Table—Number of Children Under Supervision of the Child Welfare Branch at $31\mathrm{st}$ March

	-					1948.	1949.	1950.
State wards—						!		
In foster homes, hostels, and with fr	iends					2,202	2,089	2,122
In situations, including those absent without leave						862	786	702
In Government institutions, receiving homes, &c						290	266	282
In private institutions						63	78	47
In Roman Catholic institutions reco	gnize	d under C	hild We	lfare Act		52	28	12
In special schools for backward child						116	129	125
In hospitals, convalescent homes, &c	э.					49	36	22
In residential colleges (mostly Maori	chile	iren)				20	38	40
In mental hospitals		• •	• •			170	166	150
Sub-total				• •		3,824	3,616	3,502
Other than State wards— Young persons supervised by Child	Welt	fare Office:	rs in the	eir own h	omes,	879	854	900
with relatives, or with friends, pu								
Infants supervised in foster homes registered under the Infants Act						772	832	817
Pupils at Schools for the Deaf, Sumner and Titirangi						251	272	293
Pupils at schools for mentally back			and Ri	chmond (other	44	49	52
than State wards included in figure Children supervised as preventive ca						1,645	1,460	938
Children in New Zealand Institute makes payment				ne Depart	ment	22	16	17
Sub-total						3,613	3,483	3,023
Grand total .						7,437	7,099	6,525