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**CHILDREN ACCOMMODATED IN SECURE UNITS, YEAR  
ENDING 31 MARCH 2003: ENGLAND AND WALES**

National statistics providing figures on children accommodated in secure units in England and Wales were published today.

The release provides summary information that has been derived from statistical data reported by the 31 secure units in England and Wales.

**KEY POINTS****Children accommodated**

- At 31 March 2003, there were 445 approved places in 31 secure units in England and Wales. 425 of these places were in England and 20 were in Wales.
- 420 children were accommodated in secure units at 31 March 2003 – 400 in England and 20 in Wales. At 31 March 1999, 340 children were accommodated in secure units.

**Occupancy rate**

- 94% of approved places in secure units in England and Wales were occupied, compared with 75% in 1999. Occupancy rates have been increasing since 1999.

**Sex**

- Of the total number of children accommodated in secure units in England and Wales 68% were boys and 32% were girls.

**Age**

- There has been a slight downward shift in the ages of children in secure units between 1999 and 2003. 49% (205) of all children in 2003 were aged 14 or under. In 1999, the equivalent figure was 46% (155).

**Length of Stay**

- The number of children staying longer in secure units has been increasing since 1999. 120 of the 420 children had been accommodated for 6 months or more at 31 March 2003 – a 44% increase on the number of children accommodated for this period in 1999 when the number was 80.

## **Legal Status**

- Detention and Training Orders (175 in 2003) accounted for 42% of children on 31 March 2003. This is currently the most prevalent form of legislation for children in secure accommodation.

## **Notes to Editors**

1. The 2003 figures for children accommodated in secure units are the latest in a regular series. Data are collected on the SA1 statistical return, which provides the Department of Education and Skills with aggregate data on children accommodated in secure units in England and Wales.

2. The figures presented for the year ending 31 March 2003 are based on data reported by all 31 secure units.

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**Table A1 Places approved and children accommodated in secure units at 31 March by sex, by age at 31 March, by length of stay and by current legal status, 1999-2003, England and Wales**

England and Wales	numbers					percentages				
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
At 31 March										
<b>Places approved/available</b>	450	455	450	445	445	.	.	.	.	.
<b>Children accommodated</b>	340	375	395	415	420	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Occupancy rate (%)</b>	.	.	.	.	.	75	83	88	93	94
<b>Places contracted to Youth Justice Board</b>	.	.	265	250	245	.	.	59	56	55
<b>Sex</b>										
Male	240	275	300	295	285	71	73	76	71	68
Female	100	100	95	120	135	29	27	24	29	32
<b>Age</b>										
Aged under 12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aged 12	15	20	-	-	15	4	5	-	-	4
Aged 13	40	40	45	65	65	12	10	12	16	15
Aged 14	95	105	120	110	125	28	28	30	27	29
Aged 15	110	120	110	130	135	33	32	27	32	32
Aged 16	60	75	80	70	65	18	19	21	17	16
Aged 17	-	15	15	20	-	-	4	4	5	-
Aged 18 and over	0	-	0	0	0	0	-	0	0	0
<b>Length of stay</b>										
Under 1 month	85	95	90	90	105	25	25	23	22	25
1 to < 3 months	100	125	125	130	130	30	33	31	32	31
3 to < 6 months	75	75	95	95	70	22	20	24	23	16
6 to < 12 months	55	60	50	70	90	16	16	13	17	22
12 to < 24 months	-	-	30	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
24 months or more	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
<b>Current legal status<sup>1</sup></b>										
Accommodated under S20 CA 1989	55	45	25	30	30	16	11	7	7	7
Care order or interim care order	30	40	40	40	40	9	10	10	10	9
Supervision Order with residence requirement	0	0	.	0	0	0	0	.	0	0
Remanded under S25 CA 1989	105	65	30	30	40	31	17	8	7	9
Remanded under (a) S23(4) CYPA 1969 as modified by sections 97 and 98 of CDA 1998	.	130	85	75	55	.	34	22	18	14
Remanded under (b) Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 s 130	.	.	.	0	-	.	.	.	0	-
Detained under S38(6) PACE Act 1984	5	-	-	0	0	2	-	-	0	0
Detained under S90-92 Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 <sup>2</sup>	90	80	80	75	80	27	21	20	18	19
Secure Training Order, Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994	25	-	.	.	.	8	-	.	.	.
Detention & Training Order, S100 Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 <sup>3</sup>	.	.	125	150	175	.	.	32	37	42
Other legislation	25	15	-	10	-	8	3	-	3	-

1 In 1999 and 2000, legal status was recorded on admission

Source: SA1 Form 2002/2003

2 This replaces S53 of the CYPA 1933 which was repealed on 25 August 2000

3 Detention and Training Orders were introduced in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, and replaced Secure Training Orders (Criminal Justice and Public Order Act, 1994)

Numbers have been rounded to the nearest 5.

**Table A2 Places approved and children accommodated at 31 March 2003  
by individual secure unit**

**England and Wales**

numbers, percentages

Name of unit	Number of places approved	Number of children accommodated	Occupancy rate (%)
<b>All Units</b>	<b>445</b>	<b>420</b>	<b>94</b>
Orchard House / Briars Hey	10	-	-
Beechfield	-	5	-
Laboure House / St Catherines	10	10	92
Atkinson Unit	15	15	88
Swanwick Lodge	15	15	88
Clare Lodge / Salters	15	15	100
Gladstone House / Dyson Hall	10	10	-
Leverton Hall	15	15	100
Lansdowne SU	-	-	-
Oak House / Redsands	10	10	-
Dales House	10	5	-
Aldine House	10	10	-
Lincolnshire SU	10	10	-
Watling House	10	10	100
Earlswood SU / St. Johns CHE	10	10	-
Orchard Lodge	25	25	96
Redbank CH (Newton House)	15	15	100
Redbank CH (Vardy House)	10	10	-
Redbank CH (Willows House)	5	5	-
Brunel	10	-	-
Sutton Place SC	10	10	-
Thornbury House	5	5	-
Barton Moss SCC	20	20	100
Kyloe House	10	10	92
Clayfields House	20	15	94
Tiffield St John's	15	15	88
Vinney Green SU	25	25	100
Aycliffe Centre	45	35	84
East Moor SU	35	35	100
Stamford House	25	25	96
Neath Hillside	20	20	100

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**Table B1 Places approved and children accommodated in secure units at 31 March by sex, by age at 31 March, by length of stay and by current legal status, 1993-2003, England only**

<b>England</b>											numbers
At 31 March	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Places approved/available</b>	270	290	265	275	330	415	435	435	430	425	425
<b>Children accommodated</b>	250	245	235	245	280	335	325	365	375	395	400
<b>Occupancy rate (%)</b>	93	84	88	90	85	80	75	84	87	93	94
<b>Places contracted to Youth Justice Board</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	255	235	230
<b>Sex</b>											
Male	210	190	190	195	235	275	230	265	285	285	275
Female	45	55	45	50	45	60	95	100	90	115	125
<b>Age</b>											
Aged under 12	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aged 12	-	-	-	-	-	15	15	20	-	-	15
Aged 13	25	20	15	20	25	35	40	40	45	65	65
Aged 14	55	50	45	55	70	90	90	100	110	105	120
Aged 15	60	85	90	95	100	110	105	115	105	125	125
Aged 16	65	45	60	55	55	60	60	70	80	70	65
Aged 17	35	25	10	15	20	15	-	15	15	-	-
Aged 18 and over	-	10	-	0	-	-	0	-	0	0	0
<b>Length of stay</b>											
Under 1 month	70	75	55	55	60	80	80	90	85	90	100
1 to < 3 months	75	70	65	85	85	95	95	120	120	130	120
3 to < 6 months	35	40	45	50	60	60	70	75	90	90	65
6 to < 12 months	40	35	50	40	50	60	55	60	50	65	90
12 to < 24 months	-	15	-	-	-	30	-	-	30	-	-
24 months or more	-	10	-	-	-	10	-	-	5	-	-
<b>Current legal status<sup>1</sup></b>											
Accommodated under S20 CA 1989	45	50	55	45	45	65	50	40	25	30	30
Care order or interim care order	35	40	25	30	30	25	25	35	40	40	35
Supervision Order with residence requirement	15	5	0	0	-	0	0	0	.	0	0
Remanded under S25 CA 1989	75	55	70	90	100	95	100	65	30	30	40
Remanded under (a) S23(4) CYPA 1969 as modified by sections 97 and 98 of CDA 1998	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	125	85	75	55
Remanded under (b) Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 s 130	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	-
Detained under S38(6) PACE Act 1984	-	-	-	-	10	10	5	-	-	0	0
Detained under S90-92 Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 <sup>2</sup>	70	85	80	70	95	115	90	80	75	70	75
Secure Training Order, Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	-	.	.	.
Detention & Training Order, S100 Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 <sup>3</sup>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	120	145	165
Other legislation	-	-	-	-	-	25	25	15	-	10	-

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<b>England</b>	percentages										
At 31 March	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
<b>Children accommodated</b>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
<b>Places contracted to Youth Justice Board</b>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	59	55	54
<b>Sex</b>											
Male	83	78	81	79	84	82	71	72	76	71	69
Female	17	22	19	21	16	18	29	28	24	29	31
<b>Age</b>											
Aged under 12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aged 12	-	-	-	-	-	4	5	5	-	-	4
Aged 13	9	7	6	9	9	11	13	10	12	16	16
Aged 14	22	21	20	23	25	27	27	28	30	27	30
Aged 15	24	34	39	38	35	32	33	32	27	32	31
Aged 16	26	19	25	23	20	18	18	19	21	17	16
Aged 17	13	11	5	5	7	5	-	4	5	-	-
Aged 18 and over	-	3	-	0	-	-	0	-	0	0	0
<b>Length of stay</b>											
Under 1 month	29	30	23	22	21	23	25	25	22	22	25
1 to < 3 months	30	29	28	35	30	29	30	33	31	32	30
3 to < 6 months	15	16	20	20	22	19	21	20	24	22	16
6 to < 12 months	16	15	21	16	17	18	16	16	13	17	22
12 to < 24 months	-	7	-	-	-	9	-	-	8	-	-
24 months or more	-	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	2	-	-
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Accommodated under S20 CA 1989	17	20	23	19	15	20	16	11	6	8	7
Care order or interim care order	15	16	10	12	11	8	9	10	11	10	9
Supervision Order with residence requirement	6	3	0	0	-	0	0	0	.	0	0
Remanded under S25 CA 1989	30	23	31	37	35	29	30	17	8	7	9
Remanded under (a) S23(4) CYP A 1969 as modified by sections 97 and 98 of CDA 1998	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	34	22	19	14
Remanded under (b) Criminal Justice and Police Act 2001 s 130	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	0	-
Detained under S38(6) PACE Act 1984	-	-	-	-	3	3	2	-	-	0	0
Detained under S90-92 Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 <sup>2</sup>	27	34	35	29	34	34	27	21	20	18	18
Secure Training Order, Criminal Justice & Public Order Act 1994	.	.	.	.	.	.	8	-	.	.	.
Detention & Training Order, S100 Powers of the Criminal Courts (Sentencing) Act 2000 <sup>3</sup>	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	32	36	41
Other legislation	-	-	-	-	-	7	8	4	-	3	-

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