Child protection plan and register statistics: UK 2014 – 2018

March 2019

Number of children on child protection registers or subject to a child protection plan at 31 March (or 31 July in Scotland)

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<tr>
<th>Nation</th>
<th>2014</th>
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<tr>
<td>England</td>
<td>48,300</td>
<td>49,690</td>
<td>50,310</td>
<td>51,080</td>
<td>53,790</td>
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<td>Scotland</td>
<td>2,877</td>
<td>2,741</td>
<td>2,715</td>
<td>2,600</td>
<td>2,668</td>
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<td>Wales</td>
<td>3,135</td>
<td>2,935</td>
<td>3,060</td>
<td>2,805</td>
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<td>Northern Ireland</td>
<td>1,914</td>
<td>1,969</td>
<td>2,146</td>
<td>2,132</td>
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<td><strong>UK total</strong></td>
<td><strong>56,231</strong></td>
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<td><strong>58,231</strong></td>
<td><strong>58,533</strong></td>
<td><strong>61,500</strong></td>
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Sources:

England


Scotland


Wales

Available online at: https://statswales.gov.wales/Catalogue/Health-and-Social-Care/Social-Services/Childrens-Services/Service-Provision/childrenonchildprotectionregister-by-localauthority-categoryofabuse- agegroup

Northern Ireland


Available online at: https://www.health-ni.gov.uk/publications/childrens-social-care-statistics-northern-ireland-201718

Please note:

- England, Wales and Scotland figures include unborn children

- Wales data has been rounded to the nearest 5 and England data to the nearest 10

- England, Wales and Northern Ireland count on 31 March. Scotland changed its count to 31 July in 2011

- The compilation methods of the statistics can change from year-to-year and from nation-to-nation, so the figures are not always comparable.

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