

Children accommodated in secure children's homes, 2021

Metadata guidance document

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Description

This document describes the data included in the 'Children accommodated in secure children's homes, 2021' National Statistics release's underlying data files. This data is released under the terms of the Open Government License and is intended to meet at least 3 stars for Open Data.

The publication methodology document should be referenced alongside this data. It provides information on the data sources, their coverage and quality as well as explaining methodology used in producing the data.

Coverage

This release includes information on the numbers of children accommodated in secure children's homes in England and Wales.

It includes information on:

- · numbers of places approved for and available for use
- numbers of children accommodated
- age
- gender
- length of stay
- · placement type
- ethnicity.

The information is based on aggregate data collected from each secure children's home.

File format and conventions

Conventions

The following conventions are used throughout the underlying data:

'c' figure suppressed. This dataset has suppression applied to protect confidentiality. There may be some secondary suppression.

'z' not applicable

Please note: Users are advised to be cautious if pivoting the csv tables in Excel – suppressed and not applicable cells may be represented as '0' (zero).

Data files

This statistical release includes the following underlying data files in csv format:

File name	Content	Geographical levels	Years
sa2020_national	Numbers of secure	England,	2010 to
	children's homes, places	England and	2021
	approved and available for	Wales	
	use, children		
	accommodated, places		
	contracted to the MoJ and		
	as percentage of approved		
	places, availability and		
	occupancy rates, number of		
	YCS placements		
sa2020_characteristics	Numbers of children	England,	2010 to
	accommodated by gender,	England and	2021
	age of child, length of stay,	Wales	
	placement type, ethnicity		
sa2020_individual_home	Number of places approved	Secure home	2010 to
	and available for use,	level	2021
	number of children		
	accommodated, occupancy		
	rate		

Annex A: Variable listing and descriptions Variable names and descriptions included across the underlying data files are provided below.

Variable name	Variable description	
time_period	The year/s covered	
time_identifier	The type of time period covered	
geographic_level	The geographic level of the data	
country_code	9 digit country code	
country_name	Country name(s)	
number_of_secure_homes	Number of secure children's homes	
places_approved	Number of places approved for use	
places_available	Number of places available for use	
children_accommodated	Number of children accommodated	
MoJ_places	Number of places contracted to the Ministry	
	of Justice	
availability_rate	Percentage of approved places available	
	(availability rate)	
occupancy_rate	Percentage of approved places occupied	
	(occupancy rate)	
perc_approved_MoJ	Percentage of approved places contracted to	
	the Ministry of Justice	
children_placed_YCS	Number of children placed by the Youth	
	Custody Service (YCS)	
Gender	Gender of children accommodated	
Age of children	Age of children accommodated	
Length of stay	Length of stay at the secure home	
Placement type	Type of placement	
Ethnicity of child	Ethnicity of children accommodated	
percentage_children_accommodated	Percentage (of a characteristic)	
secure_home	Name of the secure children's home	

Annex B: Secure accommodation data collection form (SA1)

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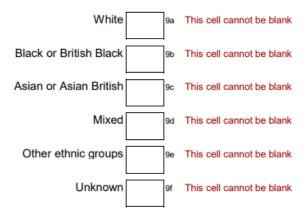
Children Accommodated in Secure Children's Homes 31 March 2021 Secure Accommodation Return (SA1)

Each item of this return refers to the position at 31 March 2021

1.	Number of places approved for use	1	This cell cannot be blank
2.	Number of places in use or available for use	2	This cell cannot be blank
3.	Number of approved places contracted to Youth Justice Board	3	This cell cannot be blank
4.	Number of children accommodated	4	This cell cannot be blank
5.	Sex of children accommodated		
	Number of males accommodated	5a	This cell cannot be blank
	Number of females accommodated	5b	This cell cannot be blank
6.	Age of children accommodated		
	Number aged under 12 6a This cell cannot be blank 15	6e	This cell cannot be blank
	12 6b This cell cannot be blank 16	6f	This cell cannot be blank
	13 6c This cell cannot be blank 17	6g	This cell cannot be blank
	14 This cell cannot be blank 18 and over	6h	This cell cannot be blank
7	Length of stay (as at 31 March) of children accommodated		
	Number accommodated for less than 1 month	7a	This cell cannot be blank
	1 month or more but less than 3 months		This cell cannot be blank
	3 months or more but less than 6 months		This cell cannot be blank
	6 months or more but less than 12 months	7d	This cell cannot be blank
	12 months or more but less than 24 months	7e	This cell cannot be blank
	24 months or more	7f	This cell cannot be blank
8.	Type of placement*		
	Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	8a	This cell cannot be blank
	Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	8b	This cell cannot be blank
	Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	8c	This cell cannot be blank
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^{*}Please record the basis that applies at 31 March 2021, not on entry.

9. Ethnicity of children accommodated





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