

	% of all children	% chance over childhood	Average length of stay (months)	N (on census date)
England	.6	3.3	32	70,440 (2016)
Finland	1.4	3.1	60	17,330 (2016)
Germany	1	2.5	84	135,231 (2015)

Sources: England: DfE (2017); McGrath-Lone et al., (2012); McGrath-Lone (2018);

Finland: Child welfare 2016, Official statistics of Finland, National Institute for Health and Welfare, Finland <http://www.julkari.fi/handle/10024/135628>;

Germany:

Table 1 Proportion in care, chance over childhood and average length of stay in England, Finland and Germany

Data sources	Sampling frame	n on which outcomes are reported	Response rate
Britain BCS70	17,000 born 1970	350 – ‘ever in care before age 17’	60% in 2000/40% for those ever in care
England LSYPE	16,000 born 1989/1990	314 – ‘ever in care before age 17’	74% at first wave and 85-95% subsequent waves
Finland FBC 1987	59,476 born in 1987	1900 – ‘ever placed before 18 th birthday’	100%
Germany SOEP Panel 2001-2015	6,689 born 1961 – 1995	148 – ‘lived in either residential care or foster care for at least one year’	Between 40 and 70% at first wave of different subsamples and 85-95% in subsequent waves

Table 2 Data sources, sample size and response rate in Britain, England, Finland and Germany

CASMIN	Britain – BCS70		Finland – 1987 FBC		Germany – SOEP 2001-2015	
%	Ever in care before age 17	Never in care Age 30	Ever in care Educational level at age 28	Never in care Educational level at age 28	Ever in care	Never in care

	Age 30		In care	placed		mean age 31	mean age 29
CASMIN 1a & 1b (primary)	21.1	8.6	42.8	44.1	10.4	28.0	11.9
CASMIN 1c, 2a, 2b and 2c (secondary)	29.1	35.7	47.3	48.1	51.7	62.9	70.1
CASMIN 3a (lower tertiary)	21.7	20.1	4.7	6.2	25.1	4.2	4.6
CASMIN 3b (upper tertiary)	19.2	34.9	1.2	1.6	25.1	4,9	13.4
N	351	10,872	889	765	57,581	143	5,789
			1,654				

Table 3. CASMIN data for Britain, Finland and Germany, aged 28 - 31

CASMIN	Britain – BCS70 ever in care reported at age 10		Finland – 1987 FBC first placement before the age of 13	
	N	%	n	%
CASMIN 1a & 1b	29	18.6	388	38.6
CASMIN 1c, 2a, 2b, 2c	56	35.9	528	52.6
CASMIN 3a	41	26.3	73	7.3
CASMIN 3b	30	19.2	15	1.5
N	156		1,004	

Table 4. Highest CASMIN level by age 30, by age of entry, Britain and Finland.

Activity	Britain – BCS70	Finland – 1987 FBC	Germany – SOEP 2001-2015
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%	Ever in care before age 17 Age 30	Never in care Age 30	Ever in care Age 28	Never in care Age 28	Ever in care Mean age 31	Never in care Mean age 28
Full-time and part-time employment ¹	65.8	82.1	42.6	73.3	50.3	56.9
Education/apprenticeship/training	2.3	1.5	NA	NA	2.8	9.7
Voluntary social year/gap year	NA	NA	NA	NA	2.1	4.3
Unemployed ²	7.1	3.1	26.3	11.2	44.8	28.5
Looking after home/family	16.3	9.9	8.1	9.4	NA	NA
Other	8.6	3.4	NA	NA	0.6	NA
Total N	350	10869	1900	57581	145	6504

¹ Finnish data records whether employed for at least six months of the year, and does not distinguish between full-time and part-time employment. German data on employment includes the category “marginally employed”.

² In the German data the category ‘unemployed’ includes those looking after home and/or family.

Table 5. Main activity of adults aged 28-31 who were 'ever in care' and 'never in care', Britain, Finland, Germany

Status	Britain – BCS70		Finland – 1987 FBC		Germany – SOEP 2001-2015	
	Ever in care before age 17 Age 30	Never in care Age 30	Ever in care Age 28	Never in care Age 28	Ever in care Mean Age 31	Never in care Mean Age 28
Partner/first marriage or cohabiting ¹	60.4	63.8	22.7	21.5	64.2	56.2

Has own children ¹	52.7	43.4	47.5	22.0	73.6	50.2
Teenage parent ²	22.5	8.5	19.6	3.7	NA	NA
Total N	346	10869	1,895	57,581	148	6541

¹ Finnish data records this for marriages only women only; ² Finnish data records parenthood for women only

Table 6. Family status, ever in care, never in care, Britain, Finland, Germany

	Britain – BCS70		Finland – 1987 FBC		Germany – SOEP 2001-2015	
	Ever in care Age 30	Never in care Age 30	Ever in care Age 28	Never in care Age 30	Ever in care Mean Age 31	Never in care Mean Age 28
Health satisfaction/ Subjective general health rated good or excellent	74.8	85.3	NA	NA	65.8	85.8
High levels of life satisfaction rated good or excellent	61.5	76	NA	NA	74.1	88.2
Depression	24.2	12.4	31.1	7	NA	NA
Psychiatric diagnosis	NA	NA	66.2	17.8	NA	NA
Psychotropic medicine use before age 25	NA	NA	56.1	19.9	NA	NA

Death before age 28	NA	NA	3.7	1.2	NA	NA
Total N	350	10869	1,895	57,581	135	6002

Table 7. Health status, ever in care, never in care, Britain, Finland, Germany

	Britain – BCS70		Finland – 1987 FBC	
	Ever in care Age 30	Never in care Age 30	Ever in care Age 28	Never in care Age 28
Disability (any long-standing illness, disability, infirmity limiting work or daily life)	5.7	10.9	NA	NA
Disability pension before age 28	NA	NA	10.9	2.7
Jobseekers allowance	4.3	1.6	NA	NA
Income support	7.7	1.7	87	30.8
No benefits	35	51.9	NA	NA
Ever homeless/no address sometime before age 25 ¹	22.5	6.5	61.6	14.6
Total N	350	10869	1,895	57,581

¹ In BCS70, the N for this variable was 324.

Table 8. Welfare benefit status, ever in care, never in care, Britain and Finland