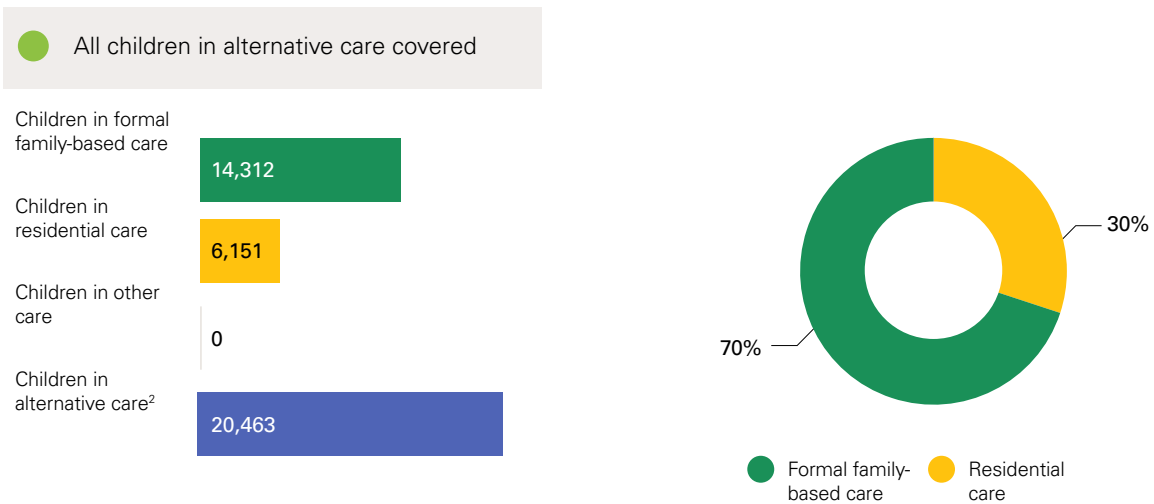


# Hungary

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## Total number of children in alternative care<sup>1</sup>



## Headline statistics<sup>3</sup>

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| The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)                                               | 1,212  |
| The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)                                               | 364    |
| The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)                                       | 848    |
| 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 | 30.1 % |

## 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

|                                                     |                                                     |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Age                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Reason for entry into care |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sex                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Placement decision maker   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied minor status | <input type="checkbox"/> Reintegrated with family   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Statelessness              | <input type="checkbox"/> Adopted                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disability status          | <input type="checkbox"/> Leaving care due to death  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parental status            | <input type="checkbox"/> Age on leaving care        |

## Residential care

- Official maximum number of places in a small group home: 12
- Official maximum number of places in largest type of residential care facilities: 48
- 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

### Helpful examples

In 2020, the Treasury Department started preparations to develop a fully digitalized and real-time database for child-related social welfare and child protection services.

### Room for improvement

Statistical reporting is facilities-centred rather than child-centred.

The 1997 Act on Child Protection shows a more holistic approach to child welfare and protection than the data collection achieves in practice.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

### Endnotes

- 1 Data provided on request by the Hungarian Central Statistical Office.
- 2 Does not include data on transitional care.
- 3 Calculated by the DataCare project team using, where relevant, country-specific population statistics from the UNICEF Data Warehouse. Source: [https://data.unicef.org/resources/data\\_explorer/unicef\\_f?ag=UNICEF&df=DM&ver=1.0&dq=.DM\\_POP\\_U18...&startPeriod=2010&endPeriod=2020](https://data.unicef.org/resources/data_explorer/unicef_f?ag=UNICEF&df=DM&ver=1.0&dq=.DM_POP_U18...&startPeriod=2010&endPeriod=2020).