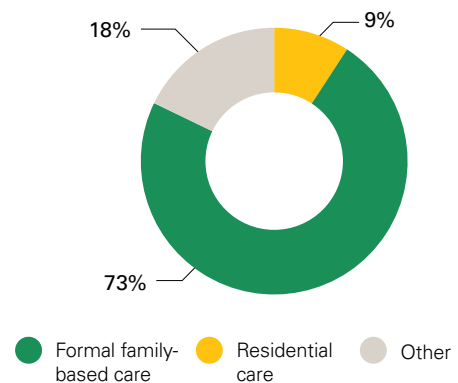
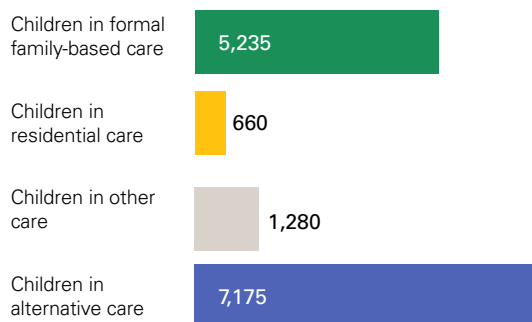


UK-Wales

<p>● No</p> <p>● 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>● Children in formal family-based care</p> <p>● Children in residential care</p> <p>● Children in other care</p> <p>● Children in alternative care</p>
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Total number of children in alternative care¹

● All children in alternative care covered



Headline statistics²

The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	1,139
The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	105
The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	831
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	9.2%

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

<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 separately for small group homes and large institutions
<input type="checkbox"/> Data collected on length of stay in residential care
<input type="checkbox"/> Data collected on number of staff and their qualifications

Helpful examples

One proxy measurement of care quality is that of placement stability, measured through the recording of the number of placement changes a child or young person experiences in each data collection year. The numbers of children who experience 1, 2 or 3 or more placements in a year are recorded.

Room for improvement

All the publicly available aggregate figures quoted are rounded to the nearest five by Welsh Government prior to publication. Where there are less than five children in any group, the actual number is suppressed and not published.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

Endnotes

- 1 The data reference point is 31/03/2020. The data contain '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://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/Social-Services/Childrens-Services/Children-Looked-After/> (all 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.