

# CHILD PROTECTION PLAN STATISTICS: ENGLAND 2017-2021

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## Number of children who were the subject of a child protection plan at 31 March by category of abuse

Category of abuse	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Neglect	24,590	25,820	25,330	26,010	24,120
Physical abuse	3,950	4,120	4,170	3,820	3,650
Sexual abuse	2,260	2,180	2,230	1,970	1,930
Emotional abuse	17,280	18,860	18,460	18,380	18,840
Multiple	3,010	2,820	2,070	1,330	1,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>51,080</b>	<b>53,790</b>	<b>52,260</b>	<b>51,510</b>	<b>50,010</b>

### Source:

Table D4 in Department for Education (2021) Characteristics of children in need in England, 2020-21. London: Department for Education (DfE).

### Available online at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/characteristics-of-children-in-need-2020-to-2021>

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Children who were the subject of a child protection plan at 31 March 2021 by age and gender

Age (years)	Boys	Girls	Unknown or indeterminate gender	All children
Unborn	-	-	1,430	1,430
Under 1	2,160	2,070	50	4,270
1 – 4	6,550	5,810	10	12,360
5 – 9	7,220	6,860	-	14,080
10 – 15	7,750	7,440	20	15,210
16 and over	1,340	1,320	-	2,660
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,010</b>	<b>23,490</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>50,010</b>

## Source:

Figures broken down by age and gender provided to the NSPCC by the Department of Education.

## Please note:

- figures may not add due to rounding and a number of cases where the gender or age of the child was unknown