

Guidance on Statistics on Children

Spotlight on children with disabilities, children exposed to violence, and children in alternative care

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CES Task Force on Statistics on Children, Adolescents and Youth



- Proposed by UNICEF, UNFPA, UNECE and Eurostat
- Endorsed by **Bureau of Conference of European Statistics** in February 2020



Why is it important to have internationally comparable statistics?



- Helps to identify national data gaps
- Supports evidence-based policy making and analysis and assessment of public policies
- Prompts improvements in collection, measurement, and reporting, improving quality of data for national and international purposes

Focus areas



Children with disabilities
Children experiencing violence
Children in alternative care

Why focus on these populations?

- ✓ Among the most vulnerable
- ✓ Absence of standards and definitions
- ✓ Overlooked in data collection
- ✓ Missing from international reporting frameworks

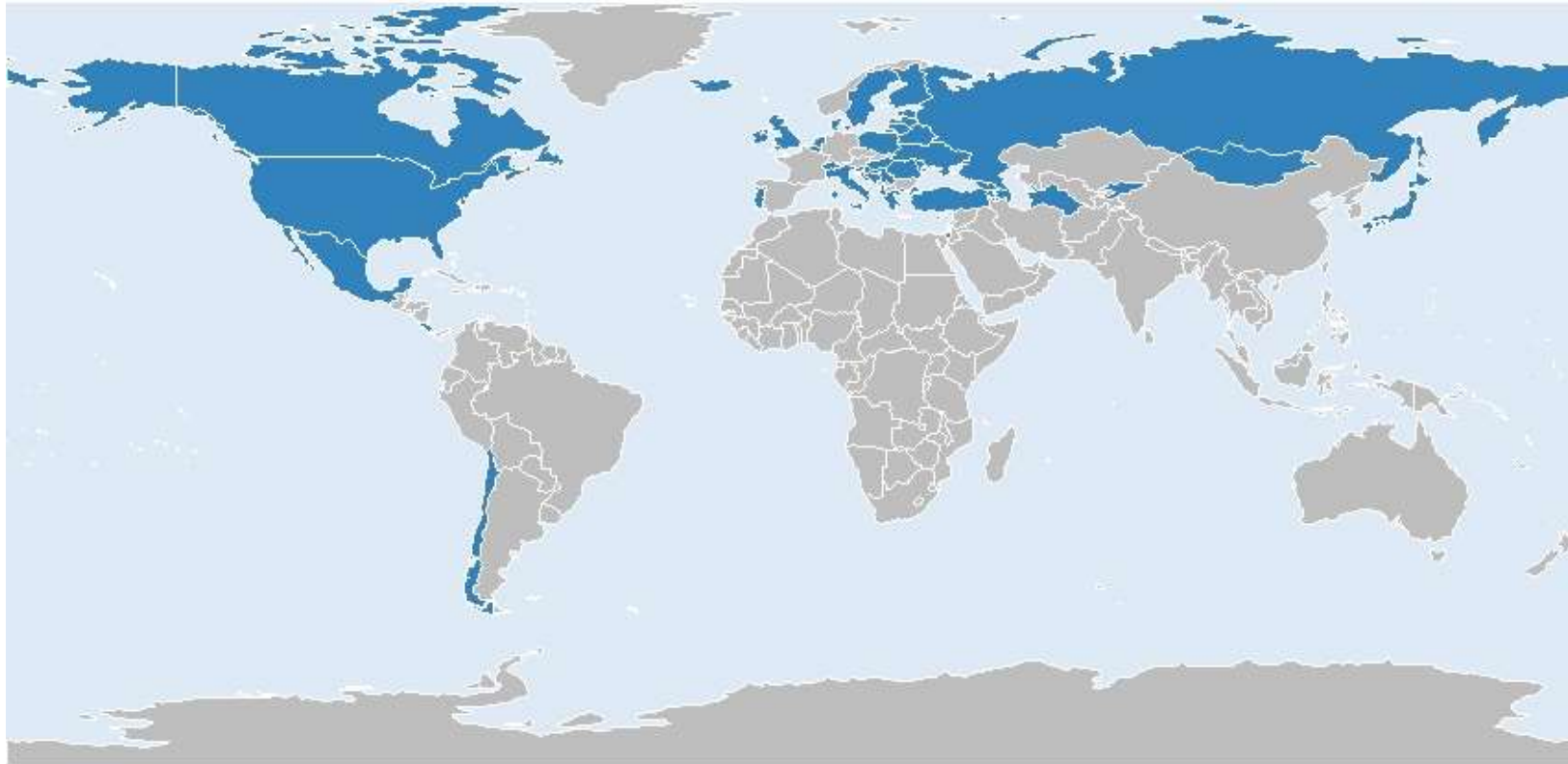
National data sources and practices: Country questionnaire



- Are statistics on children regularly/systematically produced?
- Main indicators produced
 - Data source
 - Type of entity producing the statistics
 - Measure or definition (alternative care/violence/disability)
 - Disaggregations
 - Frequency of data collection and reporting
- Challenges
- Suggested improvements



National data sources and practices: Country questionnaire



- Albania
- Armenia
- Azerbaijan
- Republic of Belarus
- Belgium
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Canada
- Chile
- Costa Rica
- Croatia
- Cyprus
- Denmark
- Estonia
- Finland
- Georgia
- Greece
- Hungary
- Iceland
- Ireland
- Israel
- Italy
- Kyrgyz Republic
- Japan
- Latvia
- Lithuania
- Luxembourg
- Mexico
- Republic of Moldova
- Mongolia
- Netherlands
- Poland
- Portugal
- Romania
- Russian Federation
- Republic of Serbia
- Slovenia
- Sweden
- Switzerland
- Türkiye
- Turkmenistan
- Ukraine
- United Kingdom
- United States

43 countries responded

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Statistics on Children

Spotlight on children exposed to violence,
in alternative care, and with disabilities



- General issues for statistics on children
 - International context
 - Recommendations
- Children with disabilities, children experiencing violence, children in alternative care
 - Key concepts and definitions
 - Data availability
 - Key indicators
 - Quality and comparability
 - Data gaps and challenges
 - Recommendations
- Ethical considerations
- Recommendations and further work

<https://unece.org/statistics/publications/statistics-children>

Key Messages



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- Work to produce internationally standard and comparable statistics on children and youth is in its infancy
- Definitions and classifications pose a challenge; inconsistency in the even the most fundamental concepts of children and youth
- While international organizations have made efforts to improve collection and dissemination, there is a need for better coordination