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Dear Mr Brine

PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION NUMBER 54905

Your recent Parliamentary Question has been passed to me, as Her Majesty's Chief Inspector, for response.

To ask the Secretary of State for Education, how many Ofsted registered (a) nurseries and (b) childminders have closed in each of the last 12 months.

Ofsted publishes information about providers who have left the early years register. This has been used as a proxy for providers that have closed.

Table 1: The number of providers who left the Early Years Register between 1 January 2019 and 31 December 2019, by reporting period and provider type

	Number of nurseries and pre-schools		Number of childminders	
	Total leavers in period	Monthly average	Total leavers in period	Monthly average
1 Sep 2019 - 31 Dec 2019	767	192	2,170	543
1 Apr 2019 - 31 Aug 2019	985	197	1,817	363
1 Jan 2019 - 31 Mar 2019	536	179	1,203	401

I draw your attention to the following caveats:

1. The data represents the average number of providers who left the early years register in each month based on the reporting period.
2. Most of these are resignations, but some are also providers that have had their registration cancelled or have changed provider type or register.

3. For providers who have had their registration cancelled, this is mostly due to non-payment of fees. These providers are likely to be reinstated once their fees are paid, as long as the appeal period against cancellation has not passed.

This data is also available in our official statistics published on our website.¹ The next release will be on 24 June. This will contain information about joiners and leavers during the period 1 January – 31 March 2020.

I hope you find the information helpful.

Yours sincerely

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¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/early-years-and-childcare-statistics>