Sweden

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Total number of children in alternative care¹

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Headline statistics²

The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000) 872
The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000) 195
The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000) 644
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 22.3%

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?

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
Better data for better child protection systems in Europe

Variables collected on

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

Residential care

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

The Child Welfare Intervention Register is a population-based national public authority register (administrative data system) that covers individual data on child welfare interventions using the unique personal identification number (PIN: personnummer) that all Swedish residents have. Data collected include the type of alternative care provision, whether the intervention is voluntary or coercive, and time-series of placement histories. Through the use of the PIN, statistics include aggregated measures of pharmaceutical drug prescriptions, and compulsory school and upper secondary school completion rates.

Room for improvement

Individuals may be registered under different alternative care provisions, and categories may overlap. Hence, the total number of children in alternative care may differ from the sum of children in the different alternative care provisions listed.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

Endnotes

1 Data for 01/11/2019 contains ‘other’ alternative care provisions that cannot be definitely said to be residential care or family-based care, or that are not considered alternative care in all countries. Source: https://www.socialstyrelsen.se/globalassets/sharepoint-dokument/artikelkatalog/statistik/2020-8-6871.pdf (accessed August 2021).