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Child and youth welfare statistics

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Executive Summary

The child and youth welfare statistics (KJH statistics) compiled by Statistics Austria replaced the youth welfare and child and youth welfare report submitted by the Federal Ministry for Families and Youth (BMFJ) until the reporting year 2014 and is based on the tabular reports of the federal provinces.

The central objective and task of child and youth welfare (KJH) is to ensure the well-being of children and adolescents. The KJH is obliged to intervene if parents or other persons entrusted with custody are unable to ensure the well-being of children/adolescents themselves or are unable to do so sufficiently.

The primary basis for the annual collection and publication of statistical data on child and youth welfare is the B-KJHG 2013. The determination and definition of the service areas and survey characteristics to be recorded is the task of the working group on child and youth welfare statistics [1] set up for this purpose in the Federal Chancellery (Bundeskanzleramt) and is recorded in the manual [2] it has drawn up.

The KJH statistics essentially provide information on the number of children, adolescents and young adults in the areas of support for education, full education, assistance for young adults, involvement in adoptions and legal representation; the number of services or provision of services in risk assessments, educational assistance and social services; the total expenditure on support for education, full education and assistance for young adults; and the total revenue from cost reimbursements.

The KJH report is published annually in July based on the previous year's data. For the most part, the results of the KJH statistics are not comparable with the reports on youth welfare and child and youth services or cannot be consistently extrapolated as a time series. Time series are therefore available in the KJH statistics for the currently standardized characteristics as of 2015. Statistics Austria also publishes a press release to coincide with the publication of the annual report.

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[1] In addition to the department, the working group includes the provinces and also Statistics Austria.

[2] The current Child and Youth welfare statistics manual is available in German at www.statistik.at > About Us > Surveys > Federal, state, and local governments > Kinder- und Jugendhilfestatistik.

Child and youth welfare statistics – Main Key Points

Subject matter	The numerical utilisation of Child and youth welfare services (social services, educational support, full education, risk assessments, assistance for young adults, domestic and cross-border adoptions, and legal representation) and the financial outlay for public Child and youth welfare (expenditure and income).
Population	Children and adolescents (up to 21 years) who have made use of the Child and youth welfare.
Type of statistics	Secondary statistics (statistics based on administrative data)
Data sources/Survey techniques	Child and youth welfare data of the federal states
Reference period or due day	one calendar year
Periodicity	annual
Survey participation (in case of a survey)	not applicable
Main legal acts	Federal Act on the Principles of Assistance for Families and Educational Assistance for Children and Adolescents (Federal Child and Youth Assistance Act 2013 - B-KJHG 2013), Federal Law Gazette I No. 69/2013; currently in the version Federal Law Gazette I No. 32/2018. Agreement pursuant to Art. 15a B-VG on child and youth welfare.
Most detailed regional breakdown	federal state level
Availability of results	end of the reference year + 6 months
Other	-