

High Level Summary of Statistics

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Growth and Development

Childcare

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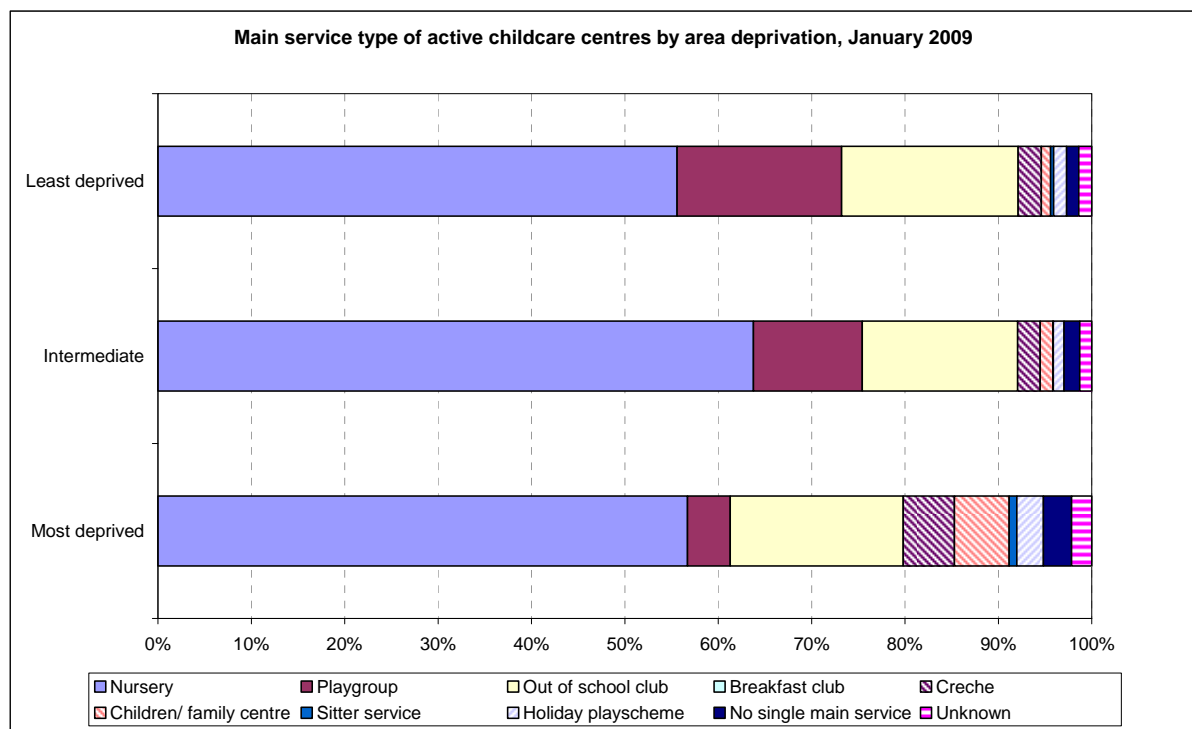
As at January 2009 there were 4,274 registered childcare centres, a decrease on the 4,336 of January 2008. Of these centres, 4,119 were operating, around 148 fewer than in 2008. There were 2,645 centres that provided local authority funded pre-school education.

The number of registered childminders decreased from 6,055 in January 2008 to 6,039 in January 2009. If inactive childminders are excluded, this figure is 5,534.

During census week a total of 196,750 children attended childcare centres and 28,980 attended childminders. These figures may include some double counting as children are counted once for each centre and/or childminder they attend.

There were 25,470 paid staff working directly with children in childcare centres, of which 86 per cent were permanent and 50 per cent were part time.

The percentage of childminders with a childcare qualification at SVQ level 2 equivalent or above increased by two percentage points, to 29 per cent. The percentage with SVQ level 3 or above increased by three percentage points to 25 per cent.



Publications

[Pre-school and Childcare Statistics 2009](#) (Published 2009)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/bulletins/00760>

Pre-school Education

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In January 2009 there were 2,645 local authority or partnership pre-school education providers in Scotland. Fifty four centres provided pre-school education in the Gaelic medium.

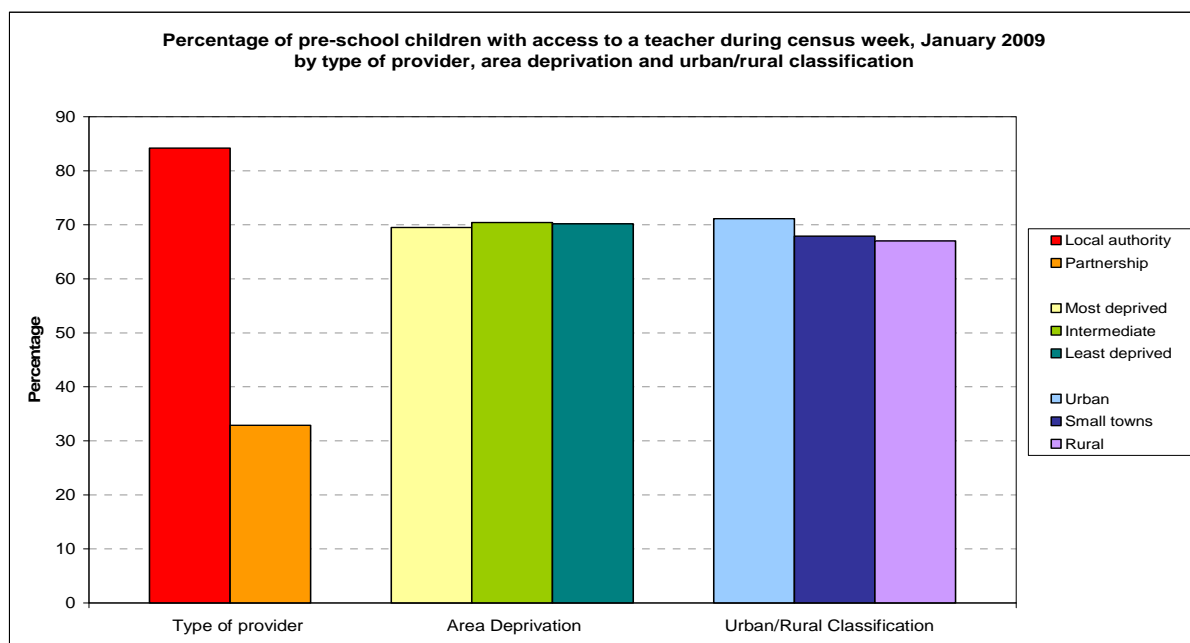
There were 105,420 children registered for pre-school places funded by the local authority, of which 3,750 were under 3.

Ninety six per cent of children eligible, or 97,200 in total, were registered for the ante-pre-school or pre-school year of pre-school education. This figure is based on a series of estimations and so any small year-on-year changes should be treated with some caution.

There were 1,638 whole time equivalent (WTE) GTCS registered teachers, which is 34 WTE fewer than in 2008.

Sixty eight per cent of pre-schools had GTCS registered teachers who provided pre-school education under a regular arrangement, whether employed by the centre or shared with other centres. Thirty two per cent of pre-schools said they received occasional or ad hoc support from GTCS registered teachers.

Seventy cent of pre-school children had access to a GTCS registered teacher during census week. This includes children whose access was to a teacher providing only ad hoc or occasional support to the centre.



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Child Safety and Wellbeing

Child Protection

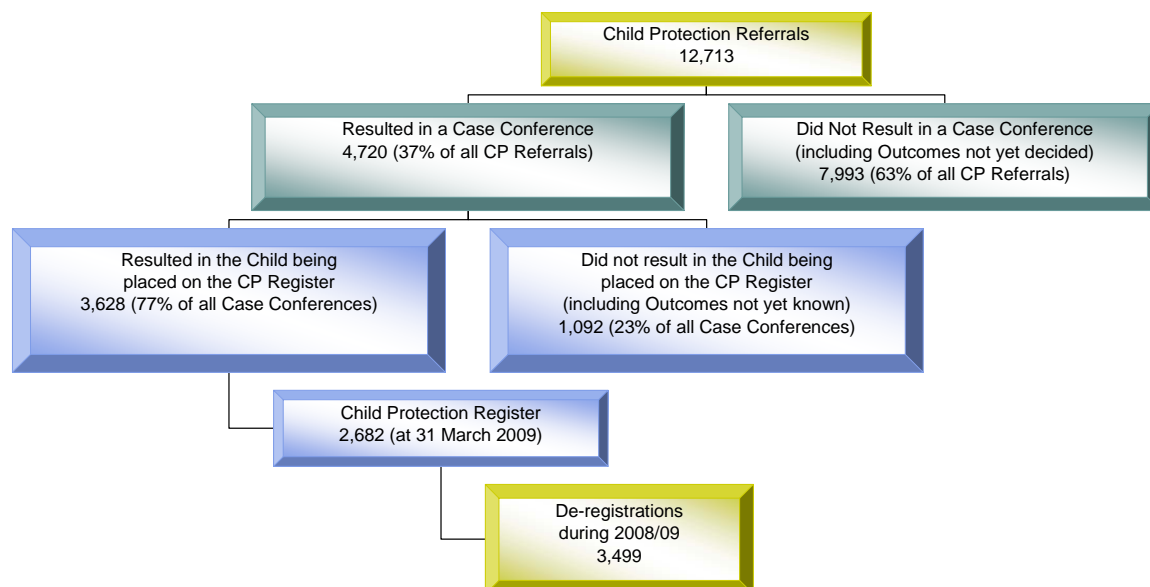
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In 2008/09, there were 12,713 child protection referrals (an increase of 3% compared with 2007/08), of which 4,720 (37% of all child protection referrals) resulted in an inter-agency case conference (compared with 35% in 2007/08).

Of the 4,720 case conferences, there were 3,628 registrations (77% of all case conferences) on to local child protection registers (compared with 65% in 2007/08).

There were 3,499 de-registrations from local child protection registers in 2008/09 (an increase of 9% compared with the previous year).

As at 31 March 2009, there were 2,682 children on Child Protection Registers (an increase of 10% compared with the previous year). There were slightly more boys than girls on Child Protection Registers, and 83% of children were under the age of 11 years old (including unborns).



Source: Child Protection Statistics 2008/09, Scottish Government

Publication

[Child Protection Statistics 2008/09](#) (Published September 2009)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/bulletins/00763>

Children Looked After

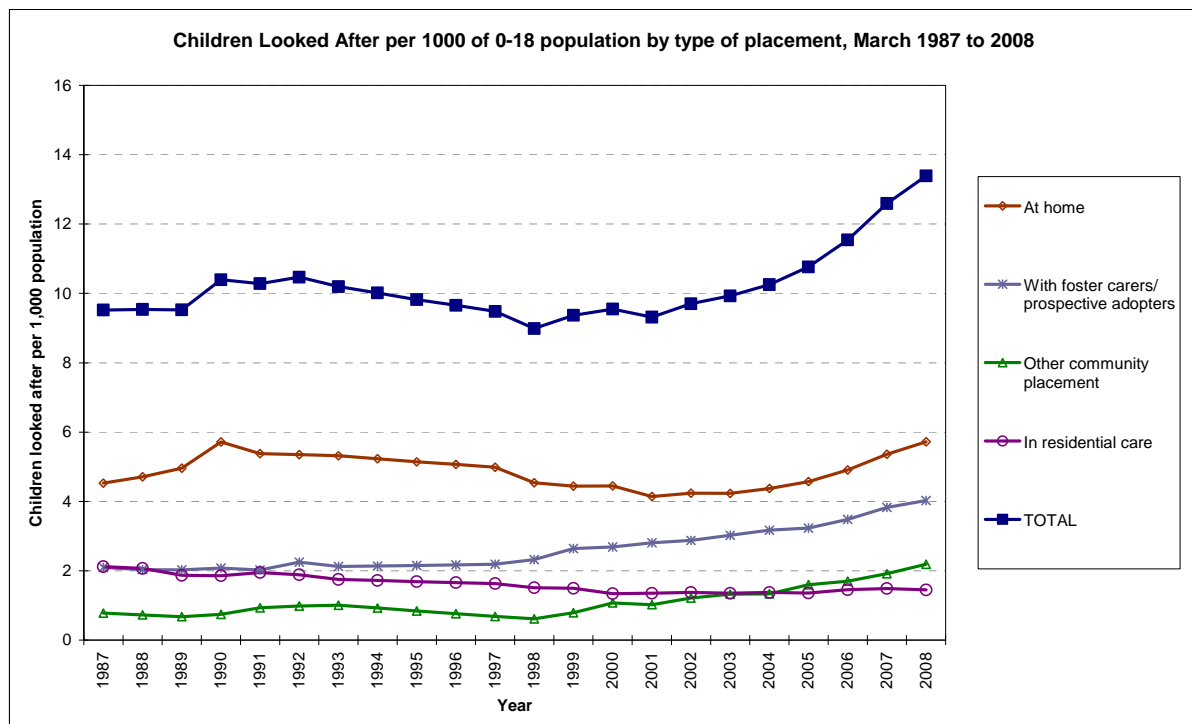
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At 31st March 2008 there were 14,886 children looked after by local authorities, an increase of six per cent since 2007. The number of children looked after has increased every year since 2001, and is at its highest since 1983.

Forty three per cent of children looked after were looked after at home with parents and sixteen per cent were looked after by friends or relatives. The number of children being looked after by friends or relatives increased by 15 per cent on 2007.

Nearly a quarter (24 per cent) of children looked after were with foster carers provided by the local authority, with a further four per cent looked after by foster carers purchased by the local authority. The number of children looked after by foster carers or prospective adopters has increased every year since 1993.

The proportion of children looked after in residential care was 11 per cent nationally, and is now at its lowest since when data has been available. The actual numbers of children in residential care have been fairly stable since 2000, at around 1,600.



Source: Children Looked After Statistics 2007-08, Scottish Government.

Publication

[Children Looked After Statistics 2007-08](#) (Published November 2008)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/bulletins/00698>

Care Leavers

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Fifty five per cent of young people ceasing to be looked after beyond minimum school leaving age during 2007-08 had a pathway plan on the date they were discharged, and fifty seven per cent had a pathway coordinator.

There were 3,765 young people reported to be eligible for aftercare services on 31st March 2008. However, as one local authority could not provide any data, figures regarding aftercare should be treated as provisional.

Forty two per cent of young people eligible for aftercare services with known economic activity were in education, training or employment, an increase of 4 percentage points on 2007.

No information on qualifications of care leavers was collected this year. This is because improvements are being made in the way information on looked after children is collected, which will enable more accurate figures on attainment of looked after children to be produced in the future. More information on this project can be found at the Data and Reporting page of the Learning and Teaching Scotland website:

- [Learning and Teaching Scotland – Data and Reporting](#)

Publication

[Children Looked After Statistics 2007-08](#) (Published November 2008)

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Secure Accommodation

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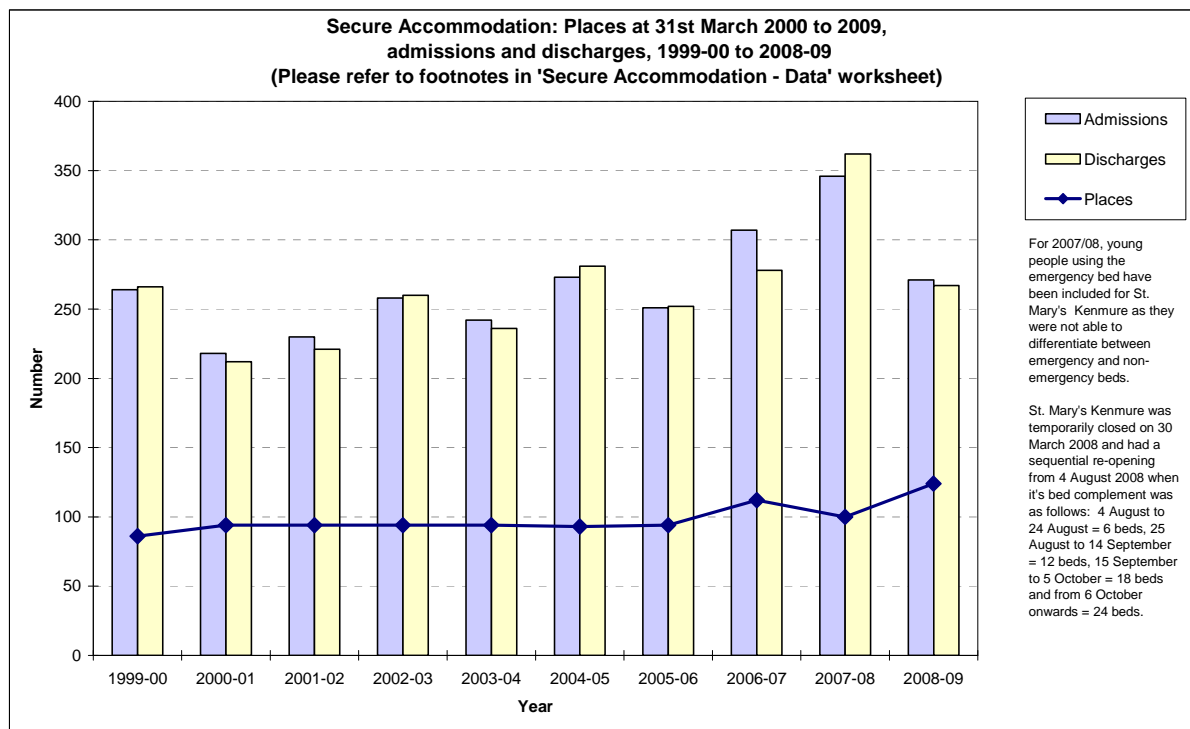
St Mary's Kenmure had been closed temporarily from 30th March 2008 after several children absconded on the night of Saturday 29th to Sunday 30th March. St. Mary's Kenmure then had a sequential re-opening from 4th August 2008 whereby six beds were available, followed by a further six beds every three weeks until 6th October onwards when 24 beds were available. Therefore, at 31st March 2009, seven secure units provided a total of 124 secure places (excluding emergency beds).

There was an average of 90 residents in secure care accommodation throughout 2008-09, down from 102 in 2007-08.

The average cost per bed per week was £4,900, ranging from £4,300 to £5,300.

The proportion of children admitted at age 16 or over decreased from 24 per cent in 2007-08 to 22 per cent in 2008-09.

During 2008-09, 30 per cent of young people discharged had been in secure care accommodation for less than 1 month and 31 per cent had been in secure care accommodation for between three months to under six months.



Note (1): For 2007/08, young people using the emergency bed have been included for St. Mary's Kenmure as they were not able to differentiate between emergency and non-emergency beds.

Note (2): St. Mary's Kenmure was temporarily closed on 30 March 2008 and had a sequential re-opening from 4 August 2008 when it's bed complement was as follows: 4 August to 24 August = 6 beds, 25 August to 14 September = 12 beds, 15 September to 5 October = 18 beds and from 6 October onwards = 24 beds.

Publication

[Secure Accommodation Statistics 2008-09](http://www.scotland.gov.uk/stats/bulletins/00762) (Published 2009)
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Social Work Services Staff

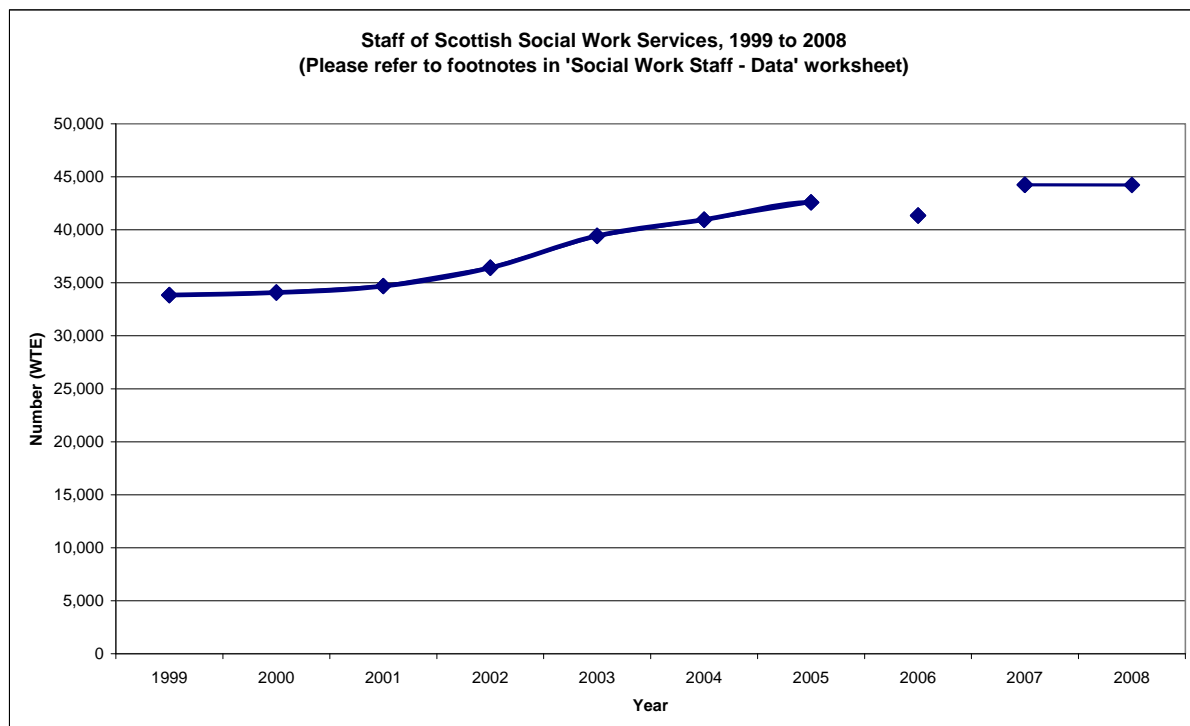
Workforce

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There were 56,881 staff employed by Scottish Local Authority Social Work Services in October 2008. This comprised 26,132 full-time staff and a further 30,749 staff who were employed on a part-time basis. The whole time equivalent (WTE) number of staff was 44,219.

In October 2008, 72.9% of social work services staff (with a known age) were at least 40 years old. In addition, 3.3% were aged under 25 years of age.

Just over one per cent of all staff are reported as being from an ethnic minority group and under 2% declared having a disability. However, 18.3% of all staff had a not known/disclosed ethnic group and 22.3% had a not known/disclosed disability.



Note: In 2006, different counting methodology used to eliminate double counting of staff covering for absent staff. Therefore 2006 figures are not comparable with previous years.

In 2007, Glasgow provided information on their home care staff for the first time. Therefore, figures for 2007 are not comparable with previous years.

Source: Staff of Scottish Local Authority Social Work Services, 2008

Publication

[Staff of Scottish Local Authority Social Work Services, 2008](#) (published 2009)

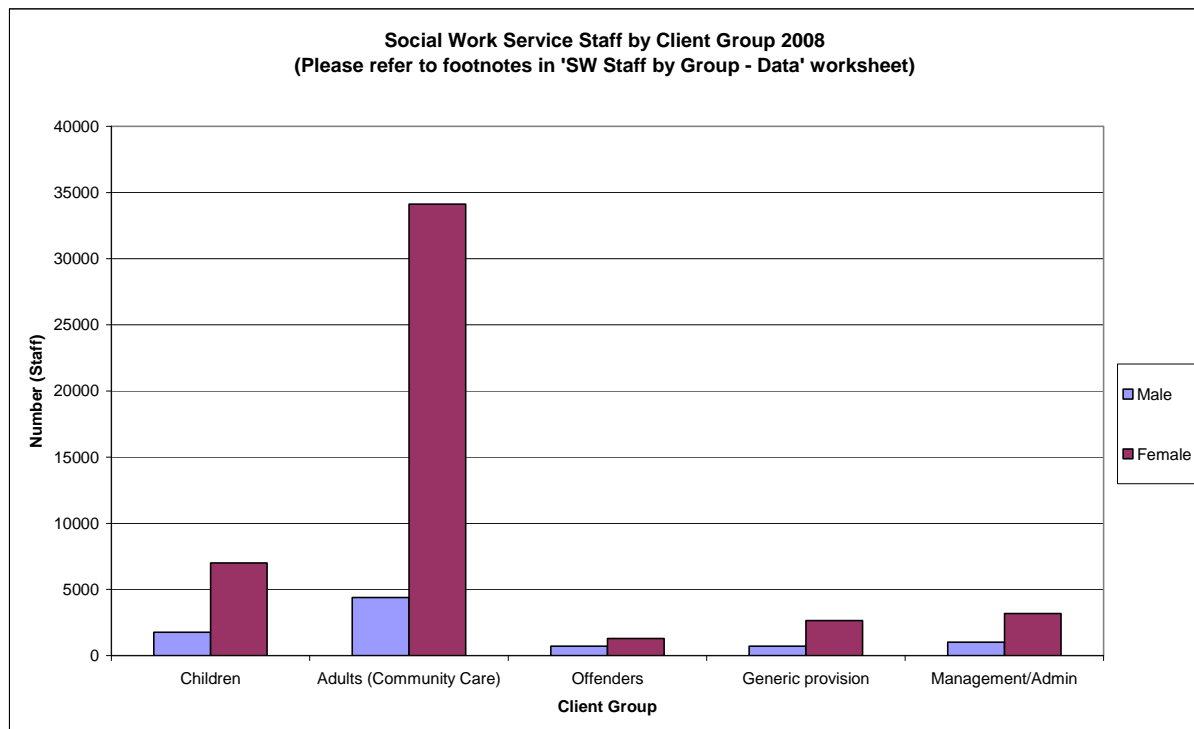
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Workforce by Client Group and Gender

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In October 2008, 63.9% of staff provided services for adults, a further 16.7% provided services for children and 4.2% provided services for offenders. Under seven per cent of staff were attributed to generic provision, providing services for more than one client group.

The majority (84.8%) of all staff were female. This proportion was highest for staff providing services for adults where 88.6% were female, and lowest for staff providing services for offenders (64.3%).



Source: Staff of Scottish Local Authority Social Work Services, 2008

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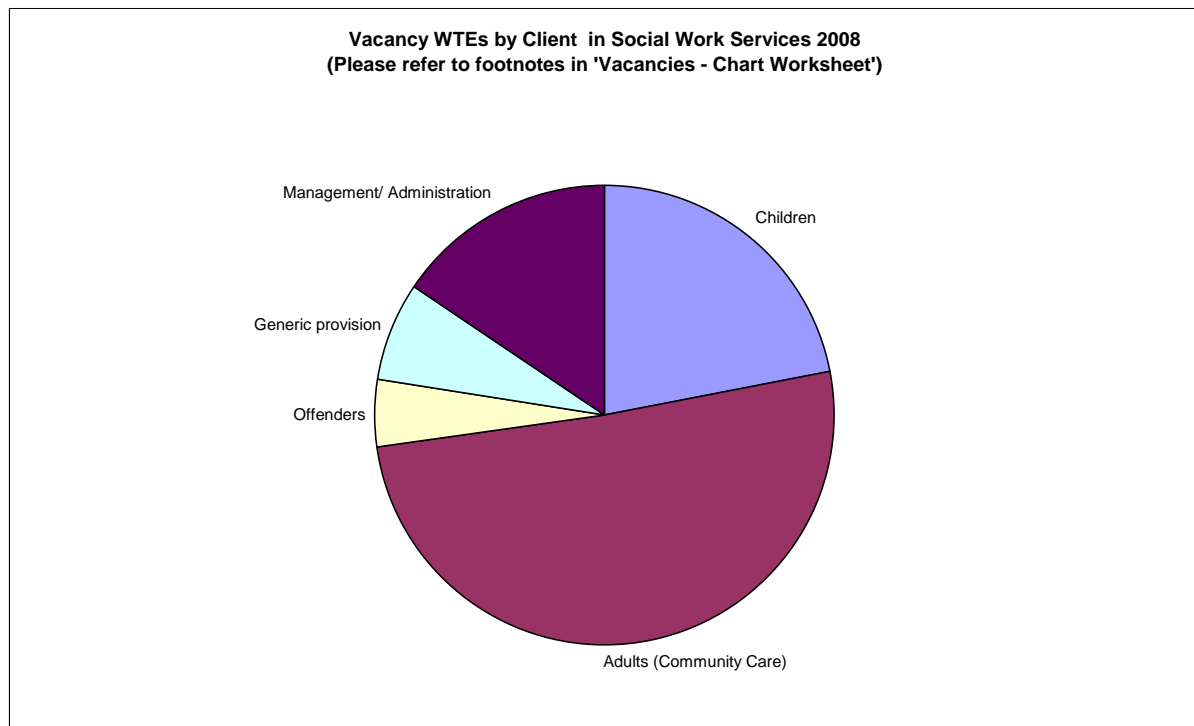
Vacancies

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There were 2,806 WTE vacancies in Scottish Local Authority Social Work Services in October 2008. This represents 7.9% of all posts that were vacant as at October 2008.

In terms of client groups, vacancy rates were highest for staff providing services to people with mental health problems (18.1%) and lowest for those providing generic services (6.1%).

Of the 2,806 WTE vacancies, 384 WTE vacancies were for qualified social workers. The proportion of all social worker posts that were vacant was 7.0%.



Source: Staff of Scottish Local Authority Social Work Services, 2008

Publication

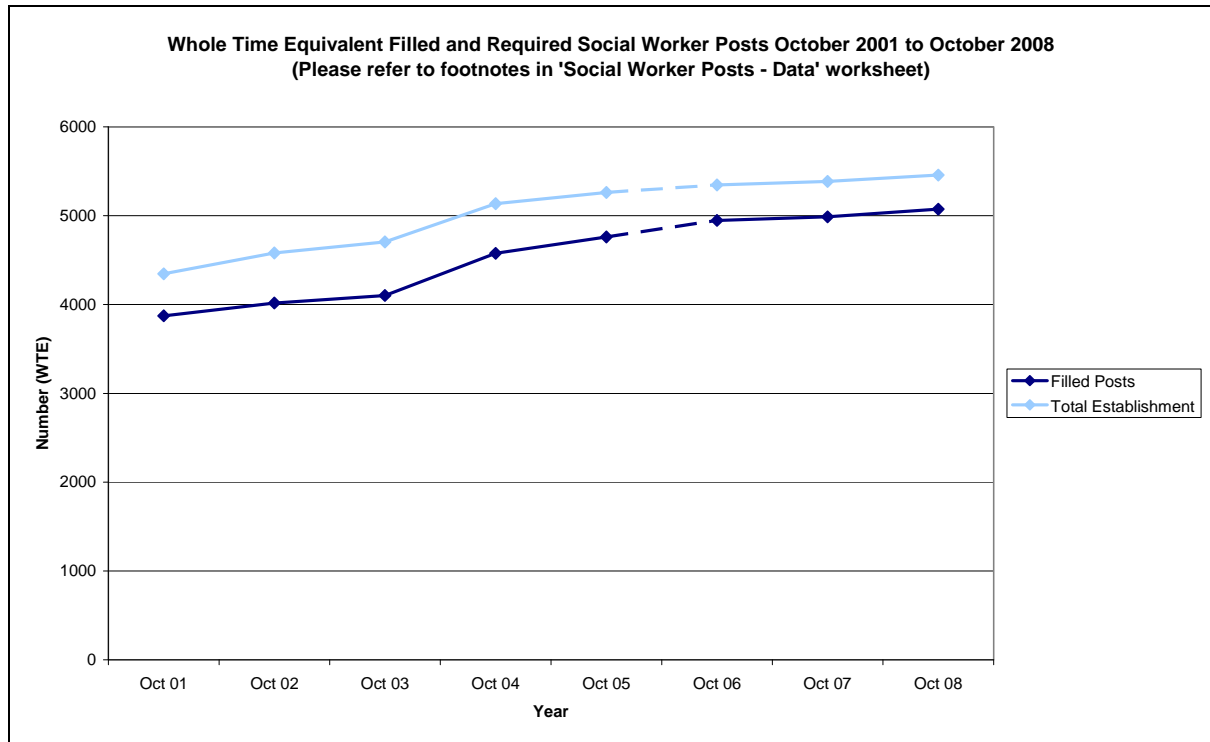
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Social Workers Posts and Vacancies

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In October 2008, there were 5,072 WTE filled social worker posts in Scotland's local authorities, and the total number of vacant social worker posts was 384 WTE. As a result, the percentage of all social worker posts that were vacant in October 2008 was 7.0%.

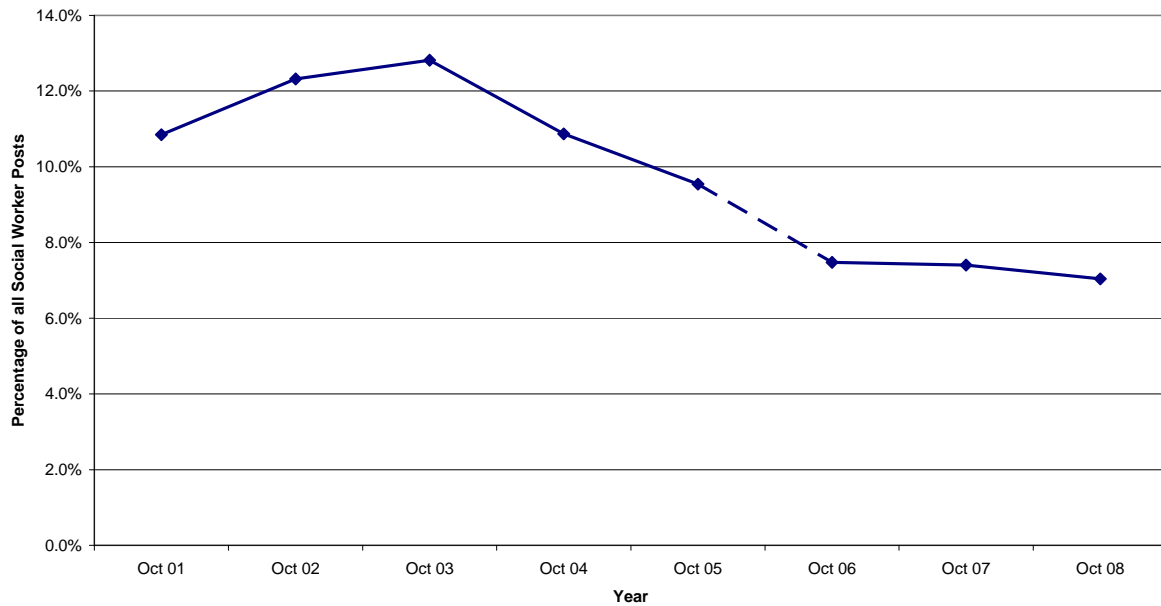


Note: In 2006, different counting methodology used to eliminate double counting of staff covering for absent staff. Therefore 2006 figures are not comparable with previous years.

Source: Staff of Scottish Local Authority Social Work Services, 2008

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Vacancies as a Percentage of all Social Worker Posts October 2001 to October 2008
(Please refer to footnotes in 'Social Worker Posts - Data' worksheet)



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