Croatia

| Children in formal family-based care | 2,241 |
| Children in residential care | 921 |
| Children in other care | 458 |
| Children in alternative care | 3,620 |

Headline statistics

The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000) 505
The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000) 128
The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000) 313
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 25.4%

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

- Age
- Sex
- Unaccompanied minor status
- Statelessness
- Disability status
- Parental status
- Reason for entry into care
- Placement decision maker
- Reintegrated with family
- Adopted
- Leaving care due to death
- Age on leaving care

Residential care

- Official maximum number of places in a small group home
- Official maximum number of places in largest type of residential care facilities
- Data collected separately for small group homes and large institutions
- Data collected on length of stay
- Data collected on number of staff and their qualifications

Helpful examples

The information system allows for the generation of a statistical overview at any time. It also enables individual analysis in real time for the day of the inquiry or for a specific period for which the data are requested.

Room for improvement

There is no official size limit or definition of what constitutes a large institution.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

Endnotes

1 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. Source: https://mrosp.gov.hr/UserDocsImages/dokumenti/MDOMSP%20dokument/Godi%C5%A1nje%20statistiki%20socijalne%20skrbi%202019.pdf (accessed August 2021).