



News Release

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CHILDREN IN RESIDENTIAL ACCOMMODATION 2001-2002

Statistics on children in residential accommodation in Scotland for the year ended 31 March 2002 are published today.

The main points are:

- There were 1,962 children in residential accommodation in March 2002, an increase of 1 per cent (20 children) from the previous year. In the 1970s there were more than 6,000 children in residential accommodation.
- There were 207 establishments providing residential accommodation for children and an average of 10 places in each provider. This is a long term decrease from the early 1970s where the average was over 25 places per provider.
- In March 2002, two thirds of the children in residential accommodation were boys, and two thirds of the total were aged between 11 and 15 years old;
- In 2001-02, there were 10,960 reported admissions to residential establishments, 13 per cent higher than the previous year. This suggests higher turnover of children through accommodation.
- However, there has been a significant (10%) increase in the number of children staying in residential accommodation for over two years. In March 2002, there were 480 children who were in accommodation for two years or more.
- There were 96 children in secure accommodation in March 2002 – a significant (12%) increase over the previous year.

- There is significant variation between local authority areas in the age and gender of children entering residential accommodation, and in the average length of stay. This will reflect that authorities work closely together to offer accommodation rather than just relying on homes in their area.

The following tables are available:

Table 1 - Homes, Places and Staffing as at 31 March 2002.

Table 2 - Residents at 31 March 2002 by gender, age, and length of stay.

Table 3 - Admissions in 2001-02 by age group, and discharges in 2001-02 by length of stay.

Table 4 - Children in secure accommodation as at 31 March 2002.

Table 5 - Homes, Places and Staffing as at 31 March 2002 by Local Authority area.

Table 6 – Admissions, discharges, and resident characteristics as at 31 March 2002 by Local Authority area.

NOTES FOR NEWS EDITORS

1. The main purpose of residential accommodation for children is to provide good quality care, support and opportunities for development in a safe environment. It may also provide education or specialist care. Residential accommodation is an important element in children's services. For some children looked after away from home, it will be the most appropriate option for meeting their particular needs.

2. There are various types of residential accommodation to which children and young persons may be admitted. The main types of establishments are children's homes, residential schools, hostels and homes for children with disabilities. There are also a few establishments which provide secure accommodation.

3. Children may be in a residential establishment under a voluntary care arrangement, under a supervision requirement made by a children's hearing, where a parental responsibilities order had been obtained by the local authority or as a requirement made by a Court. These placements will have been made under the Social Work (Scotland) Act 1968 (placements prior to 1 April 1997) the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 (placements from 1st April 1997) or the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995.

4. Figures on looked after children in residential accommodation were published on 28th November 2002 in the news release 'Children Looked After 2001-02' <http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/bulletins/00199-00.asp>. For measuring progress against target in the Scottish Executive's Programme for Government, the 'Children Looked After' return should be treated as the definitive source, as it is completed by the local

authorities and includes information on all children looked after by that local authority.

5. Bespoke analysis is available on request.

6. 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.

7. 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 3745 or e-mail children.statistics@scotland.gsi.gov.uk).

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TABLE 1 : HOMES, PLACES AND STAFFING

	31 March 2001		31 March 2002		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
No. of establishments open					
Local Authority	136	66	139	67	2
Voluntary/Private	69	34	68	33	-1
Total	205	100	207	100	1
No. of places					
Local Authority	1,024	45	960	45	-6
Voluntary/Private	1,237	55	1,196	55	-3
Total	2,261	100	2,156	100	-5
No. of staff (whole time equivalent)					
Local Authority	2,016	44	2,055	45	2
Voluntary/Private	2,528	56	2,548	55	1
Total	4,544	100	4,603	100	1

TABLE 2: RESIDENTS AT 31 MARCH 2002 BY GENDER, AGE GROUP AND LENGTH OF STAY

	31 March 2001		31 March 2002		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Gender:					
Boys	1,264	65	1,263	64	0
Girls	678	35	699	36	3
Total	1,942	100	1,962	100	1
Age at 31 March:					
Under 5 years	6	0	6	0	4
5-10 years	182	9	188	10	4
11-15 years	1,266	65	1,245	63	-2
16 years or over	488	25	522	27	7
Total	1,942	100	1,962	100	1
Length of Stay at 31 March:					
Less than 1 month	215	11	180	9	-16
1 month to under 2 months	100	5	107	5	6
2 months to under 3 months	88	5	121	6	37
3 months to under 6 months	271	14	252	13	-7
Under 6 months	675	35	660	34	-2
6 months to under 1 year	385	20	381	19	-1
1 year to under 2 years	445	23	437	22	-2
2 years to under 3 years	170	9	190	10	12
3 years or more	268	14	293	15	9
1 year or more	882	45	921	47	4
Total	1,942	100	1,962	100	1

TABLE 3: ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES IN 2001-02 BY AGE AND LENGTH OF STAY

	31 March 2001		31 March 2002		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Admissions (By Age on Admission)					
Under 5 years old	712	7	297	3	-58
5-10 years	2,200	23	2,260	21	3
11-15 years	5,278	54	6,612	60	25
16 years or over	1,520	16	1,791	16	18
Total Admissions	9,710	100	10,961	100	13
Discharges (By Length of Stay on Discharge)					
Less than 1 month	7,655	79	8,428	77	10
1 month to under 2 months	291	3	344	3	18
2 months to under 3 months	213	2	242	2	14
3 months to under 6 months	462	5	596	5	29
Under 6 months	8,622	89	9,611	88	11
6 months to under 1 year	462	5	556	5	20
1 year to under 2 years	348	4	461	4	32
2 years to under 3 years	169	2	170	2	1
3 years or more	123	1	160	1	31
1 year or more	640	7	792	7	24
Total Discharges	9,724	100	10,959	100	13

TABLE 4: CHILDREN IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION (ALSO INCLUDED IN PREVIOUS TABLES)

	31 March 2001		31 March 2002		% change 2001 to 2002
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Residents					
Boys	63	73	69	72	10
Girls	23	27	27	28	17
Total	86	100	96	100	12
Age of Residents					
13 years old or under	13	15	17	18	31
14 years	16	19	13	14	-19
15 years	31	36	40	42	29
16 years or over	26	30	26	27	0
Total	86	100	96	100	12
Length of stay of Residents					
Less than 1 month	22	26	16	17	-27
1 month to under 2 months	8	9	13	14	63
2 months to under 3 months	11	13	16	17	45
3 months to under 6 months	20	23	25	26	25
6 months to under 1 year	14	16	17	18	21
1 year or more	11	13	9	9	-18
Total	86	100	96	100	12
Admissions during the year to (by age on admission)					
13 years old or under	41	19	44	19	7
14 years	56	26	51	22	-9
15 years	96	44	108	47	13
16 years or over	25	11	27	12	8
Total	218	100	230	100	6
Discharges during the year to 31 March 2001 (by length of stay on discharge)					
Less than 1 month	52	25	52	24	0
1 month to under 2 months	17	8	12	5	-29
2 months to under 3 months	29	14	27	12	-7
3 months to under 6 months	60	28	75	34	25
6 months to under 1 year	37	18	39	18	5
1 year or more	16	8	16	7	0
Total	211	100	221	100	5

TABLE 5: PROVISION [ALL SECTORS] IN 2001-02 BY LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA

Local Authority Area	Homes	Places	Staff (FTE) ⁽¹⁾	No. of staff (FTE) per Place
Aberdeen City	9	215	308	1.4
Aberdeenshire	5	34	84	2.5
Angus	2	36	82	2.3
Argyll & Bute	3	22	44	2.0
Clackmannanshire	3	35	32	0.9
Dumfries & Galloway	9	71	156	2.2
Dundee City	9	68	153	2.3
East Ayrshire	4	59	217	3.7
East Dunbartonshire	3	10	29	2.9
East Lothian	3	17	36	2.1
East Renfrewshire	1	6	25	4.1
Edinburgh - City of	19	163	463	2.8
Eilean Siar	1	5	15	2.9
Falkirk	2	12	25	2.1
Fife	17	166	327	2.0
Glasgow City	35	404	919	2.3
Highland	9	41	77	1.9
Inverclyde	4	30	61	2.0
Midlothian	2	12	28	2.4
Moray	4	24	46	1.9
North Ayrshire	8	98	218	2.2
North Lanarkshire	6	84	154	1.8
Orkney Islands	2	8	25	3.1
Perth & Kinross	8	94	138	1.5
Renfrewshire	11	151	348	2.3
Scottish Borders	2	11	24	2.2
Shetland Islands	2	10	20	2.0
South Ayrshire	1	8	14	1.8
South Lanarkshire	8	98	211	2.2
Stirling	4	64	119	1.9
West Dunbartonshire	6	48	67	1.4
West Lothian	5	52	135	2.6
SCOTLAND	207	2,156	4,603	2.1

Note: (1) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

TABLE 6: ADMISSIONS, DISCHARGES & RESIDENTS IN 2001-02 BY LOCAL AUTHORITY AREA¹⁻³

Local Authority Area	Admissions	Discharges	Residents on 31 March 2002	Residents per 1,000 children ⁴	% residents who are boys	Average age of admissions	Average length of stay (months)
Aberdeen City	155	155	180	4.6	68	13 years 6 m	18
Aberdeenshire	385	395	25	0.4	42	13 years 3 m	Less than 1
Angus	85	90	25	1.2	74	15 years 0 m	3
Argyll & Bute	45	45	15	0.9	70	13 years 5 m	5
Clackmannanshire	25	35	25	2.3	77	16 years 5 m	4
Dumfries & Galloway	75	85	50	1.6	50	14 years 4 m	4
Dundee City	375	370	55	1.9	62	13 years 1 m	1
East Ayrshire	390	390	60	2.2	77	13 years 2 m	4
East Dunbartonshire	10	10	10	0.4	44	9 years 10 m	5
East Lothian	165	165	15	0.7	69	12 years 2 m	1
East Renfrewshire	610	610	-	-	-	-	-
Edinburgh - City of	1,355	1,360	135	1.6	64	12 years 12 m	1
Eilean Siar	10	10	5	0.9	50	12 years 10 m	8
Falkirk	480	485	10	0.3	80	13 years 7 m	Less than 1
Fife	710	705	170	2.2	78	12 years 6 m	2
Glasgow City	870	845	410	3.4	61	14 years 1 m	5
Highland	955	960	35	0.8	56	12 years 1 m	1
Inverclyde	60	45	25	1.5	63	12 years 3 m	3
Midlothian	40	35	10	0.5	80	13 years 7 m	3
Moray	1,600	1,600	20	1.1	44	13 years 6 m	16
North Ayrshire	100	110	90	3.0	75	14 years 3 m	13
North Lanarkshire	80	90	75	1.0	67	13 years 8 m	9
Orkney Islands	10	10	20	4.2	67	13 years 11 m	10
Perth & Kinross	180	190	75	2.5	70	12 years 1 m	2
Renfrewshire	675	680	160	4.2	59	13 years 4 m	9
Scottish Borders	65	65	10	0.5	82	14 years 6 m	1
Shetland Islands	705	710	-	-	-	-	-
South Ayrshire	20	20	5	0.2	60	13 years 9 m	3
South Lanarkshire	445	450	90	1.3	58	13 years 10 m	9
Stirling	50	45	60	3.3	60	12 years 10 m	16
West Dunbartonshire	105	105	40	1.8	44	15 years 5 m	4
West Lothian	105	100	50	1.2	71	13 years 7 m	5
SCOTLAND	10,961	10,959	1,962	1.8	64	13 years 2 m	3

Note: (1) Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Note: (2) Figures given to the nearest 5 to preserve confidentiality

Note: (3) cells containing the symbol "-" represent between 1 and 4 children. They have been excluded to preserve confidentiality

Note: (4) Population figures used are as at 30 June 2001: GRO population projections (2000 based)