



## HOMES FOR MEDICO-SOCIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN 2011

The number of Homes for medico-social care for children at the end of 2011 is 31 with capacity of 3 756 places. 2 319 children are accommodated there. 1 278 of them are boys and 1 041 – girls.

The trend of decreasing of the total number of accommodated in the Homes for medico-social care for children continue in 2011. The decrease by 5.5% compared to the end of 2010 is observed as of 31.12.2011.

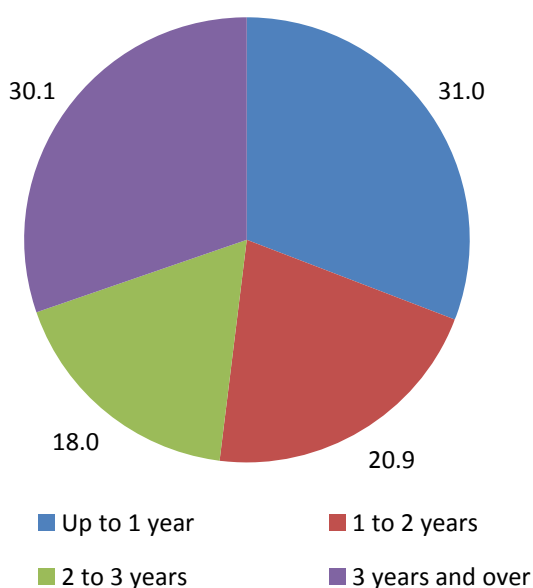
### 1. Children in the Homes for medico-social care for children during the period 2005 - 2011

(Number)

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Accommodated as of 31.12.	2960	3063	3020	2771	2681	455	2319

As of 31.12.2011, the highest is the share of children accommodated in the Homes for medico-social care for children aged up to 1 year – 31.0%. The relative share of children aged 1 to 2 years is 20.9%, within the age group 2 - 3 years – 18.0%, and 3 years and over - 30.1% of children.

**Figure 1. Structure of accommodated children in the Homes for medico-social care for children as of 31.12.2011 by age -%**





2 508 children are entered in the Homes for medico-social care for children in 2011. 63.6% of them are up to 1 year, 14.7% - belong to age group from 1 to 2 years, 10.7% - from 2 to 3 years and 11.0% - 3 and over.

## 2. Children new entrants in the Homes for medico-social care for children in 2011 by age

Entrants during the year	Number	Structure -%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2508</b>	<b>100.0</b>
Up to 1 year	1596	63.6
1 to 2 years	369	14.7
2 to 3 years	268	10.7
3 years and over	275	11.0

Almost all accommodated in the Homes for medico-social care for children have parents. At the end of 2011, 2 278 children, or 98.2% of the accommodated children have one or two parents. Complete orphans and foundlings are only 41 children, or 1.8% of the total number of accommodated children at the end of the year.

## 3. Children in the Homes for medico-social care for children at the end of 2011

(Number)

	Total	Boys	Girls
<b>Total</b>	<b>2319</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>1041</b>
Complete orphans – two parents deceased	10	7	3
Foundlings	31	12	19
With parents	2278	1259	1019
of them:			
Children of single mothers	1241	647	594
With one/single parent	41	27	14
With two parents	966	585	411

2 565 is the number of discharged children from the Homes for medico-social care for children in 2011. 171 (6.7%) of them are transferred to other institution due to completion of age, 2 394 children are leading away the institutions through adoptions or application of different protection measures in compliance with the Law for Child Protection.



**Figure 2 Children in the Homes for medico-social care for children per 1 000 of total population aged up to 3 completed years**



\* The coefficient for 2011 was calculated with preliminary data on population.

As of 31.12.2011 the coefficient of institutionalization of children aged up to 3 years, 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 of the population is 8.3 per 1 000 children aged up to 3 completed years. The coefficient is almost without change in comparison with 2010 and the reason of that is more significant decrease of the number of children of this age group in the country.

The medical care and the attendance of children accommodated in Homes for medico-social care for children in 2011 are provided by 2 728 people's staff working on a basic labour contract. The distribution of the personnel by categories is presented in table 4.

#### 4. Personnel in Homes for medico-social care for children by categories at the end of 2011

Personnel	Number
<b>Total</b>	<b>2728</b>
Physicians	134
of which: Pediatricians	105
Medical specialists on Health cares	1244
of which:	
Nurses	1127
Physiotherapists	51
Other non-medical personnel	1350



### **METHODOLOGICAL NOTES**

The survey on 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 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 specialized 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" Department, or by e-mail: [info@nsi.bg](mailto:info@nsi.bg).