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CHILDREN ACCOMMODATED IN SECURE CHILDREN'S HOMES AT 31 MARCH 2010: ENGLAND AND WALES

INTRODUCTION

In England and Wales there are three types of secure accommodation in which children and young people can be placed. These are secure training centres, young offender institutions and secure children's homes. This Statistical First Release provides figures on children accommodated in secure children's homes.

Secure children's homes are children's homes which provide a locked environment and restrict a young person's liberty. They provide care and accommodation to children and young people who have been detained or sentenced by the Youth Justice Board (YJB) and those who have been remanded to secure local authority (LA) accommodation. They also accommodate and care for children and young people who have been placed there on welfare grounds by LAs and the courts. Secure children's homes provide the young people with support tailored to their individual needs; to achieve this they have a high ratio of staff to young people and are generally small facilities.

Information has been derived from statistical data reported to the Department by all secure children's homes in England and Wales that were open at 31 March 2010. To protect the identity of children placed in these establishments, figures have been rounded and suppressed.

KEY POINTS

Overview

- 260 children were accommodated in secure children's homes in England and Wales at 31 March 2010 – 240 in England and 20 in Wales. This represents a fall of 10% from the 2009 total of 290. (For England only, there was a 13% fall on the 2009 total of 275.)
- The number of secure children's homes, open at 31 March 2010, in England and Wales is now 17, a reduction of 2 compared with last year. This continues the downward trend seen since 2003 when there were 29 homes open. Of these 17 homes, 16 are in England and one is in Wales.

Places approved / children accommodated

- At 31 March 2010, there were 310 approved places in England and Wales and 295 approved places in England only.
- 83% of approved places in England and Wales (80% in England) were occupied, a slight decrease on the previous year.
- Of the total number of children accommodated in England and Wales, 64% were boys and 36% girls, compared with 65% and 35% in 2009. (In England 61% were boys and 39% were girls.)
- Of the total number of children accommodated in England and Wales, 51% were detained or sentenced and placed by the YJB - a decrease of 8 percentage points between 2009 and 2010. There was a corresponding increase of 5 percentage points in children placed by the local authority on welfare grounds, from 32% of children accommodated in 2009, to 37% of children in 2010. (For England, 48% were detained or sentenced by the YJB, a decrease of 10 percentage points from 2009, and 39% were placed by the local authority on welfare grounds, an increase of 6 percentage points from 2009.)

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Table 3b: Places approved and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay and type of placement, 2001-2010, England only (percentages).

The tables are also available in Excel format on the Department's website: <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/SFR/s000945/index.shtml>

TECHNICAL NOTES

Data Completeness and Coverage

1. The 2010 figures for children accommodated in secure children's homes are the latest in a regular series. Data are collected on the SA1 statistical return, which provides the Department for Education with aggregate data on children accommodated in secure children's homes in England and Wales.

2. The figures presented at 31 March 2010 are based on data reported by the 17 secure children's homes that were open at this time. Redbank children's home has three units (Vardy, Willow and Newton House) but is counted as a single home. Before 2004, each unit was counted in the total count of homes.

3. In addition to these figures on secure children's homes, the Ministry of Justice publishes monthly figures for the population in custody, which includes further information on 15 – 17 year olds and young adults in prison.

These figures are available at: <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/populationincustody.htm>

Confidentiality

4. In order to protect individual data, all figures have been rounded to the nearest 5. Numbers from 1-5 inclusive (before rounding) have been suppressed and are shown as crosses. Percentages are shown rounded to whole numbers but where the numerator was five or less or the denominator was 10 or less, they have been suppressed and replaced by a cross. Where a percentage is zero because the number from which that percentage has been calculated is a zero, the percentage is shown as zero.

5. Symbols used:

Symbol	Meaning
x	Figure is suppressed
.	Not applicable
..	Not available

6. As part of a Government drive for data transparency in official publications, consideration was given to whether more information could be released with this publication at a secure home level. Due to the low numbers involved at home level and the sensitive nature of this data resulting in the need for rounding and suppression, the statistician responsible for this SFR has decided not to release any more information at a secure home level alongside this SFR.

Revisions/Updates

7. There are no planned revisions or updates to this Statistical First Release, however, if at a later date a revision is necessary, this will comply with the departmental revisions policy which is published at <http://www.dcsf.gov.uk/rsgateway/nat-stats.shtml>.

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Table 1: Places approved, and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay and type of placement (numbers and percentages)

Year: 2006 - 2010

Coverage: England and Wales

At 31 March	numbers					percentages				
	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Places approved	390	390	340	340	310	.	.	.	.	.
Children accommodated	315	305	280	290	260	100	100	100	100	100
Occupancy rate (%)¹	.	.	.	.	.	81	78	81	86	83
Places contracted to Youth Justice Board¹	235	235	225	220	190	60	61	65	65	61
Sex²										
Male	205	205	185	190	165	64	68	66	65	64
Female	110	95	95	100	95	36	32	34	35	36
Age²										
Aged under 12	x	x	x	0	x	x	x	x	0	x
Aged 12	10	x	x	x	5	3	x	x	x	3
Aged 13	40	35	35	30	30	13	12	13	10	12
Aged 14	105	100	95	100	70	33	33	34	34	27
Aged 15	90	95	90	90	90	29	31	33	31	34
Aged 16	50	60	45	50	45	16	19	15	18	17
Aged 17	15	10	10	15	15	4	3	3	5	6
Aged 18 and over	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Length of stay²										
Under 1 month	90	90	65	70	50	29	30	23	23	20
1 to < 3 months	90	95	110	100	90	28	31	39	34	34
3 to < 6 months	75	65	50	70	50	24	22	18	24	20
6 to < 12 months	45	40	40	45	45	15	13	15	15	17
12 to < 24 months	10	15	10	10	15	4	5	4	4	7
24 months or more	x	x	x	0	x	x	x	x	0	x
Type of Placement²										
Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	..	190	190	170	130	..	63	69	59	51
Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	..	30	25	25	30	..	10	9	9	12
Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	..	80	60	95	95	..	27	22	32	37

Source: DfE SA1 Survey

1. Percentages are based on the number of approved places

2. Percentages are based on the the number of children accommodated

. Not Applicable

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Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5

Table 2: Places approved and available, and children accommodated at 31 March 2010 by individual secure children's homes (numbers and percentages)

Year: 2010

Coverage: England and Wales

	numbers, percentages			
Secure children's home	Number of places approved	Number of places available	Number of children accommodated	Occupancy rate (%) ¹
All Units²	310	290	260	83
Beechfield	5	x	x	x
St Catherines	15	15	10	80
Atkinson Unit	15	10	5	44
Swanwick Lodge	15	15	15	94
Clare Lodge / Salters	15	15	15	100
Leverton Hall	15	15	15	88
Lansdowne	x	x	x	x
Aldine House	10	10	10	x
Lincolnshire	10	10	10	83
Redbank ³	30	30	25	86
Barton Moss	20	20	20	95
Kyloe House	10	10	10	92
Clayfields House	20	20	15	83
Vinney Green	25	25	25	100
Aycliffe Centre	45	40	25	58
East Moor	35	35	30	83
Neath Hillside	20	20	20	100

Source: DfE SA1 Survey

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2. Orchard Lodge and Sutton Place have closed since 31 March 2009

3. Redbank includes secure children's homes Newton House, Vardy House and Willows House

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Table 3a: Numbers of places approved and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay, and type of placement
Year: 2001 - 2010
Coverage: England

	numbers									
At 31 March	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Number of places approved	430	425	425	435	385	370	370	325	320	295
Number of children accommodated	375	395	400	400	345	300	290	265	275	240
Occupancy rate (%)¹	87	93	94	92	90	80	78	81	85	80
Number of places contracted to Youth Justice Board	255	235	230	270	220	220	220	210	205	175
Sex										
Male	285	285	275	270	215	190	195	175	175	145
Female	90	115	125	130	130	105	90	90	100	95
Age										
Aged under 12	x	x	x	5	10	x	x	x	0	x
Aged 12	x	x	15	25	20	10	x	x	5	5
Aged 13	45	65	65	60	40	40	35	35	30	30
Aged 14	110	105	120	130	120	100	95	90	95	65
Aged 15	105	125	125	100	100	90	90	90	80	85
Aged 16	80	70	65	60	50	45	55	40	45	35
Aged 17	15	20	x	15	5	10	5	10	15	15
Aged 18 and over	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0
Length of stay										
Under 1 month	85	90	100	90	90	85	85	60	65	50
1 to < 3 months	120	130	120	130	115	85	90	105	95	80
3 to < 6 months	90	90	65	110	85	70	65	50	65	50
6 to < 12 months	50	65	90	50	45	45	35	40	40	45
12 to < 24 months	30	x	x	20	15	10	15	10	10	15
24 months or more	5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	x
Type of Placement										
Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	180	180	160	115
Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	20	25	30
Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	75	60	90	95

Source: DfE SA1 Survey

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Table 3b: Percentage of places approved and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay, and type of placement
Year: 2001 - 2010
Coverage: England

	percentages									
At 31 March	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Percentage of places contracted to Youth Justice Board¹	59	55	54	62	58	59	60	65	64	60
Sex²										
Male	76	71	69	67	63	64	68	66	64	61
Female	24	29	31	33	37	36	32	34	36	39
Age²										
Aged under 12	x	x	x	2	3	x	x	x	0	x
Aged 12	x	x	4	6	5	3	x	x	2	3
Aged 13	12	16	16	15	12	14	12	13	11	13
Aged 14	30	27	30	33	35	34	33	34	36	28
Aged 15	27	32	31	25	29	29	31	34	30	35
Aged 16	21	17	16	15	14	15	18	14	16	15
Aged 17	5	5	x	4	2	4	2	3	5	6
Aged 18 and over	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0	0	0
Length of stay²										
Under 1 month	22	22	25	22	25	29	29	22	23	22
1 to < 3 months	31	32	30	33	33	28	30	39	34	33
3 to < 6 months	24	22	16	27	24	23	23	19	25	20
6 to < 12 months	13	17	22	12	13	15	12	16	14	18
12 to < 24 months	8	x	x	5	5	4	5	4	4	5
24 months or more	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	0	x
Type of Placement²										
Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	69	58	48
Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	8	9	13
Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	27	23	33	39

Source: DfE SA1 Survey

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