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CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER 2001-02

Statistics on children looked after by local authorities covering the year ended 31 March 2002 have been published today by the Scottish Executive.

The main points are:

- Just over 11,200 children were looked after by local authorities at 31 March 2002. This represents 1.0 per cent of all children under 18.
- The figure of 11,200 compares to 10,900 children the previous year, an increase of 3 per cent. This headline figure fell relatively steadily from the early 70s, when it was above 20,000 until the mid-90s. It has remained fairly constant since then.
- Almost half of looked after children were living at home with parents. An additional 12 per cent were living with friends/relatives: significantly higher than in previous years. Less than one in seven looked after children lived in residential accommodation.
- There were almost 4,700 instances of children starting to be looked after and just over 4,200 instances of children ceasing to be looked after in 2001-02. This represents 42 and 37 per cent of children looked after (in March 2002) respectively.
- However, of the children living away from home, 70 per cent have been so for more than a year, and a quarter have had more than 3 placements.
- There was an increase of 8 per cent during 2001-02 in the number of children looked after aged under 11. At the same time, the numbers of looked after children aged over 11 were falling.
- Information on educational attainment of looked after children leaving care was collected for the first time. Not all councils were able to provide figures, however headline figures about Scotland should give a broad picture. Of 16 and 17 year old care leavers, six out of ten did not achieve any qualifications, and 27 per cent got both English and maths at standard grade.

- The proportion of children looked after in the population varied considerably between local authority areas, with East Renfrewshire having the fewest and Glasgow City the most, at 3.2 and 21.5 per 1,000 population aged 0-17, respectively.

The following tables are available:

- Table 1 - Children looked after: By gender and age group.
- Table 2 - Children looked after: By current statutory reason for being looked after.
- Table 3 - Children looked after: By type of accommodation.
- Table 4 - Children starting to be looked after: By gender and age group.
- Table 5 - Children Starting to be looked after: By latest statutory reason for being looked after.
- Table 6 - Children ceasing to be looked after: By gender and age group.
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- Table 9 - Children looked after: By accommodation type, 1971-2002
- Table 10 - Children looked after, children starting and ceasing to be looked after: By local authority area
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- Table 12 - Children looked after: By local authority area, accommodation type, and characteristics of care away from home

NOTES TO NEWS EDITORS

1. Local authorities have responsibilities under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 to provide support to vulnerable young people. These young people are known as 'looked after children'. Some children will be looked after for only a short period of time, whereas others may be looked after for several short periods of time, and some for substantial periods of time. Local authorities regularly review the range of provision of services made to each child, and these vary considerably from one child to another.

2. Section 25 of the 1995 Act relates to the provision of accommodation for children looked after, which generally includes placing them with another family or in a specialist residential establishment. Local authorities have a duty to provide accommodation in certain circumstances, for example, if nobody has parental responsibility for a child, if a child is lost or abandoned or if the person who has been caring for a child becomes unable to provide suitable accommodation or care. In addition, local authorities have a discretionary power to provide accommodation if it would safeguard or promote the child's welfare.

3. The relevant provisions of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 came into operation on 1 April 1997. Previously, local authorities had similar responsibilities under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968, under which children were referred to as 'children in care or under supervision'. However, under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, the terminology now refers to 'children looked after'.

4. The information in this News Release was obtained from the statistical return CLAS. The year to 31 March 2002 is the third year for which local authorities were asked to complete this form - which replaced a shorter interim return on children looked after. The CLAS form asks for detailed information on the number of children looked after at 31 March and also the numbers starting and ceasing to be looked after in the year to 31 March.

5. All 32 local authorities were able to provide the Scottish Executive with data on children looked after. However, some were unable to supply all of the data requested. Where this was the case, the remaining data was estimated for these authorities and then subsequently used in the calculation of Scotland level data.

6. Figures published here are likely to differ slightly from those which will be published in January 2003 by Audit Scotland in 'Performance Indicators 2001/2002: Social Work Services: Comparing the performance of Scottish councils'. This is due to the different timescales available for the completion of returns.

7. In addition to general figures on children looked after, the CLAS return also asked local authorities to separately provide information on the numbers of children looked after at 31 March on a planned series of short term placements. Short term placements are used by local authorities to provide respite to children and families where this can help to avoid the need for a child to become looked after full time. The use of short term placements is not restricted to disability respite. Figures quoted in all tables

except table 9 exclude children on a planned series of short-term placements.

9. There is no bulletin publication for these figures. Supporting tables are, however, available on request. This News Release and the supporting tables are available on the Scottish Executive web site (www.scotland.gov.uk). Media representatives can obtain faxed copies of the tables by contacting Murray Meikle on 0131-244-2972.

10. **This is a National Statistics publication.** National Statistics are produced to high professional standards set out in the National Statistics Code of Practice. They undergo regular quality assurance reviews to ensure that they meet customer needs. They are produced free from any political interference.

11. Public enquiries (non-media) about the information contained in this News Release should be addressed to Children's statistics, Scottish Executive Education Department, Area 1-A, Victoria Quay, Edinburgh, EH6 6QQ (telephone 0131 244 3551 or e-mail children.statistics@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

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TABLE 1

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER ON 31 MARCH 2002 :
BY GENDER AND AGE GROUP ¹⁻³**

Age group	31 March 2001		31 March 2002		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Male					
Under 1	101	1	99	1	-2
1-4	890	8	957	9	8
5-11	1,968	18	2,081	19	6
12-15	2,577	24	2,548	23	-1
16-17	756	7	801	7	6
Total	6,291	58	6,486	58	3
Female					
Under 1	92	1	84	1	-9
1-4	722	7	811	7	12
5-11	1,554	14	1,701	15	9
12-15	1,674	15	1,676	15	0
16-17	564	5	483	4	-14
Total	4,606	42	4,755	42	3
All people					
Under 1	193	2	183	2	-5
1-4	1,612	15	1,768	16	10
5-11	3,522	32	3,781	34	7
12-15	4,251	39	4,224	38	-1
16-17	1,319	12	1,284	11	-3
Total	10,897	100	11,241	100	3

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

TABLE 2

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER ON 31 MARCH 2002 :
BY CURRENT STATUTORY REASON FOR BEING LOOKED AFTER ¹⁻³**

Statute group	31 March 2001		31 March 2002		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Accommodated under Section 25	1,250	11	1,326	12	6
Parental Responsibilities Order	395	4	348	3	-12
Supervision Requirement at Home	4,632	43	4,682	42	1
Supervision Requirement away from Home (excluding Residential Establishment)	2,875	26	3,193	28	11
Supervision Requirement away from Home (in a Residential Establishment but excluding Secure)	959	9	1,006	9	5
Supervision Requirement away from Home with a Secure Condition	78	1	87	1	12
Warrant	149	1	180	2	21
Child Protection Measure	80	1	67	1	-16
Criminal Court Provision	38	0	42	0	11
Freed for Adoption	72	1	80	1	11
Other	368	3	230	2	-38
Total	10,897	100	11,241	100	3

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

TABLE 3
NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER ON 31 MARCH 2002 :
BY TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION ¹⁻³

Type of accommodation	31 March 2001		31 March 2002		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
In the community:					
At home with parents	4,842	44	4,909	44	1
With friends / relatives	980	9	1,303	12	33
With foster carers	3,084	28	3,170	28	3
With prospective adopters	196	2	158	1	-19
In other community	215	2	106	1	-51
Total	9,315	85	9,646	86	4
In residential accommodation:					
In local authority home	704	6	717	6	2
In voluntary sector home	63	1	56	1	-11
In residential school	684	6	672	6	-2
In secure accommodation	87	1	93	1	7
In other residential accommodation	44	0	55	0	26
Total	1,582	15	1,595	14	1
Total children looked after	10,897	100	11,241	100	3

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

TABLE 4

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN STARTING TO BE LOOKED AFTER IN 2001-02
BY GENDER AND AGE GROUP ¹⁻⁴**

Age group	2000-01		2001-02		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Male					
Under 1	127	3	139	3	9
1-4	444	9	516	11	16
5-11	737	16	702	15	-5
12-15	1,220	26	1,070	23	-12
16-17	192	4	210	4	9
Total	2,720	58	2,637	56	-3
Female					
Under 1	107	2	120	3	12
1-4	377	8	427	9	13
5-11	578	12	583	12	1
12-15	782	17	781	17	0
16-17	130	3	130	3	0
Total	1,974	42	2,042	44	3
All people					
Under 1	235	5	259	6	10
1-4	821	17	943	20	15
5-11	1,315	28	1,285	27	-2
12-15	2,002	43	1,852	40	-8
16-17	322	7	340	7	6
Total	4,694	100	4,678	100	0

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Note: (4) Table records episodes of care which have begun. A child may start to be looked after more

than once in a year and so may be counted more than once here.

TABLE 5
NUMBER OF CHILDREN STARTING TO BE LOOKED AFTER IN 2001-02
BY LATEST STATUTORY REASON FOR BEING LOOKED AFTER ¹⁻⁴

Statute group	2000-01		2001-02		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Accommodated under Section 25	1,002	21	1,054	23	5
Parental Responsibilities Order	8	0	18	0	127
Supervision Requirement at Home	2,149	46	1,984	42	-8
Supervision Requirement away from Home (excluding Residential Establishment)	632	13	850	18	34
Supervision Requirement away from Home (in a Residential Establishment but excluding Secure)	367	8	320	7	-13
Supervision Requirement away from Home with a Secure Condition	36	1	55	1	53
Warrant	165	4	151	3	-9
Child Protection Measure	118	3	105	2	-11
Criminal Court Provision	17	0	18	0	6
Freed for Adoption	7	0	6	0	-21
Other	194	4	118	3	-39
Total	4,694	100	4,678	100	0

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Note: (4) Table records episodes of care which have begun. A child may start to be looked after more

than once in a year and so may be counted more than once here.

TABLE 6

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN CEASING TO BE LOOKED AFTER IN 2001-02
BY GENDER AND AGE GROUP ¹⁻⁴**

Age group	2000-01		2001-02		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Male					
Under 1	42	1	52	1	25
1-4	314	7	332	8	6
5-11	645	14	530	13	-18
12-15	855	18	763	18	-11
16-17	880	19	661	16	-25
18	69	1	86	2	25
Total	2,805	59	2,425	58	-14
Female					
Under 1	36	1	25	1	-30
1-4	286	6	302	7	6
5-11	479	10	413	10	-14
12-15	538	11	518	12	-4
16-17	530	11	452	11	-15
18	66	1	65	2	-1
Total	1,936	41	1,777	42	-8
All people					
Under 1	79	2	78	2	-2
1-4	600	13	635	15	6
5-11	1,124	24	943	22	-16
12-15	1,393	29	1,281	30	-8
16-17	1,410	30	1,113	26	-21
18	135	3	151	4	12
Total	4,741	100	4,202	100	-11

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Table records episodes of care which have ended. A child may cease to be looked after more than once in a year and so may be counted more than once here.

Note: Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

TABLE 7
NUMBER OF CHILDREN CEASING TO BE LOOKED AFTER
BY LAST STATUTORY REASON FOR BEING LOOKED AFTER ¹⁻⁴

Statute group	2000-01		2001-02		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Accommodated under Section 25	982	21	799	19	-19
Parental Responsibilities Order	49	1	53	1	8
Supervision Requirement at Home	2,328	49	1,935	46	-17
Supervision Requirement away from Home (excluding Residential Establishment)	590	12	789	19	34
Supervision Requirement away from Home (in a Residential Establishment but excluding Secure)	347	7	219	5	-37
Supervision Requirement away from Home with a Secure Condition	41	1	26	1	-36
Warrant	95	2	105	3	11
Child Protection Measure	44	1	53	1	20
Criminal Court Provision	26	1	13	0	-50
Freed for Adoption	34	1	46	1	34
Other	204	4	164	4	-20
Total	4,741	100	4,202	100	-11

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Note: (4) Table records episodes of care which have ended. A child may cease to be looked after more than once in a year and so may be counted more than once here.

TABLE 8

**NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER IN A PLANNED SERIES OF SHORT TERM PLACEMENTS
BY GENDER AND AGE GROUP ¹⁻³**

Age group	2000-01		2001-02		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Male					
Under 1	17	1	95	4	456
1-4	171	7	134	5	-22
5-11	679	28	517	20	-24
12-15	442	18	539	20	22
16-17	146	6	169	6	16
Total	1,455	60	1,454	55	0
Female					
Under 1	15	1	118	4	687
1-4	127	5	156	6	23
5-11	414	17	286	11	-31
12-15	304	12	492	19	62
16-17	130	5	129	5	-1
Total	989	40	1,181	45	19
All people					
Under 1	32	1	213	8	564
1-4	298	12	290	11	-3
5-11	1,093	45	804	31	-26
12-15	746	31	1,031	39	38
16-17	276	11	297	11	8
Total	2,444	100	2,635	100	8

Note: (1) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (2) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Note: (3) The short term placements shown here are used by local authorities to provide respite to children and families where this can help to avoid the need for a child to become looked after full time.

The use of short term placements is not restricted to disability respite.

TABLE 9
NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER ON 31 MARCH EACH YEAR
BY ACCOMMODATION TYPE, 1971-2002¹⁻⁴

Year	Accommodation type				All children looked after	
	At home	With foster carers or prospective adopters	With friends or relatives	In residential care	Number	% year on year change
1971	-	-	-	-	14,788	
1972	-	-	-	-	19,166	30
1973	-	-	-	-	20,703	8
1974	-	-	-	-	20,553	-1
1975 ³	-	-	-	-	18,936	-8
1976	5,883	3,763	1,430	6,242	17,318	-9
1977	5,593	3,733	1,337	6,209	16,872	-3
1978	-	-	-	-	17,107	1
1979	-	-	-	-	16,887	-1
1980	-	-	-	-	16,845	0
1981	-	-	-	-	17,045	1
1982	-	-	-	-	16,084	-6
1983	-	-	-	-	15,529	-3
1984	-	-	-	-	13,783	-11
1985	-	-	-	-	13,261	-4
1986	-	-	-	-	13,319	0
1987	5,949	2,759	1,025	2,784	12,517	-6
1988	6,064	2,620	939	2,664	12,287	-2
1989	6,262	2,560	851	2,364	12,037	-2
1990	7,128	2,593	928	2,313	12,962	8
1991	6,625	2,492	1,147	2,401	12,665	-2
1992	6,527	2,746	1,200	2,298	12,771	1
1993	6,447	2,574	1,221	2,124	12,371	-3
1994 ³	6,335	2,589	1,121	2,083	12,128	-2
1995 ³	6,224	2,605	1,021	2,042	11,891	-2
1996 ³	6,112	2,620	920	2,001	11,653	-2
1997	6,000	2,635	820	1,960	11,415	-2
1998	5,455	2,794	738	1,817	10,804	-5
1999	5,309	3,155	943	1,784	11,191	4
2000	5,270	3,181	1,274	1,585	11,309	1
2001	4,842	3,280	1,195	1,582	10,897	-4
2002	4,909	3,328	1,409	1,595	11,241	3

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Figures for 1975, and 1994-1996 are estimated

Note: (4) For cells shown as "-", figures are not available

TABLE 10

**CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER, CHILDREN STARTING AND CEASING TO BE LOOKED AFTER 2001-02 :
BY LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA¹⁻⁴**

Local authority area	Churn in episodes of care		Number of children looked after	
	Starting to be looked after in 2001-02	Ceasing to be looked after in 2001-02	on 31 March 2002	per 1,000 people 0-17 ⁶
Aberdeen City ⁵	195	180	450	11.5
Aberdeenshire	115	110	345	6.5
Angus	75	55	175	7.6
Argyll & Bute	140	120	195	10.1
Clackmannanshire	60	50	105	9.4
Dumfries & Galloway	185	150	355	11.3
Dundee City	175	195	360	12.3
East Ayrshire	125	100	290	10.7
East Dunbartonshire	30	35	80	3.2
East Lothian	110	105	165	7.8
East Renfrewshire	25	20	75	3.5
Edinburgh, City of	405	430	1,040	12.6
Eilean Siar	15	30	50	8.5
Falkirk	75	75	235	7.4
Fife	185	220	455	5.9
Glasgow City	715	575	2,585	21.5
Highland	140	130	400	8.6
Inverclyde	55	105	190	10.2
Midlothian	75	75	210	11.1
Moray	225	185	135	6.8
North Ayrshire	155	70	375	12.2
North Lanarkshire	250	255	550	7.4
Orkney Isles	10	10	30	7.2
Perth & Kinross	70	75	155	5.3
Renfrewshire	265	195	520	13.8
Scottish Borders	80	95	170	7.4
Shetland	5	5	35	6.3
South Ayrshire	130	80	180	7.9
South Lanarkshire	215	140	455	6.7
Stirling	65	85	140	7.5
West Dunbartonshire	125	100	290	13.7
West Lothian	185	140	445	11.5
SCOTLAND	4,678	4,202	11,241	10.2

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Note: (4) Figures given to the nearest 5 to preserve confidentiality

Note: (5) Aberdeen City were unable to split up the short term placements. This has been estimated based on Scotland figures

Note: (6) Population figures used are as at 30 June 2001.

TABLE 11**NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER ON 31 MARCH 2002 :
BREAKDOWN BY LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA AND AGE GROUP ¹⁻⁵**

Local authority area	Age group				Total
	Under 5	5-11	12-15	16-17	
Aberdeen City ⁶	100	160	145	45	450
Aberdeenshire	50	125	130	35	345
Angus	25	50	80	20	175
Argyll & Bute	25	60	85	25	195
Clackmannanshire	15	35	45	10	105
Dumfries & Galloway	90	125	120	25	355
Dundee City	65	100	145	50	360
East Ayrshire	50	90	115	35	290
East Dunbartonshire	10	20	35	15	80
East Lothian	30	55	50	30	165
East Renfrewshire	15	25	20	10	75
Edinburgh, City of	210	350	390	90	1,040
Eilean Siar	*	20	25	*	50
Falkirk	40	60	95	40	235
Fife	85	160	170	40	455
Glasgow City	435	925	905	320	2,585
Highland	70	125	170	35	400
Inverclyde	25	70	50	40	190
Midlothian	40	75	80	15	210
Moray	15	40	65	15	135
North Ayrshire	50	130	150	45	375
North Lanarkshire	130	170	225	30	550
Orkney Isles	5	10	10	*	30
Perth & Kinross	20	60	55	15	155
Renfrewshire	65	185	170	100	520
Scottish Borders	35	50	70	15	170
Shetland	10	15	5	*	35
South Ayrshire	40	65	60	20	180
South Lanarkshire	85	130	195	45	455
Stirling	20	45	65	10	140
West Dunbartonshire	35	85	135	35	290
West Lothian	55	175	155	60	445
SCOTLAND	1,951	3,781	4,224	1,284	11,241

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Note: (4) Figures given to the nearest 5 to preserve confidentiality

Note: (5) cells containing the symbol * represent between 1 and 4 children. They have been excluded to preserve confidentiality

Note: (6) Aberdeen City were unable to split up the short term placements. This has been estimated based on Scotland figures

TABLE 12

NUMBER OF CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER ON 31 MARCH 2002 :

BY LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA, ACCOMMODATION TYPE, AND CHARACTERISTICS OF CARE AWAY FROM HOME ¹⁻⁴

Local authority area	Accommodation type				Children looked after away from home				Total
	Children in community setting		Children in residential care		Looked after for 1 year + ⁶		With 3+ placements ⁶		
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Aberdeen City ⁷	385	86	65	14	160	60	80	29	265
Aberdeenshire	310	90	35	10	140	70	100	51	200
Angus	155	88	20	13	75	66	25	23	115
Argyll & Bute	155	80	40	20	60	73	20	23	80
Clackmannanshire	95	91	10	9	35	71	*	*	50
Dumfries & Galloway	330	93	25	7	135	63	45	20	215
Dundee City	310	86	50	14	165	70	125	53	235
East Ayrshire	255	88	35	12	115	70	20	12	165
East Dunbartonshire	60	77	20	23	25	59	5	15	40
East Lothian	140	87	20	13	75	72	25	24	105
East Renfrewshire	65	84	10	16	25	69	0	0	40
Edinburgh, City of	880	85	155	15	465	76	40	7	610
Eilean Siar	40	88	5	13	15	88	*	*	15
Falkirk	205	87	30	13	130	84	75	49	155
Fife	385	85	70	15	245	73	115	35	335
Glasgow City	2,240	87	345	13	1,100	78	375	26	1,410
Highland	335	84	60	16	165	65	45	18	250
Inverclyde	155	83	35	17	60	72	20	24	85
Midlothian	190	89	25	11	65	63	15	15	100
Moray	120	88	15	12	45	58	20	28	80
North Ayrshire	315	85	60	15	130	66	0	0	195
North Lanarkshire	475	86	80	14	205	71	80	29	285
Orkney Isles	25	84	5	16	5	47	*	*	15
Perth & Kinross	135	88	20	12	60	49	30	25	120
Renfrewshire	430	82	95	18	155	55	65	24	280
Scottish Borders	145	88	20	13	80	67	40	33	115
Shetland	25	76	10	24	25	85	5	19	25
South Ayrshire	160	87	25	13	60	62	5	5	100
South Lanarkshire	365	80	90	20	130	68	45	23	190
Stirling	120	84	20	16	70	77	40	44	95
West Dunbartonshire	230	80	55	20	70	55	15	11	130
West Lothian	400	90	45	10	175	71	25	9	245
SCOTLAND	9,646	86	1,595	14	4,455	70	1,505	24	6,355

Note: (1) Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Note: (2) Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information.

Note: (3) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Note: (4) Figures given to the nearest 5 to preserve confidentiality

Note: (5) cells containing the symbol * represent between 1 and 4 children. They have been excluded to preserve confidentiality

Note: (6) Statistics refer to the current episode of care

Note: (7) Aberdeen City were unable to split up the short term placements. This has been estimated based on Scotland figures