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This publication presents statistics on Looked After Children, Secure Accommodation and Child Protection. Headline messages are:

- Over 12,000 children were looked after by local authorities on 31st March 2005, an increase of 4 per cent from 2004. An additional 2,003 were looked after on a series of short term respite placements.
- On 31st March 2005, the majority of children were looked after at home with their parents or with family or friends (57 per cent). Approximately 29 per cent were looked after with foster carers or prospective adopters, and 13 per cent in residential accommodation.
- Of 16 and 17 year old care leavers in 2004-05, approximately 45 per cent achieved at least one qualification at SCQF level three or above, 3 percentage points more than in 2003-04. 30 percent of care leavers achieved maths and English at SCQF level 3 or above, 2 percentage points more than in 2003-04.
- 41 per cent of people receiving aftercare support whose economic status was known were in employment, education or training. This is 5 percentage points higher than the previous year. There were 1,015 care leavers entitled to aftercare with unknown economic status (45 per cent).
- Five secure units provided a total of 93 secure places during 2004-05: 3 places fewer than the previous year. There was an average of 87 residents in secure accommodation through-out 2004-05.
- Almost half of all children (49 per cent) admitted to secure accommodation during the year were 15 years old.
- 40 per cent of all young people leaving secure accommodation in 2004-05 returned to the same type of placement as they were in before being admitted to secure. In most cases, children were living with parents/friends/relatives prior to admission and returned to them on discharge.
- In 2004-05, the numbers of child protection case conferences, registrations, de-registrations and the number of children on the child protection register have decreased since 2003-04. However, the number of child protection referrals has increased substantially.
- The number of child protection registrations due to physical neglect has been rising steadily since 2000-01. Registrations due to physical injury or sexual abuse have remained fairly constant since 1999-2000.

CHILDREN LOOKED AFTER

- 1.1 12,185 children were looked after by local authorities on 31st March 2005. This is 4 per cent higher than the number in 2004 (11,675).
- 1.2 The number of children starting to be looked after during the 2004-05 financial year was 4,333, which was 5 per cent less than the 2003-04 year. The only groups within which there was an increase in starting to be looked after were boys less than 1 year of age and girls aged 1-4 years.
- 1.3 The number of children ceasing to be looked after in the financial year was 3,566, which was 11 per cent fewer than the 2003-04 year. (A single child can start and cease to be looked after multiple times within a year).
- 1.4 Most looked after children on 31st March 2005 were looked after under Supervision Requirements. Only 15 children were looked after under Criminal Court Provision – the smallest number since 1999-2000.
- 1.5 On 31st March 2005, the majority of children were looked after at home with their parents or with family or friends (57 per cent). Approximately 29 per cent were looked after with foster carers or prospective adopters, and 13 per cent in residential accommodation.
- 1.6 As at 31st March 2005, there were an additional 2,003 children looked after in a series of short term placements (respite care). This is the lowest number since March 2000.

CARE LEAVERS

- 1.7 Of 16 and 17 year old care leavers in 2004-05, approximately 45 per cent achieved at least one qualification at SCQF level three or above, 3 percentage points more than in 2003-04.
- 1.8 Approximately 22 per cent of leavers who had been looked after at home achieved SCQF level 3 or above maths and English, compared to 39 per cent of those who had been looked after away from home. Overall 30 per cent of care leavers achieved maths and English at SCQF level 3 or above, 2 percentage points more than in 2003-04.
- 1.9 During 2004-05, around 1,114 people in Scotland left care and were eligible for aftercare support. 41 per cent of these people leaving care had a pathway plan, down 4 percentage points from the previous year, and 56 per cent had a pathway-co-ordinator, up 3 percentage points from the previous year.
- 1.10 Including people who had left care in previous years, a total of 2,245 people were eligible for aftercare support. Social work departments were no longer in touch with 25 per cent of these people.
- 1.11 41 per cent of people receiving aftercare support whose economic status was known were in employment, education or training. This is 5 percentage points higher than the previous year. There were 1,015 care leavers entitled to aftercare with unknown economic status (45 per cent).

- 1.12 The percentage of care leavers still in touch with Local Authorities who were known to have had an episode of homelessness since leaving care fell by 4 percentage points to 11 per cent in 2004-05.

YOUNG PEOPLE IN SECURE ACCOMMODATION

- 2.1 Five secure units provided a total of 93 secure places during 2004-05: 3 places fewer than the previous year.
- 2.2 On the 31st March 2005, there were 434 staff working across the secure estate, of which 33 were temporary. There were 19 vacancies, of which 5 had been vacant for more than 3 months. Most vacancies were for full-time care staff.
- 2.3 The average cost per bed per week was £3,458. Given the demand in 2004-05, the estimated annual cost for secure accommodation in Scotland was £16.6 million, an 8 per cent increase from last year.
- 2.4 There was an average of 87 residents in secure accommodation through-out 2004-05, ranging from 76 to 95. (There were 95 residents at the beginning of the year, before the number of beds was reduced from 96 to 93).
- 2.5 There were 273 admissions to secure accommodation in 2004-05. This was an increase of 13 per cent in admissions since 2003-04. There was also a 19 per cent rise in the number of discharges to 281.
- 2.6 65 per cent of young people in secure accommodation on 31st March 2005 were boys.
- 2.7 Almost half of children admitted to secure accommodation during the year were admitted when they were 15 years old.
- 2.8 31 per cent of young people discharged during 2004-05 had been in secure accommodation for less than 1 month, up 7 percentage points from the previous year. 4 per cent had been in secure for more than 12 months, which is down 9 percentage points from last year.
- 2.9 Approximately 37 per cent of children admitted to secure were previously living with parents, other relatives or friends. Girls were more likely than boys to be admitted from foster care or a children's home, boys were more likely to be admitted from the parental home, relatives or friends.
- 2.10 Approximately 38 per cent of children were admitted to secure under a Place of Safety Order or Warrant made under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995.
- 2.11 40 per cent of all young people leaving secure in 2004-05 returned to the same type of placement as they were in before being admitted. In most cases, children were living with parents/friends/relatives prior to admission and returned to them on discharge.

CHILD PROTECTION

- 3.1 There were 2,157 children on local child protection registers at 31st March 2005; this is a decrease of 88 (4 per cent) from the number one year before, and is equivalent to two children per 1,000 children aged under 16. In 2004-05, the number of child protection referrals increased by 9 per cent from 2003-04, the number of children subject to an initial case conference decreased by 1 per cent, and the number of children added to child protection registers decreased by 6 per cent.
- 3.2 In 2004-05, the number of child protection referrals increased by 9 per cent from the previous year, from 8,366 referrals in 2003-04 to 9,132 referrals in 2004-05.
- 3.3 Of those children referred to local authorities, 36 per cent were the subject of an inter-agency case conference in 2004-05. This compares to 40 per cent in the previous year.
- 3.4 In over 80 per cent of instances where children were subject to a case conference, the children in question were living at home prior to being referred. In 80 per cent of cases where the primary source of abuse/risk was known, the primary source was one or both of the child's birth parents.
- 3.5 Of these case conferences, 69 per cent resulted in the child being placed on the local child protection register (2,294 children), compared to 73 per cent in the previous year.
- 3.6 In 2004-05, there has been an increase in the number of children added to child protection registers because of physical neglect (up 2 per cent from 2003-04). However, there have been decreases in the number of children registered because of physical injury (down 15 per cent), emotional abuse (down 13 per cent) and sexual abuse (down 3 per cent).
- 3.7 The number of children de-registered from child protection registers between 1st April 2004 and 31st March 2005 was 2,574. Over 70 per cent of children de-registered were on the register for less than one year.
- 3.8 A similar number of boys and girls are on child protection registers, and over 80 per cent of children on child protection registers are under the age of 11.

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BACKGROUND NOTES

- 1 The standard deviation is a measure of the spread of data about the mean value. Sixty-eight per cent of all the data fall within one standard deviation either side of the mean.
- 2 The survey forms and guidance notes for data presented in this publication, and previous years publications, can be seen at www.scotland.gov.uk/statistics/children.
- 3 In previous years, statistics on adoptions and residential children's homes have been included in this publication. Adoption statistics are now available from GRO(Scotland) and as all children in residential children's homes are looked after by local authorities, they are covered by the looked after children survey.
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Chart 1: Number of children looked after in the community and in residential accommodation, 31st March 1987-2005

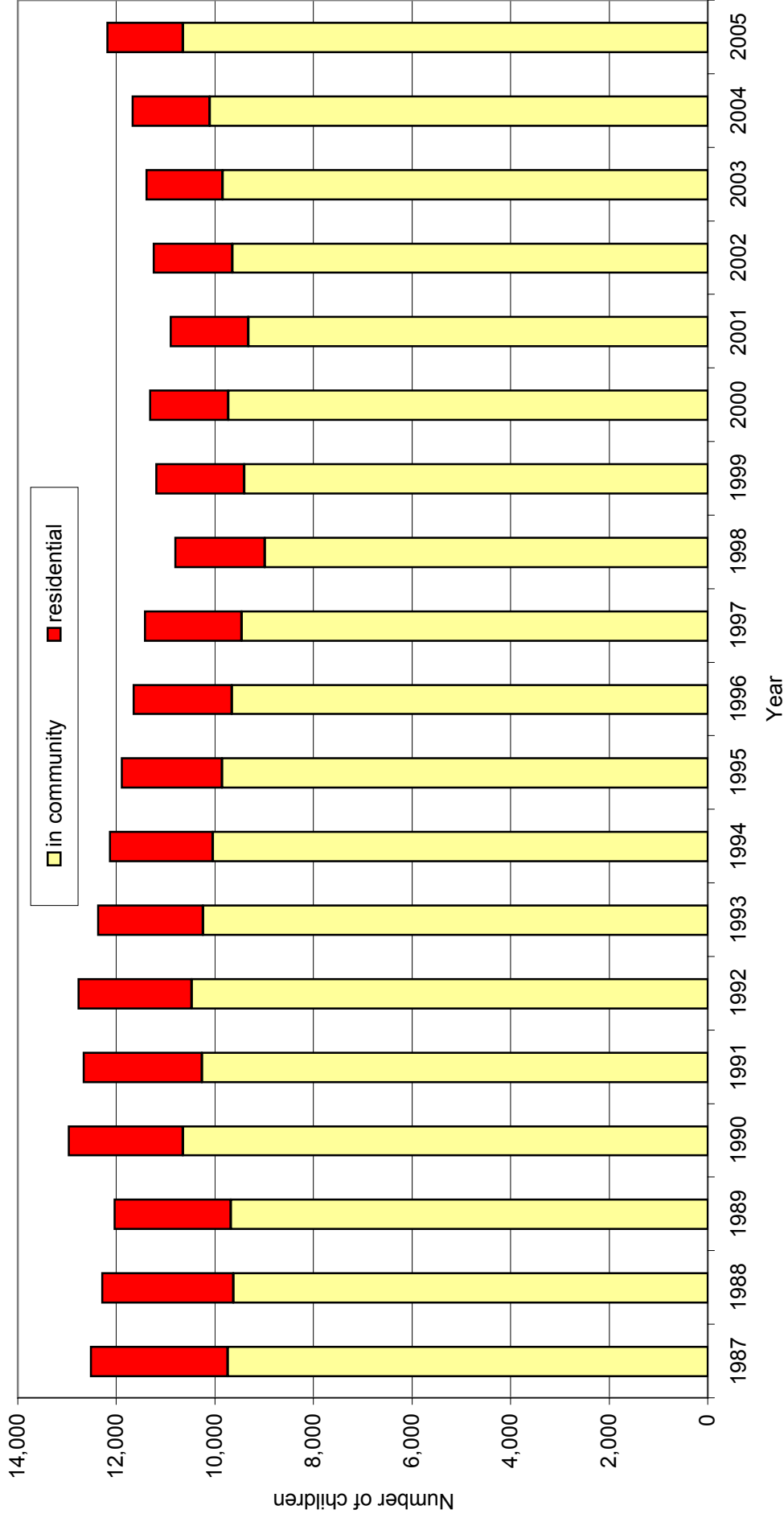


Chart 2: Ages of children looked after on 31st March 2005 (percentage)

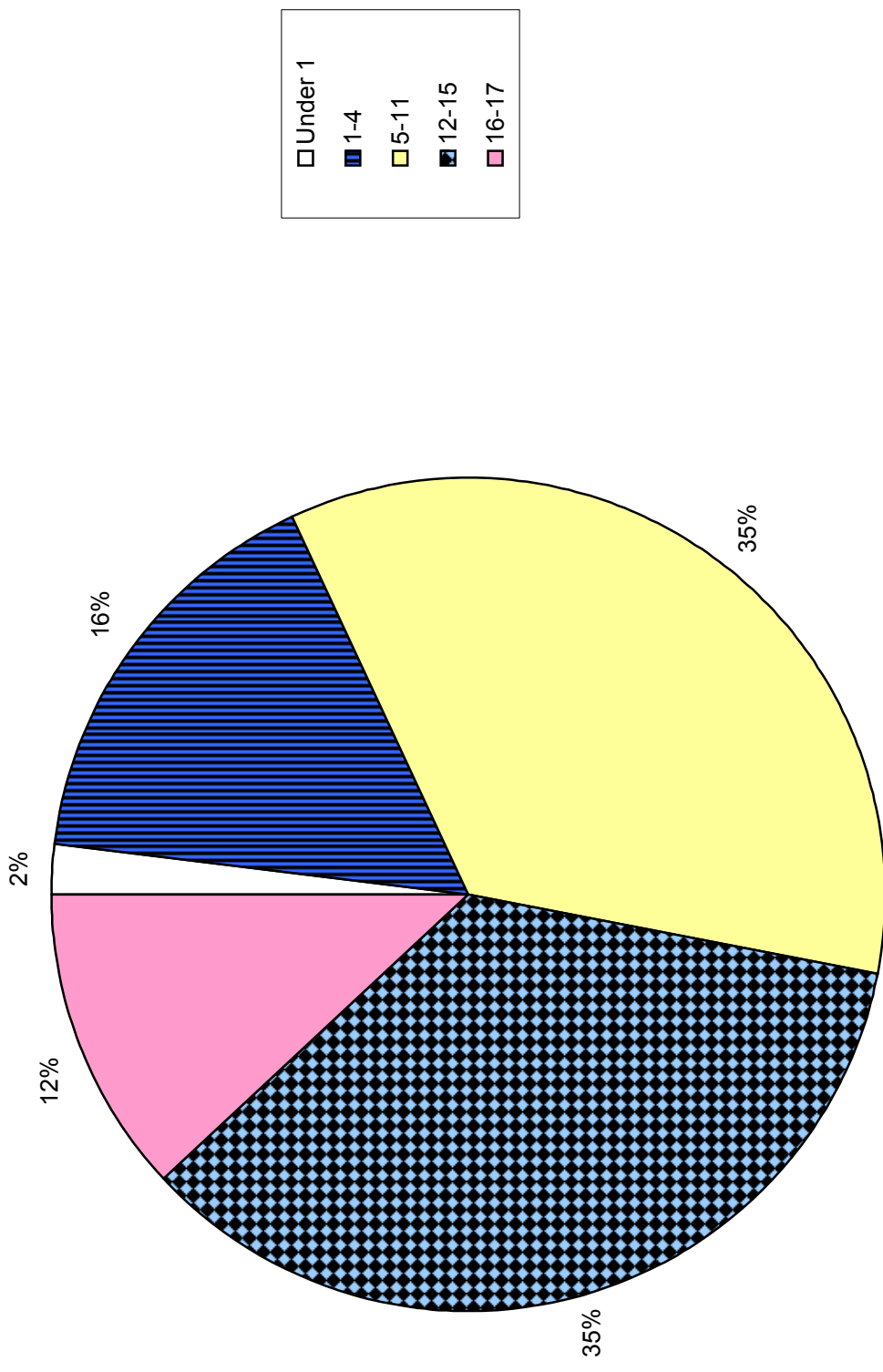


Chart 3: Number of children referred to child protection inquiries, 2000-2005

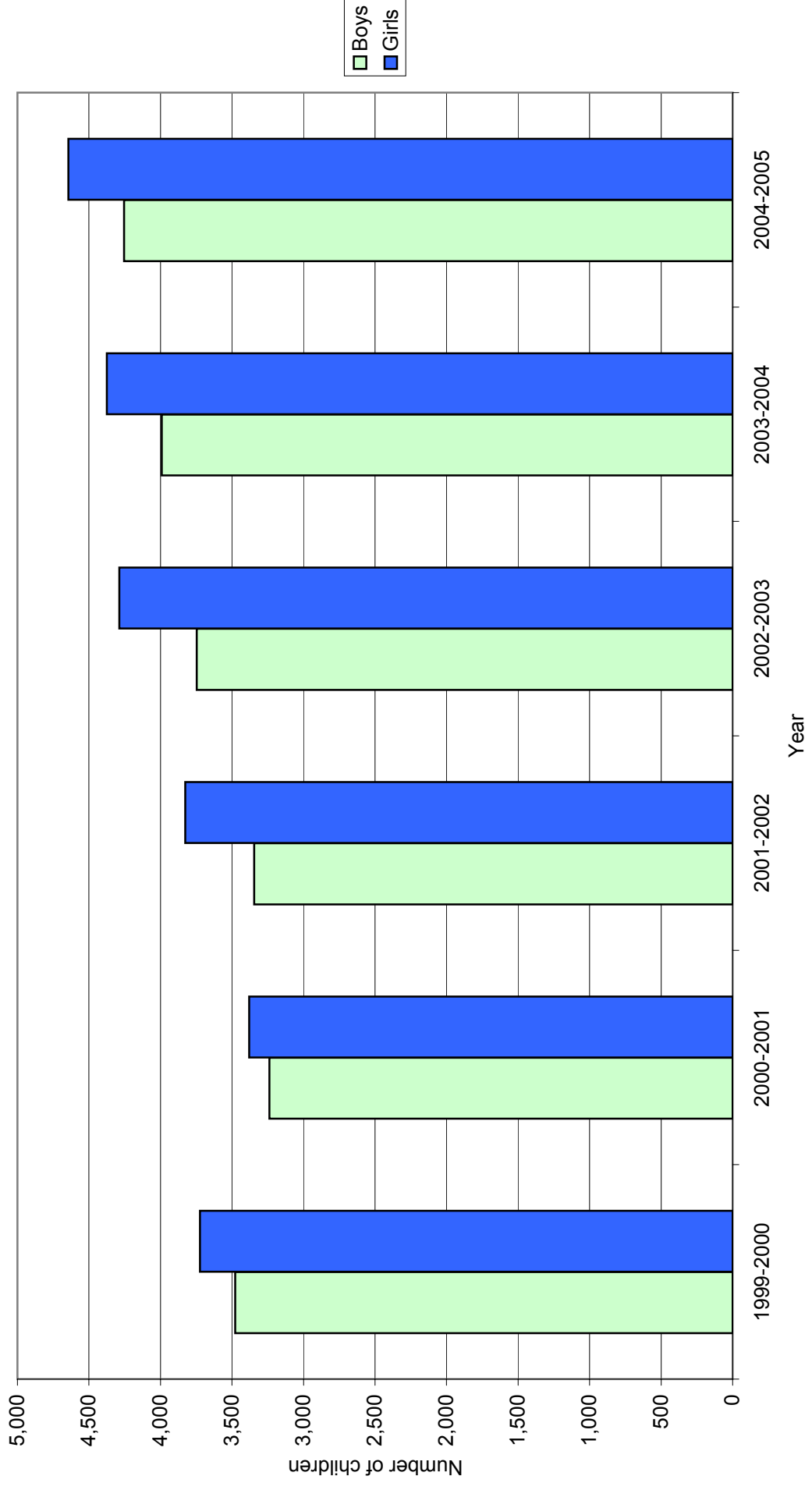


Chart 4: Children added to child protection registers following a case conference by category of abuse/risk, 2000-2005

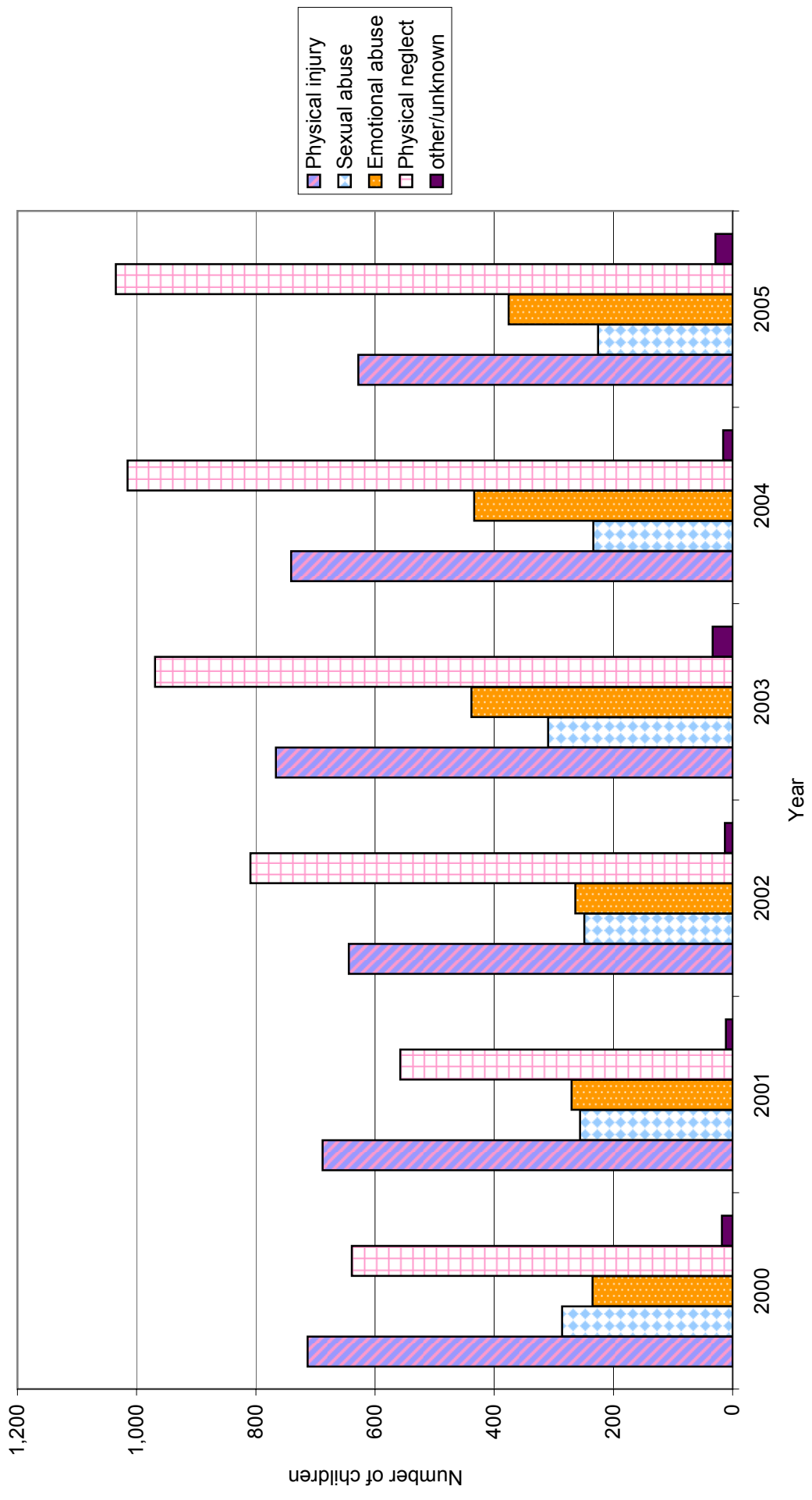


Table 1.1: Number of children looked after 2000-2005 by age and gender

Age/gender	Children looked after on 31st March....						Percentage of 2005 total	Children looked after as a percentage of the population
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		
Male								
Under 1	130	101	99	104	122	141	1	0.5
1-4	956	890	957	926	975	995	8	0.9
5-11	1,997	1,968	2,081	2,144	2,192	2,269	19	1.1
12-15	2,724	2,577	2,548	2,498	2,489	2,481	20	1.9
16-17	765	756	801	811	793	849	7	1.3
unknown						1	0	...
Total	6,572	6,291	6,486	6,483	6,571	6,736	55	1.2
Female								
Under 1	105	92	84	77	125	106	1	0.4
1-4	729	722	811	841	873	957	8	0.9
5-11	1,572	1,554	1,701	1,771	1,873	1,987	16	1.0
12-15	1,763	1,674	1,676	1,617	1,687	1,806	15	1.4
16-17	568	564	483	599	546	592	5	0.9
unknown						0	0	...
Total	4,737	4,606	4,755	4,905	5,104	5,448	45	1.0
All people								
Under 1	235	193	183	181	247	247	2	0.5
1-4	1,685	1,612	1,768	1,768	1,848	1,952	16	0.9
5-11	3,569	3,522	3,781	3,914	4,065	4,257	35	1.0
12-15	4,487	4,251	4,224	4,115	4,176	4,287	35	1.7
16-17	1,333	1,319	1,284	1,410	1,339	1,441	12	1.1
unknown						1	0	...
Total	11,309	10,897	11,241	11,388	11,675	12,185	100	1.1

Age/gender	Children starting to be looked after in financial year ending....						% of total 2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Male							
Under 1	115	127	139	146	179	218	5
1-4	497	444	516	457	483	433	10
5-11	805	737	702	783	732	666	15
12-15	1,177	1,220	1,070	1,021	949	949	22
16-17	156	192	210	163	142	100	2
unknown						1	0
Total	2,750	2,720	2,637	2,570	2,485	2,367	55
Female							
Under 1	122	107	120	123	187	182	4
1-4	398	377	427	393	417	424	10
5-11	585	578	583	568	626	589	14
12-15	797	782	781	753	750	695	16
16-17	120	130	130	108	100	74	2
unknown						1	0
Total	2,022	1,974	2,042	1,943	2,079	1,965	45
All people							
Under 1	237	234	259	268	366	400	9
1-4	895	821	943	850	900	857	20
5-11	1,390	1,315	1,285	1,350	1,357	1,255	29
12-15	1,974	2,002	1,852	1,773	1,699	1,644	38
16-17	276	322	340	271	242	175	4
unknown						2	0
Total	4,772	4,694	4,678	4,513	4,564	4,333	100

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

In previous years 'unknowns' were allocated to a category rather than being reported as unknown.

Table records episodes of care which have begun. A child may start to be looked after more than once in a year and so may be counted more than once here.

Changes between 2003-04 and 2004-05 are partly due to improved recording.

Rates per population based on GRO(Scotland) June 2004 population estimates.

Table 1.2: Number of children looked after 2000-2005 by statutory reason for being looked after

Children looked after on 31 March

Statute group	Children looked after on 31 March...						% of 2005 total
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Accommodated under Section 25	1,343	1,250	1,326	1,288	1,299	1,283	11
Parental Responsibilities Order	322	395	348	362	336	298	2
Supervision Requirement at Home	5,439	4,632	4,682	4,699	4,788	4,814	40
Supervision Requirement away from Home (excluding Residential Establishment)	2,199	2,875	3,193	3,587	3,540	3,833	31
Supervision Requirement away from Home (in a Residential Establishment but excluding Secure)	960	959	1,006	817	805	824	7
Supervision Requirement away from Home with a Secure Condition	87	78	87	56	50	48	0
Warrant	114	149	180	210	286	257	2
Child Protection Measure	119	80	67	75	70	61	1
Criminal Court Provision	10	38	42	33	22	15	0
Freed for Adoption	50	72	80	102	89	83	1
Other	667	368	230	160	155	152	1
unknown					236	517	4
Total	11,310	10,897	11,241	11,388	11,675	12,185	100

Children starting to be looked after in financial year ending....

Statute group	Children starting to be looked after in financial year ending....						% of 2005 total
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Accommodated under Section 25	1183	1002	1,054	1,016	1,016	1,111	26
Parental Responsibilities Order	5	8	18	17	31	9	0
Supervision Requirement at Home	2200	2149	1,984	2,022	1,986	1,799	42
Supervision Requirement away from Home (excluding Residential Establishment)	609	632	850	689	716	541	12
Supervision Requirement away from Home (in a Residential Establishment but excluding Secure)	259	367	320	338	355	154	4
Supervision Requirement away from Home with a Secure Condition	30	36	55	28	26	10	0
Warrant	129	165	151	176	218	227	5
Child Protection Measure	81	118	105	129	133	145	3
Criminal Court Provision	6	17	18	35	12	13	0
Freed for Adoption	41	7	6	13	14	9	0
Other	228	194	118	52	58	122	3
unknown						193	4
Total	4,771	4,695	4,678	4,513	4,564	4,333	100

Note: In previous years 'unknowns' were allocated to a category rather than being reported as unknown.

2003-04 data for children looked after on 31st March updated with revised figures from Edinburgh.

Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Table records episodes of care which have begun. A child may start to be looked after more than once in a year and so may be counted more than once here.

Table 1.3: Number of children looked after 2000-2005 by type of accommodation

Type of accommodation	Children looked after on 31 March...						% of 2005 total
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
In the community:							
At home with parents	5,270	4,842	4,909	4,851	4,982	5,179	43
With friends / relatives	1,098	980	1,303	1,445	1,426	1,671	14
With foster carers	3,058	3,084	3,170	3,288	3,461	3,493	29
With prospective adopters	123	196	158	180	147	167	1
In other community	176	215	106	73	92	136	1
Total	9,724	9,315	9,646	9,838	10,108	10,646	87
In residential accommodation:							
In local authority home	669	704	717	697	721	716	6
In voluntary sector home	54	63	56	83	66	57	0
In residential school	629	684	672	640	657	618	5
In secure accommodation	90	87	93	92	80	82	1
Other residential accommodation	143	44	55	38	44	66	1
Total	1,585	1,582	1,595	1,550	1,567	1,539	13
Total	11,310	10,897	11,241	11,388	11,675	12,185	100

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information for years 2000-2004

Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Table 1.4: Number of children looked after 2000-2005 by ethnic origin

Ethnicity	Children looked after on 31 March...							% of total
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	
White	11,175	10,794	11,047	11,163	11,436	10,153	83	
Black-Caribbean	0	*	*	*	*	*	0	
Black-African	*	7	12	14	20	25	0	
Black-Other	6	7	*	*	0	*	0	
Indian	*	10	6	6	*	6	0	
Pakistani	32	21	30	38	30	24	0	
Bangladeshi	0	8	5	0	*	*	0	
Chinese	*	*	5	7	8	6	0	
Mixed Ethnicity	52	72	85	100	114	95	1	
Other Ethnic Group	37	18	44	52	57	32	0	
unknown						1,834	15	
Total	11,309	10,942	11,242	11,388	11,675	12,185	100	

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

In years 2000 - 2004 children with unreported ethnic origin were allocated to an ethnic group rather than being presented as 'unknown'.

In 2000 to 2004 some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Cells containing * represent small numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Table 1.5: Number of children looked after 2000-2005 by disability status

Statute group	Children looked after on 31 March...							% of total 2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	
Significant learning disability	257	302	254	268	349	265	2	
Mental health problem (medically diagnosed)	23	26	19	20	24	10	0	
Autism	31	51	68	46	64	66	1	
Significant hearing impairment	13	15	20	19	24	15	0	
Significant language and communication disorder	35	31	17	65	42	41	0	
Significant physical or motor impairment	92	140	96	136	113	84	1	
Significant visual impairment	18	46	17	14	28	22	0	
Social, emotional and behavioural difficulties	1,167	1,150	1,262	802	1,120	898	7	
Other disability	122	109	133	135	121	84	1	
Multiple disabilities	116	135	124	85	135	115	1	
No disabilities, but affected by disability	246	282	370	361	359	275	2	
No disabilities, and not affected by disability	9,191	8,611	8,860	9,436	9,296	7,839	64	
Unknown						2,471	20	
Total	11,309	10,898	11,241	11,388	11,675	12,185	100	

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

In 2005, South Lanarkshire were unable to provide the disability status of their looked after children.

In years 2000 - 2004 children with unreported disability status were allocated to a group rather than being presented as 'unknown'.

In 2000 to 2004 some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Table 1.6: Number of children ceasing to be looked after, by destination and age, 2000-2005

Age Destination after leaving care	Children ceasing to be looked after in financial year ending....						% of totals 2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Under 1							
Home with parents	61	29	60	49	82	55	59
Friends / relatives	7	5	6	7	10	7	8
Adoption	14	8	6	5	10	5	5
Supported accommodation / own tenancy	2	1	0	0	0	1	1
Other	33	34	5	9	3	3	3
unknown						22	24
Total	117	78	78	70	105	93	100
1-4							
Home with parents	518	369	410	382	444	238	48
Friends / relatives	44	30	65	61	71	36	7
Adoption	36	44	50	49	73	53	11
Supported accommodation / own tenancy	2	1	0	1	0	2	0
Other	89	156	110	80	35	29	6
unknown						138	28
Total	689	600	635	573	623	496	100
5-11							
Home with parents	839	749	698	726	724	518	58
Friends / relatives	61	69	84	103	106	72	8
Adoption	35	17	30	48	72	51	6
Supported accommodation / own tenancy	13	6	5	1	4	1	0
Other	191	283	126	136	70	32	4
unknown						214	24
Total	1,140	1,124	943	1,015	977	888	100
12-15							
Home with parents	877	856	983	850	867	591	65
Friends / relatives	57	76	110	87	62	57	6
Adoption	0	4	3	4	44	3	0
Supported accommodation / own tenancy	23	33	10	5	21	6	1
Other	417	424	175	156	69	41	5
unknown						209	23
Total	1,374	1,393	1,281	1,102	1,063	907	100
16+							
Home with parents	642	718	770	741	784	582	49
Friends / relatives	76	114	75	74	96	83	7
Adoption	0	0	1	5	11	5	0
Supported accommodation / own tenancy	159	302	208	187	188	173	15
Other	245	410	210	267	175	95	8
unknown						242	21
Total	1,121	1,545	1,264	1,274	1,253	1,180	100
Total¹							
Home with parents	2,938	2,721	2,922	2,748	2,902	1,984	56
Friends / relatives	246	294	340	332	345	256	7
Adoption	85	74	90	111	210	117	3
Supported accommodation / own tenancy	198	343	223	194	213	183	5
Other	975	1,308	626	649	352	200	6
unknown						826	23
Total	4,441	4,740	4,202	4,034	4,021	3,566	100

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

¹ 2005 total includes destinations of children with unreported ages and therefore do not equal the sum of the parts above.

In years 2000 - 2004 children with unknown destinations were allocated to a group rather than being presented as 'unknown'.

In 2000 to 2004 some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Table 1.7: Number of children ceasing to be looked after, by length of time looked after and age, 2000-2005

Age Length of time looked after	Children ceasing to be looked after in financial year ending....						% of totals 2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Under 1							
Under 6 weeks	61	27	42	26	72	56	60
6 weeks to under 6 months	43	31	25	26	25	28	30
6 months to under 1 year	14	20	11	17	9	9	10
Total	117	78	78	70	107	93	100
1-4							
Under 6 weeks	176	76	193	86	167	126	25
6 weeks to under 6 months	97	89	90	56	116	56	11
6 months to under 1 year	168	158	92	133	120	93	19
1 year to under 3 years	211	234	211	244	184	195	39
3 years to under 5 years	37	42	49	54	38	26	5
Total	689	600	635	573	625	496	100
5-11							
Under 6 weeks	235	155	229	144	169	145	16
6 weeks to under 6 months	135	184	144	92	140	80	9
6 months to under 1 year	232	271	146	190	189	161	18
1 year to under 3 years	377	390	276	385	269	317	36
3 years to under 5 years	109	94	110	143	162	114	13
5 years and over	53	30	39	61	51	71	8
Total	1,140	1,124	943	1,015	979	888	100
12-15							
Under 6 weeks	233	200	306	151	182	182	20
6 weeks to under 6 months	248	229	213	155	180	143	16
6 months to under 1 year	264	349	228	217	215	170	19
1 year to under 3 years	437	440	388	430	321	285	31
3 years to under 5 years	127	111	91	109	120	86	9
5 years and over	65	64	56	40	46	41	5
Total	1,374	1,393	1,281	1,102	1,065	907	100
16+							
Under 6 weeks	46	48	90	33	50	68	6
6 weeks to under 6 months	88	91	84	92	121	83	7
6 months to under 1 year	175	280	176	175	179	184	16
1 year to under 3 years	514	727	535	613	543	510	43
3 years to under 5 years	186	248	236	198	223	169	14
5 years and over	113	151	143	163	129	166	14
Total	1,121	1,545	1,264	1,274	1,245	1,180	100
Total¹							
Under 6 weeks	750	506	861	440	640	578	16
6 weeks to under 6 months	611	625	556	421	583	390	11
6 months to under 1 year	852	1,078	652	732	713	617	17
1 year to under 3 years	1,539	1,791	1,410	1,672	1,317	1,308	37
3 years to under 5 years	459	496	485	504	543	395	11
5 years and over	230	245	237	264	225	278	8
Total	4,441	4,740	4,202	4,034	4,021	3,566	100

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

¹ 2005 total includes length of time looked after of children with unreported ages and therefore do not equal the sum of the parts above.

In 2000 to 2004 some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding estimated figures.

Table 1.8: Economic activity of those eligible for aftercare support: 2004-05

Economic activity	Age on 31 March 2005					TOTAL
	15	16	17	18	unknown	
In education, training or employment						
In higher education	7	23	21	24	0	75
In education other than HE	8	38	22	27	0	95
In training or employment	17	97	124	95	0	333
Total	32	158	167	146	0	503
Not in education, training or employment						
- due to short-term illness	0	*	9	*	0	28
- due to long-term illness or disability	0	*	11	*	0	20
- due to looking after family	0	19	23	20	0	62
- due to other circumstances	20	197	228	172	0	617
Total	20	226	271	210	0	727
Don't know economic activity	10	121	116	160	57	464
No longer in touch	13	133	193	212	0	551
Total eligible for aftercare	75	638	747	728	57	2,245
% no longer in touch with pathway co-ordinator	17	21	26	29	0	25
Number in employment, education or training						
As % of those with known economic activity	62	41	38	41	0	41
As % of all eligible for aftercare support	43	25	22	20	0	22

Note: Those eligible are people leaving care aged above school leaving age and below age 19

Table 1.9: Number of children looked after in a planned series of short-term placements, by gender and age 2000-2005

Age/gender	Children looked after on 31 March...							% of total	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2005	2005	
Male									
under 5	192	188	228	172	89	77	4		
5-11	513	679	517	766	602	520	26		
12-15	269	442	539	530	497	455	23		
16-17	69	146	169	183	202	185	9		
unknown							5	0	
Total	1,043	1,455	1,454	1,651	1,390	1,242	62		
Female									
under 5	137	142	274	141	76	65	3		
5-11	319	414	286	433	312	279	14		
12-15	181	304	492	385	285	260	13		
16-17	46	130	129	161	137	123	6		
unknown							6	0	
Total	683	990	1,181	1,120	810	733	37		
All people									
under 5	329	330	502	313	165	142	7		
5-11	832	1,093	804	1,199	914	800	40		
12-15	450	746	1,031	915	782	715	36		
16-17	115	276	297	344	339	308	15		
unknown							38	2	
Total	1,726	2,445	2,635	2,771	2,201	2,003	100		

Note: The short term placements shown here are used by local authorities to provide respite to children and families where this can help to avoid the need for a child to become looked after full time.

The use of short term placements is not restricted to disability respite.

In years 2000 - 2004 children with unreported gender or age were allocated to a group rather than being presented as 'unknown'.

In 2000 to 2004 some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

In 2005 there were 27 children with unknown gender or age. Consequently the 'all people' total does not equal the sum of the total boys and girls.

Table 1.10: Number of children looked after by accommodation, 1971-2005

Year	Accommodation type				All children looked after
	At home	With foster carers or prospective adopters	Other community placement	In residential care	
1971	-	-	-	-	14,788
1972	-	-	-	-	19,166
1973	-	-	-	-	20,703
1974	-	-	-	-	20,553
1975	-	-	-	-	18,936
1976	5,883	3,763	1,430	6,242	17,318
1977	5,593	3,733	1,337	6,209	16,872
1978	-	-	-	-	17,107
1979	-	-	-	-	16,887
1980	-	-	-	-	16,845
1981	-	-	-	-	17,045
1982	-	-	-	-	16,084
1983	-	-	-	-	15,529
1984	-	-	-	-	13,783
1985	-	-	-	-	13,261
1986	-	-	-	-	13,319
1987	5,949	2,759	1,025	2,784	12,517
1988	6,064	2,620	939	2,664	12,287
1989	6,262	2,560	851	2,364	12,037
1990	7,128	2,593	928	2,313	12,962
1991	6,625	2,492	1,147	2,401	12,665
1992	6,527	2,746	1,200	2,298	12,771
1993	6,447	2,574	1,221	2,124	12,371
1994	6,335	2,589	1,121	2,083	12,128
1995	6,224	2,605	1,021	2,042	11,891
1996	6,112	2,620	920	2,001	11,653
1997	6,000	2,635	820	1,960	11,415
1998	5,455	2,794	738	1,817	10,804
1999	5,309	3,155	943	1,784	11,191
2000	5,270	3,181	1,274	1,585	11,309
2001	4,842	3,280	1,195	1,582	10,897
2002	4,909	3,328	1,409	1,595	11,241
2003	4,851	3,468	1,518	1,550	11,388
2004	4,982	3,608	1,518	1,567	11,675
2005	5,179	3,660	1,807	1,539	12,185

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Table includes rounded estimates for local authorities not able to provide information in all years up to 2004.

For cells shown as "-", figures are not available

Figures are estimates for 1975, 1994, 1995 and 1996.

Table 1.11: Children starting and ceasing to be looked after, by Local Authority, 2004-05

Local authority area	Children looked after on 31 March 2005	Children looked after on 31 March 2005 as a percentage of the 0-17 population	Starting to be looked after in 2004-05	Ceasing to be looked after in 2004-05
Aberdeen City	543	1.5	303	141
Aberdeenshire	313	0.6	163	140
Angus	220	1.0	79	75
Argyll & Bute	231	1.2	80	84
Clackmannanshire	142	1.3	72	51
Dumfries & Galloway	379	1.3	134	103
Dundee City	456	1.6	222	175
East Ayrshire	338	1.3	85	88
East Dunbartonshire	95	0.4	33	27
East Lothian	149	0.7	63	71
East Renfrewshire	77	0.4	18	25
Edinburgh, City of	1,198	1.5	367	296
Eilean Siar	37	0.7	35	26
Falkirk	286	0.9	109	65
Fife	601	0.8	275	166
Glasgow City	2,406	2.1	593	561
Highland	398	0.9	161	132
Inverclyde	276	1.6	107	44
Midlothian	240	1.3	82	83
Moray	142	0.7	142	62
North Ayrshire	404	1.4	151	127
North Lanarkshire	700	1.0	125	271
Orkney Isles	23	0.5	11	10
Perth & Kinross	163	0.6	49	48
Renfrewshire	499	1.4	160	116
Scottish Borders	209	0.9	78	51
Shetland	30	0.6	9	12
South Ayrshire	254	1.1	107	79
South Lanarkshire	476	0.7	189	136
Stirling	151	0.8	51	65
West Dunbartonshire	323	1.6	132	114
West Lothian	426	1.1	148	122
Scotland	12,185	1.1	4,333	3,566

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.
Rates per population based on GRO(Scotland) June 2004 population estimates.

Table 1.12: Characteristics of looked after children by local authority, 31st March 2005

Local authority area	Gender of looked after children: boys		Age of looked after children		Children from minority ethnic groups		Children with a disability	
	Number	Percentage	Children under 5		Children 16 or over		Number	Percentage
			Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage		
Aberdeen City	300	55	133	24	49	9	11	2
Aberdeenshire	161	51	49	16	34	11	83	27
Angus	120	55	55	25	25	11	12	5
Argyll & Bute	142	61	37	16	16	7	38	16
Clackmannanshire	90	63	22	15	22	15	54	38
Dumfries & Galloway	205	54	76	20	42	11	13	3
Dundee City	254	56	101	22	44	10	35	8
East Ayrshire	190	56	47	14	40	12	12	4
East Dunbartonshire	54	57	11	12	16	17	17	18
East Lothian	96	64	22	15	16	11	*	*
East Renfrewshire	51	66	10	13	19	25	47	61
Edinburgh, City of	643	54	265	22	100	8	89	7
Eilean Siar	20	54	*	*	*	*	7	19
Falkirk	120	42	54	19	47	16	30	10
Fife	338	56	119	20	63	10	22	4
Glasgow City	1,327	55	390	16	295	12	439	18
Highland	214	54	76	19	71	18	149	37
Inverclyde	165	60	37	13	49	18	24	9
Midlothian	126	53	40	17	19	8	14	6
Moray	57	40	16	11	22	15	*	*
North Ayrshire	216	53	71	18	36	9	107	26
North Lanarkshire	440	63	121	17	97	14	11	2
Orkney Isles	16	70	*	*	*	*	6	26
Perth & Kinross	100	61	18	11	16	10	16	10
Renfrewshire	267	54	95	19	51	10	35	7
Scottish Borders	92	44	63	30	32	15	14	7
Shetland	15	50	*	*	*	*	24	80
South Ayrshire	149	59	45	18	28	11	109	43
South Lanarkshire	268	56	72	15	84	18	0	-
Stirling	80	53	12	8	23	15	41	27
West Dunbartonshire	195	60	46	14	42	13	112	35
West Lothian	225	53	85	20	33	8	23	5
Scotland	6,736	55	2,199	18	1,441	12	1,600	13

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Cells contain - where councils were unable to provide information

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Minority Ethnic Group' includes the ethnic groups Black-Caribbean, Black-African, Black-other, Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Chinese, Mixed ethnicity, other ethnic group.

Table 1.13: Number of children looked after, by local authority, accommodation type and characteristics of care away from home, 31st March 2005

Local authority area	Accommodation type of all children looked after on 31st March 2005		Children looked after away from home on 31st March 2005						
	Children in community setting		Children in residential care		In placement for 1 year +		With 3+ placements		Total
	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	Number	Percentage	
Aberdeen City	460	85	83	15	238	67	140	40	353
Aberdeenshire	274	88	39	12	148	79	47	25	187
Angus	200	91	20	9	101	61	24	14	166
Argyll & Bute	182	79	49	21	73	80	39	43	91
Clackmannanshire	133	94	9	6	51	77	14	21	66
Dumfries & Galloway	349	92	30	8	124	62	42	21	200
Dundee City	407	89	49	11	195	66	152	51	296
East Ayrshire	300	89	38	11	159	84	51	27	190
East Dunbartonshire	73	77	22	23	36	73	12	24	49
East Lothian	124	83	25	17	73	68	13	12	107
East Renfrewshire	66	86	11	14	20	61	*	*	33
Edinburgh, City of	1,091	91	107	9	470	70	106	16	671
Eilean Siar	*	*	*	*	17	89	*	*	19
Falkirk	251	88	35	12	96	51	77	41	187
Fife	527	88	74	12	291	68	145	34	426
Glasgow City	2,123	88	283	12	972	63	538	35	1,539
Highland	334	84	64	16	172	73	29	12	235
Inverclyde	235	85	41	15	60	45	13	10	133
Midlothian	196	82	44	18	117	75	41	26	157
Moray	127	89	15	11	55	79	13	19	70
North Ayrshire	353	87	51	13	158	77	72	35	204
North Lanarkshire	648	93	52	7	102	58	96	55	176
Orkney Isles	*	*	*	*	6	60	*	*	10
Perth & Kinross	153	94	10	6	68	64	39	37	106
Renfrewshire	408	82	91	18	181	52	0	0	350
Scottish Borders	187	89	22	11	99	77	38	30	128
Shetland	24	80	6	20	15	79	6	32	19
South Ayrshire	222	87	32	13	94	75	23	18	125
South Lanarkshire	362	76	114	24	151	68	9	4	221
Stirling	130	86	21	14	79	90	43	49	88
West Dunbartonshire	264	82	59	18	108	67	11	7	162
West Lothian	390	92	36	8	190	79	79	33	242
SCOTLAND	10,646	87	1,539	13	4,719	67	1,918	27	7,006

Note: Table excludes children who are on a planned series of short term placements.

Statistics refer to the current episode of care

Cells containing * represent small numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Table 1.14: Number of 16-17 year olds leaving care with any qualifications, 2004-05

Local authority area	leavers from care at home	leavers from care away from home	Percentage with at least 1 qualification at SCQF level 3 or above			Change in percentage points since 2003/04		
			Looked after at home	Looked after away from home	Total	Looked after at home	Looked after away from home	Total
Aberdeen City	18	21	39	57	49	24	-6	11
Aberdeenshire	16	20	56	80	69	22	8	14
Angus	8	9	*	67	*	*	17	*
Argyll & Bute	30	8	37	*	*	-13	*	*
Clackmannanshire	5	5	*	*	70	*	*	-1
Dumfries & Galloway	24	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Dundee City	40	14	35	*	*	0	*	*
East Ayrshire	16	14	38	43	40	13	-7	7
East Dunbartonshire	9	8	56	63	59	-14	*	-12
East Lothian	-	15	-	53	-	-	-47	-
East Renfrewshire	12	*	42	*	*	-42	*	*
Edinburgh, City of	53	47	40	51	45	3	2	3
Eilean Siar	6	5	*	*	64	*	*	-36
Falkirk	11	7	*	*	44	*	*	-7
Fife	11	30	55	30	37	39	-48	-19
Glasgow City	121	62	24	52	33	2	-3	0
Highland	22	12	36	67	47	-39	-8	-28
Inverclyde	5	14	0	36	26	0	6	11
Midlothian	9	10	*	50	*	-	-	-
Moray	9	13	*	69	*	*	29	*
North Ayrshire	26	12	65	75	68	33	13	23
North Lanarkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orkney Isles	*	0	100	0	100	0	-100	0
Perth & Kinross	14	6	14	33	20	3	17	7
Renfrewshire	-	25	-	68	-	-	4	-
Scottish Borders	15	6	53	67	57	3	33	13
Shetland	6	0	*	0	*	*	*	*
South Ayrshire	13	11	46	82	63	-31	23	-4
South Lanarkshire	-	18	-	44	-	-	-14	-
Stirling	*	18	*	78	*	*	33	*
West Dunbartonshire	16	14	50	64	57	-21	6	-7
West Lothian	12	17	67	47	55	-33	-1	-12
SCOTLAND	533	447	37	55	45	2	3	3

Note: Cells containing * represent small numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Cells contain - where authorities were unable to provide data.

Aberdeen City data excludes three children for whom educational attainment was unknown.

East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Highland and Scottish Borders data revised for 2003/04 . Midlothian data for 2003-04 withdrawn.

Some authorities included 18 year old care leavers.

Scotland totals should be used with caution due to incompleteness of data.

Table 1.15: Number of 16-17 year olds leaving care with qualifications in maths and English, 2004-05

Local authority area	Percentage with maths and English at SCQF level 3 or above			Change in percentage points since 2003-04		
	Looked after at home	Looked after away from home	Total	Looked after at home	Looked after away from home	Total
Aberdeen City	*	48	*	*	2	*
Aberdeenshire	44	50	47	24	-6	7
Angus	*	*	*	*	*	*
Argyll & Bute	27	*	*	-23	*	*
Clackmannanshire	*	*	60	*	*	10
Dumfries & Galloway	*	0	*	*	-65	*
Dundee City	23	*	*	9	*	*
East Ayrshire	*	*	23	*	*	7
East Dunbartonshire	*	*	47	*	*	12
East Lothian	-	40	-	-	-20	-
East Renfrewshire	42	*	*	-8	*	*
Edinburgh, City of	17	30	23	-9	-9	-9
Eilean Siar	*	0	*	*	*	*
Falkirk	*	*	28	*	*	6
Fife	*	23	27	*	-33	-12
Glasgow City	12	35	20	-1	-1	-1
Highland	27	58	38	-23	5	-14
Inverclyde	0	36	26	0	6	11
Midlothian	0	*	*	-	-	-
Moray	*	46	*	*	36	*
North Ayrshire	31	50	37	12	-13	-1
North Lanarkshire	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orkney Isles	*	0	*	*	-100	*
Perth & Kinross	*	*	*	*	*	*
Renfrewshire	-	56	-	-	13	-
Scottish Borders	*	*	*	*	*	*
Shetland	*	0	*	*	*	*
South Ayrshire	*	55	*	*	2	*
South Lanarkshire	-	28	-	-	-31	-
Stirling	*	72	*	*	39	*
West Dunbartonshire	*	50	*	*	24	*
West Lothian	58	41	48	-6	24	13
SCOTLAND	22	39	30	2	2	2

Cells containing * represent small numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Cells contain - where authorities were unable to provide data.

Aberdeen City data excludes three children for whom educational attainment was unknown.

East Ayrshire, East Renfrewshire, Highland and Scottish Borders data revised for 2003/04 . Midlothian data for 2003-04 withdrawn.

Some authorities included 18 year old care leavers.

Scotland totals should be used with caution due to incompleteness of data.

Table 1.16: Number of 15-18 year olds leaving care during 2004-05 by aftercare arrangements and accommodation

Local authority area	care leavers	Aftercare arrangements		Accommodation arrangements	
		% with a pathway plan	% with a pathway coordinator	% of care leavers in touch with authorities with 3+ accommodation moves since leaving care	% of care leavers in touch with authorities who have had a spell of homelessness since leaving care
Aberdeen City	39	54	54	*	*
Aberdeenshire	39	15	59	*	*
Angus	21	100	100	*	*
Argyll & Bute	48	19	19	0	*
Clackmannanshire	14	57	57	*	29
Dumfries & Galloway	25	40	100	*	21
Dundee City	51	39	53	17	32
East Ayrshire	29	48	48	*	*
East Dunbartonshire	16	*	*	*	*
East Lothian	18	*	67	19	*
East Renfrewshire	15	53	53	0	*
Edinburgh, City of	104	15	75	10	10
Eilean Siar	*	*	*	0	*
Falkirk	19	32	32	*	27
Fife	59	51	80	15	*
Glasgow City	191	50	35	8	13
Highland	43	0	37	*	*
Inverclyde	16	56	56	*	*
Midlothian	29	17	48	0	*
Moray	9	56	100	*	*
North Ayrshire	16	100	94	19	0
North Lanarkshire	72	18	19	7	10
Orkney Isles	*	*	*	0	0
Perth & Kinross	28	100	100	9	11
Renfrewshire	24	100	100	*	0
Scottish Borders	19	32	53	0	*
Shetland	8	*	*	0	0
South Ayrshire	27	67	67	0	*
South Lanarkshire	45	42	42	14	0
Stirling	22	0	55	*	*
West Dunbartonshire	35	100	100	6	9
West Lothian	33	61	91	14	30
SCOTLAND	1,114	41	56	8	11

Note: Table includes young people who ceased to be looked after between 1st April 2004 and 31st March 2005 and were beyond school leaving age when they left care. Cells containing * represent small numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Table 1.17: Young people entitled to aftercare by arrangements for aftercare and economic activity, 2004-05

Local authority area	People entitled to aftercare support	Aftercare arrangements		In employment, education or training	
		% still in touch with social services	% known to be still living in local authority area	As % of those with known economic activity	As % of all entitled to aftercare support
Aberdeen City	84	87	92	32	12
Aberdeenshire	82	82	66	64	20
Angus	38	100	66	58	58
Argyll & Bute	15	100	73	93	93
Clackmannanshire	28	75	54	48	36
Dumfries & Galloway	57	100	93	38	37
Dundee City	47	100	98	24	23
East Ayrshire	31	100	100	26	26
East Dunbartonshire	30	30	17	33	7
East Lothian	26	100	85	52	42
East Renfrewshire	32	88	69	39	28
Edinburgh, City of	301	73	68	47	28
Eilean Siar	*	100	*	*	*
Falkirk	49	69	39	41	29
Fife	132	92	76	27	23
Glasgow City	461	46	18	32	8
Highland	78	96	79	52	17
Inverclyde	26	100	96	38	38
Midlothian	78	45	37	37	9
Moray	20	90	85	35	30
North Ayrshire	37	100	84	9	8
North Lanarkshire	72	100	17	33	7
Orkney Isles	*	100	*	*	*
Perth & Kinross	61	92	80	53	44
Renfrewshire	28	100	82	29	25
Scottish Borders	42	48	36	38	14
Shetland	11	100	100	45	45
South Ayrshire	56	54	54	29	14
South Lanarkshire	62	58	48	28	16
Stirling	43	93	74	67	51
West Dunbartonshire	99	95	36	35	15
West Lothian	108	100	85	56	44
SCOTLAND	2,245	75	57	41	22

Note: Table includes young people who left care beyond school leaving age and were under 19 years old on 31st March 2005. They may have left care prior to 1st April 2004.

Cells containing * represent small numbers that are suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Table 2.1: Secure accommodation establishments 2004-05

	Bed Complement	Number of Secure Authorisations Turned Down	Reason for authorisation being turned down			Mean cost per bed per week	Standard deviation
			No Available Beds	Placement Judged Inappropriate	Other Reason		
Edinburgh Secure Services	13	10	5	5	0		
Kerelaw	20	170	158	12	0		
Rossie School	25	0	0	0	0		
St. Mary's Kenmure	31	0	0	0	0		
The Elms Close Support Unit	4	0	0	0	0		
ALL	93	180	163	17	0	£614	

Note: See background details for explanation of standard deviation.

Bed complement includes emergency beds and excludes beds outwith the secure section of any unit.

Table 2.2: Secure accommodation capacity and usage 2000-2005

	Statistics relating to the financial year ending.....						% change 2004-2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Places	86	94	96	96	96	93	-3
Admissions	264	218	230	258	242	273	13
Discharges	266	212	221	260	234	281	20
Average number of residents	80	85	93	92	92	87	-6
Minimum number of residents	70	74	84	83	83	76	-8
Maximum number of residents	89	93	99	105	100	95	-5

Note: In 2005 there were 95 residents at the beginning of the year before the number of beds were reduced from 96 to 93.

Table 2.3: Secure accommodation staff as at 31st March 2005

	Care staff		Teachers/Instructors		Other staff	
	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time
Permanent Staff	268	12	33	6	57	25
Temporary Staff	6	20	1	2	1	3
Current vacancies	10	2	4	0	1	2
Long term vacancies	2	2	0	0	1	0
Vacancies as a % of all posts	3.5	5.9	10.5	0.0	1.7	6.7

Note: Long-term vacancies are those lasting more than 3 months.

Table 2.4: Young people in secure accommodation on 31st March 2000-2005 by gender, age, and length of stay.

	Statistics relating to the financial year ending.....						% of total 2005	% change 2004 to 2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005		
Gender of residents								
Boys	71	63	69	69	67	54	65	-19
Girls	16	23	27	21	24	29	35	21
Age of Residents								
13 years old or under	7	13	17	12	8	10	12	25
14 years	20	16	13	13	18	16	19	-11
15 years	38	31	40	40	36	38	46	6
16 years or over	22	26	26	25	29	19	23	-34
Length of stay of residents								
Less than 1 month	17	22	16	17	23	22	27	-4
1 month to under 2 months	13	8	13	20	16	12	14	-25
2 months to under 3 months	12	11	16	7	6	8	10	33
3 months to under 6 months	22	20	25	21	27	24	29	-11
6 months to under 1 year	12	14	17	15	10	11	13	10
1 year or more	11	11	9	10	9	6	7	-33
Total	87	86	96	90	91	83	100	-9

Note: Length of stay is truncated at the 31st March.

Table 2.5: Young people admitted to or discharged from secure accommodation at any point during the financial year 2000-2005 by gender, age, and length of stay

	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	2002-2003	2003-2004	2004-2005	% of total 2005	% change 2004 to 2005
Admissions during the year (by age on admission)								
13 years old or under	36	41	44	46	52	41	15	-21
14 years	77	56	51	65	61	69	25	13
15 years	121	96	108	123	103	134	49	30
16 years or over	30	25	27	24	26	29	11	12
Total	264	218	230	258	242	273	100	13
Discharges during the year (by length of stay on discharge)								
Less than 1 month	67	52	52	74	56	87	31	55
1 month to under 2 months	26	17	12	20	23	21	7	-9
2 months to under 3 months	41	29	27	27	21	24	9	14
3 months to under 6 months	84	60	75	78	71	85	30	20
6 months to under 1 year	36	37	39	43	35	53	19	51
1 year or more	12	16	16	18	30	11	4	-63
Total	266	211	221	260	236	281	100	19

Table 2.6: Young people in secure accommodation: Placement prior to admission and reason for admission, by age on admittance, 2004-05

Placement Prior to admission										
Age on admittance	Parental home, relatives or friends	Foster care or children's home	Residential school	Young offenders institution or prison	Secure accommodation	Other	Missing	Total		
13 or under	7	15	*	0	*	*	5	41		
14	25	15	12	*	*	6	*	69		
15	59	17	25	*	13	15	*	134		
16 or over	10	7	*	*	*	*	*	29		
Total	101	54	47	9	23	28	11	273		
Legal reason for admissions during the year										
Age on admittance	Section 44(1)	Section 205	Section 208	Section 70(9)	Place of Safety Order	Temporary detention	Pending hearing	Other	Missing	Total
13 or under	0	*	0	*	16	*	5	6	5	41
14	*	0	*	5	26	15	*	17	0	69
15	0	*	8	6	54	12	12	39	*	134
16 or over	0	0	*	*	9	*	*	5	*	29
Total	*	*	10	17	105	40	23	67	8	273

Cells containing * represent small numbers suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Note: A single child may be admitted more than once during the year.

Table includes admissions made after 31/03/2004 and before 1/04/2005

Legal reason for admission:

Order made under section 44(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Order made under section 205 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Order made under section 208 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Order made under section 70(9) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, to which is attached a condition authorising the use of Secure Accommodation.

Place of safety order or warrant made under the Children (Scotland) Act 1995 authorising the use of Secure Accommodation.

Committal to a Place of Safety or other temporary detention is made under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

The authority of the Director of Social Work and the person in charge of the establishment, pending the convening of a Children's Hearing to consider the case.

Table 2.7: Young people in secure accommodation: Placement prior to admission and reason for admission, by gender, 2004-05

Placement Prior to admissions during the year										
Gender	Parental home, relatives or friends	Foster care or children's home	Residential school	Young offenders institution or prison	Secure accommodation	Other	Missing	Total		
Boys	83	27	36	*	18	16	*	197		
Girls	18	27	11	*	5	12	*	75		
Total	101	54	47	9	23	28	10	273		
Legal reason for admissions during the year										
Gender	Section 44(1)	Section 205	Section 208	Section 70(9)	Place of Safety Order	Temporary detention	Pending hearing	Other	Missing	Total
Boys	*	*	10	11	70	35	17	47	*	197
Girls	0	*	0	6	35	5	6	20	*	75
Total	*	*	10	17	105	40	23	67	7	273

Note: Cells containing * represent small numbers suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Table includes admissions made after 31/03/2004 and before 1/04/2005

There was one young person for whom gender was not reported. For this reason totals do not equal the sum of their parts.

A single child may be admitted more than once during the year.

Legal reason for admission:

Order made under section 44(1) of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Order made under section 205 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Order made under section 208 of the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

Order made under section 70(9) of the Children (Scotland) Act 1995, to which is attached a condition authorising the use of Secure Accommodation.

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Committal to a Place of Safety or other temporary detention is made under the Criminal Procedure (Scotland) Act 1995

The authority of the Director of Social Work and the person in charge of the establishment, pending the convening of a Children's Hearing to consider the case.

Table 2.8: Young people in secure accommodation: Placement prior to admission by placement on discharge, 2004-05

Placement prior to admission	Placement on discharge (frequency)							missing	Total
	Parental home / Other relative / Friend	Foster care / Children's home	Residential school	Young offenders institution / Prison	Secure care	Other placement			
Parental home / Relative / Friend	59	9	6	*	5	11	*	96	
Foster care / Children's home	9	20	5	0	*	10	*	48	
Residential school	20	*	15	*	*	5	*	51	
Young offenders institution / Prison	*	0	0	*	0	*	*	16	
Secure care	10	*	*	*	0	*	*	23	
Other placement	14	6	*	*	*	7	0	36	
Missing	*	0	0	0	0	*	8	11	
Total	123	40	31	10	15	43	19	281	
Placement prior to admission	Placement on discharge (percent)							missing	Total
	Parental home / Other relative / Friend	Foster care / Children's home	Residential school	Young offenders institution / Prison	Secure care	Other placement			
Parental home / Relative / Friend	61	9	6	*	5	11	*	100	
Foster care / Children's home	19	42	10	0	*	21	*	100	
Residential school	39	*	29	*	*	10	*	100	
Young offenders institution / Prison	*	0	0	*	0	*	*	100	
Secure care	43	*	*	*	0	*	*	100	
Other placement	39	17	*	*	*	19	0	100	
Missing	*	0	0	0	0	*	73	100	
Total	44	14	11	4	5	15	7	100	

Note: Cells containing * represent small numbers suppressed to maintain confidentiality.

Table 3.1: Children referred for child protection inquiries: 2000-2005 gender and age group

Age/gender	Year Ended 31 March.....					% of total 2005	% of Scottish population	% change 2004-2005	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004				2005
Boys									
0-4	1,286	1,053	1,023	1,252	1,260	1,449	16%	1.1%	15%
5-10	1,250	1,142	1,267	1,400	1,555	1,519	17%	0.8%	-2%
11-15	907	1,002	1,003	1,044	1,114	1,161	13%	0.7%	4%
16+	34	41	53	50	61	80	1%	0.1%	31%
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	46	1%	-	-
Total	3,477	3,239	3,345	3,746	3,990	4,255	47%	0.8%	7%
Girls									
0-4	1,152	915	1,035	1,232	1,240	1,325	15%	1.0%	7%
5-10	1,216	1,121	1,215	1,436	1,396	1,469	16%	0.9%	5%
11-15	1,313	1,282	1,496	1,536	1,589	1,675	18%	1.1%	5%
16+	43	62	81	83	150	117	1%	0.2%	-22%
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	58	1%	-	-
Total	3,724	3,380	3,827	4,287	4,376	4,644	51%	0.9%	6%
Gender Unknown									
Total	-	-	-	-	-	233	3%	-	-
All people									
0-4	2,438	1,968	2,058	2,485	2,500	2,836	31%	1.1%	13%
5-10	2,466	2,263	2,482	2,835	2,951	3,032	33%	0.9%	3%
11-15	2,220	2,284	2,498	2,580	2,704	2,877	32%	0.9%	6%
16+	77	103	134	134	211	202	2%	0.2%	-4%
Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	185	2%	-	-
Total	7,201	6,619	7,172	8,033	8,366	9,132	100%	0.9%	9%

Note: Aberdeen City recorded an increase in the number of referrals, from 383 in 2001-02, to 701 in 2002-03. This was due to a clarification of what is counted as a referral.

In 2005 Inverclyde and Stirling were unable to provide information on referrals so 2004 data were used.

% of population based on 2004 mid-year estimates from General Register Office (Scotland). Population of 16 and 17 year olds was used for 16+.

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In previous years 'unknowns' were allocated to a category rather than being reported as unknown.

Table 3.2: Children who were subject to a case conference: 2000-2005 placement of children prior to referral

Placement of children prior to referral	Year Ended 31 March.....										% of total 2005	% change 2004-2005	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2000	2001	2002	2003			2004
At home	2,281	2,006	2,382	2,878	2,915	2,661						81%	-9%
With relatives	113	150	170	97	163	121						4%	-26%
With foster carers	75	73	210	135	166	115						3%	-31%
In a residential establishment	23	25	27	29	30	18						1%	-39%
Other placement	100	98	62	105	77	122						4%	58%
Unknown/Data not provided	-	-	-	-	-	266						8%	-
Total	2,593	2,352	2,851	3,244	3,351	3,303						100%	-1%

Note: In this table are children referred for child protection inquiries in the years ended 31 March for the relevant year who were subject to a case conference. Highland revised their figure for the number of case conferences held during 2002-03, from 107 to 178.

In 2005 Moray and Stirling were unable to provide breakdown of placements so they were entered in table as unknown.

In previous years 'unknowns' were allocated to a category rather than being reported as unknown.

In 2005 Inverclyde were unable to provide information so 2004 data were used.

Table 3.3: Children who were subject to a case conference: 2000-2005 child's primary known/suspected abuser

	Year Ended 31 March.....						% of total known cases 2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Primary known/suspected abuser							
Natural mother	-	1,128	1,325	1,647	1,625	1,185	55%
Natural father	-	680	829	846	1,015	524	24%
Total - natural parent	2,034	1,808	2,154	2,493	2,640	1,709	80%
Step parent	122	85	100	128	133	67	3%
Parent's co-habitee	191	152	255	263	175	119	6%
Other relative (including sibling)	142	167	172	165	203	124	6%
Other person known to child / family	86	83	105	137	149	96	4%
Person unknown to child / family	18	56	64	58	51	29	1%
Unknown/Data not provided	-	-	-	-	-	1,159	-
Total	2,593	2,352	2,851	3,244	3,351	3,303	100%

Note: This table includes children referred for child protection inquiries in Scotland in the year ended 31 March, who were subject to a case conference. Highland revised their figure for the number of case conferences held during 2002-03, from 107 to 178.

In 2005 Aberdeenshire, Glasgow, Moray and Renfrewshire were unable to provide breakdowns for known/suspected abuser so figures are reported under unknown.

In previous years 'unknowns' were allocated to a category rather than being reported as unknown.

In 2005 Inverclyde were unable to provide information so 2004 data were used.

Table 3.4: Children registered following a case conference: 2000-2005 category of abuse/risk identified by conference

Category of abuse/risk	Year Ended 31 March.....										% of total 2005	% change 2004-2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005						
Physical injury	713	688	644	766	741	628	27%	-15%				
Sexual abuse	286	256	249	310	234	226	10%	-3%				
Emotional abuse	235	270	264	438	434	376	16%	-13%				
Physical neglect	639	558	809	969	1,015	1,035	45%	2%				
Other	18	11	13	33	16	11	0%	-32%				
Unknown/Data not provided	-	-	-	-	-	18	1%	-				
Total	1,890	1,783	1,979	2,517	2,440	2,294	100%	-6%				

Note: Children referred for child protection inquiries in Scotland in the year ended 31 March who were subject to a case conference and were registered as a result of that conference.

Highland revised their figure for the number of child protection registrations during 2002-03, from 100 to 171.

In previous years 'unknowns' were allocated to a category rather than being reported as unknown.

In 2005 Inverclyde were unable to provide information so 2004 data were used.

Table 3.5: Children de-registered: 2000-2005 by category of abuse/risk identified and length of time on register

	Year Ended 31 March.....					% of total 2005	% change 2004-2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004		
Category of abuse/risk							
Physical injury	839	627	758	770	792	714	28%
Sexual abuse	358	300	296	318	313	277	11%
Emotional abuse	222	202	319	397	454	427	17%
Physical neglect	673	513	825	907	1,041	1,115	43%
Other	19	44	18	17	32	18	1%
Unknown/Data not provided	-	-	-	-	-	23	1%
Length of time registered							
Less than 6 months	716	570	815	942	1,085	901	35%
6 months to under 1 year	702	543	729	835	843	971	38%
1 year to under 18 months	305	303	328	316	407	357	14%
18 months to under 2 years	163	127	185	151	131	161	6%
2 years or more	226	144	159	164	168	184	7%
Total	2,112	1,687	2,216	2,408	2,633	2,574	100%
							-2%

Note: Some totals do not exactly equal the sum of their component parts due to the effects of rounding.

Highland revised their figure for the number of child deregistered during 2002-03, from 21 to 157.

In previous years 'unknowns' were allocated to a category rather than being reported as unknown.

In 2005 Inverclyde were unable to provide information so 2004 data were used.

Table 3.6: Number of children on child protection registers: 2000-2005 by gender and age group

Age group/ gender	Year Ended 31 March.....					% of total 2005	% of Scottish population	% change 2004-2005	
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004				2005
Boys									
0-4	483	454	476	490	523	533	25%	0.4%	2%
5-10	368	348	354	408	417	355	16%	0.2%	-15%
11-15	217	224	179	235	215	206	10%	0.1%	-4%
16+	11	8	4	4	8	4	0%	0.0%	-50%
Total	1,080	1,035	1,013	1,137	1,163	1,098	51%	0.2%	-6%
Girls									
0-4	354	371	458	481	497	493	23%	0.4%	-1%
5-10	351	344	327	405	377	354	16%	0.2%	-6%
11-15	249	236	208	258	199	208	10%	0.1%	5%
16+	17	15	12	8	9	4	0%	0.0%	-56%
Total	970	965	1,005	1,152	1,082	1,059	49%	0.2%	-2%
All people									
0-4	837	825	933	971	1,020	1,026	48%	0.4%	1%
5-10	718	693	681	813	794	710	33%	0.2%	-11%
11-15	466	460	387	493	414	413	19%	0.1%	0%
16+	28	23	16	12	17	8	0%	0.0%	-53%
Total	2,050	2,000	2,018	2,289	2,245	2,157	100%	0.2%	-4%

% of population based on 2004 mid-year estimates from General Register Office (Scotland). Population of 16 and 17 year olds was used for 16+.

Table 3.7: Numbers of children referred, subject to a case conference, registered, de-registered and on child protection registers: 2000-2005

	Year Ended 31 March.....						% change 2004-2005
	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Summary	7,201	6,619	7,172	8,033	8,366	9,132	9%
Referrals	2,593	2,352	2,851	3,244	3,351	3,303	-1%
Case Conferences	1,890	1,783	1,979	2,517	2,440	2,294	-6%
Registrations	2,112	1,687	2,216	2,408	2,633	2,574	-2%
De-registrations	2,050	2,000	2,018	2,289	2,245	2,157	-4%

Note: Highland revised their figure for the number of child deregistered during 2002-03, from 21 to 157.

Table 3.8: Number of children on child protection registers and rates per head 2002-2005 by local authority

Local authority area	Year ended 31 March....							
	2002		2003		2004		2005	
	Number on Register	Rate per 1,000 population aged 0-15	Number on Register	Rate per 1,000 population aged 0-15	Number on Register	Rate per 1,000 population aged 0-15	Number on Register	Rate per 1,000 population aged 0-15
Aberdeen City	175	4.9	165	4.8	150	4.5	145	4.5
Aberdeenshire	115	2.4	110	2.4	105	2.2	110	2.3
Angus	45	2.2	85	4.3	60	3.0	55	2.6
Argyll & Bute	25	1.5	50	2.9	45	2.7	40	2.4
Clackmannanshire	15	1.7	30	3.0	30	2.9	10	1.3
Dumfries & Galloway	60	2.1	100	3.7	60	2.3	60	2.4
Dundee City	50	1.9	80	3.1	65	2.7	85	3.4
East Ayrshire	25	1.1	30	1.3	35	1.5	40	1.8
East Dunbartonshire	10	0.5	15	0.7	20	0.9	10	0.4
East Lothian	50	2.6	75	4.1	55	3.1	25	1.5
East Renfrewshire	20	0.9	5	0.4	10	0.5	15	0.8
Edinburgh, City of	315	4.2	330	4.6	325	4.6	235	3.3
Eilean Siar	10	2.1	20	3.7	25	4.8	15	2.7
Falkirk	65	2.2	65	2.3	65	2.4	70	2.4
Fife	85	1.2	95	1.4	120	1.8	120	1.8
Glasgow City	240	2.2	205	2.0	275	2.7	265	2.7
Highland	110	2.7	125	3.1	100	2.6	120	3.0
Inverclyde	20	1.2	35	2.1	5	0.4	35	2.2
Midlothian	60	3.6	65	4.0	70	4.2	70	4.5
Moray	30	1.6	35	1.9	45	2.6	70	4.1
North Ayrshire	10	0.4	20	0.8	25	1.0	25	1.0
North Lanarkshire	70	1.0	85	1.3	80	1.2	90	1.4
Orkney Isles	0	0.5	0	0.3	10	2.2	5	1.1
Perth & Kinross	50	2.0	50	2.0	40	1.6	35	1.5
Renfrewshire	70	2.1	85	2.6	65	2.0	70	2.2
Scottish Borders	35	1.8	50	2.4	45	2.2	35	1.8
Shetland	10	2.4	10	1.7	15	3.7	10	1.7
South Ayrshire	5	0.2	25	1.4	20	1.0	30	1.4
South Lanarkshire	85	1.4	95	1.6	135	2.4	115	2.0
Stirling	35	2.1	50	3.0	25	1.5	30	1.7
West Dunbartonshire	25	1.3	15	0.7	30	1.8	25	1.3
West Lothian	90	2.6	85	2.4	80	2.4	105	3.0
Scotland	2,018	2.0	2,289	2.4	2,245	2.4	2,157	2.3

Note: Figures given to the nearest 5 to preserve confidentiality.

% of population based on 2004 mid-year estimates from General Register Office (Scotland).

Glasgow recorded a large increase in children registered for physical neglect, due to an increase in parental drug misuse in 2003-04.

Table 3.9: Numbers of children referred, subject to a case conference, registered, de-registered and on child protection registers by local authority

Local authority area	Year ended 31 March 2005				
	Number of Referrals	Number of Referrals Subject to a Case Conference	Registrations	Number of De-registrations	Number on Register
Aberdeen City	929	222	180	162	145
Aberdeenshire	705	98	85	80	110
Angus	192	110	89	80	55
Argyll & Bute	130	64	40	46	40
Clackmannanshire	142	19	5	40	10
Dumfries & Galloway	236	101	80	78	60
Dundee City	200	123	103	95	85
East Ayrshire	229	116	62	62	40
East Dunbartonshire	116	11	7	13	10
East Lothian	101	28	17	42	25
East Renfrewshire	94	47	16	10	15
Edinburgh, City of	882	211	172	309	235
Eilean Siar	51	27	20	41	15
Falkirk	299	114	83	84	70
Fife	363	178	147	184	120
Glasgow City	714	540	313	327	265
Highland	467	123	99	41	120
Inverclyde	102	43	25	49	35
Midlothian	194	50	46	43	70
Moray	315	70	70	45	70
North Ayrshire	210	85	32	42	25
North Lanarkshire	382	198	110	105	90
Orkney Isles	59	9	9	13	5
Perth & Kinross	165	55	39	62	35
Renfrewshire	264	156	86	96	70
Scottish Borders	241	68	59	72	35
Shetland	42	21	14	19	10
South Ayrshire	92	33	26	20	30
South Lanarkshire	500	200	110	161	115
Stirling	137	30	25	22	30
West Dunbartonshire	120	34	24	41	25
West Lothian	459	119	101	90	105
Scotland	9,132	3,303	2,294	2,574	2,157

Table 4.1: Mid-2004 population estimates by local authority and age group

Local Authority	0-15 year old population	0-17 year old population
Aberdeen City	32,391	37,040
Aberdeenshire	46,725	53,156
Angus	20,127	22,849
Argyll & Bute	16,392	18,661
Clackmannanshire	9,468	10,833
Dumfries & Galloway	26,294	30,155
Dundee City	24,156	27,934
East Ayrshire	22,871	26,152
East Dunbartonshire	20,714	23,676
East Lothian	18,472	20,868
East Renfrewshire	18,689	21,159
Edinburgh, City of	70,773	80,588
Eilean Siar	4,813	5,511
Falkirk	28,158	31,819
Fife	66,543	75,939
Glasgow City	99,499	114,272
Highland	39,683	45,131
Inverclyde	15,243	17,486
Midlothian	15,935	18,142
Moray	16,901	19,310
North Ayrshire	26,116	29,902
North Lanarkshire	64,206	72,827
Orkney Islands	3,675	4,230
Perth & Kinross	25,246	28,833
Renfrewshire	31,728	36,300
Scottish Borders	20,271	22,912
Shetland Islands	4,588	5,204
South Ayrshire	19,326	22,150
South Lanarkshire	58,042	66,030
Stirling	16,653	18,827
West Dunbartonshire	17,274	19,833
West Lothian	34,484	38,917
SCOTLAND	935,456	1,066,646

Source: GRO(Scotland) 2004 Mid-year population estimates

Table 4.2: Mid-2004 population estimates by gender and age group

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 1	27,628	25,994	53,622
1-4	106,877	102,623	209,500
5-11	212,056	202,072	414,128
12-15	132,145	126,061	258,206
16-17	67,510	63,680	131,190
Total	546,216	520,430	1,066,646
0-4	134,505	128,617	263,122
5-10	179,953	171,288	351,241
11-15	164,248	156,845	321,093
16+	67,510	63,680	131,190
Total	546,216	520,430	1,066,646

Source: GRO(Scotland) 2004 Mid-year population estimates

Table 4.3: Scottish Credit and Qualification Framework

SCQF level	SQA National Units, Courses and Group Awards	Higher Education	Scottish Vocational Qualifications
12		Doctorates	
11		Masters	SVQ 5
10		Honours degree	
		Graduate diploma	
9		Ordinary degree	
		Graduate certificate	
8		Higher National Diploma	SVQ 4
		Diploma in Higher Education	
7	Advanced Higher	Higher National Certificate	
		Certificate in Higher Education	
6	Higher		SVQ 3
5	Intermediate 2		SVQ 2
	Credit Standard Grade		
4	Intermediate 1		SVQ 1
	General Standard Grade		
3	Access 3		
	Foundation Standard Grade		
2	Access 2		
1	Access 1		

Source: <http://www.scqf.org.uk/table.htm>