

# Child protection plan and register statistics: UK 2012 – 2016

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

Nation	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
England	42,850	43,140	48,300	49,690	50,310
Scotland	2,698	2,645	2,877	2,741	2,723
Wales	2,890	2,955	3,135	2,935	3,060
Northern Ireland	2,127	1,961	1,914	1,969	2,146
<b>UK total</b>	<b>50,565</b>	<b>50,737</b>	<b>56,231</b>	<b>57,335</b>	<b>58,239</b>

## Sources:

### England

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Available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/characteristics-of-children-in-need-2015-to-2016>

### Scotland

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### Wales

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Available online at: <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/local-authority-child-protection-registers/?lang=en>

## Northern Ireland

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

### **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 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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