

WHAT GERMANY WON'T COUNT

The Custody Data *Gap*

For more than a decade the European Parliament has asked Germany to publish disaggregated custody outcome data. France already does. Germany still does not.

STATISTIC PUBLISHED?	DE GERMANY	FR FRANCE
<p>Custody outcomes by parent gender Sole / shared / father / mother</p>	<p>● PARTIAL</p> <p>Only sole-custody applications under §1671 BGB. No breakdown of contested outcomes.</p>	<p>● PUBLISHED</p> <p>Ministry of Justice publishes mother / father / shared residency percentages.</p>
<p>Custody outcomes by parent nationality German vs. non-German parent</p>	<p>✗ NOT PUBLISHED</p> <p>No public dataset, despite repeated EU and foreign-government requests.</p>	<p>● PARTIAL</p> <p>Cross-border cases tracked via Brussels II ter Central Authority.</p>
<p>Alignment of court rulings with Jugendamt recommendations How often does the judge follow the youth office?</p>	<p>✗ NOT PUBLISHED</p> <p>No statistics kept. Yet practitioners report judges follow Jugendamt in the majority of cases.</p>	<p>● N / A BY DESIGN</p> <p>No equivalent administrative body with comparable influence over court rulings.</p>
<p>Post-separation residency arrangements Where children actually live after court</p>	<p>✗ NOT PUBLISHED</p> <p>Peer-reviewed literature confirms: official statistics are silent on post-separation parenting.</p>	<p>● PUBLISHED</p> <p>INSEE tax-return data; Ministry of Justice tracks residency type per ruling.</p>

"The Committee on Petitions continuously receives petitions by non-

German parents in which serious discrimination is reported as a result of the procedures and practices adopted by the competent German authorities."

– EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT RESOLUTION, 29 NOVEMBER 2018 (307-211-112)

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