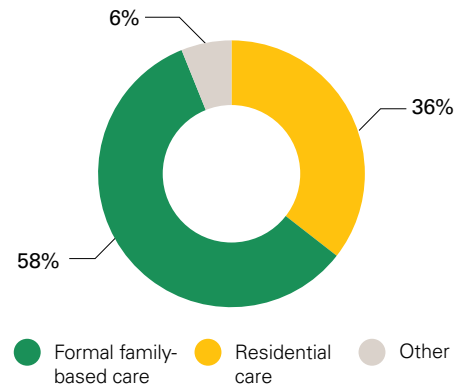
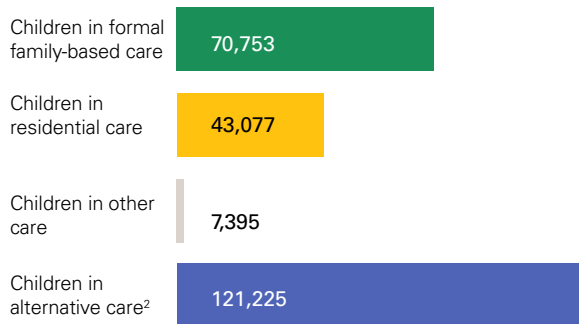


# Poland

<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



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

The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	1,788
The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	635
The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	1,044
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	35.5%

## 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

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

## Residential care

<input type="radio"/> Official maximum number of places in a small group home: 14 <sup>4</sup>
<input type="radio"/> Official maximum number of places in largest type of residential care facilities <sup>5</sup>
<input type="radio"/> Data collected on length of stay <sup>6</sup>
<input type="radio"/> Data collected on number of staff and their qualifications <sup>7</sup>

## Room for improvement

In general, there is very little detailed information about children, e.g. no data on ethnicity or country of origin. Information on the reasons for placement is limited to just one problem in families who are most often suffering from multiple difficulties. There are no detailed data about the child's parents. There are no data on children's readmissions to the system.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

## Endnotes

- 1 Source: Statistics Poland. Note that the data provided by the Line Ministry and the National Statistical Office are not identical, but they are close. 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.
- 2 Most of the data are for those aged 0-24, and the data for specialised education upbringing centre are an estimate.
- 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).
- 4 As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this restriction has not yet been enforced and not all institutions adhere to it.
- 5 The cap of 14 for small group homes was set to become the cap for all residential care in 2021, but this has been suspended as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 6 For some provisions.
- 7 As above.