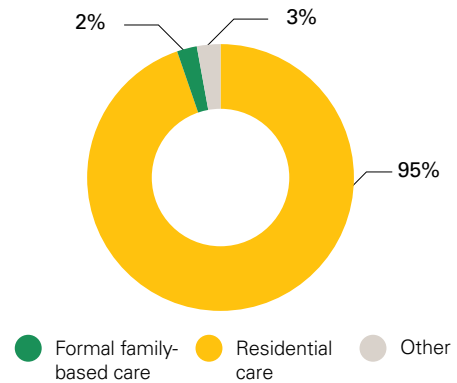
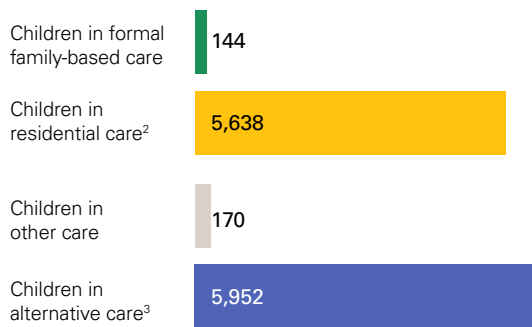


# Portugal

<p><span style="color: red;">●</span> No</p> <p><span style="color: green;">●</span> 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><span style="color: green;">●</span> Children in formal family-based care</p> <p><span style="color: yellow;">●</span> Children in residential care</p> <p><span style="color: grey;">●</span> Children in other care</p> <p><span style="color: blue;">●</span> Children in alternative care</p>
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## Total number of children in alternative care<sup>1</sup>

● All children in alternative care covered



## Headline statistics<sup>4</sup>

The rate of children aged 0-17 in alternative care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	356
The rate of children aged 0-17 in residential care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	337
The rate of children aged 0-17 in formal family-based care at a specific point in time (per 100,000)	9
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	94.7%

## 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

<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

<input type="checkbox"/> Official maximum number of places in a small group home
<input type="checkbox"/> Official maximum number of places in largest type of residential care facilities
<input type="checkbox"/> Data collected separately for small group homes and large institutions
<input type="checkbox"/> Data collected on length of stay
<input type="checkbox"/> Data collected on number of staff and their qualifications

### Helpful examples

All children and young people in alternative care are included in the census.

### Room for improvement

Children's views on the care they receive are completely absent from the current set of data.

There is a lack of transparent information on the data system and the use of the data.

Source: The DataCare project, 2021.

### Endnotes

- 1 Data for 01/11/2019. Source: CASA 2019 Relatório de Caracterização Anual da Situação de Acolhimento das Crianças e Jovens. Instituto da Segurança Social, I.P. Data mostly for children 0-17 except where indicated – due to the CASA 2019 report not disaggregating specific forms of 'residential' and 'other' types of care.
- 2 Here data is split between data for 0-17s and 0-21s+ as reported in the CASA 2019 report. Data for 0-17s includes generic residential care (acolhimento residencial generalista), specialised residential care (lar de infância e juventude especializado) & semi-independent living (apartamento/ lar autonomização), totalling for 5,284. Data for 0-21s+ includes residential home (lar residencial), support homes (lar de apoio), insertion community (comunidade de inserção), therapeutic community (comunidade terapêutica) & mental health units for continuous integrated care (Unidades e equipas prestadoras de cuidados continuados integrados de saúde mental; Note no data available), totalling for 354).
- 3 Most of the data are for those aged 0-21.
- 4 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](https://data.unicef.org/resources/data_explorer/unicef_f/?ag=UNICEF&df=DM&ver=1.0&dq=.DM_POP_U18...&startPeriod=2010&endPeriod=2020).