



HOMES FOR MEDICO-SOCIAL CARE FOR CHILDREN IN 2014

At the end of 2014 in Bulgaria there are 29 Homes for medico-social care for children with total capacity of 2 199 places. 975 children are accommodated there - 537 boys (55.1%) and 438 girls (44.9%) (Table 1).

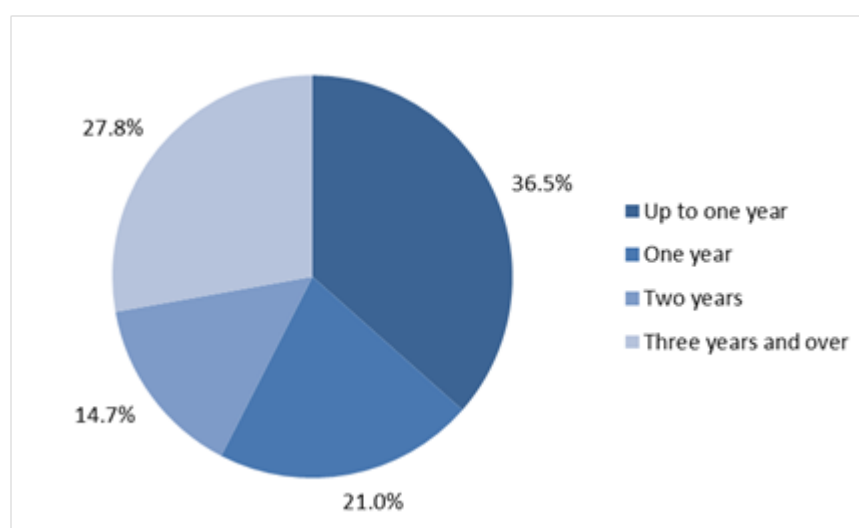
1. Children accommodated in Homes for medico-social care for children as of 31.12

(Number)

	2010	2011	2012	2013 ¹	2014 ¹
Total	2455	2319	2087	1204	975
Boys	1319	1278	1169	670	537
Girls	1136	1041	918	534	438

Homes for medico-social care for children are intended for children aged 0 to 3 years, but according to the legislation exceptions are allowed and namely children aged 3 years and over to remain in the home. As of 31.12.2014, the highest is the number and the share of children accommodated in Homes for medico-social care aged up to 1 year - 356 children or 36.5%. The number of children aged 3 years and over is 271 or 27.8% (Figure 1).

Figure 1. Children in Homes for medico-social care for children by age as of 31.12.2014



¹ Excl. children in day care centres attached to the Homes for medico-social care for children (non-residential care).



At the end of 2014, 96.1% of the accommodated children have one or two parents. Complete orphans and foundlings are 3.9% of the total number of children (Table 2).

2. Children in Homes for medico-social care for children at the end of 2014

	(Number)		
	Total	Boys	Girls
Total	975	537	438
Complete orphans - two parents deceased	9	6	3
Foundlings	29	8	21
With parents	937	523	414
of which:			
With one parent	577	320	243
With two parents	360	203	171

Medical care and the attendance of children accommodated in Homes for medico-social care for children in 2014 are provided by 2 047 persons working on a labour contract. 109 of them are physicians, 869 - medical specialists on Health cares and 1 069 - other non-medical personnel (Table 3).

3. Personnel in Homes for medico-social care for children by categories as of 31.12.2014

Personnel	In numbers
Total	2047
Physicians	109
of which: Pediatricians	91
Medical specialists on Health cares	869
of which:	
Nurses	789
Physiotherapists	58
Other non-medical personnel	1069



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 specialised institutions is implemented only in case 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.

Homes for medico-social care for children can open a day centre for disabled children reared in a family environment (non-residential care). The admission of children in the day care centre is in accordance with the Implementing Regulation of the Law for Child Protection. Their number is not included in the total number of children accommodated for institutional care as of 31.12.

Additional statistical information about the Survey on Homes for medico-social care for children can be found on the NSI's website, section 'Health' - www.nsi.bg.