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EDUCATION:  
**CHILD WELFARE, STATE CARE OF CHILDREN, SPECIAL  
SCHOOLS, AND INFANT-LIFE PROTECTION.**

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No. 1.—EXTRACT FROM THE SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
MINISTER OF EDUCATION.

CHILD WELFARE.

NUMBER OF CHILDREN UNDER SUPERVISION.

The total number of children under supervision of the Child Welfare Branch as at the 31st March, 1938, was 7,403, classed under the following headings:—

State wards—	
In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends .. .. .	2,673
In situations (includes 14 absent without leave) .. .. .	855
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c. .. .. .	235
In private institutions .. .. .	193
Inmates in special schools for backward children .. .. .	221
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c. .. .. .	29
In School for Deaf, Sumner .. .. .	7
	4,213
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 .. .. .	910
Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act .. .. .	842
Pupils at School for Deaf, Sumner (other than State wards (7) included in figures above) .. .. .	106
Pupils at schools for mentally backward—Otekaieke and Richmond (other than State wards (221) included in figures above) .. .. .	42
Children supervised as preventive cases .. .. .	1,273
Children in New Zealand Institute for Blind for whom the Department makes payment .. .. .	17
	7,403
Total .. .. .	7,403

The total number of children admitted and committed during the year was 583. Of these, 503 were committed to the care of the Superintendent by Children's Courts. The following gives the numbers of children classified according to reasons