



Caregiving Youth in Comparison

United Kingdom

- Results of a 2010 BBC survey estimate that there are roughly 700,000 young carers aged 11 to 17.
- There are approximately 350 young carer programs.
- The Care Act of 2014 and The Children and Families Act of 2014 ensure that young carers or the recipient of care can request assistance from local authorities. A Carers Allowance is awarded to those 16 and older who need assistance with the costs of caregiving.
- Many organizations have guides, programs, and partnerships to inform wide audiences across the nation about the hidden population of young carers and to help schools recognize these children in class.

Australia

- According to a recent survey in 2015, there are approximately 272,000 young carers up to the age of 25 with 60,000 under the age of 15. This number is down from the 74,800 in 2012.
- There are approximately 3 young carer programs.
- The Carer Recognition Act 2010 guides government agencies and organizations to provide support for young carers.
- Carers Australia has a young carer program in each state and territory. There is also the Young Carers Bursary Program, a scholarship for young carers.

United States

- There are about 1.3 to 1.4 million caregiving children from ages 8-18, according to a study from 2005 by the National Alliance for Caregiving.
- There is only 1 young carer program in the U.S.
- Currently, there is no recognition or support by the United States government for caregiving youth.
- All support is provided by the American Association of Caregiving Youth in partnership with the school district.

* Number of caregiving youth and age range for each country is the best representation based on most recent research.

Sources: Australia – Australian Bureau of Statistics, Survey of Disability, Ageing and Carers 2015; United Kingdom – BBC Survey 2010; United States – National Alliance for Caregiving, Young Caregivers in the U.S. 2005