

TABLE.—NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE CHILD WELFARE  
BRANCH AT 31ST MARCH

	1944.	1945.	1946.
State wards—			
In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends .. .. .	2,477	2,502	2,444
In situations, including those absent without leave .. .. .	1,048	1,022	1,006
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c. .. .. .	261	285	316
In private institutions .. .. .	121	108	105
In Roman Catholic institutions recognized under Child Welfare Act .. .. .	98	90	82
In special schools for backward children .. .. .	142	139	129
In refuges or cognate institutions .. .. .	63	59	49
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. .. .. .	47	36	40
In residential colleges (mostly Maori children) .. .. .	10	17	13
Subtotal .. .. .	4,267	4,258	4,184
Other than State wards—			
Young persons supervised by Child Welfare Officers in their own homes, with relatives, or with friends, pursuant to orders of Courts	1,375	1,063	1,026
Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act .. .. .	698	799	909
Pupils at School for the Deaf, Sumner .. .. .	175	215	238
Pupils at schools for mentally backward, Otekaieke and Richmond (other than State wards included in figures above)	38	47	45
Children supervised as preventive cases .. .. .	1,954	1,905	1,629
Children in New Zealand Institute for Blind for whom the Department makes payment	24	20	17
Subtotal .. .. .	4,264	4,049	3,864
Grand total .. .. .	8,531	8,307	8,048
British children in New Zealand .. .. .	203	190	46