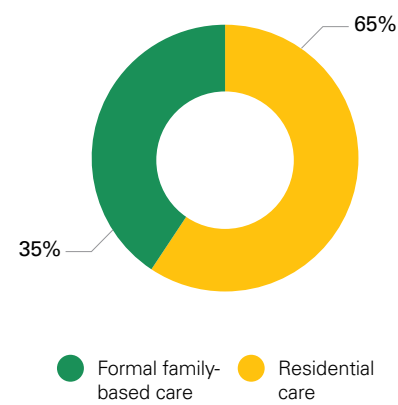
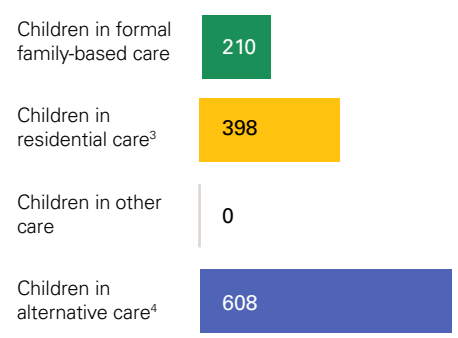


# Cyprus

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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>

● All children in alternative care covered<sup>2</sup>



## Headline statistics<sup>5</sup>

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| The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)   | 250   |
| The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)   | 164   |
| The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)                                       | 86    |
| 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 | 65.5% |

## 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

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| <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                       |

### Helpful examples

There are meetings between departments of the same or different ministries and jurisdictions where data on children in alternative care are discussed in more detail and decisions are taken related to actions, interventions and policies.

### Room for improvement

There is an IT system that connects the five district offices of the Social Welfare Services to the main office in Nicosia where all data are entered for all cases and all types of care. The data entered there are very basic and descriptive and do not include assessment and monitoring information. Most importantly the system is not specific to alternative care.

No standardised collection tools appear to be used for gathering administrative data on children in alternative care.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

### Endnotes

- 1 Data for 31/12/2018. Source: 2018 annual report of Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance of Cyprus.
- 2 Not clear because of fragmented data.
- 3 Does not include data on semi-independent living.
- 4 As above.
- 5 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).