

# Vulnerable groups and latest data

Summary table

JULY 2019

Vulnerability Groups - Children and Young People		Indicator	CCO estimate	Date of estimate	Age split	Gender split	Sub-national split	Time series	Data source	Data quality	
CYP receiving statutory care or support	Looked after CYP	Looked after CYP	CYP looked after at the end of the year	75,420	2017/18	✓	✓	✓	✓	Children looked after in England including adoption	a
		Foster care inc. fostered with friends/family	CYP looked after in foster placements	55,200	2017/18			✓	✓	Children looked after in England including adoption	a
		Placed for adoption	CYP looked after - placed for adoption	2,230	2017/18			✓	✓	Children looked after in England including adoption	a
		Placement with parents	CYP looked after - placed with parents	4,700	2017/18			✓	✓	Children looked after in England including adoption	a
		Other placements in the community	CYP looked after in other placements in the community	3,100	2017/18			✓	✓	Children looked after in England including adoption	a
		Secure institutions, children's homes and semi-independent living	CYP looked after in secure institutions, children's homes and semi-independent living	8,530	2017/18			✓	✓	Children looked after in England including adoption	a
		Other residential settings	CYP looked after in other residential settings or residential schools	1,360	2017/18			✓	✓	Children looked after in England including adoption	a
	CYP in secure settings	CYP in immigration detention		0	2017/18						
		CYP in youth custody	CYP in custody	891	2017/18	✓	✓	✓	✓	Youth Justice Board Statistics - Youth Custody Report	a
		CYP in mental health secure tier 4	Mental health detention episodes for CYP	1,177	2017/18	✓				Mental Health Act Statistics	b
		CYP in secure welfare accommodation	CYP in secure children's homes at 31 March (placed on welfare grounds)	87	2017/18				✓	Children accommodated in secure children's homes	a
	Children in Need (CIN)		Children in need at 31 March (excluding unborn children)	397,430	2017/18	✓	✓	✓	✓	Characteristics of Children in Need (CIN)	b
	CYP who are subject to a Child Protection Plan (CPP)		CYP who were the subject of a CPP at the end of the year.	52,640	2017/18	✓		✓	✓	Characteristics of Children in Need (CIN)	b
	CYP with prior care experience	Former relevant and qualifying CYP	All CYP aged 17 who had been looked after for at least 13 weeks which began after they reached the age of 14 and ended after they reached the age of 16	620	2017/18	✓	✓			Children looked after in England including adoption	a
		CYP who returned to their family prior to their 16th birthday			2017/18						
Adopted CYP		All CYP looked after who were adopted over the year	3,820	2017/18	✓	✓	✓	✓	Children looked after in England including adoption	a	
CYP on Special Guardianship Orders (SGO)		CYP who are currently subject to a Special Guardianship Order (SGO)	25,438	2017/18					CCO internal analysis of Children Looked After Census	c	
CYP who have SEN or disability - CYP with SEN statements or EHC plans		Pupils with statements or EHC plans	230,897	2017/18	✓	✓	✓	✓	Special educational needs in England	a	
CYP known to have experienced specific personal harm	CYP who have been victims of maltreatment	CYP who have been sexually abused/exploited	CYP victims of contact sexual abuse	207,207	2011	✓				Radford et al (2011)	c
		CYP who have been trafficked	CYP referred to the National Referral Mechanism (non-sexual exploitation)	2,345	2017/18	✓	✓		✓	National Referral Mechanism Annual statistics	b
		CYP who have been neglected	CYP experiencing parental neglect	951,643	2011	✓				Radford et al (2011)	c
		CYP who have been physically abused	CYP experiencing severe physical maltreatment	388,462	2011	✓				Radford et al (2011)	c
		CYP who have been emotionally abused	CYP experiencing emotional abuse from a parent/guardian	565,348	2011	✓				Radford et al (2011)	c
		CYP who have been victims of FGM	Girls recorded in the Female Genital Mutilation Enhanced Dataset by age at attendance	930	2017/18	✓			✓	Characteristics of Children in Need (CIN)	c
		CYP victims of crime (other than abuse)	CYP who experienced victimisation in the last year (all types of crime)	377,978	2017/18	✓	✓		✓	Crime Survey for England and Wales (CSEW)	a
CYP with a disability, ill-health or developmental difficulties	CYP who have SEN	CYP with SEN support (without statements or EHC plans)	CYP with SEN support (without statements or EHC plans)	931,715	2017/18	✓	✓	✓	✓	Special educational needs in England	a
		CYP with speech or communication difficulties	Number of pupils with Speech, Language and Communication Needs as their primary SEN need	247,041	2017/18				✓	Special educational needs in England	a
		CYP with Autism Spectrum Disorder	CYP with diagnosed ASD	27,738	2010					CCO using Taylor et al (2010)	c
		CYP with learning disabilities	CYP with learning disabilities	299,624	2011					CCO using Emerson et al (2011)	c
	CYP with physical ill-health	CYP who have physical health issues - CYP with a longstanding illness	CYP with a longstanding illness	1,905,000	2017	✓	✓		✓	Health Survey for England	a
		CYP who have physical health issues - CYP with a limiting longstanding illness	CYP with a limiting longstanding illness	955,000	2017	✓	✓		✓	Health Survey for England	a
		CYP with life-limiting illness	CYP with life-limiting conditions in English Hospital Admissions dataset	37,974	2012					CCO using Fraser et al (2012)	c
	CYP with emotional and mental health issues	CYP with self-reported emotional and mental health issues	CYP aged 5-17 with significant emotional and mental health issues	1,032,898	2017					CCO estimate using NHS Mental Health of Children and Young People in England	c
		CYP receiving mental health treatment	CYP in contact with mental health services at the end of March 2019	339,850	Mar 2019				✓	Mental Health Services Monthly Statistics	a
		CYP receiving in-patient mental health treatment	Admissions of CYP under 18 in CAMHS tier 4 wards	1,167	Q3 2018/19				✓	Mental Health Five Year Forward Dashboard	a

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CYP in households or families with characteristics or locations that indicate higher potential likelihood of current or future harm	CYP who are homeless or who are in insecure/unstable housing		CYP and expected CYP living in households in temporary accommodation	123,520	Q1 2018			✓	Statutory homelessness and prevention and relief	a		
	CYP in poverty	CYP on Free School Meals		CYP eligible for free school meals	1,107,282	2017/18			Schools, pupils and their characteristics	a		
		CYP in low-income families and materially deprived		CYP in material deprivation and severe low income	593,000	2017/18		✓	✓	Households Below Average Income	a	
		CYP in destitution										
		CYP in Food Poverty		CYP experiencing moderate /severe food insecurity (0-14)	1,959,431	2017				CCO using Brazier (2017)	c	
	CYP in workless families		CYP living in workless households	1,113,028	2017/18			✓	✓	Working and workless households in the UK.	a	
	CYP in families with poor inter-parental relationship		CYP in couple-parent families reporting relationship distress (UK)	1,263,690	2017				✓	CCO using estimates from DWP's "Improving Lives: Helping Workless Families"	c	
	CYP in lone-parent families		CYP in lone parent families	2,658,111	Q4 2018	✓				Estimates using Labour Force Survey data	c	
	CYP of prisoners		CYP who had a parent in prison at end 30 June (England and Wales)	113,000	2018					Crest Advisory (2018)	c	
	CYP living with friends or wider family (informal kinship care)											
	CYP whose parents use substances problematically		CYP in families where an adult has reported alcohol or drug dependency	472,000	2014					Adult psychiatric morbidity survey (2014)	a	
	CYP in households that report domestic abuse		CYP in households that report domestic abuse	831,000	2014					Adult psychiatric morbidity survey (2014)	c	
	CYP with mental ill-health in the family		CYP where all resident carers are reporting symptoms of anxiety/depression	900,000	2016					CCO using estimates from DWP's "Improving Lives: Helping Workless Families" and APMS	c	
	CYP in locations with concentrated poverty and deprivation		CYP in top 10% most deprived areas (LSOA)	1,497,315	2015		✓			Index of Multiple Deprivation	a	
CYP not meeting the threshold of social worker intervention		CYP who were assessed as not in need	178,255	2017/18					CIN census, internal analysis	c		
CYP in 'Troubled Families'		CYP in funded families on the programme as at March 2019 (England)	397,749	2019					CCO estimates. See <i>Trends in Childhood Vulnerability: Technical Report 1</i>	b		
CYP who are vulnerable of concern by virtue of their identity or nationality	CYP at risk of forced marriage		CYP who have been given support of advice by the Forced Marriage Unit	574	2018			✓		b		
	CYP with unresolved immigration status	Unaccompanied Asylum Seeking CYP (UASC)		UASC looked after at the end of the year	4,480	2017/18	✓	✓	✓	✓	Children looked after in England including adoption	a
		CYP arriving under Dublin Regulations										
		CYP in families seeking asylum		CYP in families seeking asylum aged 0-17	5,655	Mar 2019	✓	✓		✓	Immigration statistics	a
		Undocumented CYP		CYP who are irregular migrants in the UK	120,000	2012					Sigona and Hughes (2012)	c
	Refugees											
	Gypsy, Roma, Traveller CYP		Gypsy, Roma, Traveller CYP	23,734	2011					CCO using Vizard et al. (2018)	c	
LGBTQ+ CYP		CYP identifying as Gay, Lesbian or Bisexual aged 16-24	298,000	2017				✓	ONS Sexual Identity, UK	b		
CYP at risk in relation to the activity or institutions outside the home	CYP believed to be radicalised		CYP that received Channel Support	110	2018		✓	✓	✓	Individuals referred to and supported through the Prevent Programme	b	
	Missing CYP		CYP reported missing during the year	55,807	2015/16	✓	✓	✓	✓	Missing Persons Data Report	b	
	CYP outside mainstream education	CYP excluded		Pupil enrolments with one or more fixed period exclusions	183,375	2017	✓	✓	✓	✓	Permanent and fixed period exclusions in England	a
		CYP in Alternative Provision & Pupil Referral Units		Pupils in LA Alternative Provision/Pupil referral units	38,056	2017/18	✓	✓	✓	✓	Schools, pupils and their characteristics	a
		CYP missing from mainstream education		CYP reported as missing from education during the year	49,187	2016/17				✓	Ellison and Hutchinson (2018)	c
		Young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET)		Young people Not in Education, Employment or Training (NEET) – annual (aged 16-17)	53,300	2017	✓	✓		✓	Participation in Education, Training and Employment	a
	Young people involved with the criminal justice system		Youth cautions or court sentences given to CYP (aged 10-17), year ending 31 March	26,681	2017/18	✓	✓	✓	✓	Youth Justice Statistics	a	
	CYP involved with or vulnerable to gangs		Is a member of a street gang (aged 10-17)	29,000	2017/18				✓	Crime Survey for England and Wales 2017/18	a	
Bullied CYP		CYP who have been bullied in the last 12 months (aged 12 - 17)	805,738	2018					CCO estimate using annual bullying survey 2018	c		
CYP caring for others	Teenage parents		Live births to fathers and mothers aged 17 and under (England and Wales)	6,105	2017			✓	Birth by Parents' Characteristics, England and Wales	a		
	Young carers		Young unpaid carers (5-17)	102,000	2017/18			✓	Family Resources Survey 2017/18	a		

a National statistics including ONS badged surveys    b Official/experimental statistics    c Non-government survey or assumption based estimates

Note: survey percentages have been applied to ONS mid-2017 population totals to calculate estimates. Estimates are current at 1st June 2019 for children in England aged 0-17 except where mentioned.



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