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CHILDREN ACCOMMODATED IN SECURE CHILDREN'S HOMES AT 31 MARCH 2008: 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. 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 2008. To protect the identity of children placed in these establishments, figures have been rounded and suppressed.

KEY POINTS

Overview

- 280 children were accommodated in secure children's homes in England and Wales at 31 March 2008 – 265 in England and 15 in Wales. This represents a fall of 9% on the 2007 total of 305.
- The number of secure children's homes, open at 31 March 2008, in England and Wales is now 19, a reduction of 3 compared with last year. This continues the downward trend since 2003 when there were 29 homes open (28 in 2004, 24 in 2005, 22 in 2006 and 2007).

Places approved / children accommodated

- At 31 March 2008, there were 340 approved places in the 19 secure children's homes open in England and Wales.
- 81% of approved places were occupied, a slight increase on the previous year and ending the downward trend of recent years.
- Of the total number of children accommodated 66% were boys and 34% girls, compared with 68% and 32% in 2007.
- There has been a decrease of 7 percentage points between 2007 and 2008 in the proportion of children who stayed for under 1 month, with a corresponding increase in the proportion staying for between 1 and 3 months.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. The 2008 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 Children, Schools and Families with aggregate data on children accommodated in secure children's homes in England and Wales.

2. The figures presented at 31 March 2008 are based on data reported by the 19 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, in the 2005 SFR each unit was counted in the total count of homes.

3. In addition to those accommodated in secure homes, Ministry of Justice figures show that at 31 March 2008 there were 2,350 15-17 year olds held in juvenile establishments in the prison estate in England and Wales, a decrease of 3% on the 2007 figure of 2,415. There were a further 250 10-17 year olds in secure training centres, an increase of 5% from March 2007. (These figures were previously compiled by the Home Office).

4. 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:

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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, 2004-2008, England and Wales (numbers and percentages).

Table 2 Places approved and available, and children accommodated at 31 March 2008 by individual secure children's home, England and Wales (numbers).

Table 3a: Places approved and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay and type of placement, 1999-2008, England only (numbers).

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, 1999-2008, England only (percentages).

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

Year: 2004 - 2008

Coverage: England and Wales

At 31 March	numbers					percentages				
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Places approved	450	400	390	390	340	.	.	.	.	.
Children accommodated	420	365	315	305	280	100	100	100	100	100
Occupancy rate (%)	.	.	.	.	.	93	91	81	78	81
Places contracted to Youth Justice Board	285	235	235	235	225	63	58	60	61	65
Sex										
Male	280	230	205	205	185	67	64	64	68	66
Female	135	135	110	95	95	33	36	36	32	34
Age										
Aged under 12	5	10	x	x	x	2	2	x	x	x
Aged 12	25	20	10	x	x	6	5	3	x	x
Aged 13	60	45	40	35	35	15	12	13	12	13
Aged 14	135	125	105	100	95	32	35	33	33	34
Aged 15	110	105	90	95	90	26	29	29	31	33
Aged 16	65	55	50	60	45	16	15	16	19	15
Aged 17	15	5	15	10	10	4	2	4	3	3
Aged 18 and over	0	x	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0
Length of stay										
Under 1 month	95	95	90	90	65	22	26	29	30	23
1 to < 3 months	135	120	90	95	110	33	33	28	31	39
3 to < 6 months	110	85	75	65	50	27	24	24	22	18
6 to < 12 months	50	45	45	40	40	12	13	15	13	15
12 to < 24 months	20	15	10	15	10	5	5	4	5	4
24 months or more	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Type of Placement										
Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	..	..	..	190	190	..	..	..	63	69
Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	..	..	..	30	25	..	..	..	10	9
Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	80	60	27	22

Source: DCSF SA1 Survey

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Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5

Table 2: Places approved and available, and children accommodated at 31 March 2008 by individual secure children's home

Year: 2008

Coverage: England and Wales

numbers, percentages

Name of secure children's home	Number of places approved	Number of places available	Number of children accommodated	Occupancy rate (%)
All Units	340	330	280	81
Beechfield	5	x	x	x
St Catherines	15	15	10	59
Atkinson Unit	15	15	10	75
Swanwick Lodge	15	15	10	75
Clare Lodge / Salters	15	15	10	69
Leverton Hall	15	15	10	75
Lansdowne	x	x	x	x
Aldine House	10	10	10	x
Lincolnshire	10	10	10	x
Orchard Lodge	25	20	20	88
Redbank	30	30	25	90
Sutton Place	10	10	10	x
Barton Moss	20	20	20	100
Kyloe House	10	10	10	67
Clayfields House	20	20	15	78
Vinney Green	25	25	20	91
Aycliffe Centre	45	40	30	74
East Moor	35	35	35	94
Neath Hillside	20	20	15	78

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

Table 3a: Places approved and children accommodated in secure children's homes at 31 March by sex, age, length of stay and type of placement

Year: 1999 - 2008

Coverage: England

numbers

At 31 March	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Places approved	435	435	430	425	425	435	385	370	370	325
Children accommodated	325	365	375	395	400	400	345	300	290	265
Occupancy rate (%)	75	84	87	93	94	92	90	80	78	81
Places contracted to Youth Justice Board	.	.	255	235	230	270	220	220	220	210
Sex										
Male	230	265	285	285	275	270	215	190	195	175
Female	95	100	90	115	125	130	130	105	90	90
Age										
Aged under 12	x	x	x	x	x	5	10	x	x	x
Aged 12	15	20	x	x	15	25	20	10	x	x
Aged 13	40	40	45	65	65	60	40	40	35	35
Aged 14	90	100	110	105	120	130	120	100	95	90
Aged 15	105	115	105	125	125	100	100	90	90	90
Aged 16	60	70	80	70	65	60	50	45	55	40
Aged 17	x	15	15	20	x	15	5	10	5	10
Aged 18 and over	0	x	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0
Length of stay										
Under 1 month	80	90	85	90	100	90	90	85	85	60
1 to < 3 months	95	120	120	130	120	130	115	85	90	105
3 to < 6 months	70	75	90	90	65	110	85	70	65	50
6 to < 12 months	55	60	50	65	90	50	45	45	35	40
12 to < 24 months	x	x	30	x	x	20	15	10	15	10
24 months or more	x	x	5	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Type of Placement										
Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	180	180
Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	20
Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	75	60

Source: DCSF SA1 Survey

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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

Year: 1999 - 2008

Coverage: England

percentages

At 31 March	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Children accommodated	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Places contracted to Youth Justice Board	.	.	59	55	54	62	58	59	60	65
Sex										
Male	71	72	76	71	69	67	63	64	68	66
Female	29	28	24	29	31	33	37	36	32	34
Age										
Aged under 12	x	x	x	x	x	2	3	x	x	x
Aged 12	5	5	x	x	4	6	5	3	x	x
Aged 13	13	10	12	16	16	15	12	14	12	13
Aged 14	27	28	30	27	30	33	35	34	33	34
Aged 15	33	x	27	32	31	25	29	29	31	34
Aged 16	18	19	21	17	16	15	14	15	18	14
Aged 17	x	4	5	5	x	4	2	4	2	3
Aged 18 and over	0	x	0	0	0	0	x	0	0	0
Length of stay										
Under 1 month	25	25	22	22	25	22	25	29	29	22
1 to < 3 months	30	33	31	32	30	33	33	28	30	39
3 to < 6 months	21	20	24	22	16	27	24	23	23	19
6 to < 12 months	16	16	13	17	22	12	13	15	12	16
12 to < 24 months	6	4	8	5	x	5	5	4	5	4
24 months or more	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x
Type of Placement										
Child detained or sentenced and placed by the Youth Justice Board	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	63	69
Child placed by local authority in a criminal justice context	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	11	8
Child placed by local authority on welfare grounds	27	23

Source: DCSF SA1 Survey

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