	2	85



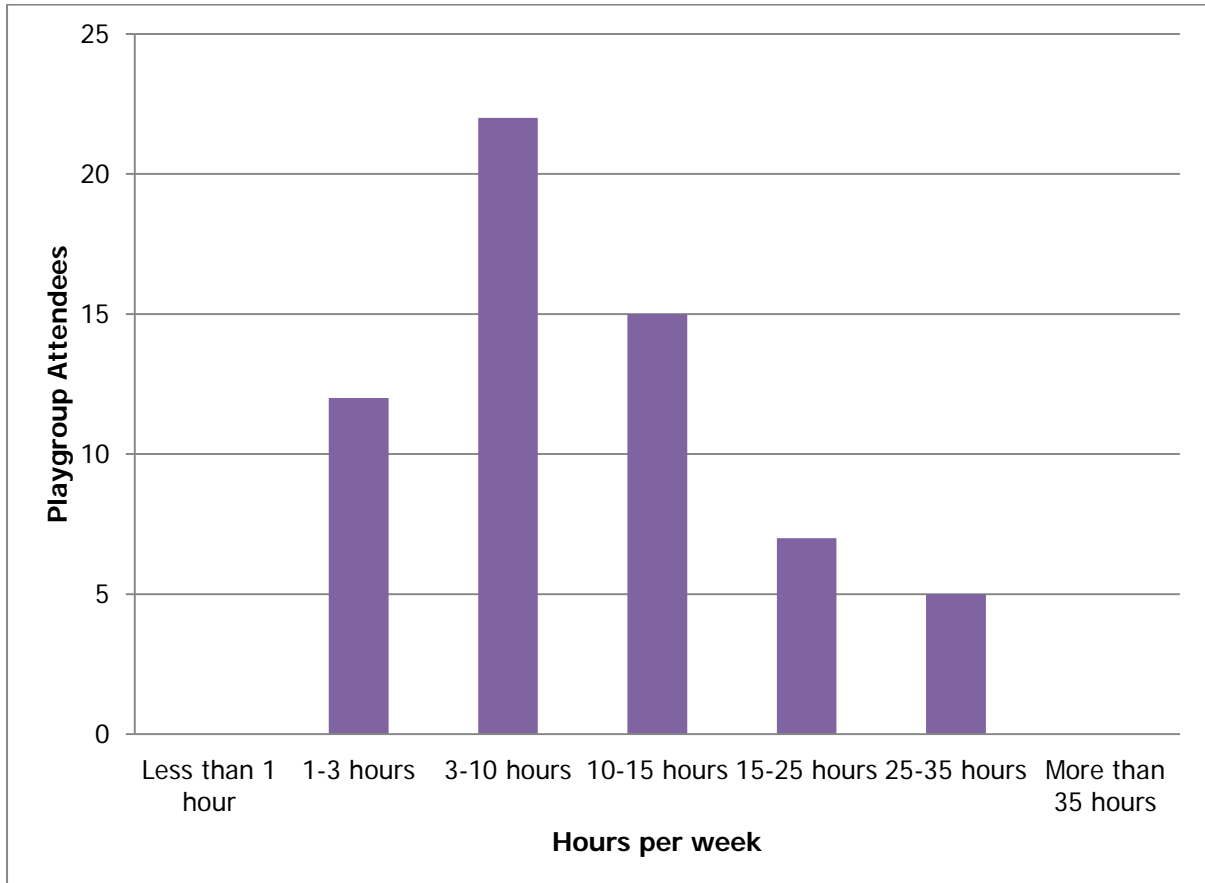


**Provision Breakdown**

**PLAYGROUPS**

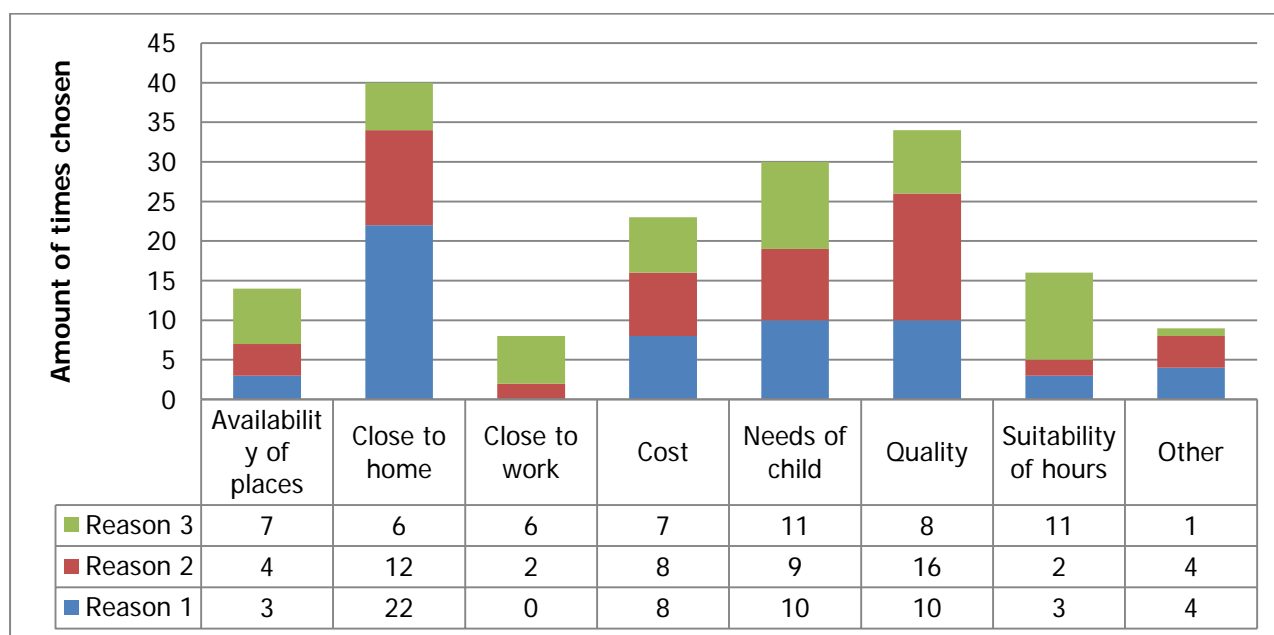
**On average, how many hours per week does your child attend? (Number)**

Less than 1 hour	1-3 hours	3-10 hours	10-15 hours	15-25 hours	25-35 hours	More than 35 hours
0	12	22	15	7	5	0

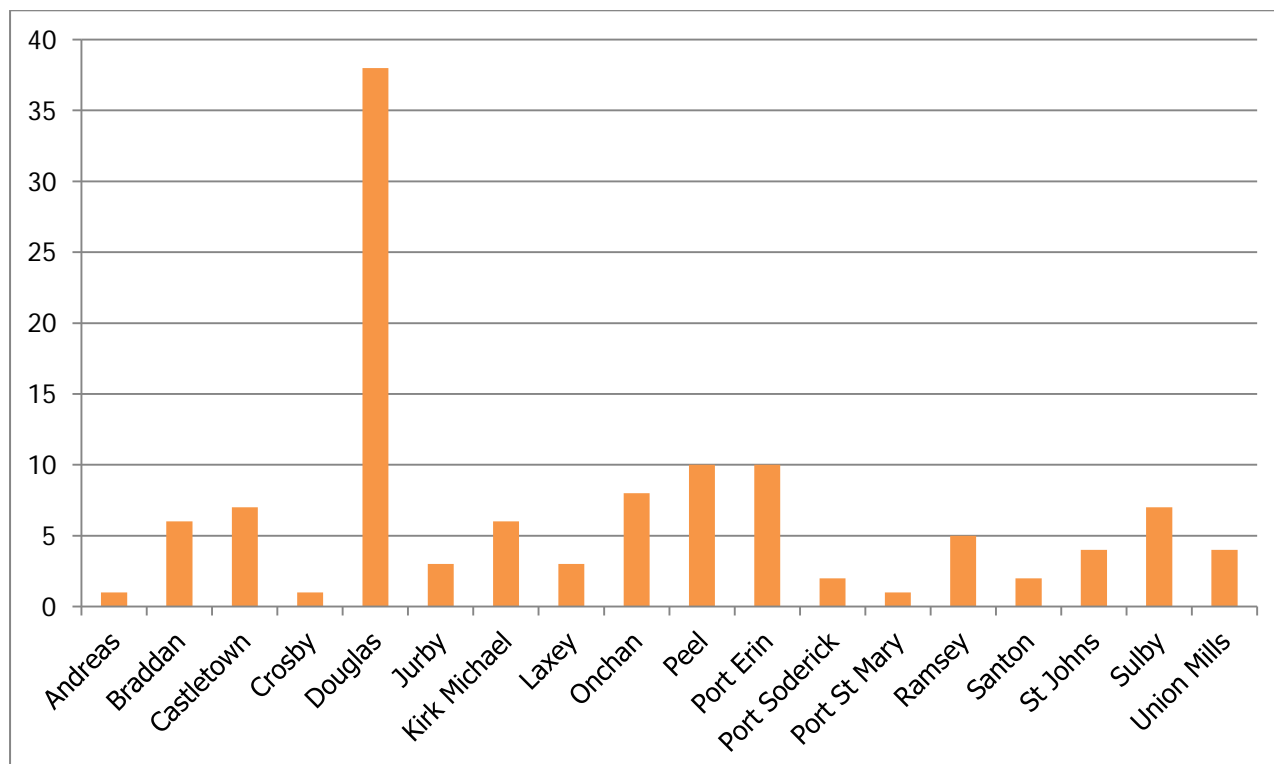


### Top 3 Reasons for Playgroup Choice (Numbers)

Availability of places	Close to home	Close to work	Cost	Needs of child	Quality	Suitability of hours	Other
3	22	0	8	10	10	3	4
4	12	2	8	9	16	2	4
7	6	6	7	11	8	11	1

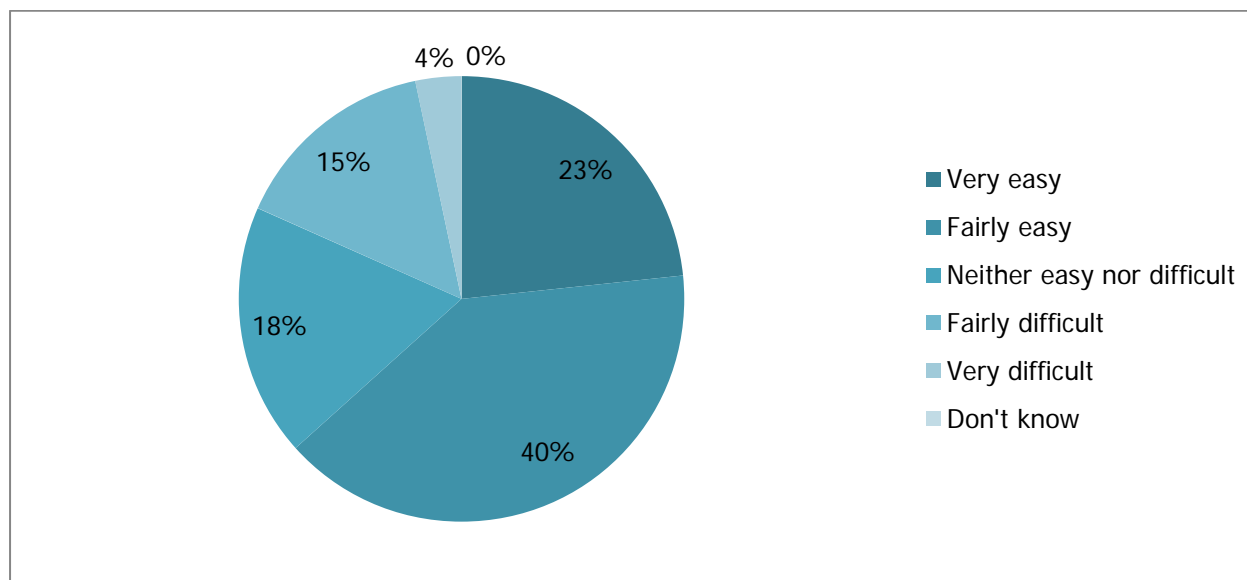


### Location of Playgroup Choice



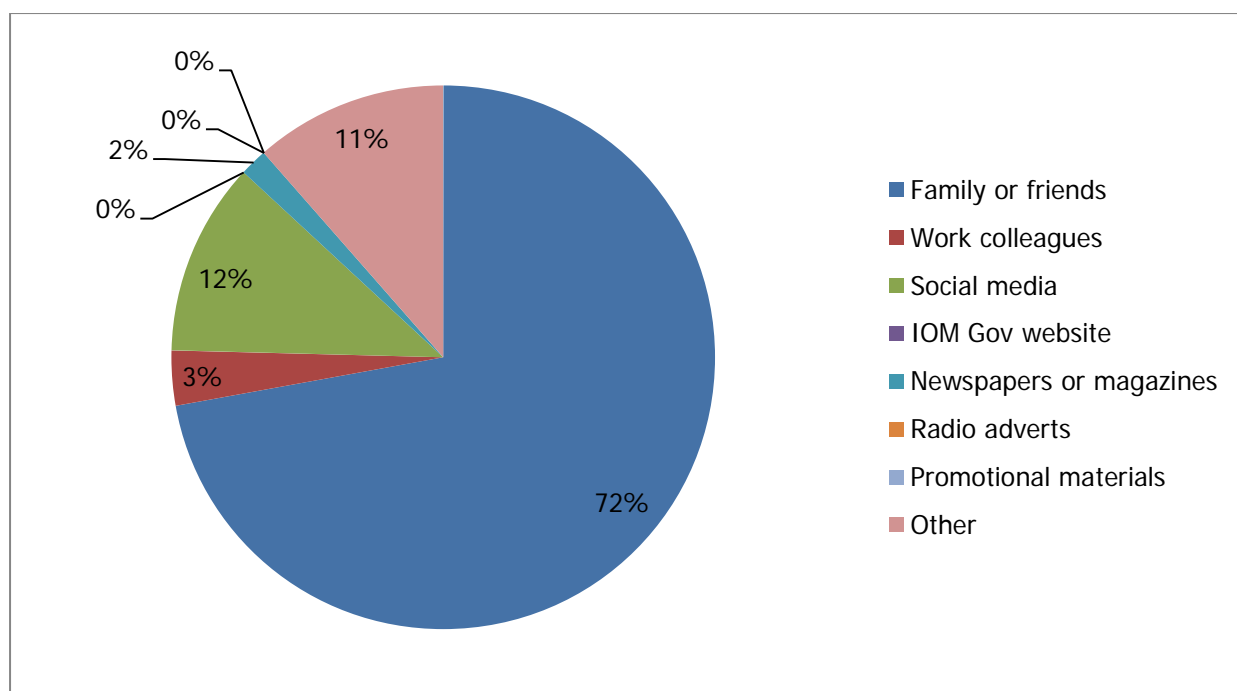
**How easy was it to find a place at Playgroup? (Number)**

Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Fairly difficult	Very difficult	Don't know
14	24	11	9	2	0



**How did you find out about the Playgroup? (Number)**

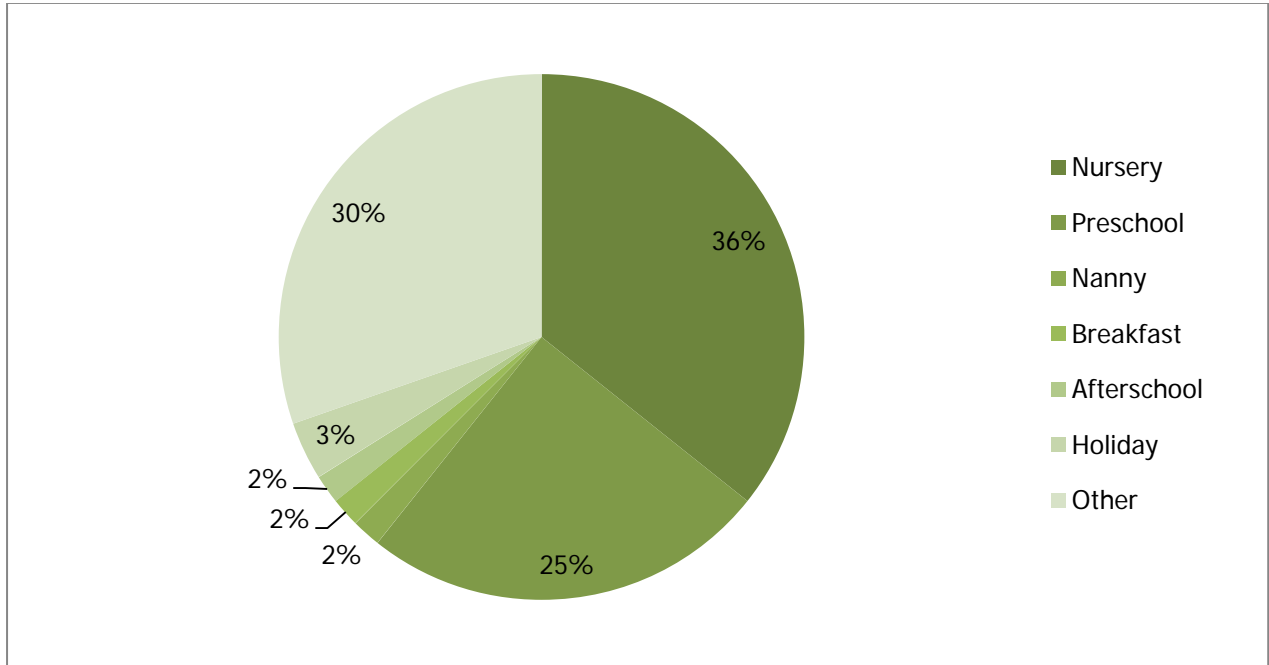
Family or friends	Work colleagues	Social media	IOM Gov website	Newspapers or magazines	Radio adverts	Promotional materials	Other
44	2	7	0	1	0	0	7



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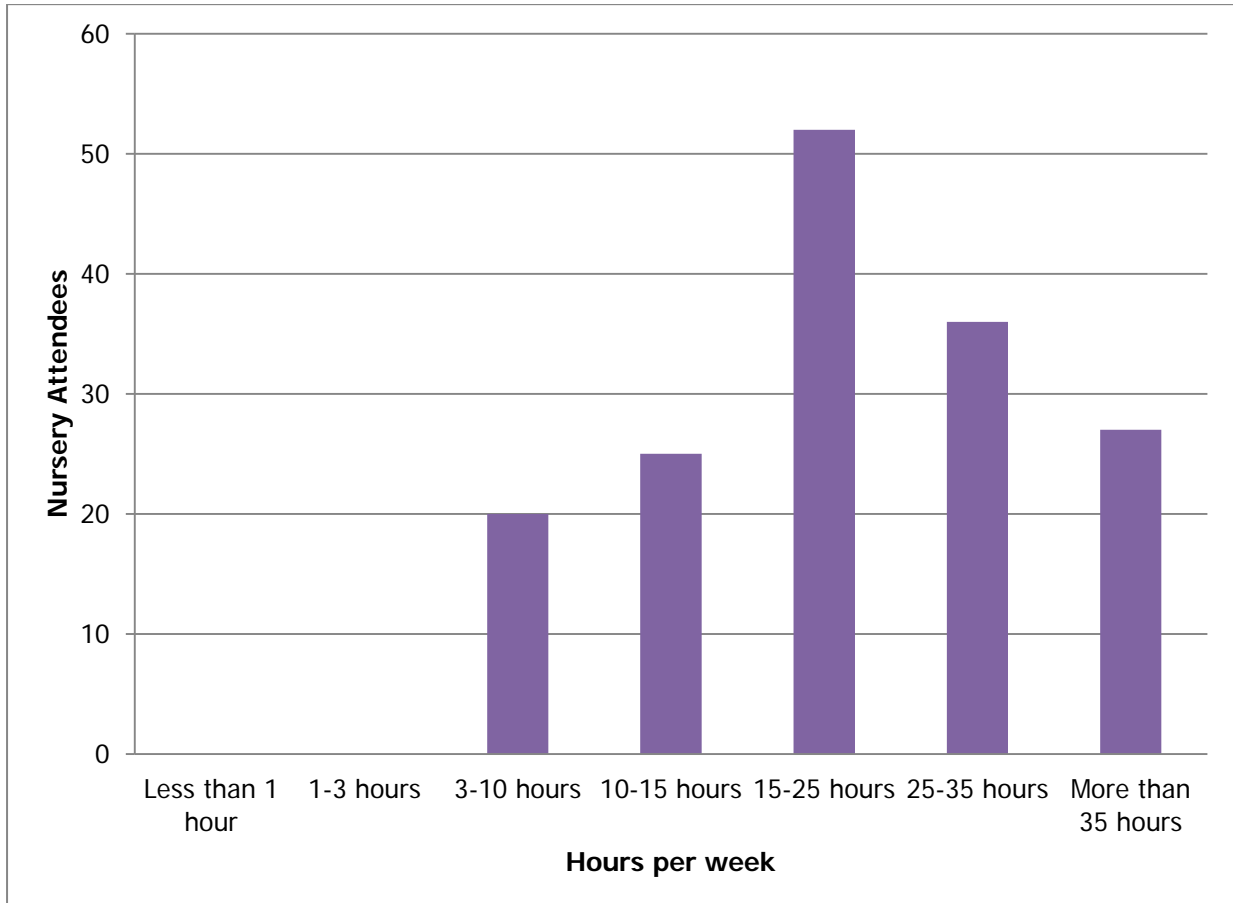
Nursery	Preschool	Nanny	Breakfast	Afterschool	Holiday	Other
20	14	1	1	1	2	17



**NURSERY**

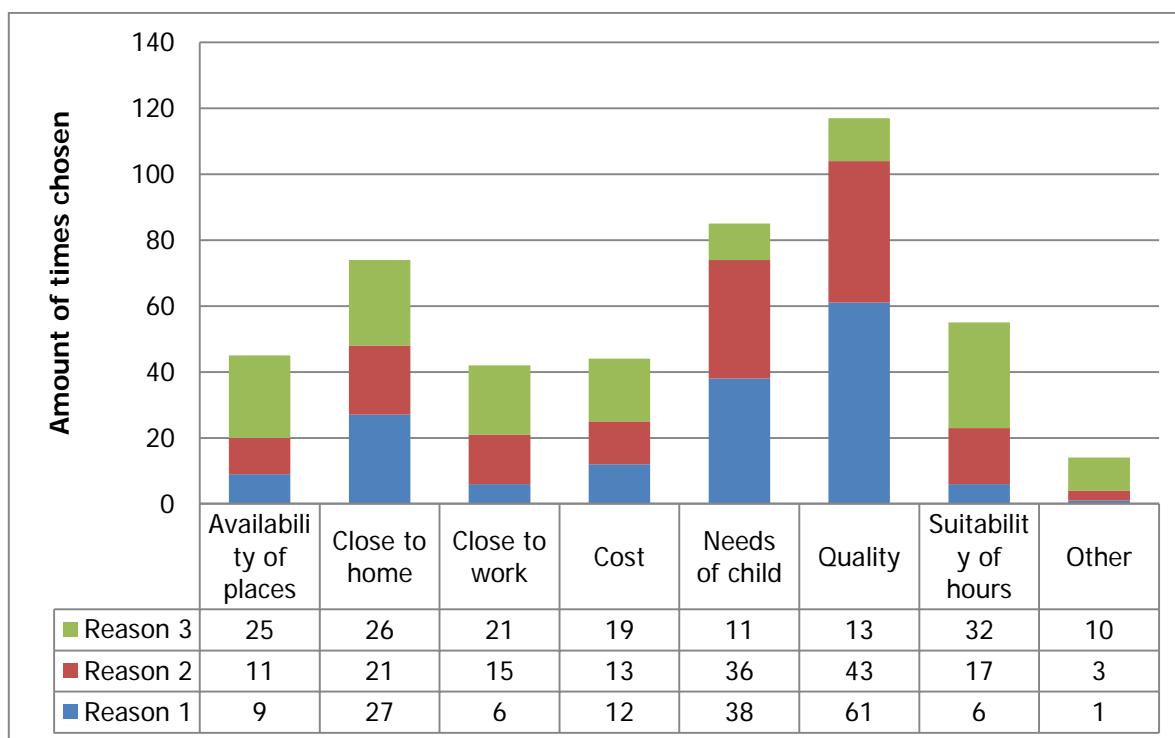
**On average, how many hours per week does your child attend? (Number)**

Less than 1 hour	1-3 hours	3-10 hours	10-15 hours	15-25 hours	25-35 hours	More than 35 hours
0	0	20	25	52	36	27

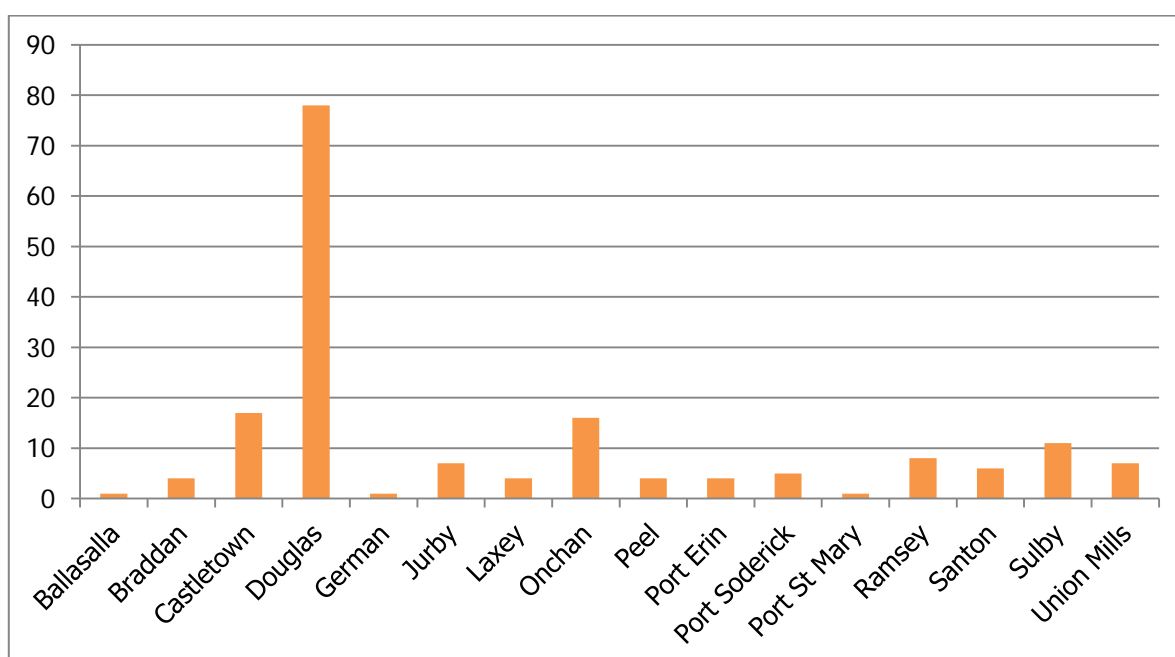


### Top 3 Reasons for Nursery Choice (Numbers)

Availability of places	Close to home	Close to work	Cost	Needs of child	Quality	Suitability of hours	Other
9	27	6	12	38	61	6	1
11	21	15	13	36	43	17	3
25	26	21	19	11	13	32	10



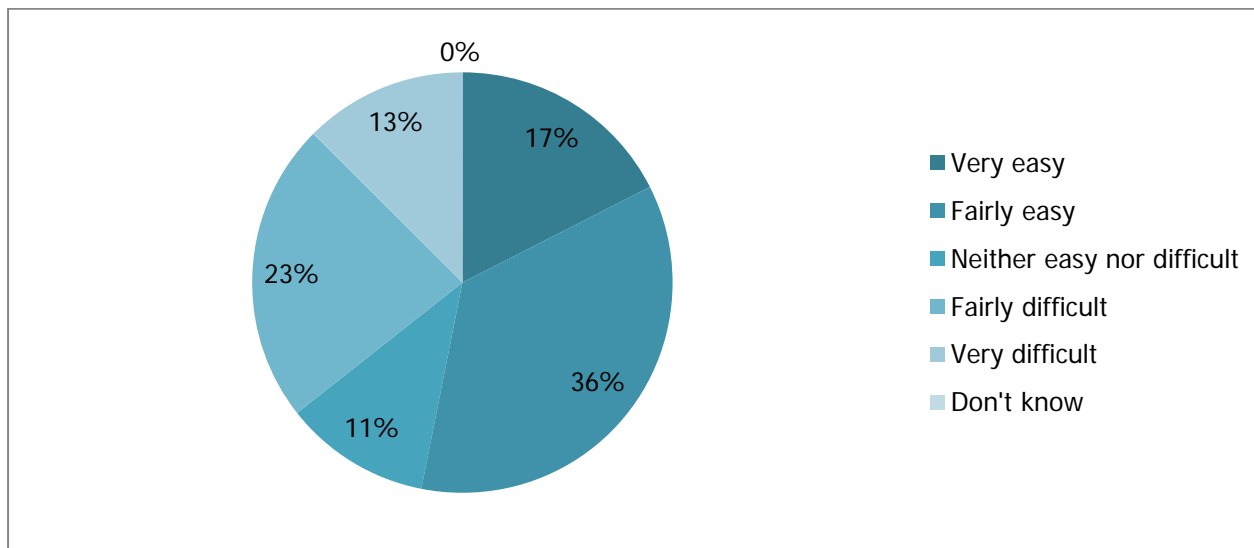
### Location of Nursery Choice



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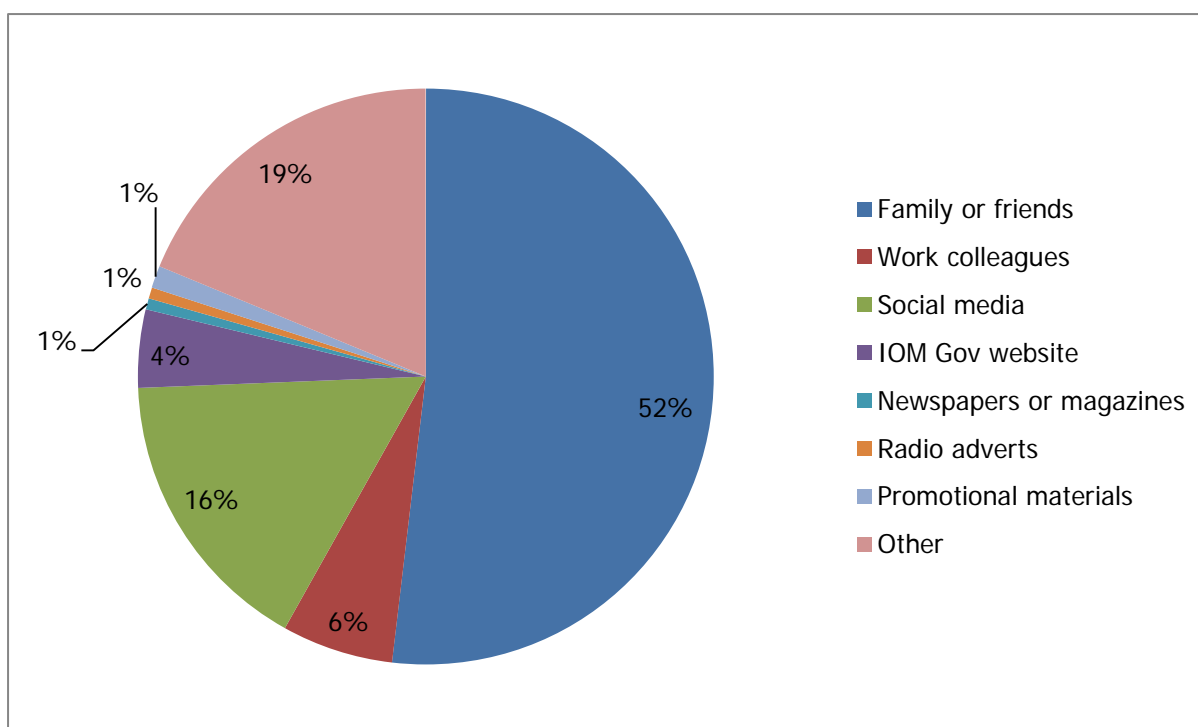
### How easy was it to find a place at a Nursery? (Number)

Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Fairly difficult	Very difficult	Don't know
28	57	18	37	20	0



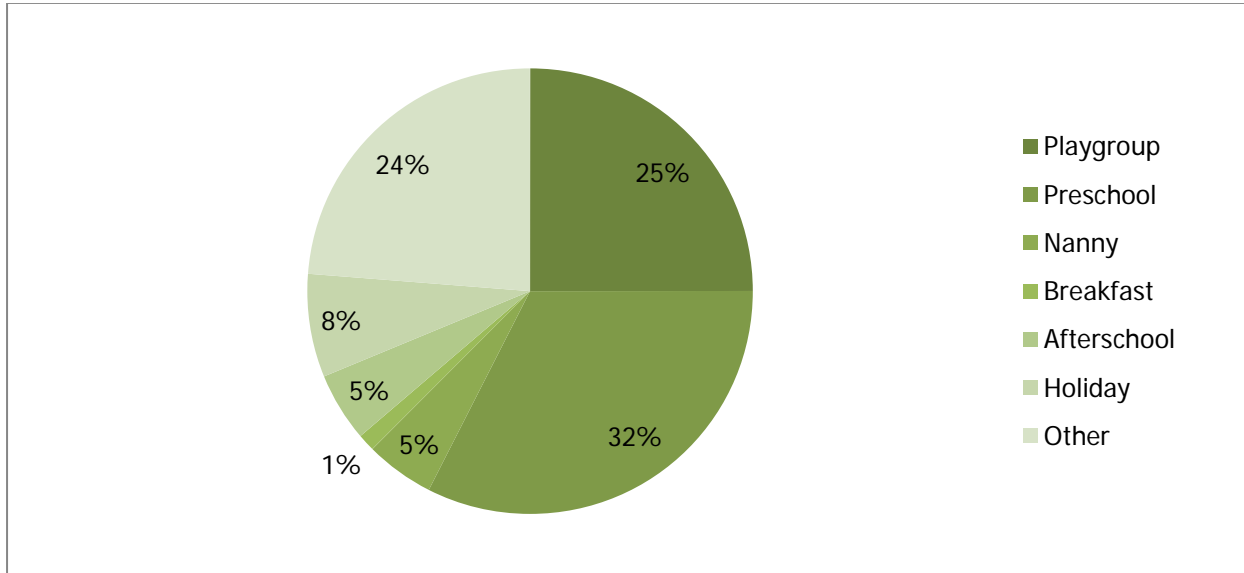
### How did you find out about the Nursery? (Number)

Family or friends	Work colleagues	Social media	IOM Gov website	Newspapers or magazines	Radio adverts	Promotional materials	Other
83	10	26	7	1	1	2	30



**Does your child attend any other provision alongside Playgroup? (Number)**

Playgroup	Preschool	Nanny	Breakfast	Afterschool	Holiday	Other
20	26	4	1	4	6	19

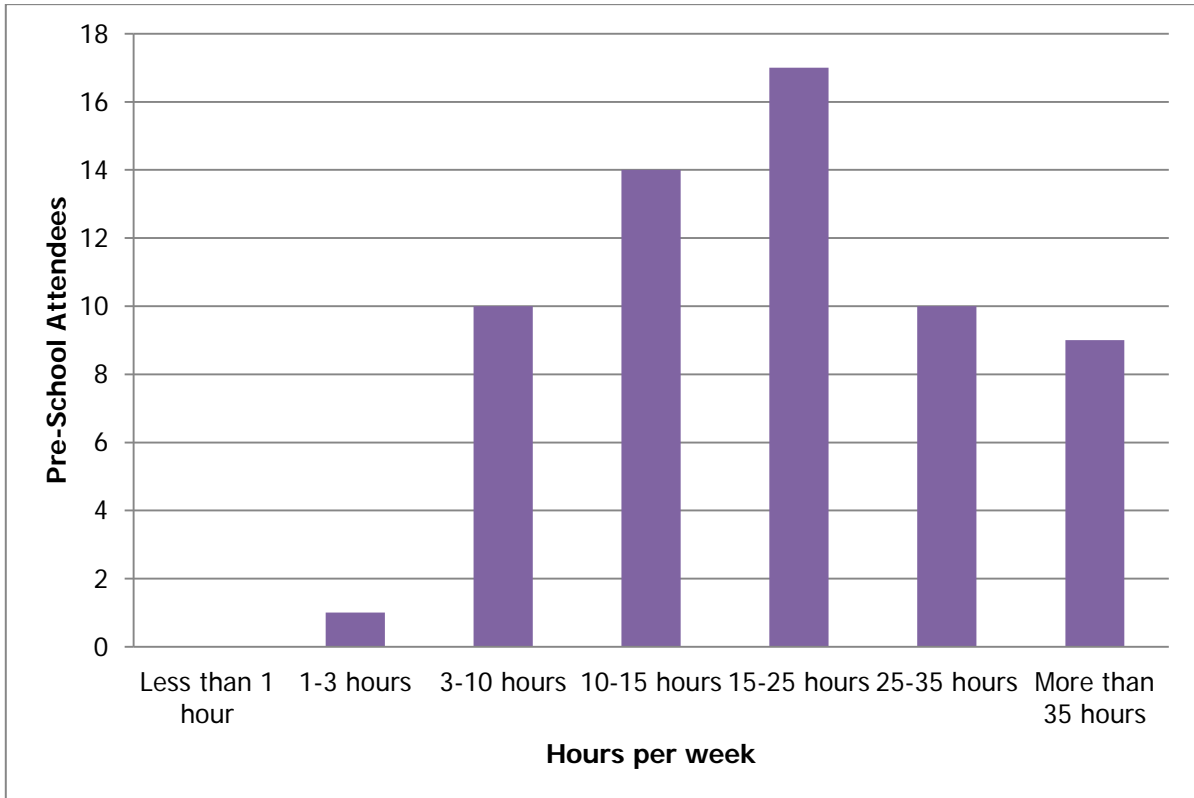




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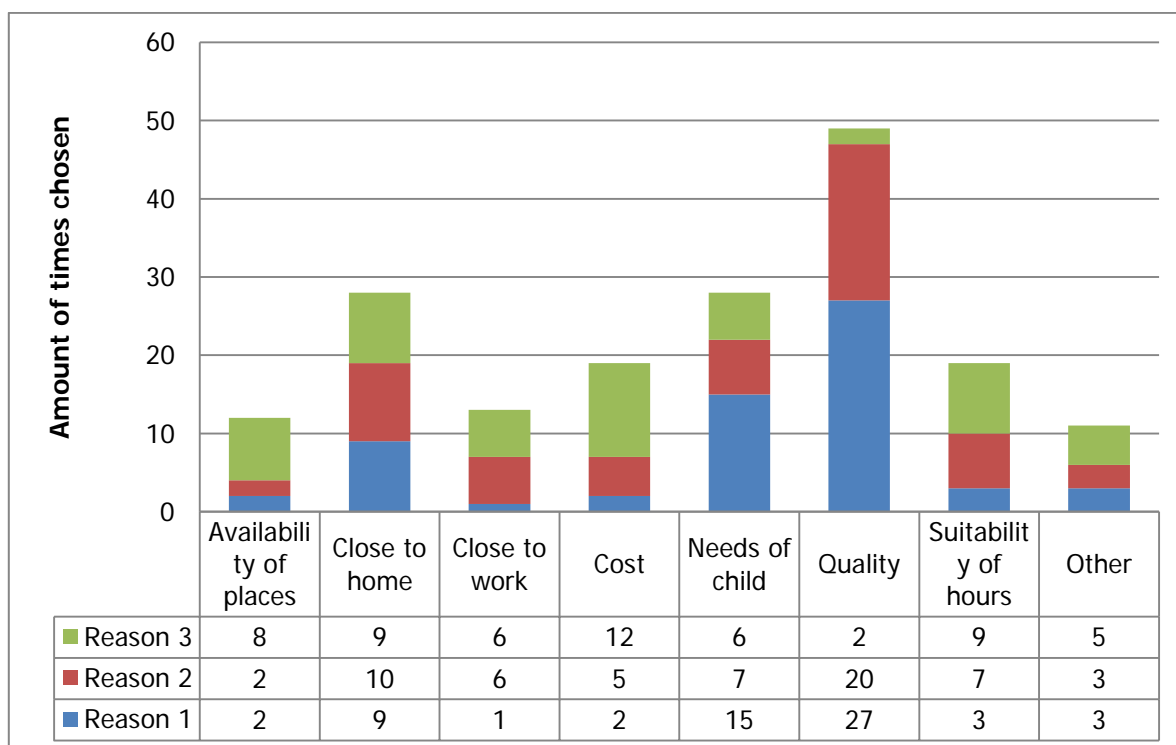
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0	1	10	14	17	10	9

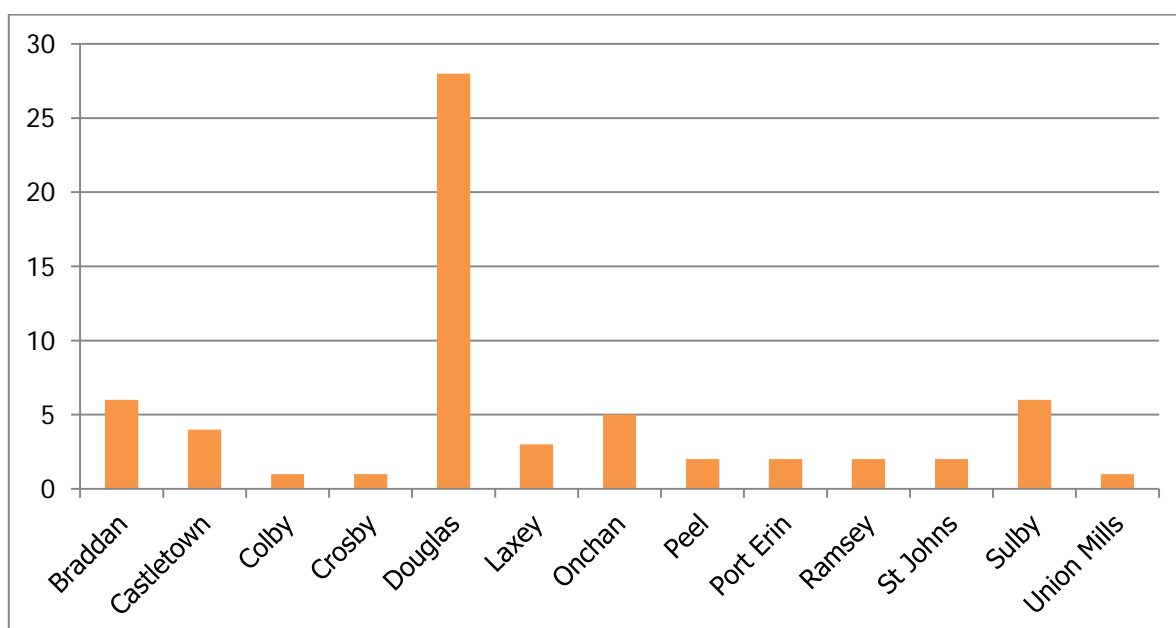


### Top 3 Reasons for choosing Pre-School (Numbers)

Availability of places	Close to home	Close to work	Cost	Needs of child	Quality	Suitability of hours	Other
2	9	1	2	15	27	3	3
2	10	6	5	7	20	7	3
8	9	6	12	6	2	9	5



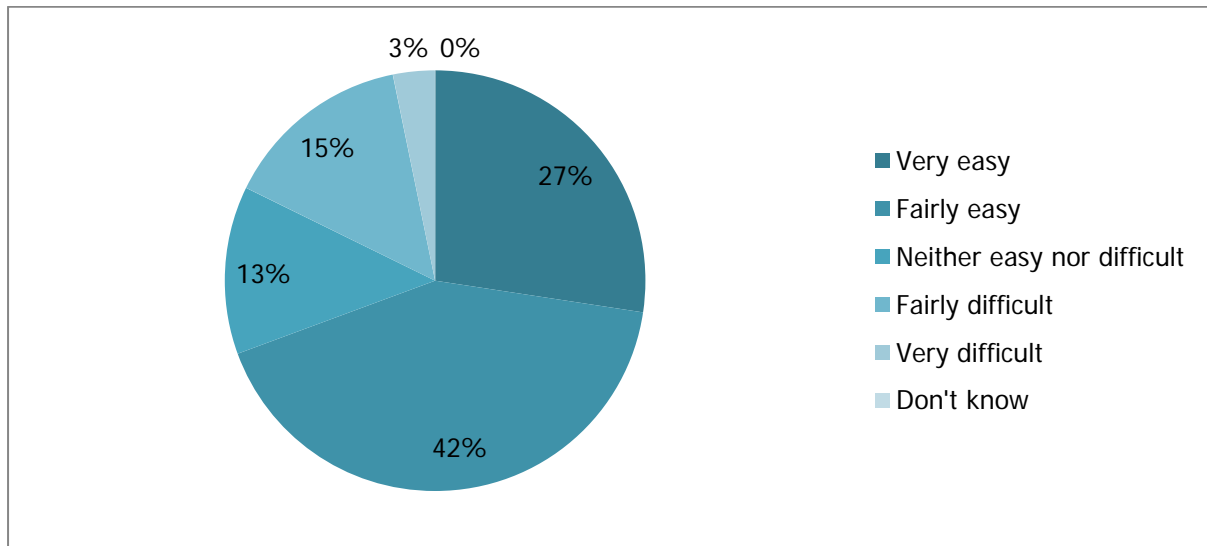
### Location of Pre-School Choice



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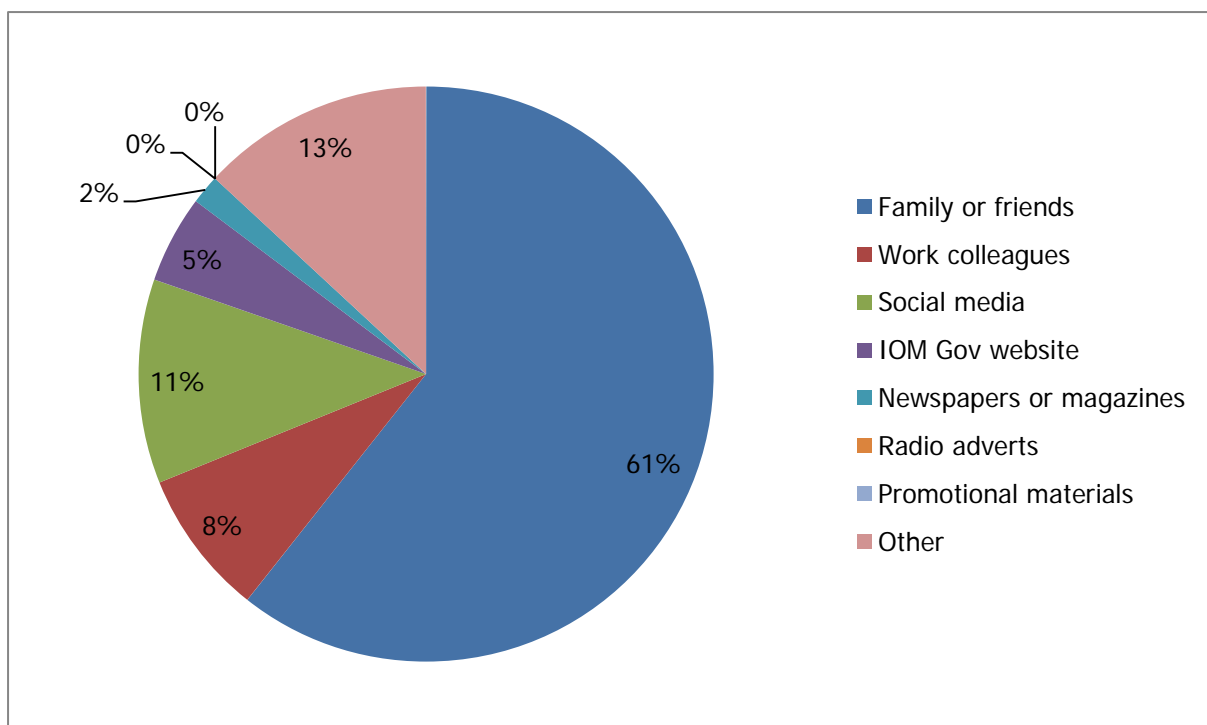
### How easy was it to get a place at Pre-School? (Number)

Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Fairly difficult	Very difficult	Don't know
17	26	8	9	2	0



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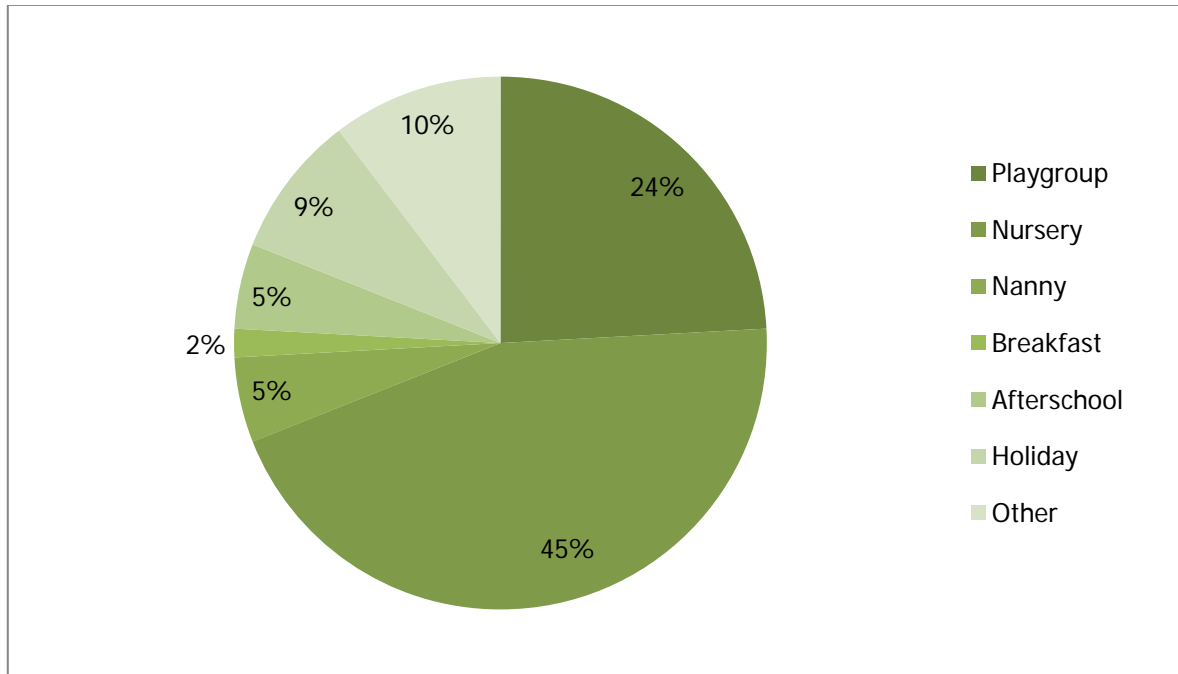
Family or friends	Work colleagues	Social media	IOM Gov website	Newspapers or magazines	Radio adverts	Promotional materials	Other
37	5	7	3	1	0	0	8



## Survey Analysis

### Does your child attend any other provision alongside Preschool? (Number)

Playgroup	Nursery	Nanny	Breakfast	Afterschool	Holiday	Other
14	26	3	1	3	5	6



**NANNY/AU PAIR**

**Results:**

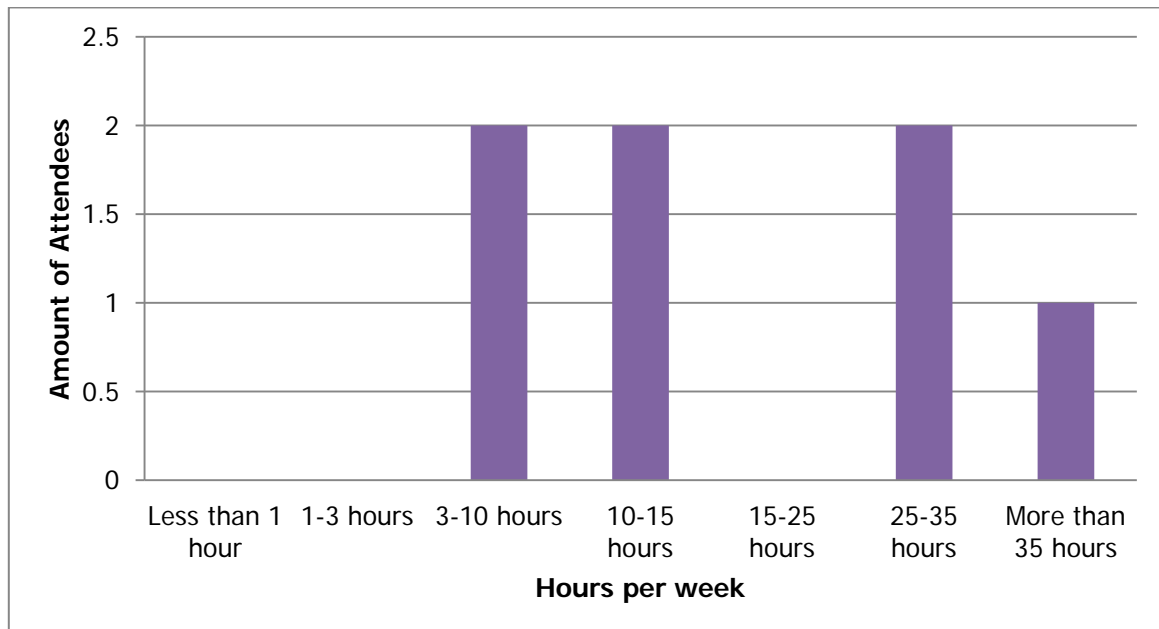
**3 children between 0-2**

**3 children between 3-4**

**1 child between 4-5**

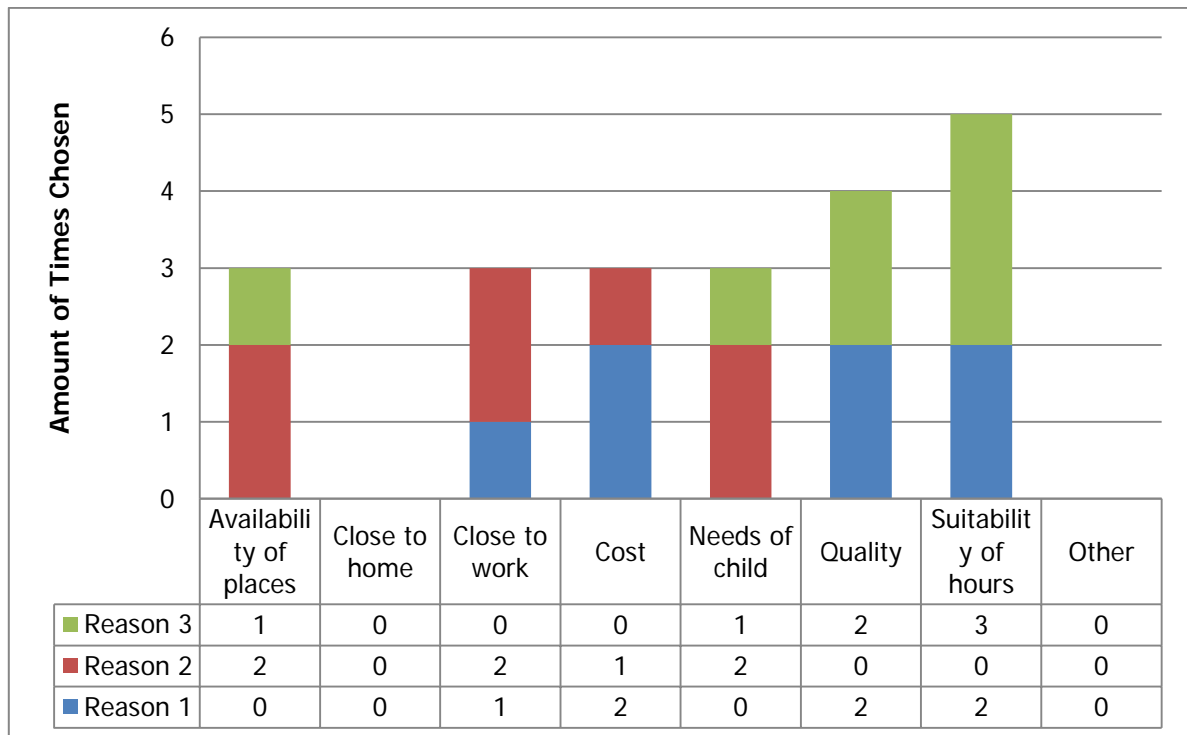
**On average, how many hours per week does your child attend? (Number)**

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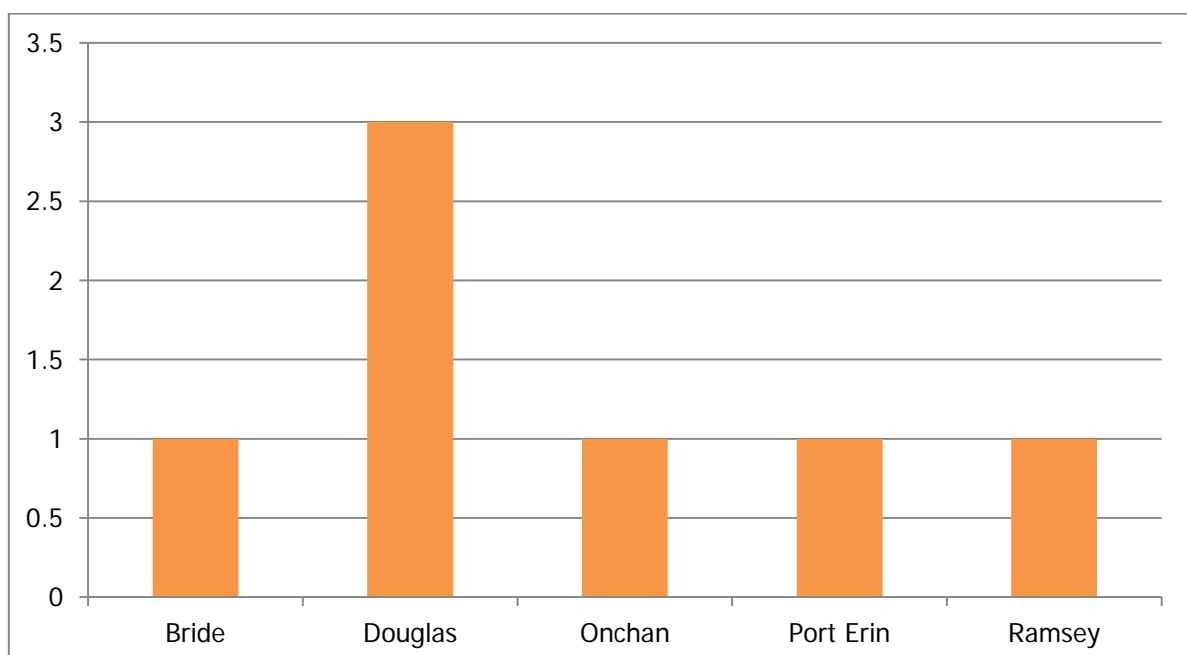


**Top 3 Reasons for choosing a Nanny/ Au Pair (Numbers)**

	Availability of places	Close to home	Close to work	Cost	Needs of child	Quality	Suitability of hours	Other
Reason 1	0	0	1	2	0	2	2	0
Reason 2	2	0	2	1	2	0	0	0
Reason 3	1	0	0	0	1	2	3	0



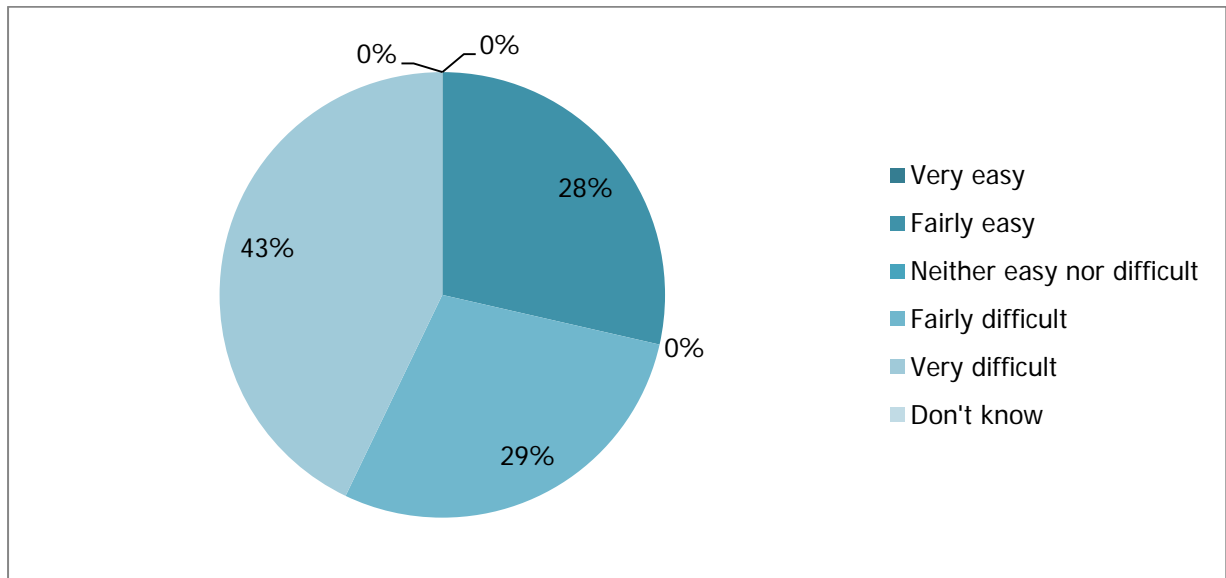
**Location of Nanny/Au Pair Choice**



## Survey Analysis

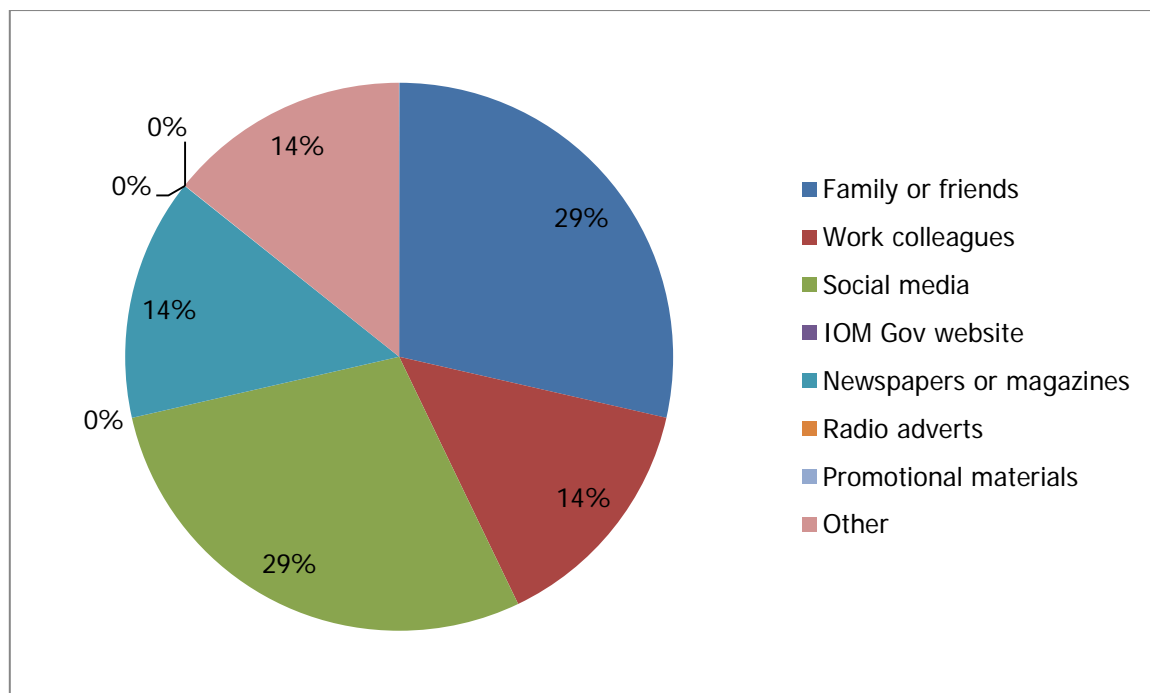
### How easy was it to find a place with a Nanny/Au Pair? (Number)

Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Fairly difficult	Very difficult	Don't know
0	2	0	2	3	0



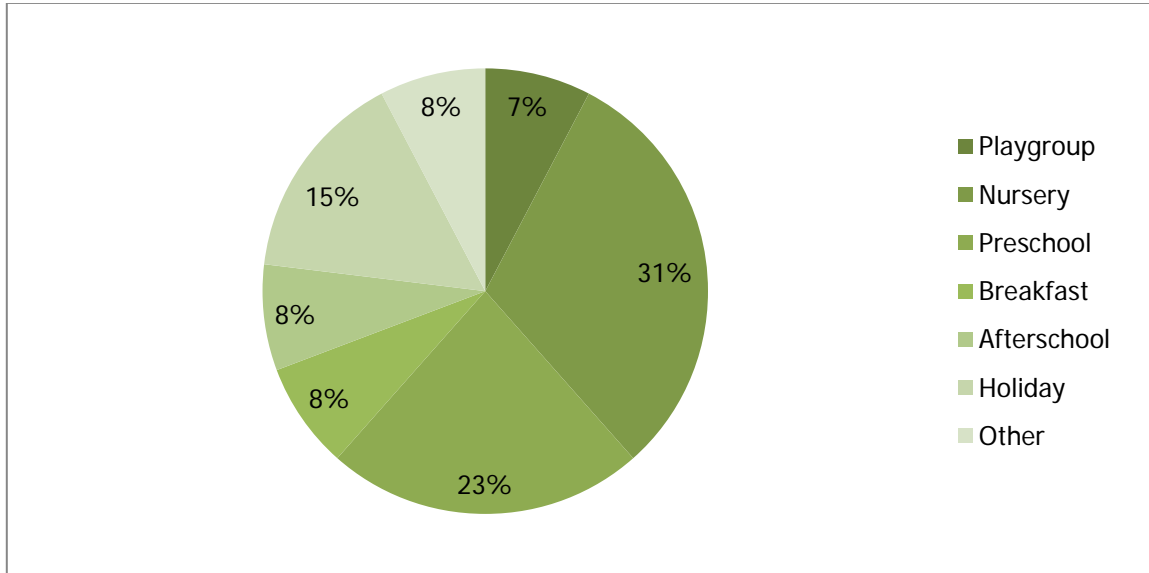
### How did you find out about the Nanny/Au Pair? (Number)

Family or friends	Work colleagues	Social media	IOM Gov website	Newspapers or magazines	Radio adverts	Promotional materials	Other
2	1	2	0	1	0	0	1



**Does your child attend any other provision alongside Nanny/ Au Pair? (Number)**

Playgroup	Nursery	Preschool	Breakfast	Afterschool	Holiday	Other
1	4	3	1	1	2	1

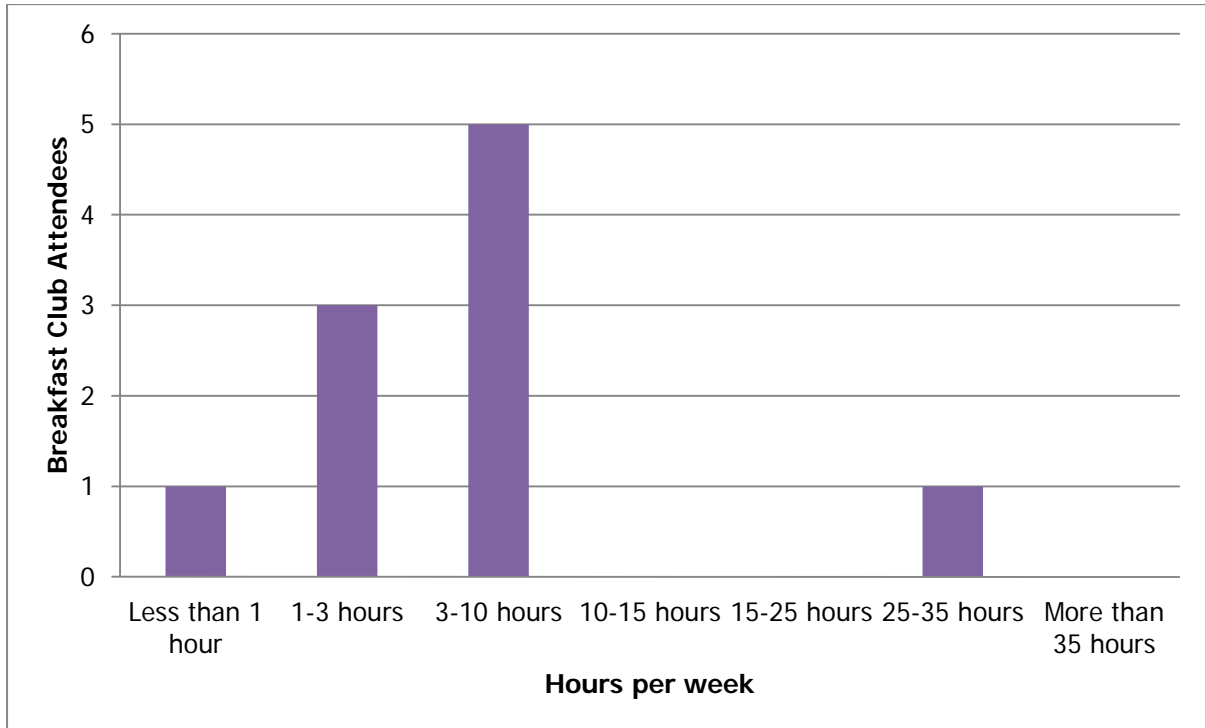




### BREAKFAST CLUB

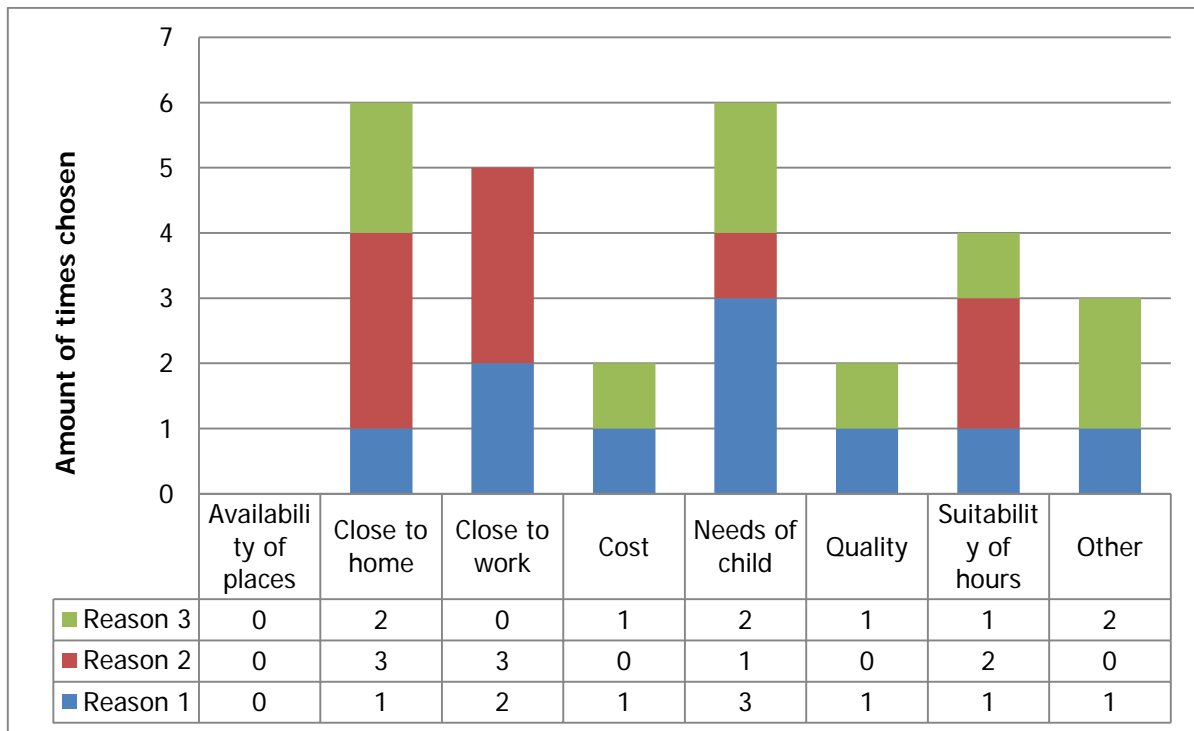
How many hours is Breakfast Club attended? (Number)

Less than 1 hour	1-3 hours	3-10 hours	10-15 hours	15-25 hours	25-35 hours	More than 35 hours
1	3	5	0	0	1	0

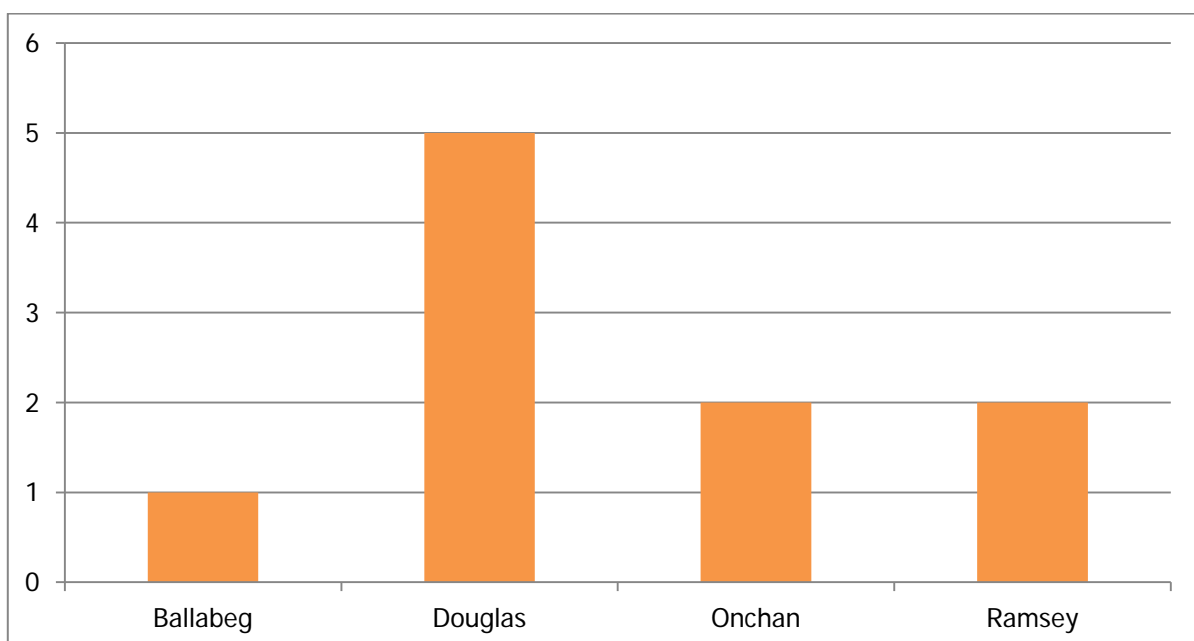


**Top 3 Reasons for choosing Breakfast Club (Numbers)**

Availability of places	Close to home	Close to work	Cost	Needs of child	Quality	Suitability of hours	Other
0	1	2	1	3	1	1	1
0	3	3	0	1	0	2	0
0	2	0	1	2	1	1	2



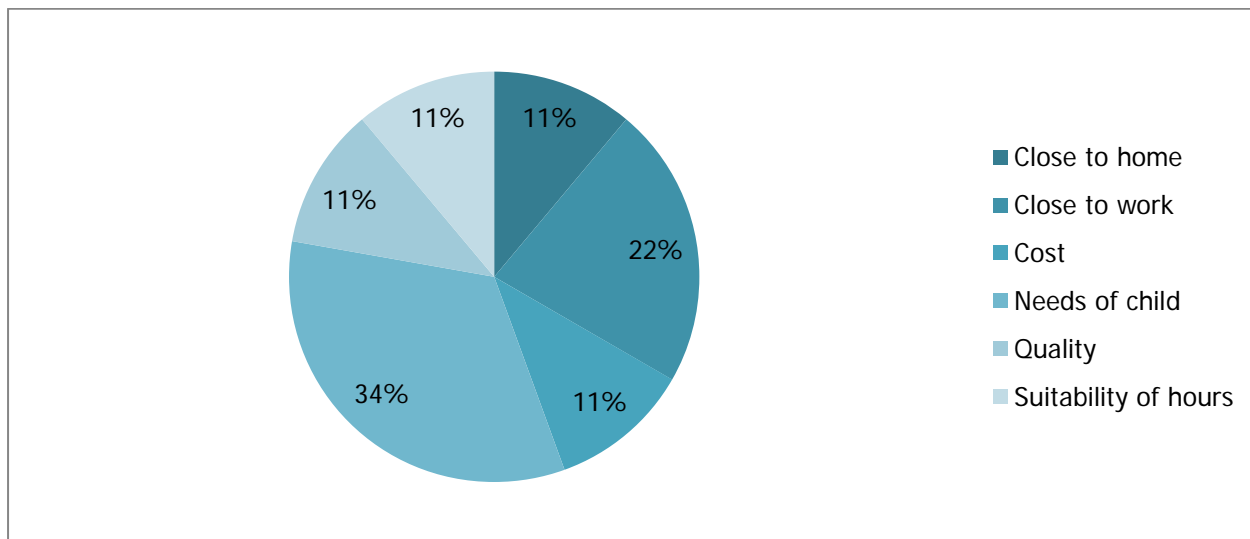
**Location of Breakfast Club Choice**



## Survey Analysis

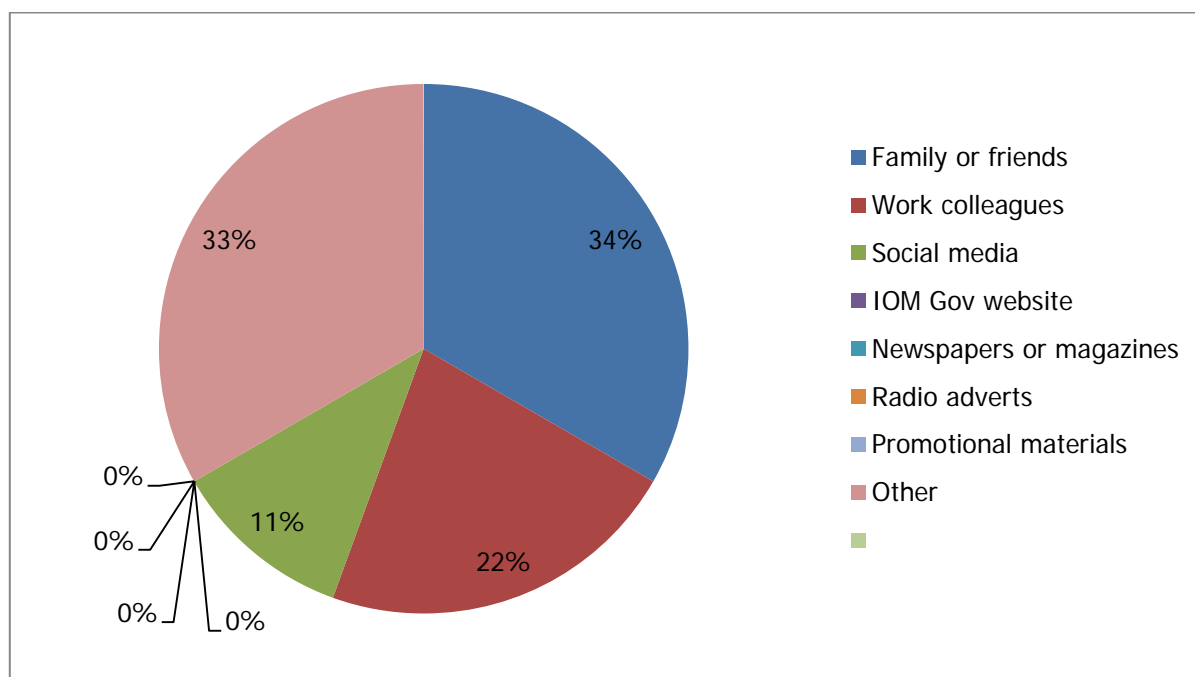
### How easy was it to find a place at a Breakfast Club? (Number)

Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Fairly difficult	Very difficult	Don't know
1	2	3	3	1	0



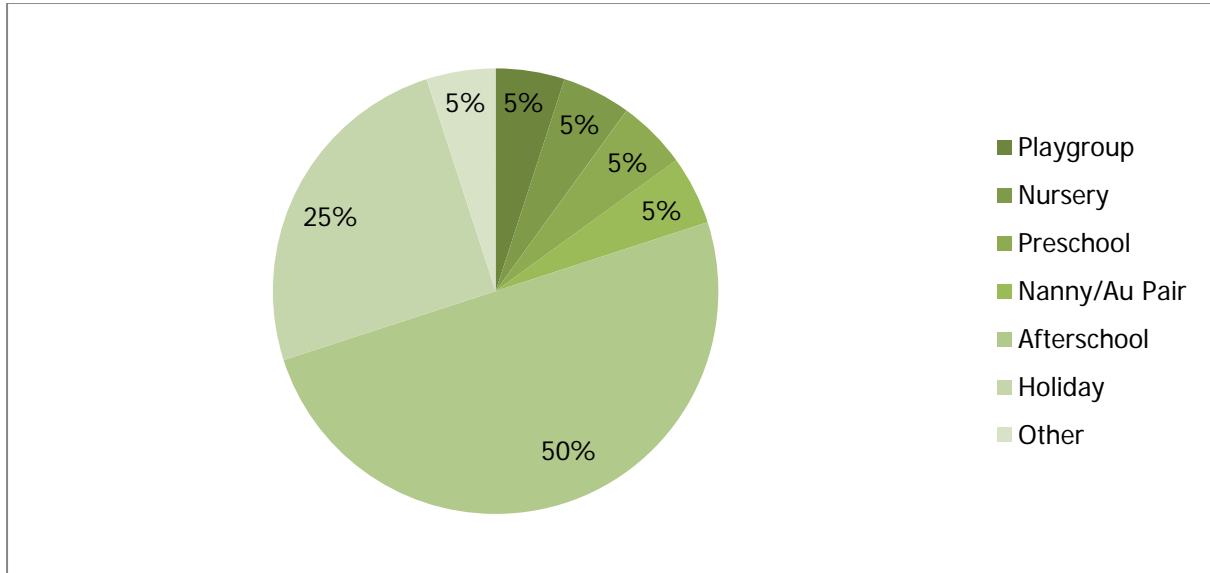
### How did you find out about the Breakfast Club? (Number)

Family or friends	Work colleagues	Social media	IOM Gov website	Newspapers or magazines	Radio adverts	Promotional materials	Other	Not Answered
3	2	1	0	0	0	0	3	1



**Does your child attend any other provision alongside Breakfast Club? (Number)**

Playgroup	Nursery	Preschool	Nanny/Au Pair	Afterschool	Holiday	Other
1	1	1	1	10	5	1



**AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**

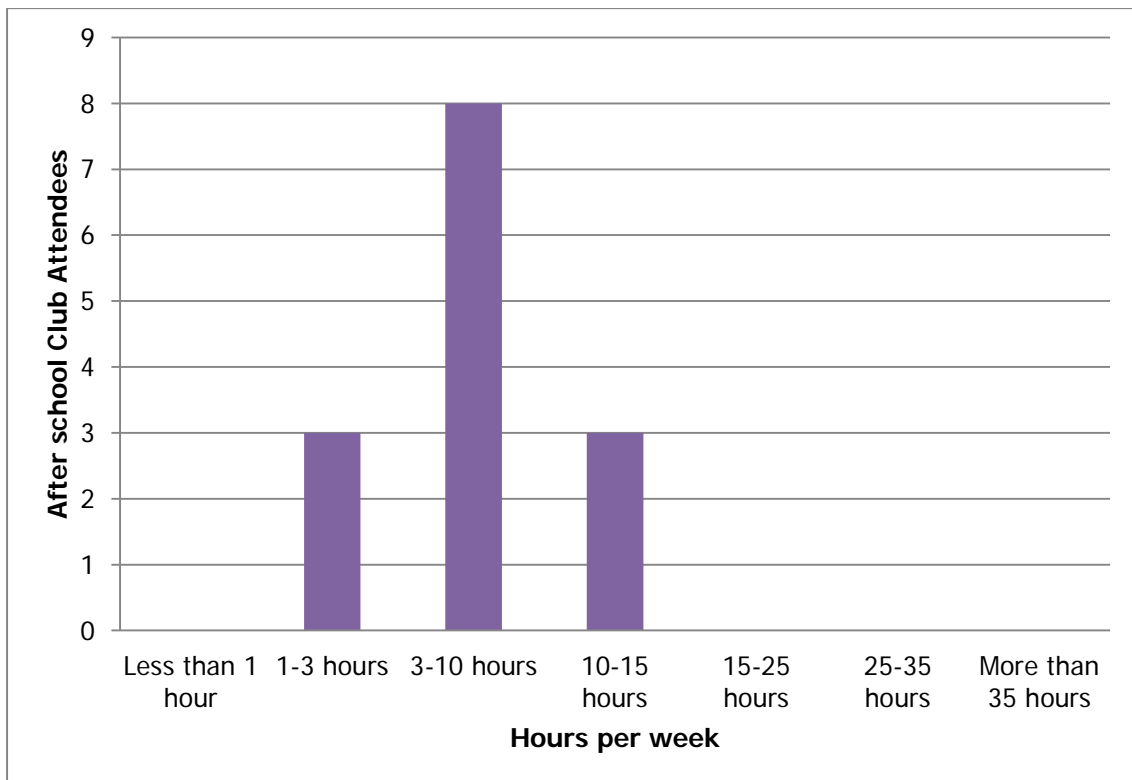
**Results:**

**2 children aged 3 -4**

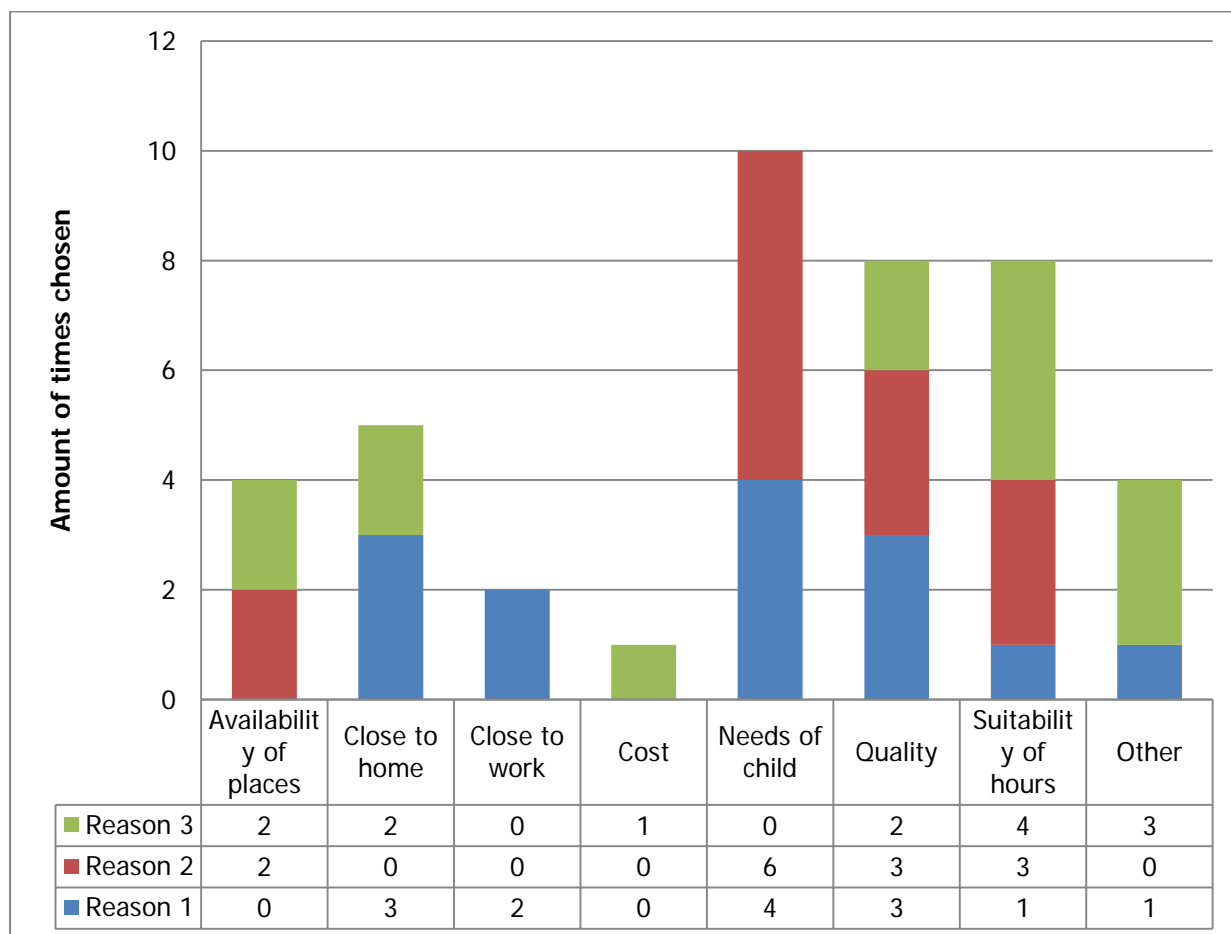
**12 children aged 4-5**

**How many hours is an After School Club attended? (Number)**

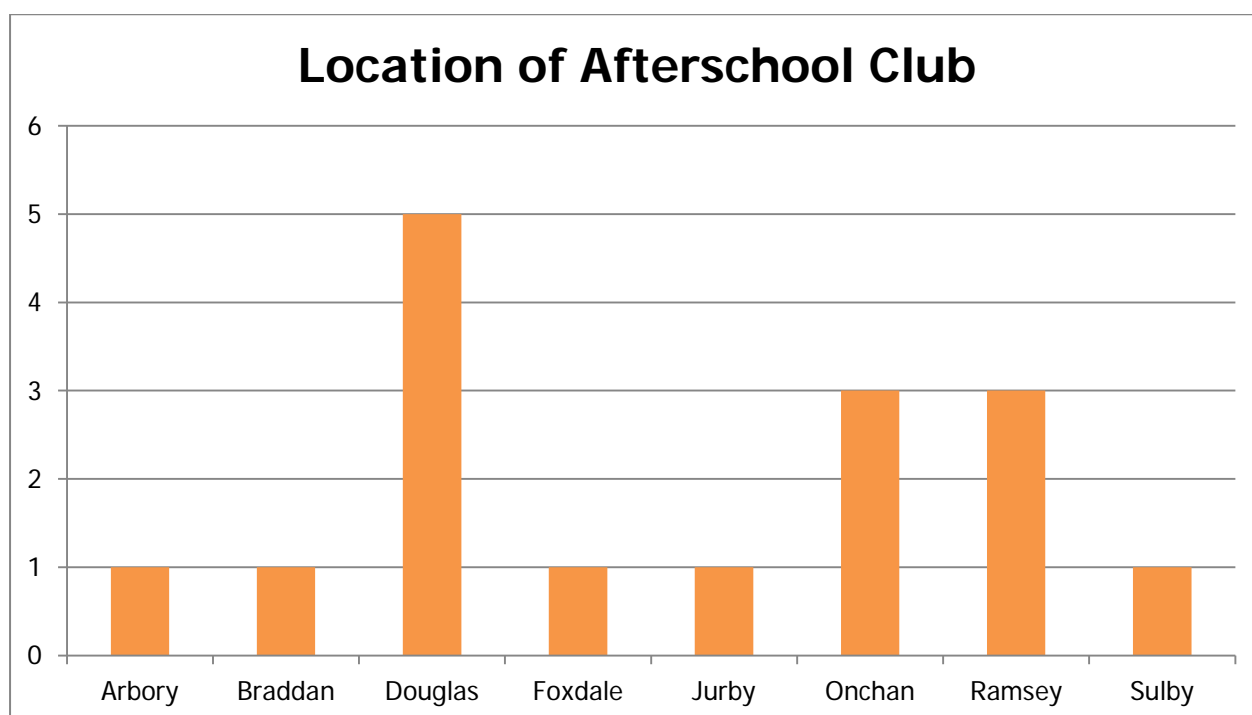
Less than 1 hour	1-3 hours	3-10 hours	10-15 hours	15-25 hours	25-35 hours	More than 35 hours
0	3	8	3	0	0	0



**Top 3 Reasons for Choosing Afterschool Club (Numbers)**

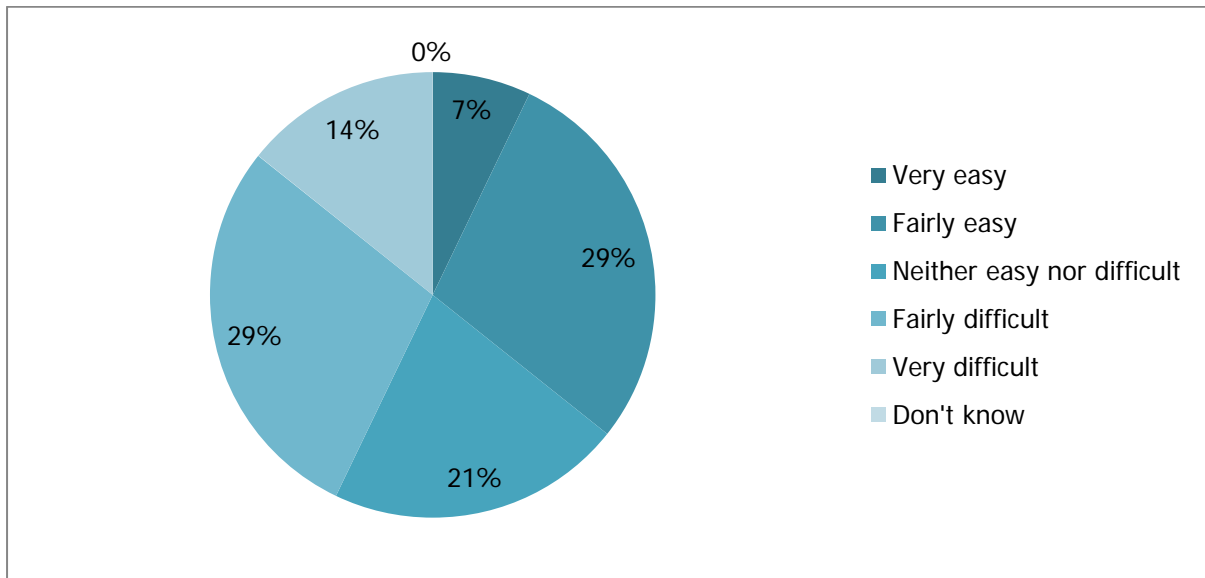


**Location of Afterschool club choice**



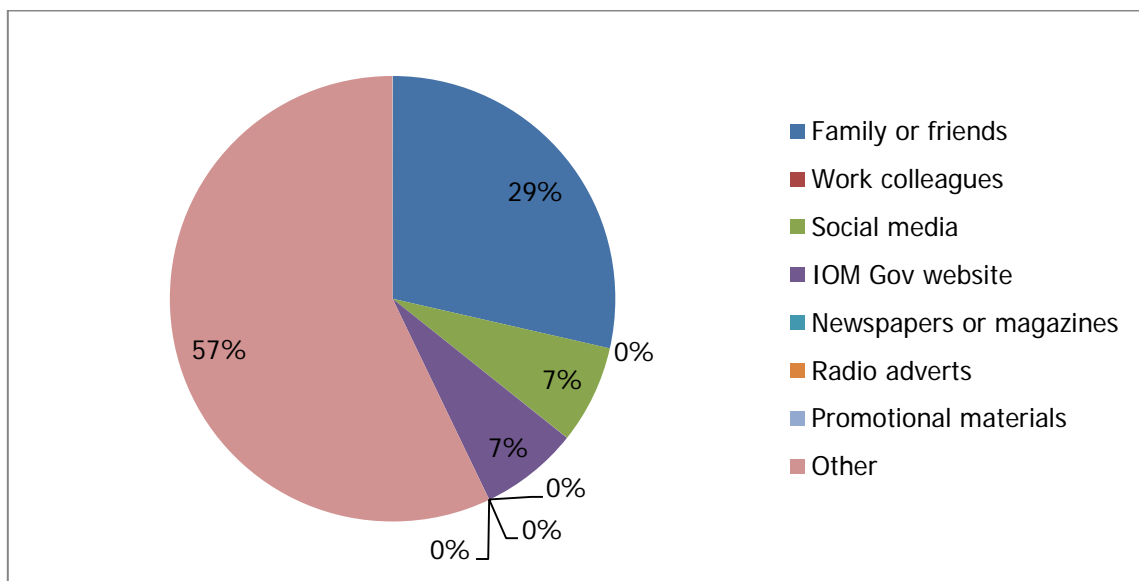
**How easy was it to find a place at an afterschool club? (Number)**

Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Fairly difficult	Very difficult	Don't know
1	4	3	4	2	0



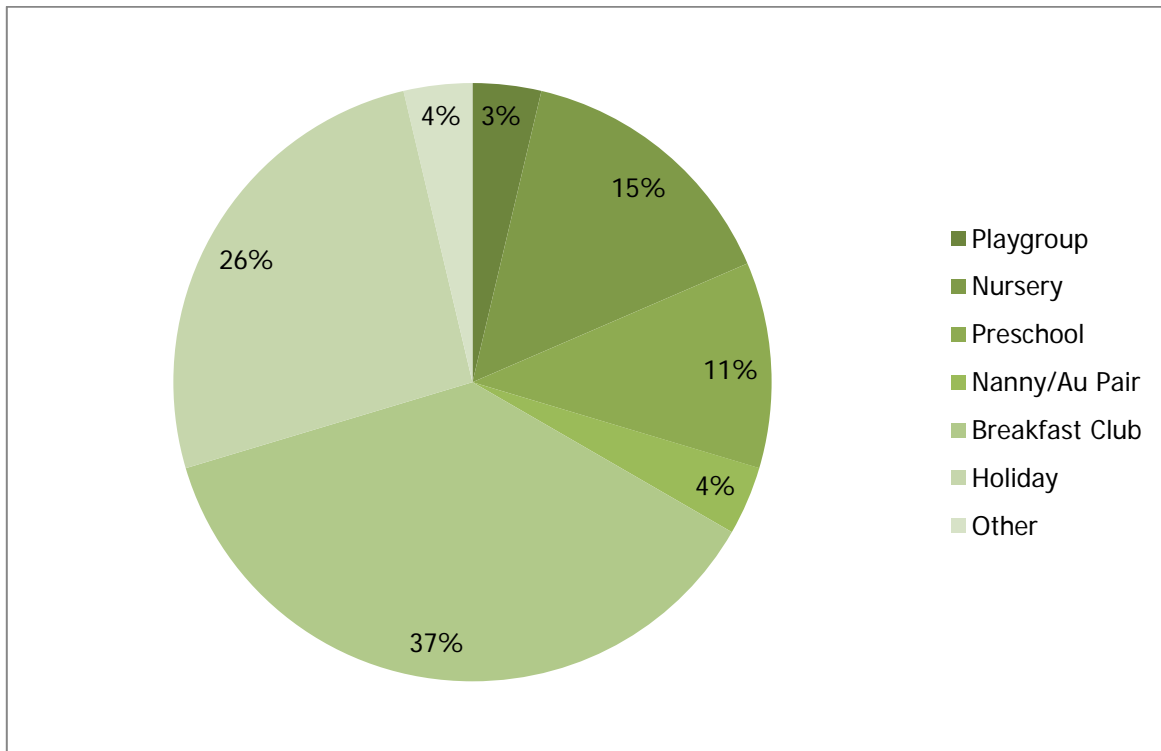
**How did you find out about the Afterschool Club? (Number)**

Family or friends	Work colleagues	Social media	IOM Gov website	Newspapers or magazines	Radio adverts	Promotional materials	Other
4	0	1	1	0	0	0	8



**Does your child attend any other provision alongside Afterschool Club? (Number)**

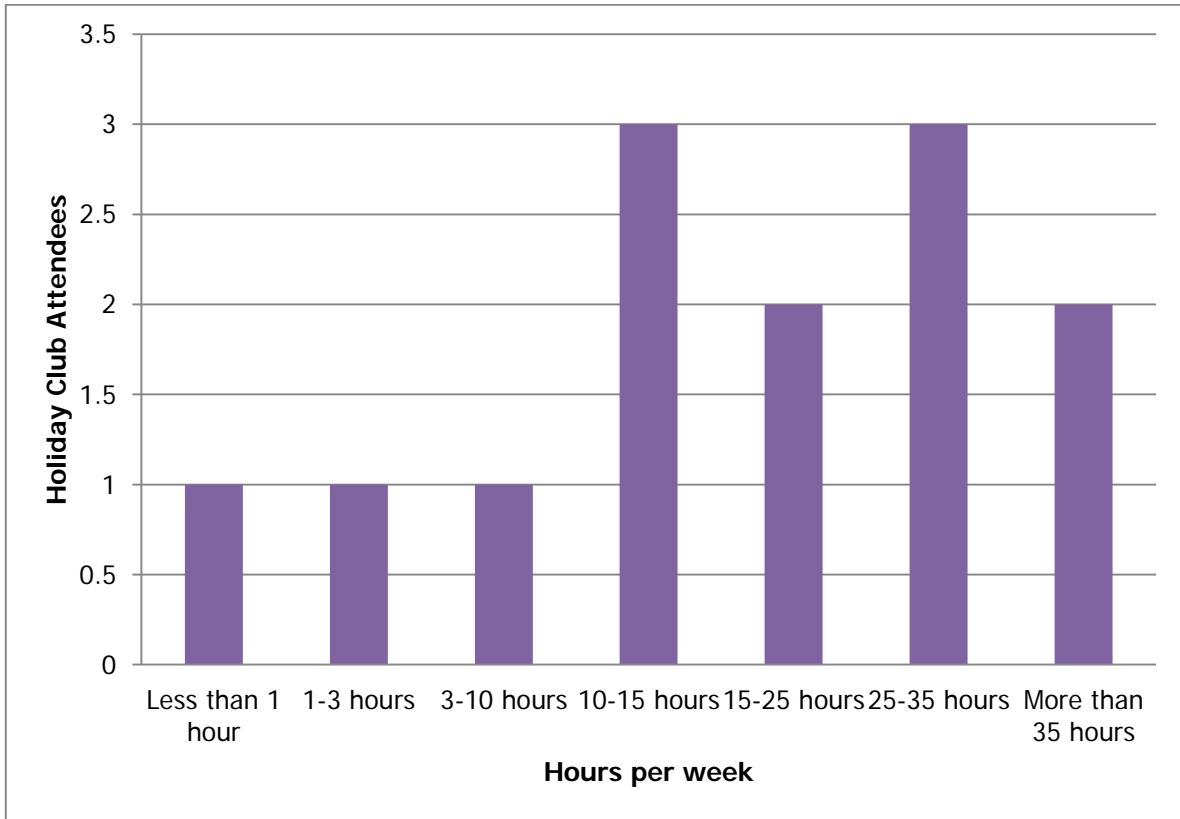
Playgroup	Nursery	Preschool	Nanny/Au Pair	Breakfast Club	Holiday	Other
1	4	3	1	10	7	1





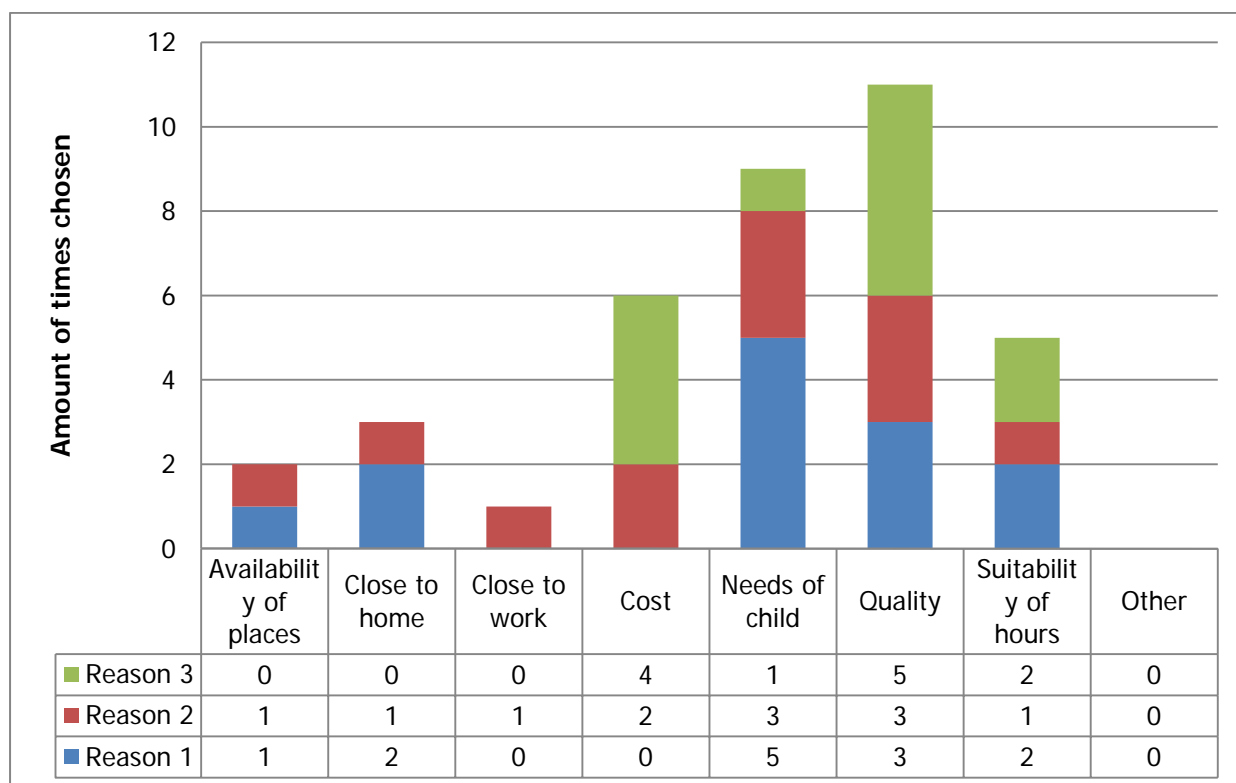
**HOLIDAY CLUB**

Less than 1 hour	1-3 hours	3-10 hours	10-15 hours	15-25 hours	25-35 hours	More than 35 hours
1	1	1	3	2	3	2

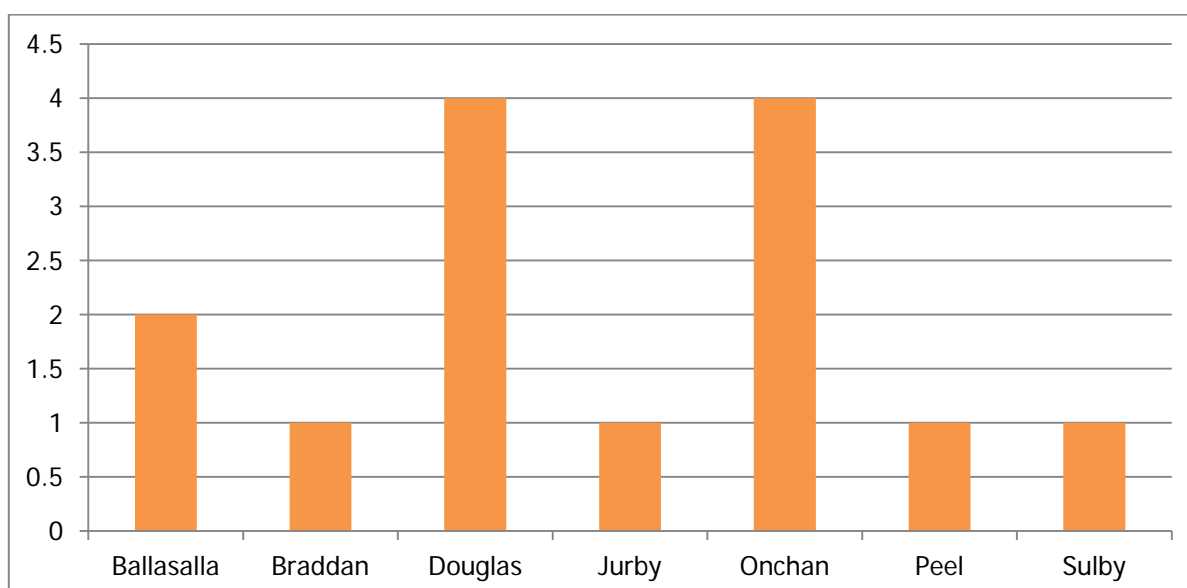


### Top 3 Reasons Overall for Choosing Holiday Club (Numbers)

	Availability of places	Close to home	Close to work	Cost	Needs of child	Quality	Suitability of hours	Other
Reason 1	1	2	0	0	5	3	2	0
Reason 2	1	1	1	2	3	3	1	0
Reason 3	0	0	0	4	1	5	2	0

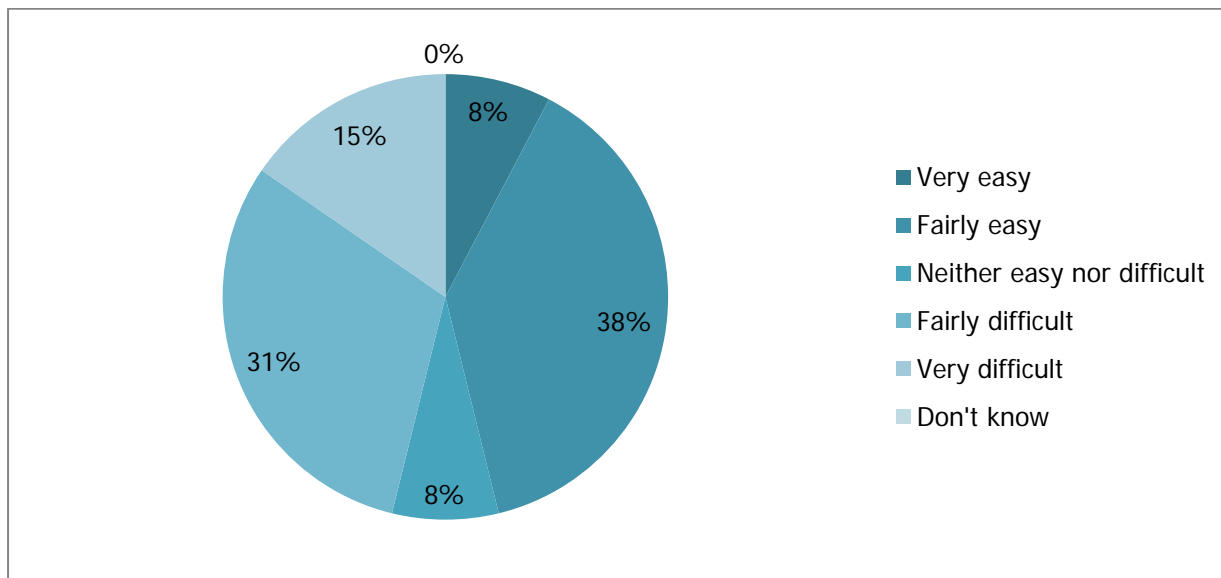


### Location of Holiday Club Choice



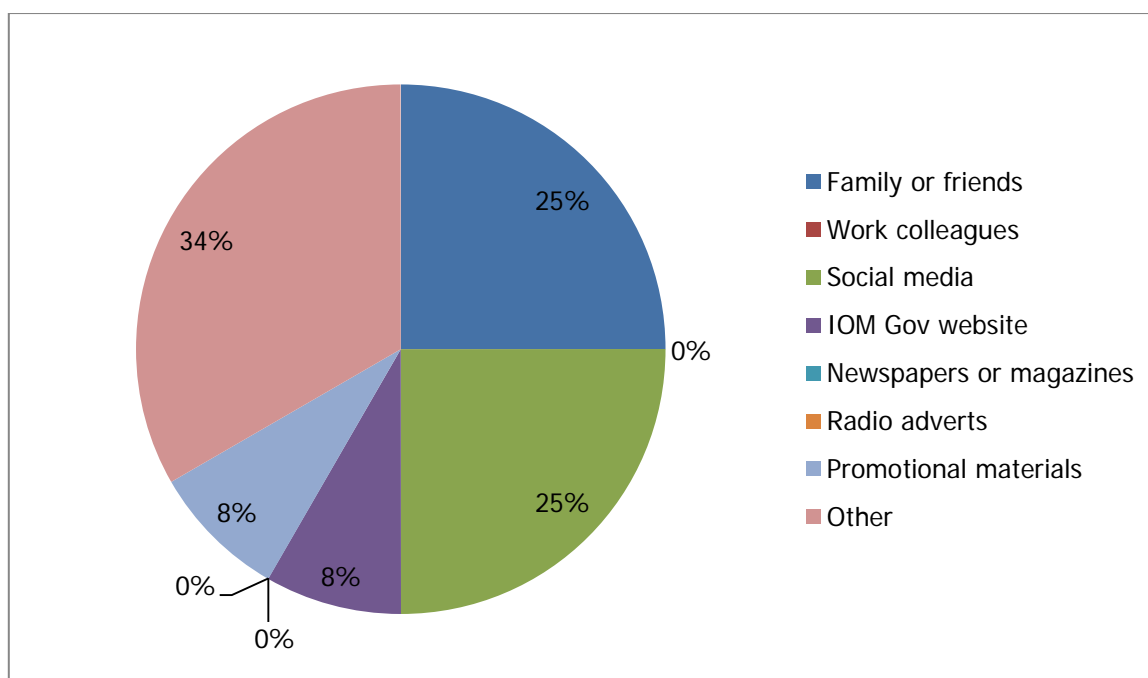
**How difficult was it to find a place at a Holiday Club? (Number)**

Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Fairly difficult	Very difficult	Don't know
1	5	1	4	2	0



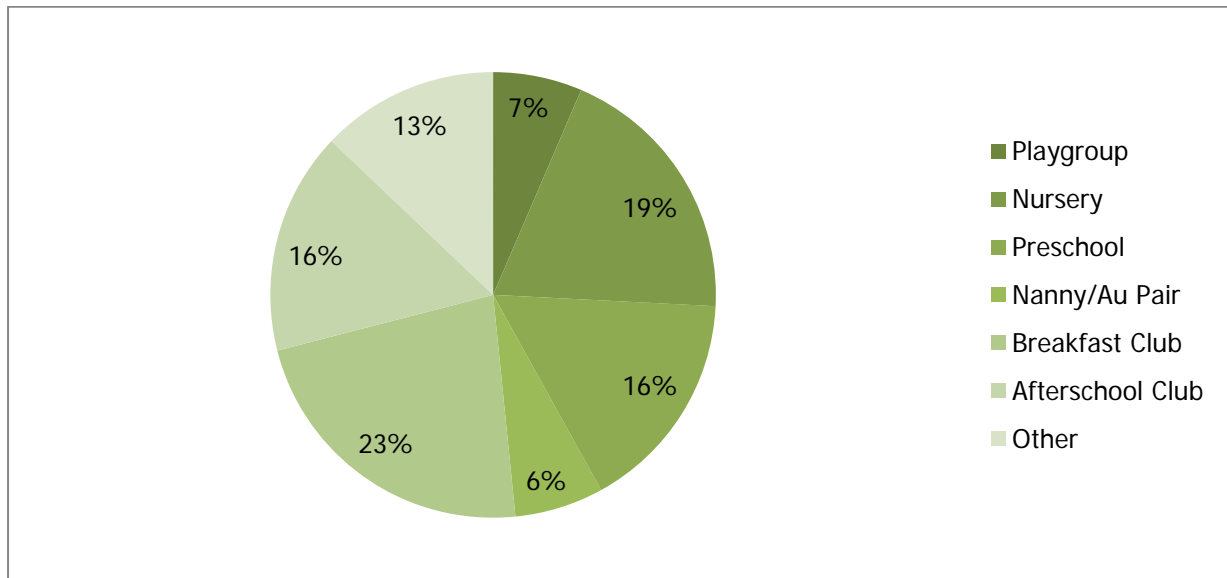
**How did you find out about Holiday Club? (Number)**

Family or friends	Work colleagues	Social media	IOM Gov website	Newspapers or magazines	Radio adverts	Promotional materials	Other
3	0	3	1	0	0	1	4



**Does your child attend any other provision alongside Holiday Club? (Number)**

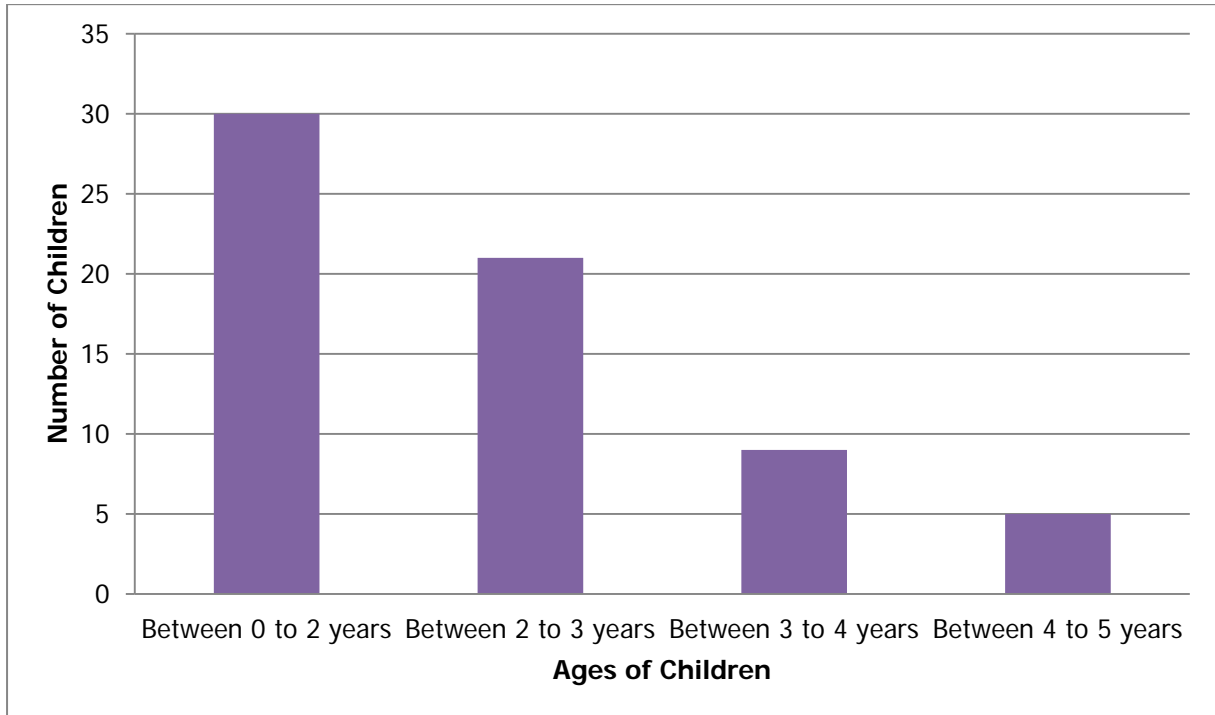
Playgroup	Nursery	Preschool	Nanny/Au Pair	Breakfast Club	Afterschool Club	Other
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**OTHER PROVISION**

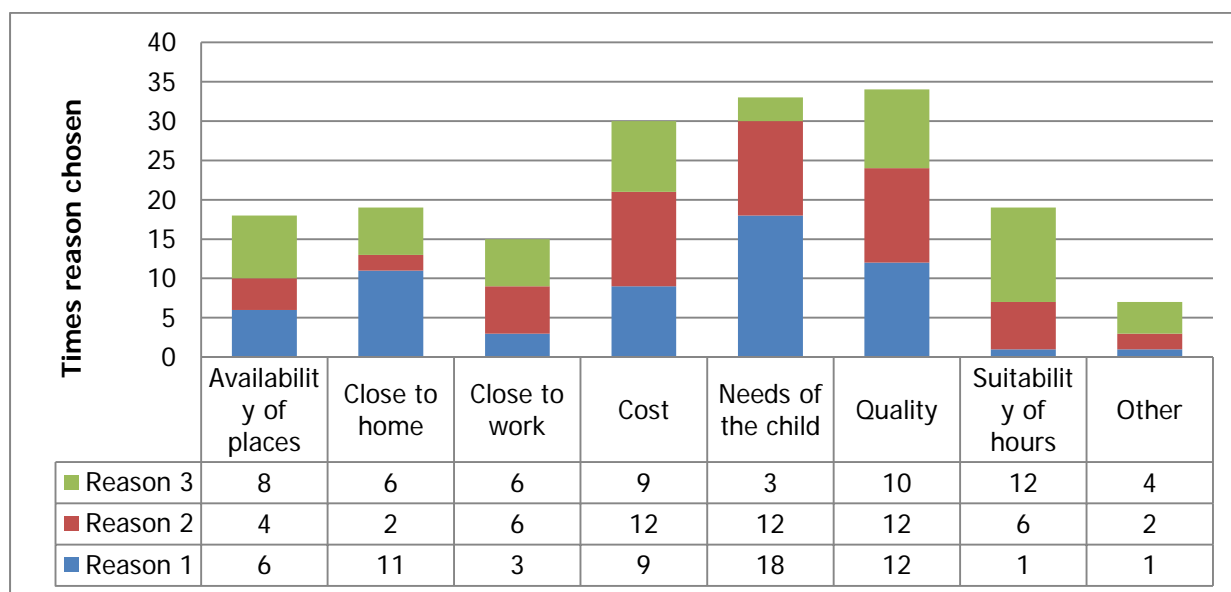
**Does your child attend any other type of place? (Number)**

Between 0 to 2 years	Between 2 to 3 years	Between 3 to 4 years	Between 4 to 5 years
30	21	9	5



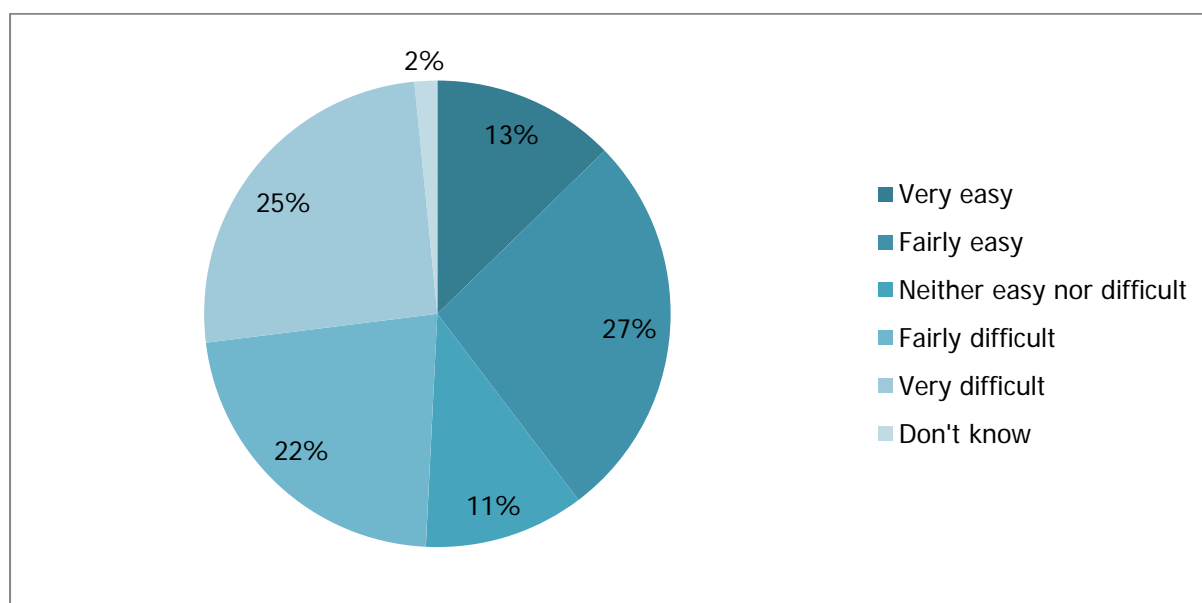
**Top 3 reasons why alternative provision is used (Numbers)**

	Availability of places	Close to home	Close to work	Cost	Needs of the child	Quality	Suitability of hours	Other
Reason 1	6	11	3	9	18	12	1	1
Reason 2	4	2	6	12	12	12	6	2
Reason 3	8	6	6	9	3	10	12	4



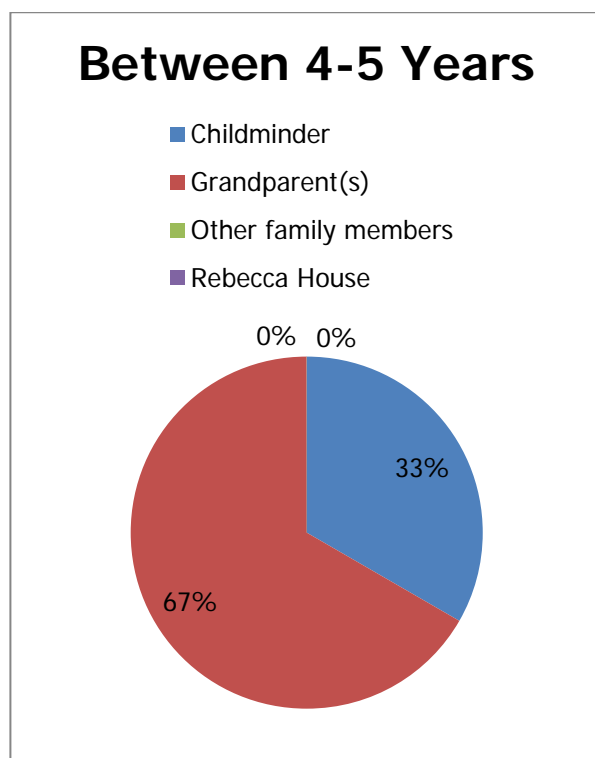
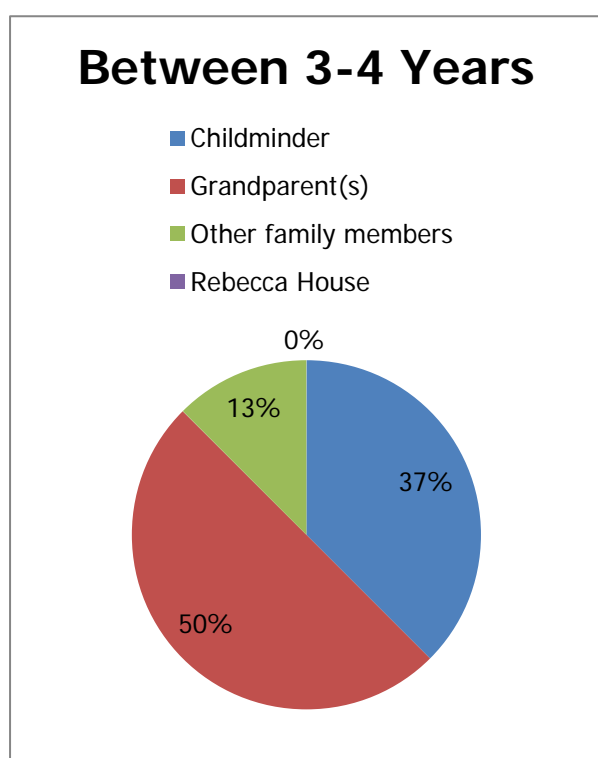
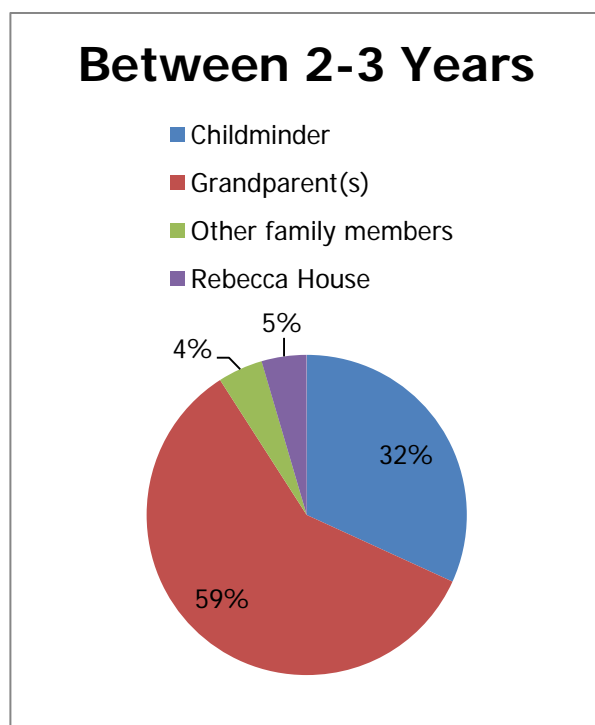
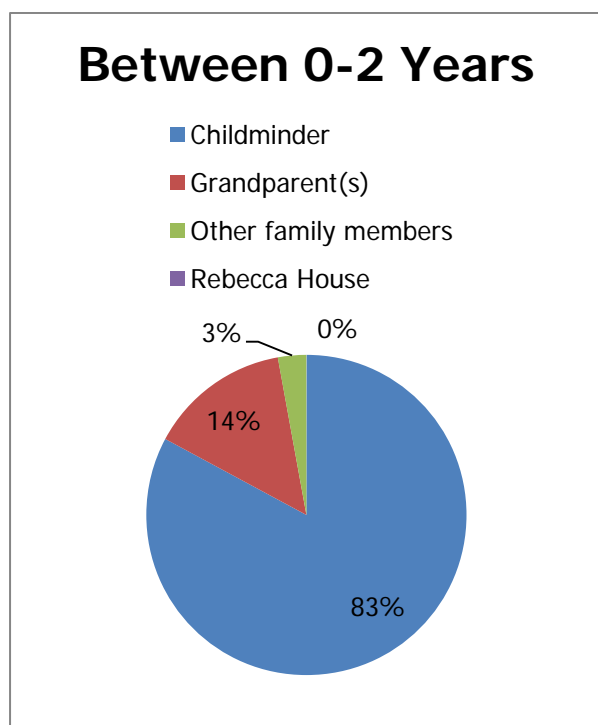
**How easy was it to get alternative provision? (Number)**

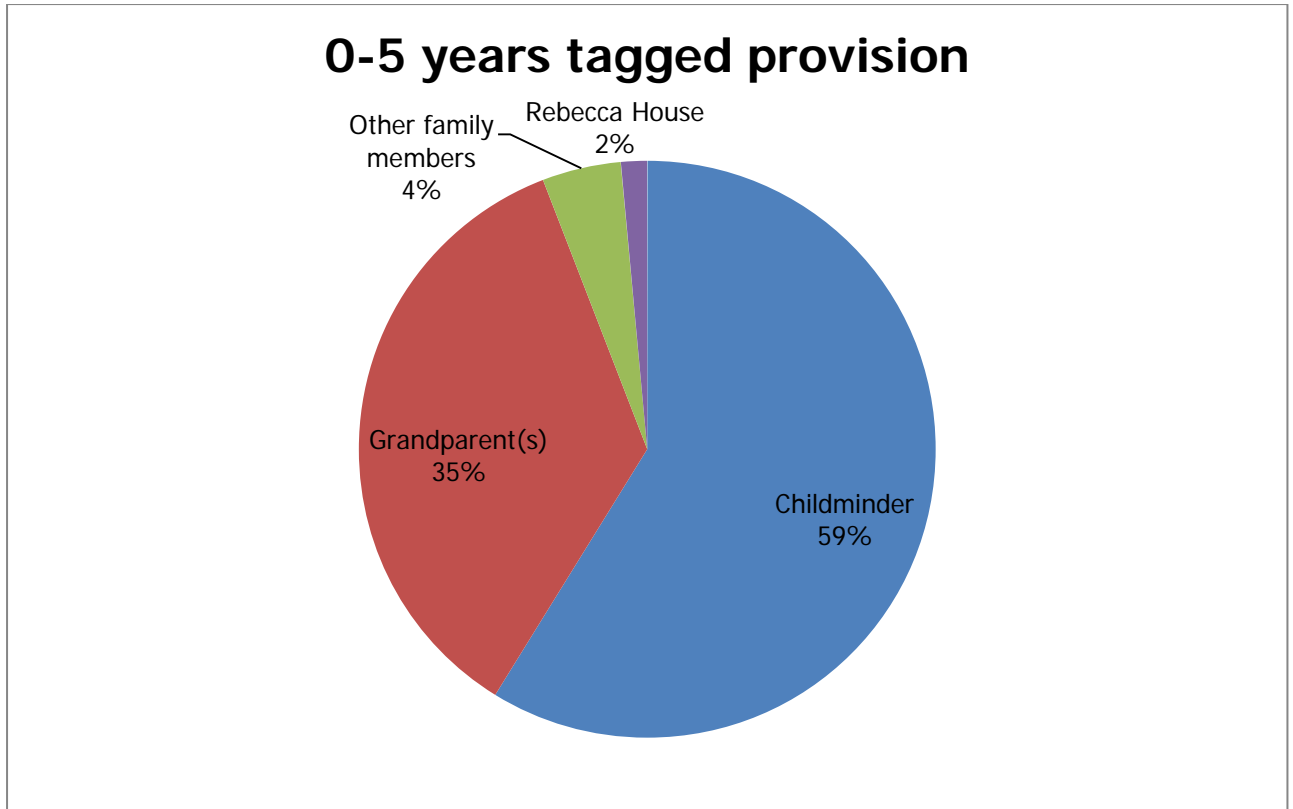
Very easy	Fairly easy	Neither easy nor difficult	Fairly difficult	Very difficult	Don't know
8	17	7	14	16	1



**Types of alternative provision tagged (Numbers)**

	0-2 years	2-3 years	3-4 years	4-5 years
Childminder	29	7	3	1
Grandparent(s)	5	13	4	2
Other family members	1	1	1	0
Rebecca House	0	1	0	0





### Location of alternative provision choice

