

## 36848 Looked After Children Costs

How much has your council spent on providing fostering/family placements for 'looked after children' in every year since 2007? Please give this figure per child and per week.

The Council's financial system does not hold spend data on a 'per child' and/ or 'per week' basis. Details of financial spend relating to Children's Services is published annually on the Scottish Government website.

Details of annual spend on foster family placements for Children's Services are published in the Local Government Finance Statistics -

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/local-government-finance-statistics/>

(Workbook LFR 03 Social Work – Line reference – Community Based Services - Fostering / family placements)

How much has your council spent on providing residential accommodation for 'looked after children' in every year since 2007? Please give this figure per child and per week.

Details of annual spend on residential accommodation for Children's Services are published in the Local Government Finance Statistics –

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/local-government-finance-statistics/>

(Workbook LFR 03 Social Work - Line reference - Accommodation-based services)

What is the total amount of money spent on looked after children in this council? This includes Kinship Care allowances, foster placements etc.

Details of total annual spend on Children's services is included in the Local Government Finance Statistics -

<https://www.gov.scot/collections/local-government-finance-statistics/>

(Workbook LFR 03 Social Work – Sub-Category Children and Families)

(Copy Local Financial Returns (LFRs) have been provided for those years for which workbooks are not available on the Scottish Government website.)

Annual spend includes spend on both Looked After Children (LAC) and non Looked After Children (non LAC), as costs for LAC and non LAC are not recorded separately.

Further information on numbers of Looked After Children is provided as follows:

<b>Year</b>	<b>With Foster Carers</b>	<b>Residential Accommodation*</b>
<b>2007</b>	386	135
<b>2008</b>	431	128
<b>2009</b>	464	122
<b>2010</b>	488	105
<b>2011</b>	511	106
<b>2012</b>	595	103

<b>2013</b>	591	104
<b>2014</b>	590	92
<b>2015</b>	612	94
<b>2016</b>	566	90
<b>2017</b>	582	109
<b>2018</b>	623	106
<b>2019</b>	595	104
<b>2020</b>	605	118
<b>2021</b>	542	119

\*Residential accommodation includes care homes, residential schools and secure accommodation.