

55288 Looked After Children (LAC)

Please release the following information relating to looked after children in the care of your authority for the periods:

- 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022
- 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023
- 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024
- 1 January 2025 to May 31 2025 (or to May 27 2025 if you have to count it to the date I sent this FOI request).

Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority during each of these time periods.

For the period from 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2024, this information is published on our Disclosure Log at:

<https://edinburgh.axlr8.uk/disclose/>

Please enter '53371' in the Search field.

For the period from 01/01/2025 to 27/05/2025 there were 887 Looked After Children.

- a. Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority who have gone missing or absent during each of these time periods.

As above, please refer to the response to previous request 53371 for the period 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2024.

We are unable to provide the information requested for the current year because this data is not yet available.

- b. Please tell how many of them in total are still missing?

None.

Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that have identified as an unaccompanied asylum-seeking child (UASC) or a separated child in each of the above specified time periods (1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022; 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023; 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024; 1 January 2025 to May 31 2025/ or to May 27 2025 if you have to count it from the date I sent this FOI request).

As above, please refer to the response to previous request 53371 for the period 01/01/2022 to 31/12/2024.

For the period from 01/01/2025 to 27/05/2025 there were 83 Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children.

Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent in each of the above listed years.

- a. If possible, please tell me the age and nationality of each of these children.

As above, please refer to the response to previous request 53371.

Please tell me the total number of individual incidents (which could involve the same kid on more than one occasion) of looked after children in the care of your authority identified as an UASC or separated child and that have gone missing or absent in each of the above listed years.

[As above, please refer to the response to previous request 53371.](#)

Please tell me the total number of looked after children in the care of your authority that are still missing or absent (including those who subsequently turned 18 without being found) that were identified or suspected as an UASC or separated child.

- a. If possible, please tell me the age and nationality of each of these children.

[As above, please refer to the response to previous request 53371.](#)