



## 2.6.2 Taking into custody

**The youth welfare office is entitled and obliged to take minors into custody (Article 42 of Book 8 of the Social Code) when**

- a child or adolescent requests it,
- there is imminent danger to their welfare, or
- a child or adolescent arrives in Germany as an unaccompanied refugee minor (URM).

“Temporary taking into custody” is invoked for URMs ahead of the “regular” act (Article 42 a-f).

**In 2019 approx. 49,550 minors were taken into custody:**

- 8,400 requested it themselves,
- 32,500 were exposed to imminent danger to their welfare,
- 8,650 were unaccompanied refugee minors.