Bulgaria

Red indicates that the variable is not collected or the statement not true, green that it is. If no information was found about any of the points in the overview for the particular country, the points are removed on the page for that country.

Total number of children in alternative care

- All children in alternative care covered
  - Children in formal family-based care: 6,496
  - Children in residential care: 3,571
  - Children in other care: 0
  - Children in alternative care: 10,067

Headline statistics

- The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000): 828
- The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000): 294
- The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000): 534
- The percentage of children aged 0-17 in residential care (of the total number of children in alternative care) at a specific point in time: 35.5%

Country system
- Decentralised alternative care and data system
- Data on alternative care published
- Is the data system on children in alternative care covered in legislation?
- Is the overarching term, in line with ‘alternative care’, used in legislation?
- Formal kinship care is a subdivision of foster care

Data system
- Recent or current reform of data system on children in alternative care
- Data collected per individual child
- Personal identification numbers used
- More than one agency mandated to collect data
- Data collected on quality of care and outcomes
Variables collected on

- Age
- Sex
- Unaccompanied minor status
- Statelessness
- Disability status
- Parental status
- Reintegrated with family
- Adopted
- Leaving care due to death
- Age on leaving care
- Reason for entry into care
- Placement decision maker

Residential care

- Official maximum number of places in a small group home: 15
- Official maximum number of places in largest type of residential care facilities
- Data collected separately for small group homes and large institutions
- Data collected on length of stay
- Data collected on number of staff and their qualifications
- All forms of residential child care are recognised as alternative care

Room for improvement

Data on children in alternative care are published as summaries. Some of the published information provides only a general idea of the capacity of services.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

Endnotes

3 The children's citizen identification number is used as a designator, but it is not clear whether this is also used to link to other databases or for longitudinal tracking.