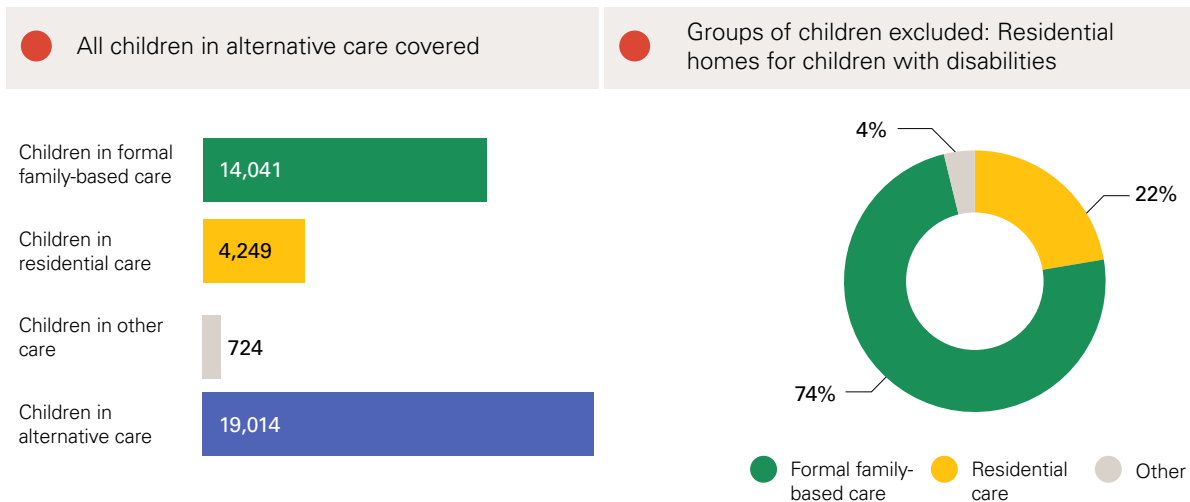


# Sweden

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| <p><span style="color: red;">●</span> No</p> <p><span style="color: green;">●</span> Yes</p> | <p>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.</p> | <p><span style="color: green;">●</span> Children in formal family-based care</p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Children in residential care</p> <p><span style="color: grey;">●</span> Children in other care</p> <p><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Children in alternative care</p> |
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## Total number of children in alternative care<sup>1</sup>



## Headline statistics<sup>2</sup>

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| 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

## 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

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Official maximum number of places in a small group home                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Official maximum number of places in largest type of residential care facilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data collected on length of stay                                                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Data collected on number of staff and their qualifications                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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).
- 2 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).