Table 1—Number of Children Under Control and Supervision of the Child Welfare Division at 31st March

	1947.	1948.	1949.
* State Wards—			
In foster-homes	1,858	1,747	1,737
With relatives or friends	464	455	352
In employment (excluding those with relatives or friends), (including 15 absent on 31st March, 1947; 9, 1948; and 4, 1949)	922	862	786
In Government receiving-homes	137	135	138
In Government hostels	26	14	21
In Government residential training institutions	143	141	107
In private children's homes registered under the Child Welfare Amendment Act, 1927	95	63	78
In Roman Catholic institutions recognized under the Child Welfare Act	74	52	28
In special schools for mentally backward or deaf children (see also under "Other than State Wards")	127	116	129
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c	70	49	36
In residential colleges	18	20	38
In mental hospitals	162	170	166
	4,096	3,824	3,616
Other Than State Wards—			
Young persons supervised by Child Welfare Officers in their own homes pursuant to orders of Courts	915	879	854
Infants supervised in private foster-homes licensed under the Infants Act, 1908	788	772	832
Pupils at the Schools for the Deaf, Sumner and Titirangi (excluding State wards)	250	251	272
Pupils at special schools for mentally backward children (Otekaike and Richmond), (excluding State wards)	45	44	49
Children supervised by Child Welfare Officers in their own homes with-	1,569	1,645	1,460
out Court order (" preventive " cases)		9.3	16
out Court order ("preventive" cases) Pupils of the New Zealand Institute for the Blind, for whom the Division makes payments	24	22	10
out ('ourt order (" preventive " cases) Pupils of the New Zealand Institute for the Blind, for whom the	3,591	3,613	3,483

^{*} Including children who had not formally been committed to the care of the State but over whom the Division exercised legal control—i.e., children under control under section 12 of the Child Welfare Act, or legal warrant, or under supervision and resident in a Child Welfare institution. On 31st March, 1949, there were 64 such children.