

3. There were in operation in the United States approximately 1,580 other child welfare institutions¹⁰ under tax-supported or voluntary nonprofit auspices, *exclusive* of group homes (of which there are several hundred though the exact number is not known). These institutions *and* group homes as of March 31, 1965, were serving about 86,000 children.¹¹

(b) *Geographic Distribution*

Distribution of such facilities or structures by State: State by State distributions of detention homes, of institutions for juvenile delinquents, and of other child welfare institutions are presented, respectively, in table 4. The data presented are those most recently available.

(c) *Distribution by City Size*

The distribution of detention homes, by population and size of city in which located, is shown in table 5. Ninety-three percent of all detention homes are located in areas of 50,000 population or more.

TABLE 5.—*Population of area in which detention homes are located in United States, 1965*

Population	Number	Percent
Total.....	281	100
500,000 or more.....	64	23
100,000 to 499,999.....	154	55
50,000 to 99,999.....	42	15
10,000 to 49,999.....	18	8
2,500 to 9,999.....	2	1
Under 2,500.....	1	(¹)

¹ Less than 0.05 percent.

Source: Children's Bureau, Welfare Administration, 1966.

The distribution of public institutions for delinquent children by population size of city in which located, is shown in table 6. Half of all institutions are located in or near cities of 75,000 or more: 21 percent are in or near cities of 20,000 to 74,999; and 20 percent are in towns of less than 20,000 population or in rural areas.

TABLE 6.—*Distribution of public institutions for delinquent children, by population size of city, 1965.*

Urban-rural areas	Number	Percent
Total.....	276	100
In metropolitan area (more than 250,000).....	35	13
Near metropolitan area (within 25 miles).....	44	16
In metro-intermediate area (75,000 to 250,000).....	28	10
Near metro-intermediate area (within 25 miles).....	29	11
In or near small town (in or within 25 miles of town 20,000 to 74,999).....	59	21
Rural (under 20,000).....	81	29

Source: Children's Bureau, Welfare Administration, 1966.

Child welfare institutions are widely scattered through urban, suburban, and to some extent rural areas. In the census of institu-

¹⁰ Unpublished list compiled by Children's Bureau from information furnished by State departments of public welfare.

¹¹ Annual reports of State departments of public welfare to the Children's Bureau, 1965.