

The child protection system, 2010

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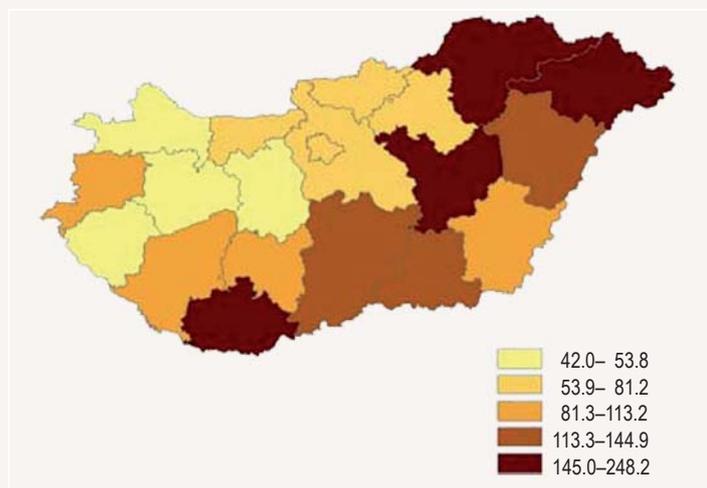
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In 2010, 108 minors at risk per thousand inhabitants of corresponding age were registered at public guardianship authorities in Hungary. They live in family, but the child welfare services can help them and ease their everyday life. Basic provision shall contribute to the promotion of the physical, intellectual, emotional and moral development, welfare and upbringing of the child in a family environment, the prevention and elimination of existing endangerment.

Every second minors at risk was endangered for environmental reasons. There are huge regional differences in the country:

Figure 1

Number of minors at risk per thousand inhabitants of corresponding age, by counties, 2010



Child protection in Hungary is not only a moral but also a legal obligation. The tasks of the members of the child protection system prescribed by law are the recognition and the treatment of children's endangerment, particularly the exploration of bad behaviour towards children such as abuse and neglect.

The construction of the child protective system

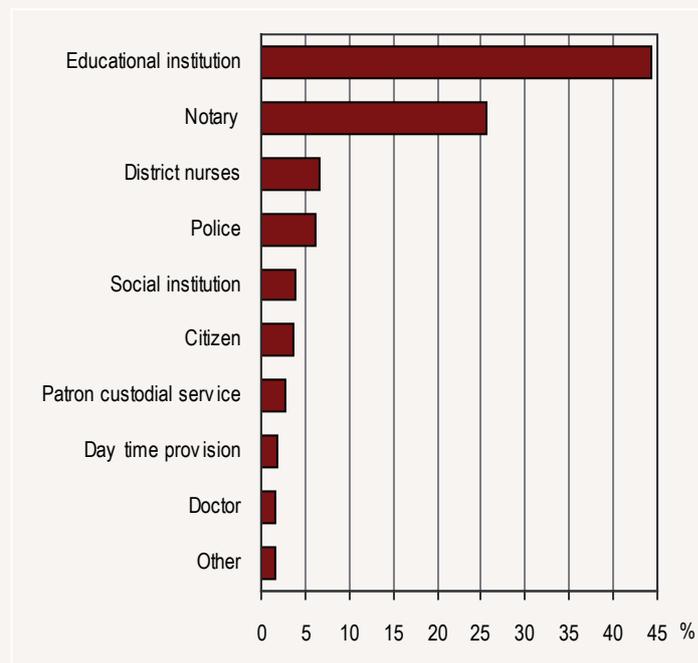
The protection of the rights of the child is the obligation of all natural and legal persons responsible for the care, education, provision and representation of the child.

The members are:

- hygienic service providers (doctors, district nurses)
- social institutions
- educational institutions
- day time provision (nursery)
- police
- public prosecutor's department, court
- social organisations, church, foundation
- patron custodial service
- citizens
- notary

Figure 2

Distribution of calls sent through the child protective system by members, %, 2010



The specialists working in the institutions signal the observed problem to the child welfare service. This is obligation for everybody controlled by law.

Child welfare services

Last year there were 84 child welfare providers, 664 child welfare services and 57 child welfare centres in Hungary. The number of persons employed by child welfare services was 3 291. Besides professional skills the employed also need the competence for empathy in order to solve problems. They could help 142 941 children in 2010.

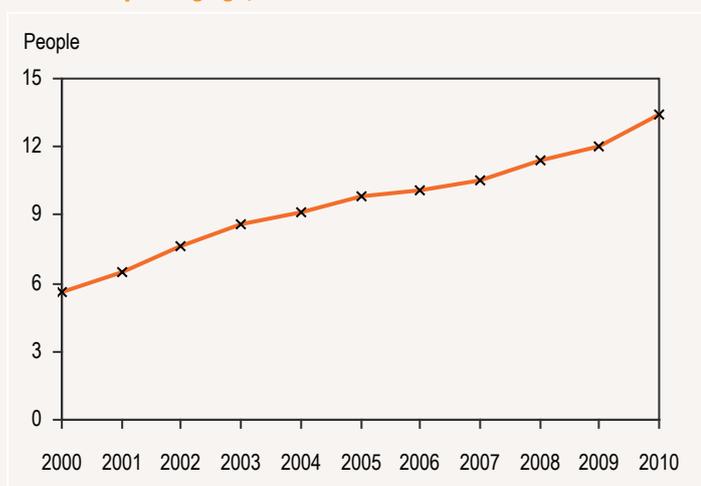
The notary's function in child protection

The notary has a very important function when the endangerment of a child is registered and he or she lives in a family. If the parent is not able or does not want to eliminate the endangerment of the child through the optional use of the basic provisions, however it is presumable that, with assistance, development of the child within a family environment may be ensured, the notary of the local government shall take the child under protection. After it the notary shall appoint a family caregiver from the child welfare service. And if it is necessary the notary obligates the parent to the day-time provision of children.

Last year every second child was taken under protection on the suggestion of the child welfare service. The interaction between the two organisations is very good, since last year the notary sent 30 000 calls to the child protective system.

Minors under child protection per thousand inhabitants of corresponding age, 2000-2010

Figure 3



The number of children under protection has tripled between 2000 and 2010. The most important reasons are the culpable behaviour of parents and the environmental causes.

In Hungary every child receives family allowance. If it was presumable that the child did not benefit from the family allowance, then it would be given in kind. From September 2010 the notary can take the child under protection if he or she is absent without leave for more than 50 lessons in the school. Then the grant of the family allowance is suspended and it is transferred to the local government's bill.

Last year 9 000 abused children were registered by child welfare services. 82 % of cases occurred inside the family. In most cases parents abuse their child.

The number of neglected children cared by the child welfare services was 22103.

Abused and neglected children's care, 2010

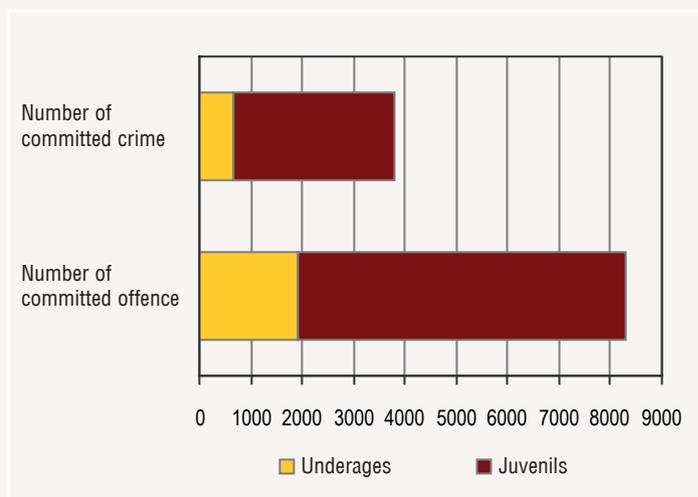
Table 1

Type of abuse/neglect	Number of children
Physically abuse	3 127
Psychically abuse	5 499
Sexually abuse	374
Total abuse	9 000
Physically neglect	12 362
Psychically neglect	9 741
Total neglect	22 103

The abused children and his or her parent often run to the temporary home of families. Then they can live together without the aggressor. The child welfare services care 12 106 minors, who committed an offence or a crime in 2010 in Hungary. Every fourth registered offender was younger than 14 years old. The number of cases shows that the police collaborates with the child welfare services.

Minors under child protection per thousand inhabitants of corresponding age, 2000-2010

Figure 4



The ambition is that besides every difficulty children should be bred in family. If it is not possible the children get to the professional child protection system. (To the children's home or foster parent.). Half of the children, who were taken into professional child protection provision, were earlier registered by the child protection system or were cared by child welfare services.

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1. Minors at risk registered at public guardianship authorities

Year	Minors at risk registered					
	for reasons of				total	per thousand minors
	environment	behaviour	means	health		
1990	45 490	22 893	103 540	2 832	174 755	68.0
1995	47 331	26 647	234 791	4 486	313 255	136.0
1996	48 556	28 812	249 976	4 579	331 923	148.0
1997	48 735	26 881	339 843	4 699	420 158	192.0
1998	38 886	21 174	315 023	5 258	380 341	178.0
1999	44 539	24 325	222 618	7 018	298 500	143.0
2000	43 612	25 908	185 868	9 593	264 981	127.2
2001	50 700	25 584	166 363	7 281	249 928	121.8
2002	46 875	27 824	153 297	7 677	235 673	116.6
2003	50 219	29 475	144 700	7 987	232 381	117.2
2004	49 365	31 120	135 897	8 983	225 365	115.5
2005	50 229	38 014	126 291	9 060	223 594	116.1
2006	49 132	39 347	112 489	8 832	209 800	110.2
2007	48 823	42 146	105 016	8 464	204 449	108.7
2008	45 170	43 656	100 314	8 310	197 450	106.5
2009	47 616	47 057	95 644	7 058	197 375	108.0
2010	47 151	51 041	92 146	7 610	197 948	108.4

2. Registered minors at risk by population size of settlements, 2010

Population size of settlements	Number of minors at risk
– 499	4 972
500– 999	8 111
1 000– 1 999	15 558
2 000– 4 999	27 230
5 000– 9 999	22 897
10 000–19 999	22 802
20 000–49 999	17 737
50 000–99 999	12 985
100 000– Budapest	46 942 18 714
Country total	197 948

3. Minors at risk registered at public guardianship authorities by regions, counties and reasons of registration, 2010

Region, county	Minors at risk registered						Families with registered children
	for reasons of				total	during the year	
	environ-ment	behaviour	means	health			
Budapest	5 609	5 323	6 436	1 346	18 714	7 728	10 519
Pest	4 690	4 981	6 390	725	16 786	5 527	8 175
Central Hungary	10 299	10 304	12 826	2 071	35 500	13 255	18 694
Fejér	1 460	816	1 028	151	3 455	1 204	1 780
Komárom-Esztergom	1 432	929	1 639	304	4 304	1 605	2 096
Veszprém	1 490	764	1 063	54	3 371	1 480	1 750
Central Transdanubia	4 382	2 509	3 730	509	11 130	4 289	5 626
Győr-Moson-Sopron	805	1 042	1 406	137	3 390	1 406	1 940
Vas	662	711	2 645	61	4 079	721	1 557
Zala	850	484	594	89	2 017	792	1 140
Western Transdanubia	2 317	2 237	4 645	287	9 486	2 919	4 637
Baranya	1914	1 738	8 295	240	12 187	3 266	6 286
Somogy	1502	2 085	2 543	69	6 199	1 660	2 959
Tolna	954	847	2 318	195	4 314	1 025	2 018
Southern Transdanubia	4370	4670	13156	504	22700	5951	11263
Transdanubia	11 069	9 416	21 531	1 300	43 316	13 159	21 526
Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén	4 781	12 521	7 504	590	25 396	5 158	11 261
Heves	1 495	1 201	891	250	3 837	1 311	1 799
Nógrád	994	866	1 029	145	3 034	995	1 590
Northern Hungary	7 270	14 588	9 424	985	32 267	7 464	14 650
Hajdú-Bihar	3 928	4 212	5 596	556	14 292	2 959	5 137
Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok	2 969	2 395	6 114	896	12374	2 452	5 485
Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg	5 320	5 287	19 078	627	30 312	4 154	11 863
Northern Great Plain	12 217	11 894	30 788	2 079	56 978	9 565	22 485
Bács-Kiskun	2 099	1 559	7 928	392	11 978	2 923	5 769
Békés	2 062	1 433	3 502	256	7 253	1 547	3 209
Csongrád	2 135	1 847	6 147	527	10 656	2 867	5 034
Southern Great Plain	6 296	4 839	17 577	1 175	29 887	7 337	14 012
Great Plain and North	25 783	31 321	57 789	4 239	119 132	24 366	51 147
Country total	47 151	51 041	92 146	7 610	197 948	50 780	91 367

4. Registered minors taken into child protection during the year, 1998–2010

Year	Number of minors taken into child protection for reasons of			total	Minors under child protection per thousand minors
	environment	culpable behaviour of parents	culpable behaviour of child ^{a)}		
1998	2 524	3 909	3 391	9 824	4.6
1999	2 660	4 990	3 502	11 152	5.7
2000	2 672	5 572	3 513	11 757	5.6
2001	3 263	6 528	3 501	13 292	6.5
2002	4 259	7 233	3 835	15 327	7.6
2003	4 367	8 354	4 354	17 075	8.6
2004	4 371	9 105	4 259	17 735	9.1
2005	4 656	9 605	4 552	18 813	9.8
2006	5 048	8 924	5 190	19 162	10.1
2007	4 876	9 091	5 714	19 681	10.5
2008	5 046	9 694	6 483	21 223	11.4
2009	5 507	9 475	6 956	21 938	12.0
2010	6 548	9 371	8 108	24 027	13.2

a) Including own behaviour, committed crime and abused children.

5. Registered minors taken into child protection by population size of settlements end of the year, 2010

Population size of settlements	Number of children under child protection
– 499	1 390
500– 999	1 873
1 000– 1 999	3 506
2 000– 4 999	4 719
5 000– 9 999	2 554
10 000–19 999	3 060
20 000–49 999	2 445
50 000–99 999	958
100 000–	1 937
Budapest	1 585
Country total	24 027

6. Minors taken into child protection by regions, counties and reasons end of the year, 2010

Region, county	Number of minors taken into child protection							Families with minors under child protection
	for reasons of					total	during the year	
	environ-ment	culpable behavi-our of parents	culpable behavi-our of child	crime commit-ted by the child	minor abuse commit-ted against the child			
Budapest	265	608	552	125	35	1 585	916	932
Pest	543	666	618	119	16	1 962	1 129	1 107
Central Hungary	808	1 274	1 170	244	51	3 547	2 045	2 039
Fejér	297	328	262	54	4	945	489	535
Komárom-Esztergom	246	227	152	60	19	704	479	372
Veszprém	159	280	151	49	22	661	395	336
Central Transdanubia	702	835	565	163	45	2 310	1 363	1 243
Győr-Moson-Sopron	111	189	109	20	1	430	295	259
Vas	116	185	92	43	6	442	271	238
Zala	197	265	166	58	8	694	385	371
Western Transdanubia	424	639	367	121	15	1 566	951	868
Baranya	364	559	338	83	51	1 395	693	748
Somogy	143	480	283	84	11	1 001	564	546
Tolna	126	208	133	23	2	492	260	278
Southern Transdanubia	633	1 247	754	190	64	2 888	1 517	1 572
Transdanubia	1 759	2 721	1 686	474	124	6 764	3 831	3 683
Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén	903	1 112	573	280	23	2 891	1 518	1 394
Heves	295	314	185	64	7	865	533	463
Nógrád	126	248	166	40	2	582	341	298
Northern Hungary	1 324	1 674	924	384	32	4 338	2 392	2 155
Hajdú-Bihar	473	694	479	116	16	1 778	831	841
Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok	342	423	250	65	29	1 109	592	527
Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg	966	1 194	667	259	60	3 146	1 909	1 516
Northern Great Plain	1 781	2 311	1 396	440	105	6 033	3 332	2 884
Bács-Kiskun	337	581	310	79	22	1 329	741	571
Békés	300	467	205	54	16	1 042	560	475
Csongrád	239	343	221	100	71	974	559	567
Southern Great Plain	876	1 391	736	233	109	3 345	1 860	1 613
Great Plain and North	3 981	5 376	3 056	1 057	246	13 716	7 584	6 652
Country total	6 548	9 371	5 912	1 775	421	24 027	13 460	12 374

7. Main data on activities of child welfare services, 2005–2010

Year	Number of children			
	total ^{a)}	of which		
		in social basic care	placed in child protection	in after-care provision ^{b)}
2005	130 350	105 780	22 539	2 031
2006	122 908	99 501	21 997	1 410
2007	121 539	96 284	23 371	1 884
2008	126 478	100 512	24 743	1 223
2009	127 219	99 763	26 136	1 320
2010	142 941 ^{c)}	95 807	26 987	1 065

a) Number of children, except children who receive special or prevention care.

b) Children who left professional child protection provision.

c) Include 19 082 children who were cared under professional protection system.

8. Main data on activities of child welfare services by regions, counties, 2010

Region, county	Number of children					Total
	of which					
	in social basic care	placed in child protection	short-term care	long-term care	in after-care provision ^{a)}	
Budapest	12 816	1 931	3 233	117	157	18 254
Pest	13 535	2 417	1 648	85	79	17 764
Central Hungary	26 351	4 348	4 881	202	236	36 018
Fejér	2 408	1 125	579	21	41	4 174
Komárom-Esztergom	1 924	849	472	5	30	3 280
Veszprém	3 603	825	564	15	33	5 040
Central Transdanubia	7 935	2 799	1 615	41	104	12 494
Győr-Moson-Sopron	2 312	500	483	15	28	3 338
Vas	1 966	504	403	7	29	2 909
Zala	1 687	789	416	28	43	2 963
Western Transdanubia	5 965	1 793	1 302	50	100	9 210
Baranya	3 138	1 214	622	18	33	5 025
Somogy	2 639	1 230	764	54	51	4 738
Tolna	2 513	598	364	28	31	3 534
Southern Transdanubia	8 290	3 042	1 750	100	115	13 297
Transdanubia	22 190	7 634	4 667	191	319	35 001
Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén	10 887	3 133	1 759	83	101	15 963
Heves	2 689	981	407	20	32	4 129
Nógrád	2 642	621	235	29	23	3 550
Northern Hungary	16 218	4 735	2 401	132	156	23 642
Hajdú-Bihar	6 913	1 784	1 591	40	134	10 462
Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok	3 762	1 279	663	34	41	5 779
Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg	7 739	3 571	1 963	109	85	13 467
Northern Great Plain	18 414	6 634	4 217	183	260	29 708
Bács-Kiskun	5 438	1 365	1 050	44	38	7 935
Békés	4 211	1 118	517	14	43	5 903
Csongrád	2 985	1 153	575	8	13	4 734
Southern Great Plain	12 634	3 636	2 142	66	94	18 572
Great Plain and North	47 266	15 005	8 760	381	510	71 922
Country total	95 807	26 987	18 308	774	1 065	142 941

a) Children who left professional child protection provision.

9. Number of children receiving special care or prevention care from child welfare services, 2010

Name	Number of children
Special care total	59 532
Mediating among the members of desintegrated family	10 299
For mental hygiene services	3 319
Social work on streets and in housing estates	26 690
Social work in hospital	3 365
Social work in school	15 835
Physically telephone service	24
Prevention care total	180 623
Playhouse	60 106
Club	70 467
Coaching	16 873
Holiday's camps	33 177

10. Main data on persons employed in child welfare services

Type of service	Total	Of which with a higher qualification	With a secondary qualification	Women
2010				
Child welfare provider	89	85	4	69
Child welfare service	2 363	2 198	165	2 040
Child welfare center	839	747	92	723
Total	3 291	3 030	261	2 832
2009				
Child welfare provider	88	84	4	69
Child welfare service	2 350	2 189	161	2 029
Child welfare center	839	747	92	723
Total	3 277	3 020	257	2 821
2008				
Child welfare provider	148	135	13	138
Child welfare service	2 244	2 031	205	1 977
Child welfare center	804	713	85	674
Total	3 196	2 879	303	2 787