

TABLE.—**NUMBER OF CHILDREN** UNDER SUPERVISION OF THE CHILD WELFARE BRANCH
AT 31ST MARCH

	1941.	1942.	1943.
State wards—			
In foster-homes, hostels, and with friends	2,559	2,563	2,641
In situations, including those absent without leave	986	1,106	1,105
In Government institutions, receiving-homes, &c.	229	231	223
In private institutions	105	127	98
In Roman Catholic institutions recognized under Child Welfare Act ..	77	98	95
In special schools for backward children	189	131	138
In refuges or cognate institutions	51	36	59
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c.	30	26	36
In residential colleges (mostly Maori children)	14	12	15
Subtotal	4,240	4,330	4,410
British children	202	203	204
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	1,109	1,123	1,301
Infants supervised in foster-homes registered under the Infants Act ..	581	627	665
Pupils at School for the Deaf, Sumner	117	110*	126
Pupils at schools for mentally backward, Otekaike and Richmond (other than State wards included in figures above)	47	52	45
Children supervised as preventive cases	1,739	1,960	1,978
Children in New Zealand Institute for Blind for whom the Department makes payment	24	19	18
Subtotal	3,617	3,891	4,133
Grand total	8,059	8,424	8,747

* At 31st December, 1941.