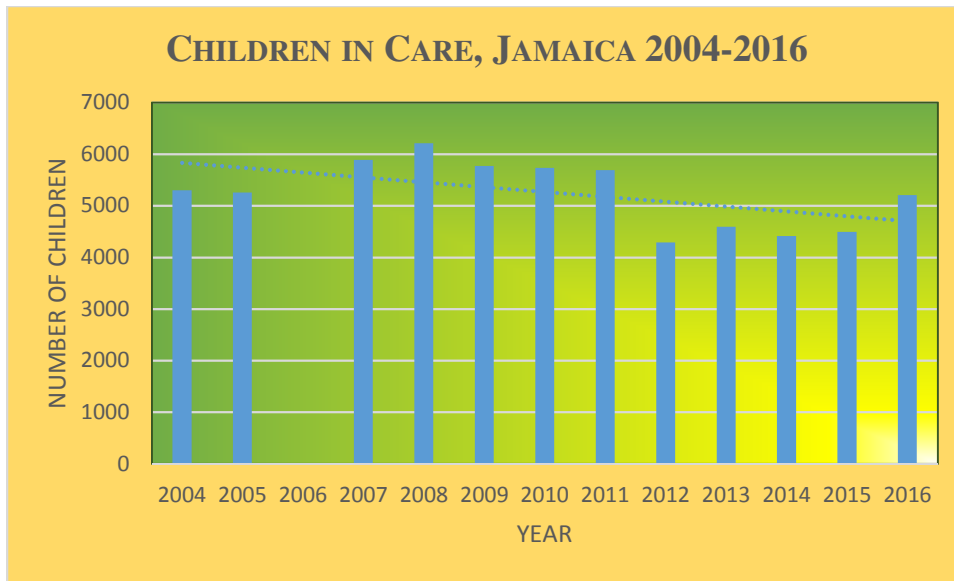


CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENTAL CARE

Children in Care

Children in Care are wards of the State under the age of 18 years who are on either a Supervision or Fit Person Order made by the Courts of Jamaica, or who are on Remand pending a decision by the Courts.

For the period 2004 to 2016 some 5,236 children were placed in care annually. Over the same period the number peaked to 6,213 in 2008 and the lowest number was recorded at 4,288 in 2012. The overall trend for the entire period has been downward since 2008; however, for the last five years of data the trend has been upward.

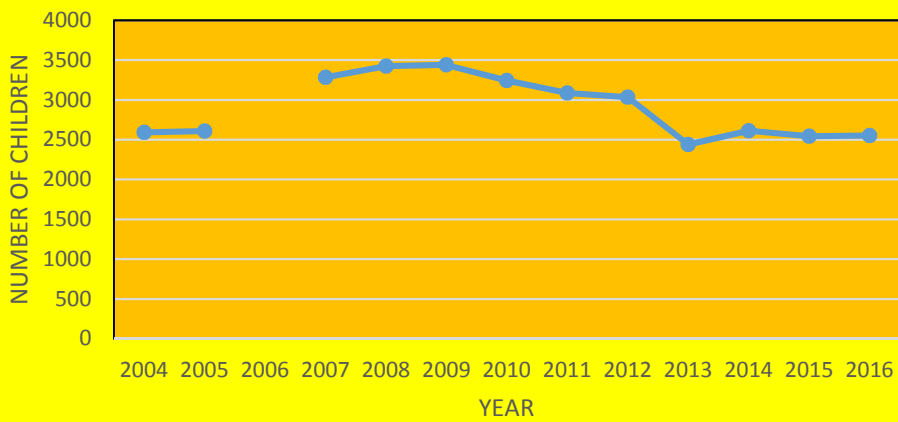


Children in L.I.F.E. Placement

Children Living in Family Environment (LIFE) are wards of the State under the age of 18 years who are committed to living with a family based on either a Supervision Order made by the Courts of Jamaica or otherwise. Supervision Order: A court order placing the child under the supervision of a designated local authority. The supervisor's duty is to advise, assist and befriend the child and the court may attach certain requirements to the order for the child, parent(s) or both to comply with. A supervision order lasts for one year.

Some 2,906 children were placed in Living in Family Environment (LIFE) annually for the period under review.

CHILDREN IN LIFE PLACEMENT, JAMAICA 2004-2016



These numbers peaked in 2009 at 3,440 children and have generally trended downwards, recording minimum value of 2,440 in 2013. The pace of the decline is gradual, reflecting fluctuations in numbers rather than being influenced by Government policy.

CHILDREN IN GOVERNMENTAL CARE, JAMAICA 2004-2016

