

Child protection register statistics: Scotland 2012 – 2016

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Number of children on child protection registers, by gender and age group

		2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Boys	Unborns	16	47	49	37	39
	0-4	732	688	725	668	687
	5-10	374	415	463	488	446
	11-15	188	188	205	219	201
	16+	1	8	7	4	6
	Unknown	40	0	0	0	0
	All boys	1,351	1,346	1,449	1,416	1,379
Girls	Unborns	35	26	28	34	29
	0-4	608	645	674	594	656
	5-10	391	391	433	403	415
	11-15	219	169	241	225	201
	16+	2	15	6	8	9
	Unknown	48	0	0	0	0
	All girls	1,303	1,246	1,382	1,264	1,310
All children	Unborns	93	125	123	131	102
	0-4	1,340	1,333	1,399	1,263	1,343
	5-10	765	806	896	891	861
	11-15	407	357	446	444	402
	16+	3	23	13	12	15
	Unknown	90	1	0	0	0
	Total	2,698	2,645	2,877	2,741	2,723

Source:

Table 2.1a in Scottish Government (2017) Children's social work statistics Scotland, 2015-16. Edinburgh: Scottish Government.

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Please note:

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

Concerns identified at the case conferences of children on the child protection register

Concerns identified at case conferences	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Neglect	993	1,030	1,009	1,015	945
Parental substance misuse	892	981	1,132	990	1,064
- Drug misuse	567	659	702	670	717
- Alcohol misuse	502	524	639	500	533
Parental mental health problems	501	598	734	623	714
Non-engaging family	451	547	623	653	565
Domestic abuse	735	886	1,068	968	1,058
Sexual abuse	233	210	217	251	167
Physical abuse	467	539	671	616	551
Emotional abuse	1,020	1,024	1,114	1,087	973
Child placing themselves at risk	43	56	60	37	45
Child exploitation	7	13	13	37	6
Child sexual exploitation					12
Other concerns	280	283	433	309	339
Total concerns	5,622	6,167	7,074	6,586	6,439

Source:

Table 4.3 in Scottish Government (2017) Children's social work statistics Scotland, 2015-16: additional tables. Edinburgh: Scottish Government.

Available online at:

<http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Children/PubChildrenSocialWork/C/SWSAT1516>

Please note:

- the Scottish Government published revised National Guidance for Child Protection in Scotland in December 2010 which expanded the categories for abuse/concerns identified at case conferences. Many of the categories used from 2012 onwards may have been included in other categories previously, or not counted. These figures are therefore not comparable to previous years' data. A child may have multiple concerns identified, the total concerns is not the same as the total number of children on the register
- the child sexual exploitation concern category was introduced in 2016
- the "Total concerns" figure is less than the sum of the individual concern figures. This is because the drug misuse and alcohol misuse figures are also included in the parental substance misuse concern.
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Further information

Data is available broken down by local authority via the data source given under each table.

This publication also contains details of the numbers of referrals, registrations and de-registrations, and advice about how to interpret the statistics.

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