



## 2.6.2 Taking into custody

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**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 foreign-born child or adolescent arrives in Germany unaccompanied.

“Temporary taking into custody” is invoked for unaccompanied foreign-born children/adolescents or refugee minors ahead of the “regular” act (Article 42 a-f).

**In 2022 approx. 66,400 minors were taken into custody:**

- 8,000 requested it themselves,
- 29,800 were exposed to imminent danger to their welfare,
- 28,600 were unaccompanied foreign-born minors.