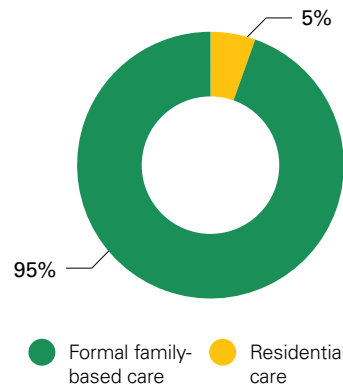
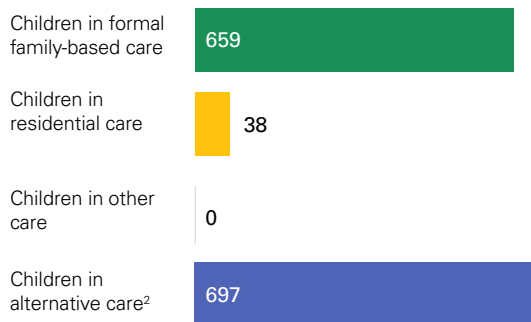


Malta

<p>● No</p> <p>● 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>● Children in formal family-based care</p> <p>● Children in residential care</p> <p>● Children in other care</p> <p>● Children in alternative care</p>
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Total number of children in alternative care¹

● All children in alternative care covered



Headline statistics³

The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	847
The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	46
The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	800
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	5.5%

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

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

Residential care

- Official maximum number of places in a small group home: 8
- Official maximum number of places in largest type of residential care facilities: 8
- Data collected on length of stay
- Data collected on number of staff and their qualifications
- All forms of residential child care are recognised as alternative care

Helpful examples

The Directorate on Alternative Care keeps regular contact with children and communicates with them to help them express any concerns they might have. The Case Management Software was introduced in 2016. It has provided a more secure system in which data are stored. Staff receive training on keeping the data and refresher courses.

Room for improvement

There is no specific law that regulates statistical and monitoring system for children in alternative care. The placement-type categories and residential home addresses are updated regularly, which may change the data and complicate longitudinal tracking.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

Endnotes

- 1 Data for 31/12/2020, provided on request by the Directorate for Alternative Care.
- 2 It is not clear if NGO- and church-run services are included in the data.
- 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.