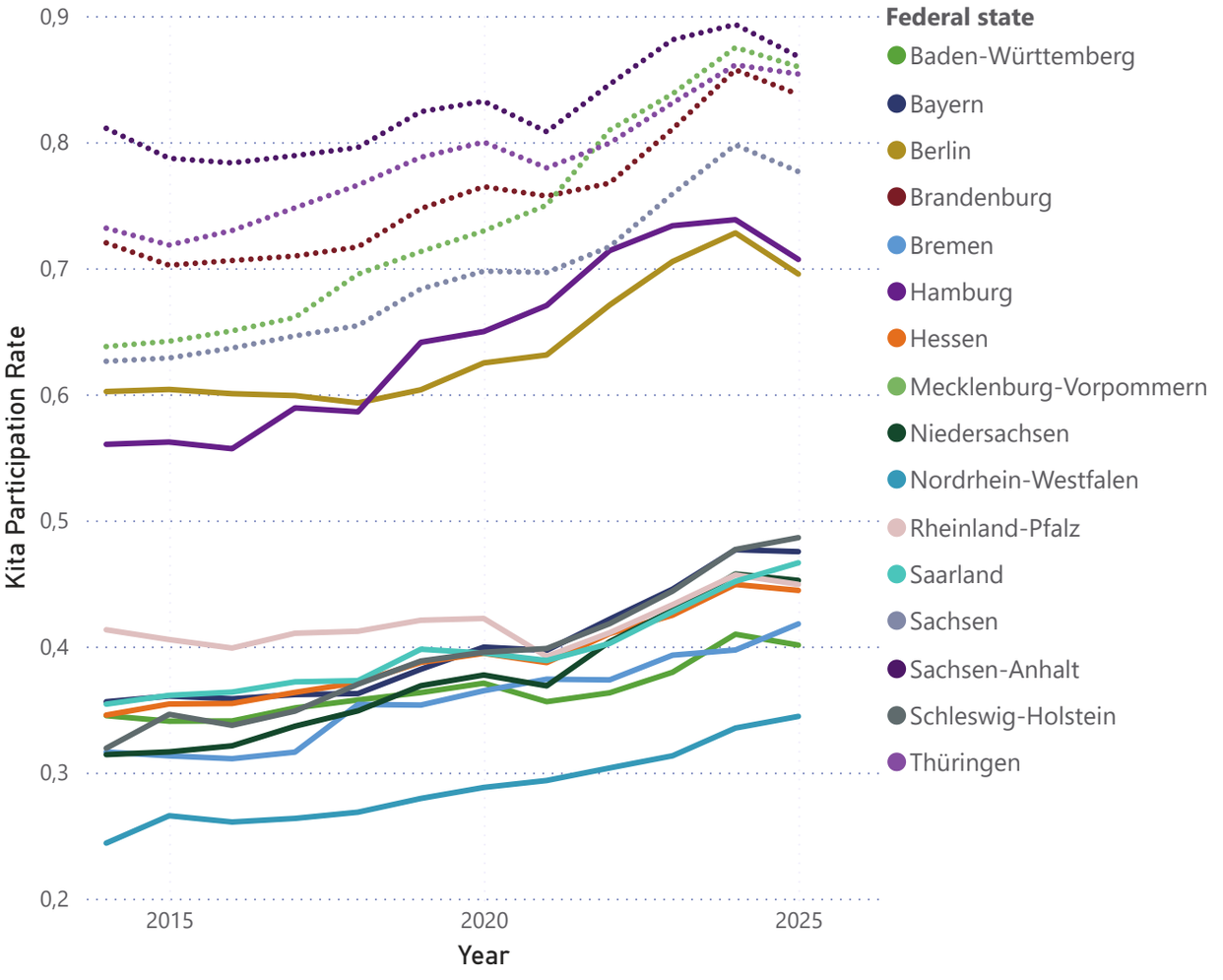
Day care participation rate in Germany

0,48
Kita Participation Rate

Day care participation rate by federal state 2025

Day care participation rate by year and federal state



Age

- [ ] unter 1 ...
- [x] 1-Jährige
- [x] 2-Jährige
- [ ] 3-Jährige
- [ ] 4-Jährige
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Day care rate change from 2015 to 2025 (in percent points)

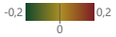
Under 1 year olds

1 year olds

2 year olds

3 year olds

4 year olds

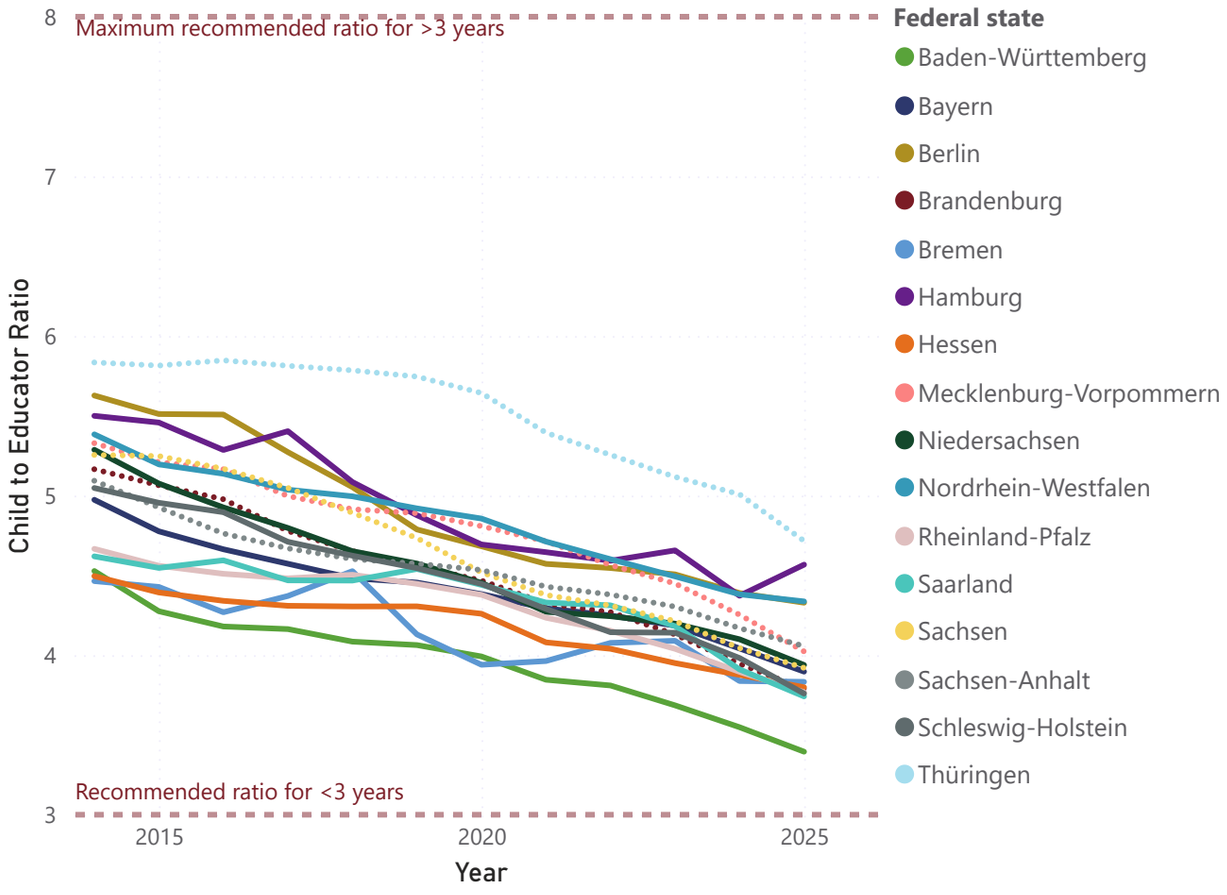


Increased rate of day care participation especially for 1 and 2 year olds

Child to educator ratio in Germany

3,94
Child to Educator Ratio

Child to educator ratio by year and federal state

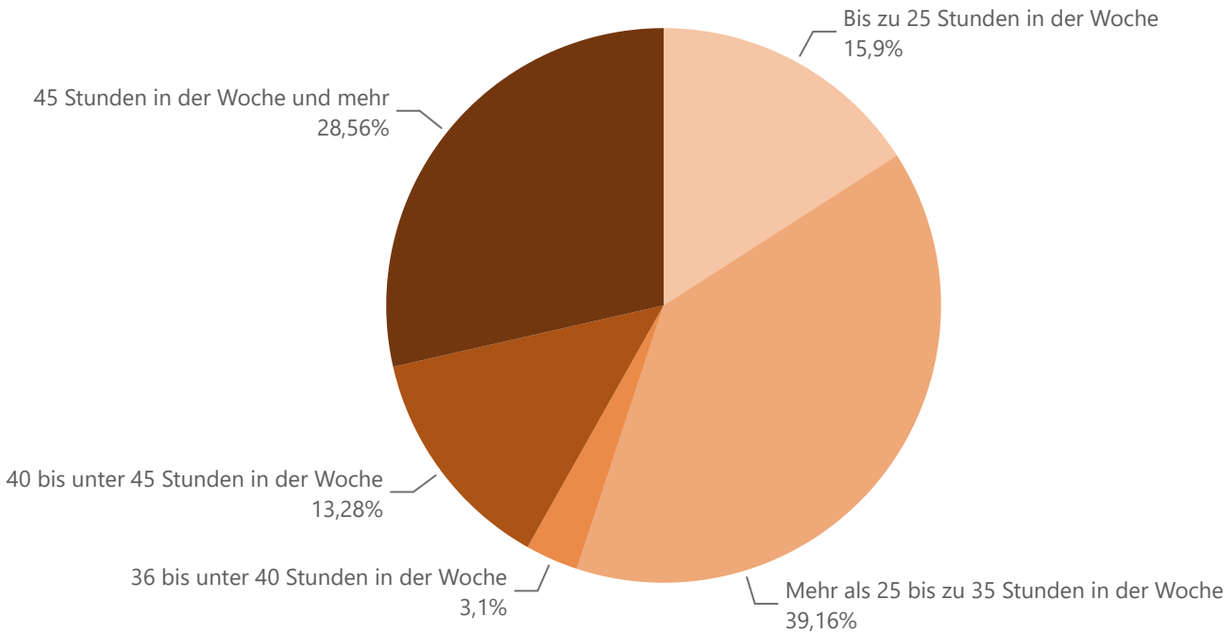


Hard to draw conclusions without clear separation of staff into <3 year age groups vs >3 year age groups, but overall improvement of ratio in all federal states

Kita participation rate vs child to educator ratio by federal states 2025

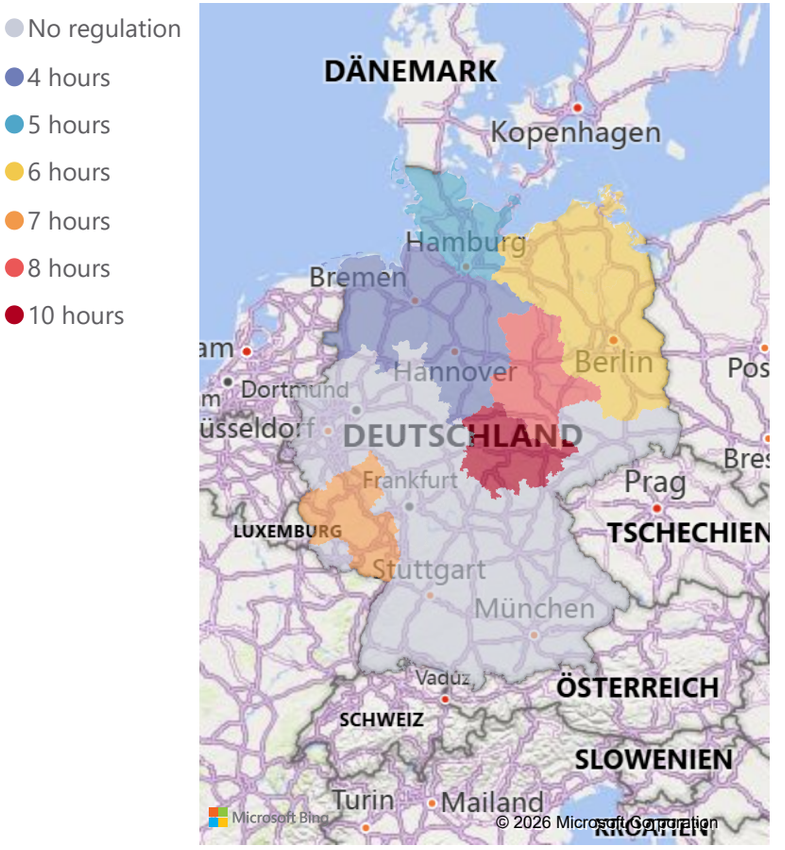
Thuringia's situation seems particularly demanding: high rates of children in day care and also many children on one educator

Care time in hours per week in Germany

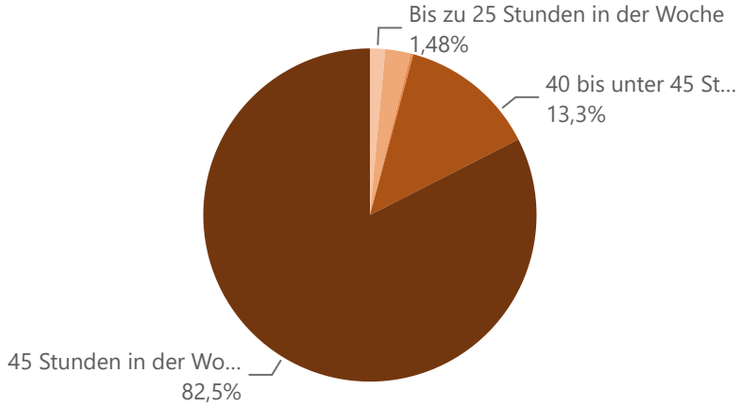
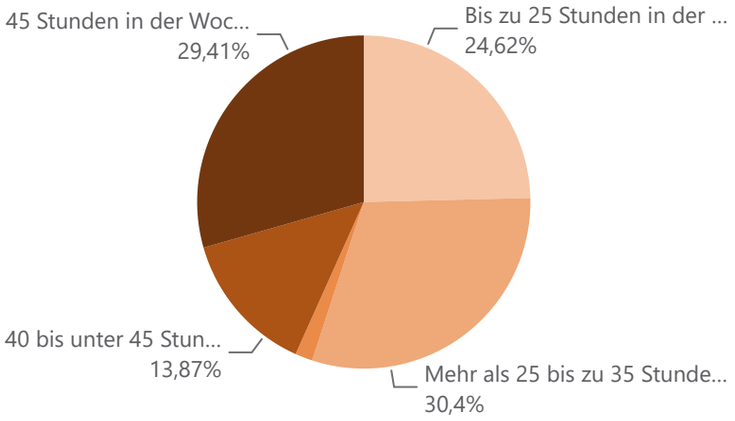


In Thuringia there are also a high number of contracts encompassing care time of 45 hours per week. An explanation can be found in federal state law which regulates the entitlement for care hours, where Thuringia leads the German ranking with 10 hours per day.

Entitlement for care time hours by federal state law



Care time in Thuringia



Care time in Eastern Germany (without Thuringia)