



## HOMES FOR MEDICO-SOCIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN 2010

The number of Homes for medico-social care for children at the end of 2010 is 32 with capacity of 3 854 places. 2 455 children are accommodated there. 1 319 of them are boys and 1 136 – girls.

The trend of decreasing of the total number of accommodated in the Homes for medico-social care for children continue in 2010. The decrease by 8.4% compared to the end of 2009 is observed as of 31.12.2010.

**Table 1. CHILDREN IN THE HOMES FOR MEDICO-SOCIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN DURING THE PERIOD 2000 - 2010**

(Number)

	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Accommodated as of 31.12.	3 375	2 960	3 063	3 020	2 771	2 681	2 455

Distribution of children by age as of 31.12.2010 indicates the highest share of children aged up to 1 year – 31.9%. The relative share of children aged 1 to 2 years is 21.0% of the total accommodated, within the age group 2 - 3 years – 17.9%, and 3 years and over - 29.2%.

2 209 children entered the Homes for medico-social care for children in 2010. Two-thirds of them (67.1%) are up to 1 year, 12.7% - belong to age group from 1 to 2 years, 9.9% - from 2 to 3 years and 10.3% - 3 and over.

**Table 2. CHILDREN NEW ENTRANTS IN THE HOMES FOR MEDICO-SOCIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN 2010 BY AGE**

(Number)

Entrants during the year	2010
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 209</b>
Up to 1 year	1 482
1 to 2 years	281
2 to 3 years	218
3 years and over	228



Practically every one of the accommodated in the homes for medico-social care for children has parents. At the end of 2010, 98.3% of the accommodated children have one or two parents. 61.5% of them are children of single mothers. Complete orphans and foundlings are only 1.7% of the total number of accommodated children at the end of the year.

**Table 3. CHILDREN IN THE HOMES FOR MEDICO-SOCIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN  
AT THE END OF 2010**

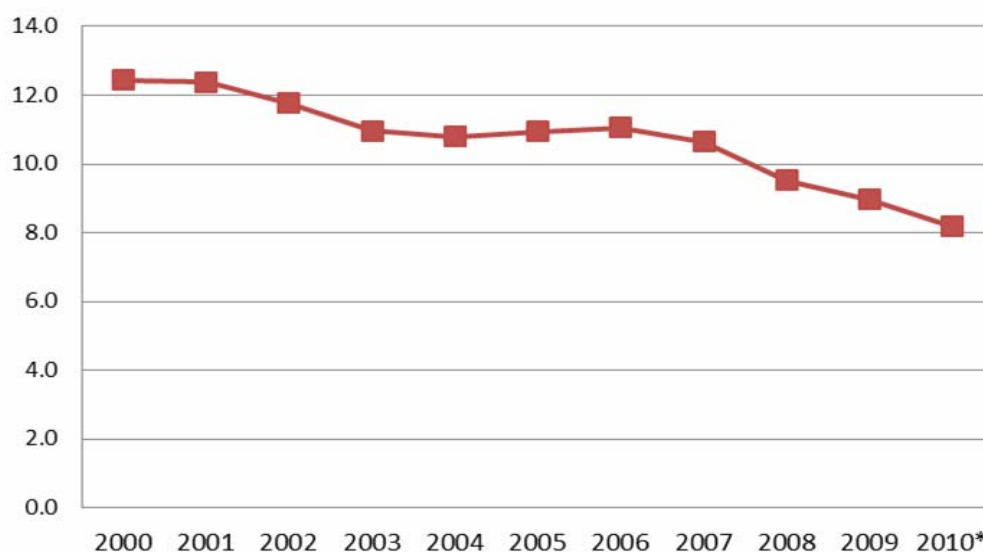
(Number)

	<b>Total</b>	<b>Boys</b>	<b>Girls</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 455</b>	<b>1 319</b>	<b>1 136</b>
Complete orphans – two parents deceased	17	6	11
Foundlings	24	11	13
With parents	2 414	1 302	1 112
of them:			
children of single mothers	1 464	780	684
with one parent	46	26	20
with two parents	904	496	408

The number of discharged from the Homes for medico-social care for children in 2010 is 2 340. 205 (8.8%) of them are transferred to other institution due to age, 2 135 children are discharged through adoptions or application of different protection measures in compliance with the Law for Child Protection.



Fig.1 CHILDREN IN THE HOMES FOR MEDICO-SOCIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN PER 1 000 OF TOTAL POPULATION AGED UP TO 3 COMPLETED YEARS



\* Preliminary data on population were used for 2010 coefficient calculation

The decrease of coefficient of institutionalization of children aged up to 3 years continues in 2010. That coefficient is expressed by ratio of the number of children accommodated in the Homes for medico-social care for children at the end of the year per 1 000 of children of the same age group within the population.

The coefficient of institutionalization as of 31.12.2010 is 8.2 per 1 000 children aged up to 3 completed years and decrease by 0.8 percentage points is observed compared to 2009.

The medical care and the attendance of children accommodated in Homes for medico-social care for children in 2010 are provided by 2 834 persons on a basic labour contract. The distribution of personnel by categories is presented in table 4.

Table 4. PERSONNEL IN HOMES FOR MEDICO-SOCIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN BY CATEGORIES AT THE END OF 2010

Personnel	Number
<b>Total</b>	<b>2 834</b>
Physicians	147
of which: Pediatricians	114
Medical specialists on Health cares	1 312
of which: Nurses	1 188
Other non-medical personnel	1 375



## METHODOLOGICAL NOTES

The survey “Homes for medico-social care for children” is an exhaustive survey carried out by the National Statistical Institute annually.

Sources of data are homes for medico-social care for children. Data on personnel, beds, distribution of children by main health and social categories and other basic indicators on establishments’ activity are collected.

In accordance with the Law for Health Establishments the Homes for medico-social care for children are registered as "other health establishments" where medical and other specialists carry out continuous medical observation and provide specific care for children up to 3 years of age with chronic diseases and medico-social problems.

In accordance with the Law for Child Protection the accommodation of children in specialised institutions is implemented only in the cases when the opportunities for accommodation of the children in family environment have been exhausted.

According to the Regulation for organization and activity of homes for medico-social care for children in addition to cases of accommodation in accordance with the Law for Child Protection, children with low weight due to premature can be admitted based on their parents or guardian agreement. The number of these children is included in the total number of institutionalized children for the period of stay in the homes.

Additional statistical information about the Survey on homes for medico-social care for children can be provided through the NSI’s “User Services” Division, or by e-mail: [info@nsi.bg](mailto:info@nsi.bg).