

**Documentation of statistics for  
Children and young persons placed outside own home 2020**

## 1 Introduction

These statistics cover the the activities of municipal authorities' placements of children and young persons outside the home (sections 52, 58, 75 and 76 of the Social Services Act, section 74 of the Criminal Code, section 78 of the Penal Code Enforcement Act, sections 765 of the Administration of Justice Act and sections 36 of immigration law and section 14 of the Action against Youth Crime Act). These statistics are used to explain the extent of placement of children and young people outside their own homes. The figures are comparable from 2011 and onwards.

## 2 Statistical presentation

These statistics contain yearly estimates of the municipalities' placement of children and young persons outside the home. The figures are divided into provinces, municipalities, measure, place of accommodation, cause of placement outside the home, cause of change in placement outside the home, sex and age groups. These statistics are published in the Statbank and NYT from Statistics Denmark. The compilation of placements of children and young persons outside the home is not affected by additional uncertainty in the context of the Covid-19 pandemic.

### 2.1 Data description

These statistics contain information about incidents, events and the status of placements. Status is per 31.12 of the year. These statistics are calculated at the municipal level and by province - due to discretion.

These statistics are based on the persons (0-22 year olds) who are registered in Statistics Denmark's accumulated register of placements of children and young persons outside own home. The statistics are compiled according to reporting municipality, measure (with and without consent), place of accommodation, cause of placement outside the home, gender and age. Age is calculated at year-end.

Causes must be reported each time a placement of a child or young person is decided. This also applies in the case of reinstatement after repatriation / termination. When a child is placed, the municipality often indicates several reasons.

There will be new categories of foster families from the 1st of July 2019 until the 31st of December 2020.

### 2.2 Classification system

These statistics are grouped geographically by [municipalities and provinces](#). In addition, the children and young persons placed outside own home are grouped by gender and age, and by:

#### Measure

- Decision by the administration with consent
- Foreigners under the age of 15 years (Immigration Acts §36 and 37)
- Committee for children and young people without requirement for consent
- Provisional decision (the chairman of the committee for children and young people)
- Sentence (youth sanction)
- Sentence (imprisonment)
- Surrogate custody
- The Social Appeals Board's own initiative

- Decision by the Social Appeals Board with consent
- Decision by the Social Appeals Board without requirement for consent
- Provisional decision, (the chairman of the committee for children and young people, juvenile delinquency)
- Not stated

#### **Place of accommodation**

- Foster family from the family network
- Ordinary foster family
- Municipal foster family
- Common foster family
- Reinforced foster family
- Specialised foster family
- Foster family according to section 76a (functionally impaired adolescents)
- Residential institution, general ward
- Partly closed residential institution or partly locked ward in open residential institution
- Residential institution, locked ward
- Residence for children and young persons
- Boarding school and/or continuation school
- Own room, student residence, facility similar to student residence
- Not stated

#### **Cause of placement outside the home**

- Addictive behaviour in a child/young person
- Criminal behaviour of a child/young person
- School problems with a child/young person, e.g. absence
- Other behaviour of a child/young person causing concern, e.g. aggressive behaviour
- Considerably or permanent reduced physical or mental capacity in a child/young person
- Health conditions of a child/young person
- Molestation of a child/young person, e.g. sexual or violent
- Other types of neglect of a child/young person
- Addictive behaviour on parents
- Criminal behaviour in parents
- Other behaviour of parents causing concern
- Considerably or permanently reduced physical or mental capacity in parents
- High level of conflict or violence in the home between adults
- Inadequate parental care and control
- Enforcement proceedings or eviction
- Other
- Not stated

### **2.3 Sector coverage**

Not relevant for these statistics.

## **2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions**

Placement measure: The child or adolescent is placed outside the home, with or without the parents consent.

Handling Municipality: The municipality, who decide on providing assistance or support under the Act on Special Support to children and young people.

## **2.5 Statistical unit**

Occurrences, stock of people (0-22 years) per 31.12 and sequences.

## **2.6 Statistical population**

Decisions and other cases concerning the placement of children and young persons outside the home pursuant to section 52 (2). 1, cf. 3 (7), § 58 (2). 1-3, section 75 (1) and section 76 (3) cf. 1 of the Social Services Act, § 74 a of the Criminal Code, § 78 (2). 2 of the Act on the Enforcement of Punishment, etc., § 765 of the Administration of Justice Act, § 36 of the Aliens Act and § 14 of the Action against Youth Crime Act.

## **2.7 Reference area**

Denmark.

## **2.8 Time coverage**

The statistics covers the time period from 2011 and onwards.

## **2.9 Base period**

Not relevant for these statistics.

## **2.10 Unit of measure**

Number.

## **2.11 Reference period**

Calendar year.

## **2.12 Frequency of dissemination**

Yearly.

### **2.13 Legal acts and other agreements**

Data about municipal authorities' placements of children and young persons outside the home (sections 52, 58, 75 and 76 of the Social Services Act, section 74 of the Criminal Code, section 78 of the Penal Code Enforcement Act, sections 765 of the Administration of Justice Act, section 36 of immigration law and section 14 of the Action against Youth Crime Act) is collected with warrant in: Announcement about reporting of data in the Social area (current). The announcement and the requirements to report are due to sections 82 and 84 of the Legal Rights and Administration Act and Section 6 of the Danish Statistics Act.

### **2.14 Cost and burden**

These statistics are based on administrative data. There is thus no direct response burden, in relation to the compilation of these statistics.

### **2.15 Comment**

Further information can be found at the Subject page for these statistics [Udsatte børn og unge – anbringelser](#), or by contacting Statistics Denmark directly.

## **3 Statistical processing**

Data for these statistics are collected from the 98 municipalities and from the National Board of Appeal etc. Data is gathered in a register containing all persons who at some point during their first 22 years of living, have received support under the laws of the Service Act. The reported information is validated and supplemented with data from Statistics Denmark's population, crime and education statistics.

### **3.1 Source data**

Data reported by the 98 municipalities in Denmark and from The Danish Social Appeals Board. Between 2006-2016 the data collection was rooted in Ankestyrelsen.

### **3.2 Frequency of data collection**

Reports on preventive measures from the 98 municipalities are collected continuously. It is possible to report on a daily basis.

### **3.3 Data collection**

Data is transmitted via four different system-to-system solutions DUBU, DXC and SBSYS.

### **3.4 Data validation**

Yearly data is validated in cooperation with the municipalities.

Reports are sent to the municipalities with their data-transmission. The report also contains a list with misleading information.

### **3.5 Data compilation**

When the municipalities have approved their reports data are published in registers with sequences, occurrences and stock.

### **3.6 Adjustment**

Not relevant for these statistics.

## **4 Relevance**

The statistics are used by municipalities, regions, ministries, the media, researchers and private individuals. The statistics used for public planning and administration, research, public debate and education.

### **4.1 User Needs**

These statistics are used by municipalities, counties, ministries, the media and researchers for public planning and administration, research, public debate and educational purposes.

### **4.2 User Satisfaction**

User needs will be treated in Statistic Denmark's [User Committee for Welfare Statistics](#) and [User Committee for Municipalities and Regions](#).

### **4.3 Data completeness rate**

Before publishing the municipalities must approve data. All the municipalities have approved data.

## **5 Accuracy and reliability**

The statistics is about all placements of children and young persons outside the home. There can be few observations with missing age and sex.

### **5.1 Overall accuracy**

Statistics Denmark do instruct the municipalities. There is Announcement about reporting of data in the Social area, which should ensure uniform reporting.

### **5.2 Sampling error**

Not relevant for these statistics.

### **5.3 Non-sampling error**

Only approved data from the municipalities are published. More detailed data can be uncertain as the municipalities approved at a summarized level.

### **5.4 Quality management**

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

### **5.5 Quality assurance**

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

### **5.6 Quality assessment**

All 98 municipalities have received a validation report with key figures from the Substance Abuse Database. In subsequent dialogue and investigation, a number of municipalities have received further information. The municipalities themselves assess the quality and approve the reported data.

### **5.7 Data revision - policy**

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

### **5.8 Data revision practice**

Revisions for previous years are implemented when compiling results for a new year. Respondents can make corrections to already reported data or additions of new information daily as the register is a occurrence register. These changes will be included in the next publication. Only few revisions are expected for earlier years. Published data in the statistikbanken are revised from 2011 and forward.

## **6 Timeliness and punctuality**

These statistics are published 6 months after the end of the reference period.

## **6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results**

These statistics are published 6 months after the end of the reference period. These statistics are published without delay, with reference to the announced time of publication in the release calendar. There are not published temporary statistics.

## **6.2 Punctuality**

These statistics are published on time, as stated in the release calendar.

## **7 Comparability**

The statistics are comparable from 2011 and forward.

### **7.1 Comparability - geographical**

Similar statistics are compiled in many other countries. However, the statistics are not subject to any EU regulation or compiled in accordance with other international guidelines. Therefore, these statistics cannot necessarily be directly compared internationally.

### **7.2 Comparability over time**

The statistics and the data collection are due to the Announcement about reporting of data in the Social area (current), where there might be changes to the data collection every half year. From medio 2019 and forward there are new grouping of foster families. From primo 2020 and forward data will be collected about juvenile delinquency.

### **7.3 Coherence - cross domain**

The statistics are related to statistics about relief measures to children and young people, as the family and the child/young person must be offered relief measures, before the municipality do initiate to place the child outside the home. The statistics are related to statistics about Notifications of concern for children and young people, as a notification can come before a child is placed outside the home.

### **7.4 Coherence - internal**

Reported data from different sources usually follow the same reporting forms. Changes in the forms may result in differences as a result of the suppliers not being able to implement the changes at the same time. During these transition periods, the response categories from the old forms will be mapped to the new categories.

## **8 Accessibility and clarity**

These statistics are published in a Danish press release. In the statbank the figures are published under [Disadvantaged children and young people](#).



### **8.1 Release calendar**

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

### **8.2 Release calendar access**

The Release Calendar can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calendar](#).

### **8.3 User access**

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

### **8.4 News release**

These statistics are published yearly in a Danish press release.

### **8.5 Publications**

Not relevant for these statistics.

### **8.6 On-line database**

The statistics are published in the StatBank under the subjects in the following tables:

- [ANBAAR2](#): Children and young persons placed outside of own home per 31st december by measure, age, sex and time
- [ANBAAR8](#): Initiated placement outside of own home of children and young persons by part of the country, measure, age, sex and time
- [ANBAAR9](#): Children and young persons placed outside of own home per 31st december by administrative municipality, age and time
- [ANBAAR14](#): Initiated placement outside of own home of children and young persons by administrative municipality, age and time
- [ANBAAR10](#): Decisive causes related to initiated placement outside own home by part of the country, cause for placement outside the home, age, sex and time
- [ANBAAR17](#): Initiated placement outside of own home of children and young persons by part of the country, place of accommodation, age, sex and time
- [ANBAAR16](#): Children and young persons placed outside of own home per 31st december by part of the country, place of accommodation, measure, age, sex and time
- [ANBAAR12](#): Children and young persons placed outside of own home per 31st december by administrative municipality, place of accommodation and time
- [ANBAAR15](#): Children and young persons placed outside of own home per 31st december by place of accommodation, age, sex and time
- [ANBAAR13](#): Children and young persons placed outside of own home per 31st december by administrative municipality, measure and time

### **8.7 Micro-data access**

Researchers and other analysts from authorized research institutions, can be granted access to the underlying micro-data by contacting [Research Services](#).

## **8.8 Other**

Not relevant for these statistics.

## **8.9 Confidentiality - policy**

[Data Confidentiality Policy](#) for Statistics Denmark.

## **8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment**

In the disseminated statistics, persons are grouped in age groups to avoid identification. In addition, the more detailed figures are published at the level of provinces rather than municipalities.

## **8.11 Documentation on methodology**

There are no separate documentation on methodology for these statistics.

## **8.12 Quality documentation**

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

## **9 Contact**

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