



# Alternative Child Care in the Republic of Azerbaijan



The State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan

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# National Policy Regarding Child Welfare

The State National Policy regarding children is aimed at these outcomes:

- ▶ For every child to grow and be brought up in an adequate living conditions and all material needs fulfilled.
- ▶ For every child to receive education based on the progressive demand.
- ▶ For each child to be formed into a good citizen.

# Goals of Alternative Care

- ▶ Protection of the rights and legitimate interests of children who have lost their parents and children deprived of parental care, children with disabilities;
- ▶ Ensuring a decent life for children who have lost their parents and children deprived of parental care, children with disabilities;
- ▶ Inclusivity;

# Regulatory Rights Framework

- Law on the Rights of the Child
- Family Code
- Law on “social protection of children Who Have deceased parents and those deprived of parental care”
- State Programme for the Transfer of Children from State Child Care Institutions to Families (De-institutionalization) and Alternative Care in the Republic of Azerbaijan
- UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- State strategy for the Development of Education in the Republic of Azerbaijan

# State Strategy on Education Development

*The main duties related to children in need of special care are:*

- ▶ Preparation and implementation of developmental and inclusive educational programs for children in need of special care
- ▶ Organization of inclusive education with the aim to prevent children with disabilities from entering special schools



# State Program for the Transfer of Children from State Child Care Institutions to Families of Alternative Care

## *Main duties:*

- ▶ Placement of children in public institutions to local families
- ▶ Provision of mechanisms for the organization of alternative care
- ▶ Making sure that children are covered by alternative care within their living environment and do not end up in public child care institutions
- ▶ After the transfer of children with disabilities to families, measures are taken to integrate them into general education schools and organize joint education with healthy children



# State Programme for Deinstitutionalization and Alternative Care developed as a guide for the implementation of the **National Plan for the Transformation of Public Child Care Institutions.**

## *Main Duties:*

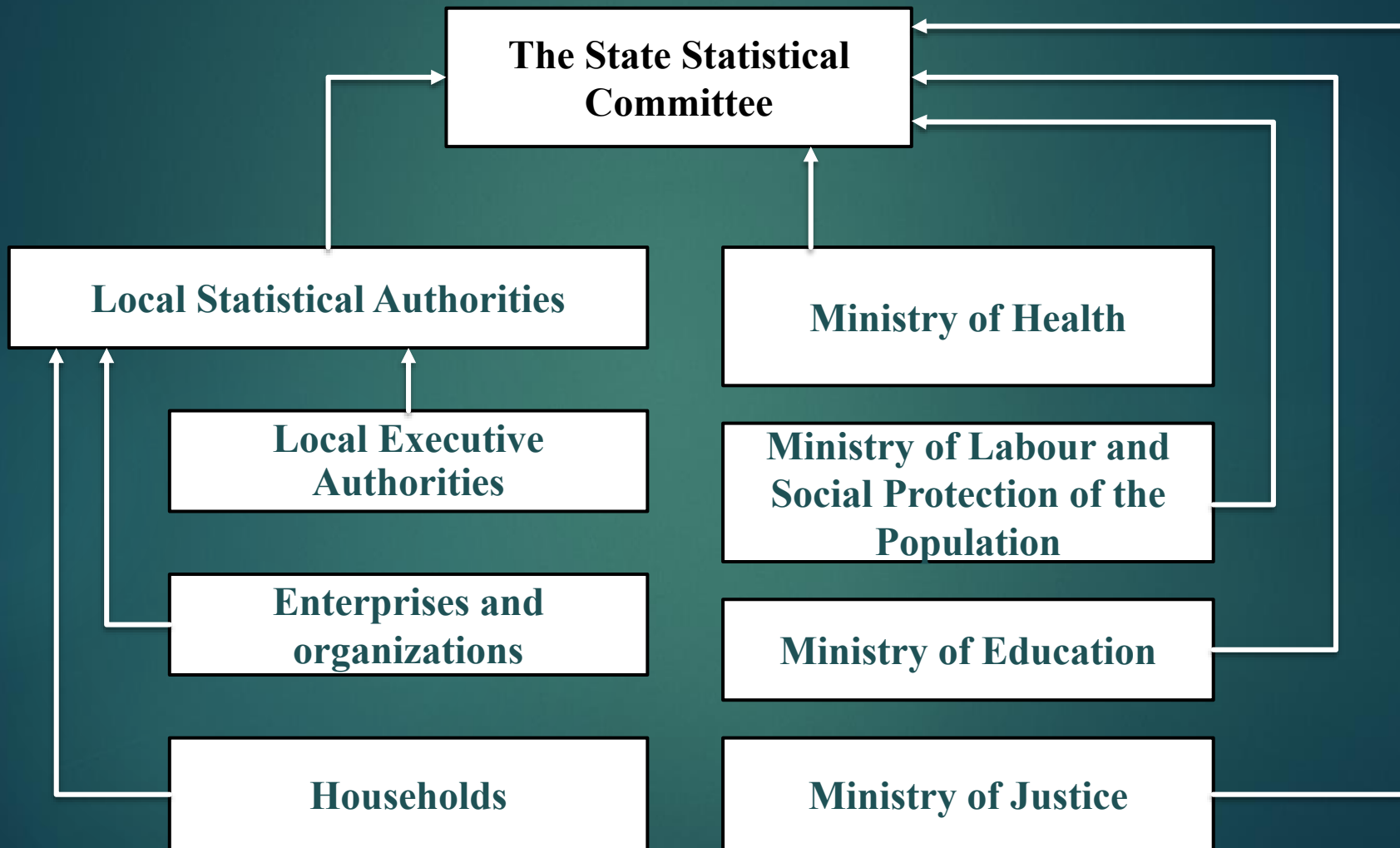
- ▶ Improvement of the legislative framework
- ▶ Transformation (re-profiling) of public child care institutions
- ▶ Development of the alternative care system
- ▶ Gradual decentralization of the care system
- ▶ Encouraging public to adopt, develop foster families, strengthen guardianship, and support for extended families
- ▶ Providing employee trainings for institutions and guardianship bodies

## Data sources

- ▶ Child care facilities – information collection in the form of statistical reporting
- ▶ Households - The State Statistical Committee conducts sample surveys of households on various topics
- ▶ Census
- ▶ Administrative data of the relevant government agencies



# Data collection



# Electronic Registration of Children Without Parental Care

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- Since 2018, the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection has been maintaining a centralized electronic record of children left without parental care, as well as persons wishing to adopt them.
- Since 2022, the Statistics Committee has been receiving data from the Ministry of Labor and Social Protection from the Register of Children Without Parental Care.



# State Educational Institutions

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	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022
<b>Number of orphanages (0-3 years old)</b>	4	4	4	4	4
<i>The number of children</i>	156	143	179	82	77
<i>Orphans and children left without parental care</i>	59	43	-	2	23
<b>Number of orphanages (over 3 years)</b>	6	6	8	9	12
<i>The number of children</i>	734	513	681	636	769
<b>Number of special boarding schools for children with disabilities</b>	12	11	11	9	9
<i>The number of children</i>	2915	2537	2468	2288	2308
<i>The number of orphans and children left without parental care</i>	280	162	82	28	110

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	2005	2010	2015	2020	2022
<b>Number of social service institutions for persons under 18 years of age who have been diagnosed with a disability</b>	2	2	2	2	2
<i>Number of children</i>	298	267	320	326	292
<i>Orphans and children left without parental care</i>	61	44	39	39	31
<b>Number of boarding schools for lost children, orphans, and children left without parental care</b>	2	2	3	3	3
<i>Number of children</i>	330	398	401	449	419



# Adoption

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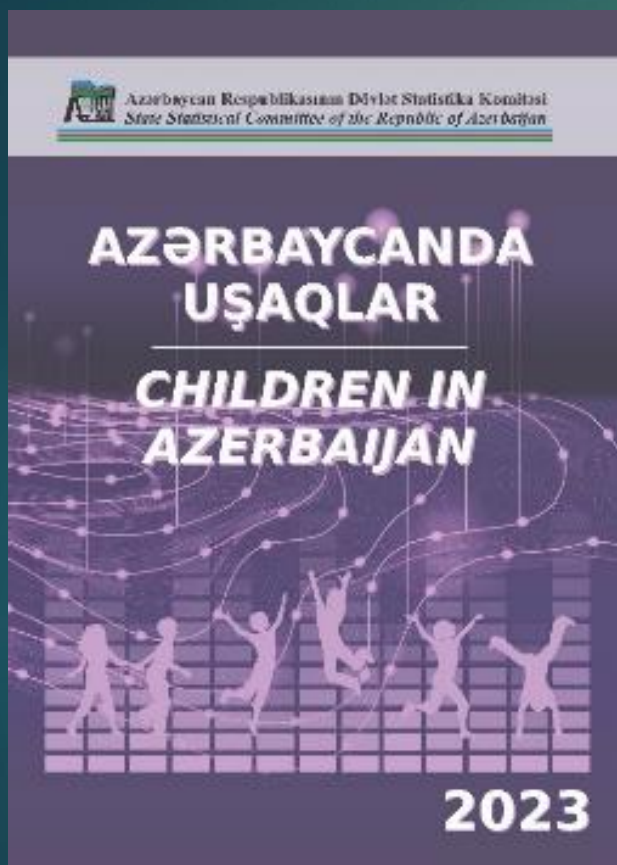
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	Total in 2022	including by age			
		up to 1 year	1-5 years	6-10 years	11-17 years
<b>Number of children adopted</b>	358	68	188	72	30
<b>Of which:</b>					
<b>Girls</b>	170	29	98	31	12
<b>Boys</b>	188	39	90	41	18
<b>Of which, adopted by foreign citizens and stateless persons</b>	5	1	-	-	4
<b>of which:</b>					
<b>Girls</b>	1	1	-	-	-
<b>Boys</b>	4	-	-	2	4



# Data Dissemination

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Every year, the State Statistics Committee publishes a statistical compilation titled "Children in Azerbaijan" in Azerbaijani and English and makes it available to State bodies and other users, reflecting a number of indicators relating to children.

# Compiled Statistics "Children in Azerbaijan"

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E-version of the compiled statistics

“Children in Azerbaijan” is posted on the website of the Committee [www.stat.gov.az](http://www.stat.gov.az).

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The statistical publication includes following sections: demographic indicators, education and culture, medical-preventive services, social protection, diseases and cases of death, crime, and data by economic regions and administrative territorial units. The publication mainly covers 1990-2022.

Information on size of children, birth, death and natural increase rates as well as indicators on preschool institutions, general educational schools, diseases of the children by economic regions and administrative territorial units of the country are also included in this yearbook.

The statistical publication intended for economists, managers, mass media and wide readers.

When using statistical data a reference must be made to the State Statistical Committee of the Republic of Azerbaijan.

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