

**Documentation of statistics for
Children and young persons with preventive measures 2020**

1 Introduction

The purpose of the statistic on assistance to children and young people is to analyze relief measures to children and young people, who receive assistance according to the current legislation regarding special support to children and young people. The statistic has been compiled since April 1976. This statistic is in its current form comparable from 2007 and onwards.

2 Statistical presentation

The statistic regarding preventive measures is an annual statistic, which is updated every year. It gives information on relief measures given to children and young people. The data are distributed by age, sex, and type of measure. The data are also distributed by provinces and municipalities.

2.1 Data description

These statistics contain 2 indicators documenting the area of exposed children and young people.

- Indicator 01 - Preventive Assistance to vulnerable children and young people Documentation for the out-of-home placement statistics is here:
<https://www.dst.dk/en/Statistik/dokumentation/documentationofstatistics/children-and-young-persons-placed-outside-own-home>
- [BUFF01](#): Children and young persons with measures per 31th December by municipality, and measure
- [BU04A](#): Assistance to exposed children and young people per 31 December by province, measure, age and sex
- [BU43](#): Exposed children and young people as a percentage of the population (0-22 years) by municipality and measure
- Indicator 02 - Cost related to giving Preventive Assistance to vulnerable children and young people
- [BU28](#): Public net expenditures for exposed children and young people by measure

2.2 Classification system

These statistics are grouped geographically by [Regions, Provinces and Municipalities](#). In addition, the data is distributed by measure, as well as by gender and age in the age groups 0-5 years of age, 6-11 years of age, 12-17 years of age, and 18-22 years of age.

2.3 Sector coverage

Not relevant for these statistics.

2.4 Statistical concepts and definitions

Support measure: Social support given as actions or amounts granted to disadvantaged children and young people and their families.

Beneficiary: The person (child or adolescent) who is the cause of the given measure.

Preventive measure: Preventive effort within their own environment given to prevent placement outside the home.

Handling Municipality: The municipality, who decide on providing assistance or support under the Act on Special Support to children and young people.

2.5 Statistical unit

Measures granted to children and young people (0-22 years).

2.6 Statistical population

Children and adolescent (0-22 year) receiving supportive measures under the sections of the Service Act, including children live outside Denmark.

2.7 Reference area

These statistics cover all children who are subject to supportive measures under the sections of the Service Act and the Law on Combating Adolescent Criminality even if the children live outside Denmark.

2.8 Time coverage

These statistics cover the time period from 2016 and onwards.

2.9 Base period

Not relevant for these statistics.

2.10 Unit of measure

Multiple measurement units are used in the compilation of the indicators, including:

- Number of persons
- Number of measures
- Percentage
- Share in percent.
- Expenditure in DKK million

2.11 Reference period

31th of December each year

2.12 Frequency of dissemination

Yearly.

2.13 Legal acts and other agreements

Section 6 of the Danish Statistics Act. In addition, specific announcements relating to the individual registers used for the formation of the indicators. The statistics are not subject to EU regulation.

2.14 Cost and burden

These statistics are based on administrative data. There is thus no direct response burden, in relation to the compilation of these statistics.

2.15 Comment

For further information contact Statistics Denmark.

3 Statistical processing

Data for these statistics are collected from the 98 municipalities. Data is gathered in a register containing all persons who at some point during their first 23 years of living, have received support under the laws of the Service Act or the Law on Combating Adolescent Criminality. The reported information is validated in close collaboration with the municipalities, and supplemented with data from Statistics Denmark's population statistics.

3.1 Source data

Data reported by the 98 municipalities in Denmark and from The Danish Social Appeals Board.

3.2 Frequency of data collection

Reports on preventive measures from the 98 municipalities are collected continuously.

3.3 Data collection

Data is transmitted via different system-to-system solutions.

3.4 Data validation

The data reported from the municipalities for the current year is linked with active measures per. December 31 of the year before. For each child, all cases are updated with new information received from the municipality regarding the support given to the child in the current year. If it is not possible to link the information from the municipality to the preventive measures for the child in the register, the cases are printed on a error list, which is then processed manually.

3.5 Data compilation

The data reported from the municipalities for the current year is linked with "active measures" per December 31 last year. For each child, will all the cases get updated with all new information received from the municipality about support given to the child in the current year. If it is not possible to link the information from the municipality to the preventive measures for the child in the register - the cases are printed on a error list, which is processed manually.

3.6 Adjustment

Anyone who receives measures, but who are 23 years or older are not included in the published statements and any duplicated reported from the municipalities are removed.

4 Relevance

The statistics are used by municipalities, regions, ministries, the media, researchers and private individuals. The statistics used for public planning and administration, research, public debate and education.

4.1 User Needs

These statistics are used by municipalities, counties, ministries, the media and researchers for public planning and administration, research, public debate and educational purposes.

4.2 User Satisfaction

The statistics can annually be discussed at the user committee for Welfare statistics.

4.3 Data completeness rate

Not relevant for these statistics.

5 Accuracy and reliability

Differences in systems in municipalities, however, means that municipalities do not record data in a consistent manner. So what's in one municipality registered on one paragraph - may in another municipality be registered under a different paragraph that is not reported or included in the register of vulnerable children. It is not possible to estimate how big this problem is.

5.1 Overall accuracy

Statistics Denmark do not have the necessary knowledge to assess the differences in the treatment of measures in the municipalities. The differences in the municipal cases systems means, that municipalities do not register cases and measures uniformly. What is posted in one municipality in one section that is included in the register of vulnerable children and young people may in another municipality be registered under another section that is not reported. Please note, that §57b, §57a are underreported. Data regarding the newly implemented Act on Combatting Adolescent Criminality can be uncertain as there is no basis for comparison.

5.2 Sampling error

Not relevant for these statistics.

5.3 Non-sampling error

Differences in the municipalities' case systems mean that not all municipalities register cases uniformly. What is posted in one municipality under one section that is included in the register, may in another municipality be registered under another section that is not reported.

Municipalities should report all measures, but it must be assumed that there are missing cases. If the case begins and ends within the same calendar year, Statistics Denmark will not discover the missing case during the validation procedures.

There may be some measurement errors in the variable period. Some municipalities tend to set the start date of a measure as being the date when it is granted, while other municipalities correctly specify the start date as being the time when the measure actually takes effect.

5.4 Quality management

Statistics Denmark follows the recommendations on organisation and management of quality given in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and the implementation guidelines given in the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF). A Working Group on Quality and a central quality assurance function have been established to continuously carry through control of products and processes.

5.5 Quality assurance

Statistics Denmark follows the principles in the Code of Practice for European Statistics (CoP) and uses the Quality Assurance Framework of the European Statistical System (QAF) for the implementation of the principles. This involves continuous decentralized and central control of products and processes based on documentation following international standards. The central quality assurance function reports to the Working Group on Quality. Reports include suggestions for improvement that are assessed, decided and subsequently implemented.

5.6 Quality assessment

Data is generally regarded as reliable.

5.7 Data revision - policy

Statistics Denmark revises published figures in accordance with the [Revision Policy for Statistics Denmark](#). The common procedures and principles of the Revision Policy are for some statistics supplemented by a specific revision practice.

5.8 Data revision practice

The register is a progress register, which is updated yearly.

6 Timeliness and punctuality

The statistics is published approximately 9 months after the end of the reference period. There has been delays in the past years due to reorganisation of the registration systems in the municipalities, but it expected that the statistics will be published at the announces time in the future.

6.1 Timeliness and time lag - final results

The statistics shall be published during the following calendar year.

6.2 Punctuality

The statistics have in recent years been published with some delays, partly because of reorganisation of the registration systems in the municipalities.

7 Comparability

The statistics have been published since 1977, but due to large changes in legislation in 1985, 1993 and 2006 statistics are not directly comparable throughout the years.

7.1 Comparability - geographical

The statistic can not be compared directly internationally.

7.2 Comparability over time

These statistics have been compiled since 1977, but due to legislative changes in 1985 and 1993, the statistics are not strictly comparable over the years. After changes in the Danish Social Assistance Act as of 1 January 1985, placements outside the home, according to the act on "recommendations and impositions", were left out. Since then, the legal provisions for all round-the-clock placements are included in the paragraphs regarding ordinary placements, i.e. placement outside the home either with or without the parents' consent. From January 1993, the change in legislation meant that certain types of assistance, which were previously considered as placement outside the home, were transferred to the group of preventive measures. At the same time, a number of new measures were introduced.

7.3 Coherence - cross domain

These statistics Micro-data contains social security numbers, which makes it possible to link data with other statistics.

7.4 Coherence - internal

Data reported from different sources usually follow the same reporting forms.

8 Accessibility and clarity

These statistics are published yearly in a Danish press release, at the same time as the tables are updated in the StatBank. In the StatBank, these statistics can be found under [Disadvantaged children and young people](#). For further information, go to the [subject page](#).

8.1 Release calendar

The publication date appears in the release calendar. The date is confirmed in the weeks before.

8.2 Release calendar access

The Release Calendar can be accessed on our English website: [Release Calendar](#).

8.3 User access

Statistics are always published at 8:00 a.m. at the day announced in the release calendar. No one outside of Statistics Denmark can access the statistics before they are published.

8.4 News release

These statistics are published yearly in a Danish press release.

8.5 Publications

These statistics feature in the [Statistical Yearbook](#).

8.6 On-line database

These statistics are published in the StatBank under [Disadvantaged children and young people](#) in the following tables:

Disadvantaged children and young people

- [BU01AA](#): Children and young persons with preventive measures per 31st December by region, measure, age, sex and time
- [BU04A](#): Assistance to exposed children and young people (31st December) by region, measure, age, sex and time

Economy and share of population

- [BU33](#): Disadvantaged children and young people as a percentage of the population by region, measure and time
- [BU28](#): Public net expenditures for exposed children and young people by measure and time

The education of disadvantaged children and young people

- [BU31A](#): Test result (point scale 0-100) by measure, section, sex and time

Crime and suicide

- [BU22A](#): Crime committed by current or former exposed children and young people by region, type of offence, measure and time
- [BU27](#): Suicide committed by current or former exposed children and young people by target/control group and time

8.7 Micro-data access

Researchers and other analysts from authorized research institutions, can be granted access to the underlying anonymized Micro-data by contacting [Research Services](#).

8.8 Other

These statistics underlying anonymized Micro-data are made available for service tasks against payment. Read more about [Customized Solutions](#) or get more information by contacting [DST Consulting](#).

8.9 Confidentiality - policy

[Data Confidentiality Policy](#) for Statistics Denmark is applied.

8.10 Confidentiality - data treatment

Due to discretion, persons are grouped in to age groups. In addition, certain tables in the StatBank are published only for provinces rather than municipalities. See more on the classification page for [Regions, Provinces and Municipalities](#).

8.11 Documentation on methodology

Not relevant for these statistics.

8.12 Quality documentation

Results from the quality evaluation of products and selected processes are available in detail for each statistics and in summary reports for the Working Group on Quality.

9 Contact

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