



This summary is based on the report from the Department of Health and Human Services titled "Child Maltreatment 2006". This report is available by calling the Child Welfare Information Gateway at (800) FYI-3366 or on the Internet*. 2006 is the latest year for which national child maltreatment statistics are available.

Reports and Victims

- Nationwide in 2006, an estimated 3,573,000 (3.6 million) children were accepted by state and local CPS as alleged victims of child maltreatment for investigation or assessment, a rate of 47.8 per 1,000 children in the U.S. and Puerto Rico population.
- In 2006, an estimated 905,000 children were substantiated as victims of child maltreatment, a rate of 12.1 per 1,000 children in the U.S. and Puerto Rico population.
- In 2006, 64.1% of substantiated cases were victims of neglect, while approximately 16.0% suffered from physical abuse, and 8.8% were sexually abused. Emotional or psychological maltreatment represented 6.6%, and medical neglect accounted for 2.2%. Additionally, 15.1% of the children were reported to be victims of "other" types of maltreatment, including abandonment, threats of harm, and congenital drug addiction. The maltreatment percentage totals more than 100 percent because many children were victims of more than one type of maltreatment and counted more than once.

Child Fatalities

- In 2006, an estimated 1,530 children died as a result of child maltreatment, an average four children everyday. The estimated rate of deaths in the U.S. and Puerto Rico population is 2.04 per 100,000 children.
- Children 0-3 years of age accounted for 78% of child fatalities, while children under one year of age accounted for 44.2% of child fatalities.
- The breakdown of type of maltreatment leading to fatalities are as follows: 41.1% neglect, 31.4% combinations of maltreatments, 22.4% physical abuse, 2.9% psychological maltreatment or other type, 1.9% medical neglect, and 0.3% sexual abuse.
- Only 16.0% (13.7 + 2.3) of fatalities involved children whose families were known to CPS agencies (e.g., family preservation services and family reunification services).

Services

CPS agencies provided two types of services: preventive services to families (including those who are not the subject of a referral to CPS) who are at risk of child abuse and neglect and post-investigation services to families who have come to the attention of a child welfare agency for ensuring the safety of children.

- In 2006, an estimated 3,790,039 children received preventive services (e.g., respite care, parenting education, housing assistance, substance abuse treatment, home visits, etc.).
- In 2006, 59% of child maltreatment victims and 30% of non-victims received post-investigation services, resulting in an estimated 533,000 victims and 808,000 non-victims respectively.

***Data Source:**

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. Child Maltreatment 2006: (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2008). The report is available by calling the Child Welfare Information Gateway at (800) FYI-3366 or on the Internet. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm06/cm06.pdf>

National Child Maltreatment Trends (2002-2006)

Table 1 shows that between 2002 to 2006 the rate of children who were subjects of a CPS investigation increased 9.1%. Additionally, the number of child abuse reports peaked at 48.2 per 1,000 in 2005, decreasing by 0.4 children per 1,000 in 2006. In contrast, Table 2 indicates that the victimization rate has remained fairly stable during the period from 2002 to 2006. Table 3 shows the fatality rate increased by 2.5% from 2002 to 2006. For Federal fiscal year 2006, Child Welfare Agencies received child fatalities data from several agencies (e.g., Health Departments and Fatality Review Boards), contributing to better reporting procedures and better estimates of the problem.

Table 4 displays the child population, total victims and victimization rate for 2006. Victimization rates for 2005 are also included in the final column for comparison. It is important to note that states' definitions and procedures regarding child maltreatment differ, therefore comparisons across states should be interpreted with caution. Table 5 provides similar information for child fatalities for 2006.

Table 1. Children Subjects of CPS Investigations or Assessments					
Reporting Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child Population*	73,979,203	74,144,319	74,339,840	74,566,154	74,754,213
Estimated Children Investigated*	3,240,000	3,425,000	3,576,000	3,594,000	3,573,000
Rate Per 1,000 Children*	43.8	46.2	48.1	48.2	47.8
% Change in Rate 2002-2006	----- 9.1% -----				

Table 2. Child Maltreatment Victims					
Reporting Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child Population*	73,979,203	74,144,319	74,339,840	74,566,154	74,754,213
Estimated Victims*	910,000	905,000	892,000	900,000	905,000
Rate Per 1,000 Children*	12.3	12.2	12.0	12.1	12.1
% Change in Rate 2002-2006	----- -1.6% -----				

Table 3. Child Maltreatment Fatalities					
Reporting Year	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Child Population**	73,979,203	74,144,319	74,339,840	74,566,154	74,754,213
Estimated Fatalities**	1,470	1,430	1,510	1,460	1,530
Rate Per 100,000 Children**	1.99	1.93	2.03	1.96	2.04
% Change in Rate 2002-2006	----- 2.5% -----				

*Numbers are from Child Maltreatment 2006 (Table 3-2., Page 36)

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Table 4. 2006 Child Maltreatment Victims by State*

State	Child Population (2006)	Total Victims (2006)	Victims per 1,000 Children (2006)	Victims per 1,000 Children (2005)
Alabama	1,114,301	9,378	8.4	8.2
Alaska	181,434	3,481	19.2	14.7
Arizona	1,628,198	4,469	2.7	3.9
Arkansas	691,186	9,180	13.3	12.3
California	9,532,614	89,500	9.4	10.0
Colorado	1,169,301	10,862	9.3	8.2
Connecticut	818,286	10,174	12.4	13.7
Delaware	203,366	1,933	9.5	9.7
District of Columbia	114,881	2,759	24.0	24.5
Florida	4,021,555	134,567	33.5	32.9
Georgia	2,455,020	39,802	16.2	19.6
Hawaii	298,081	2,045	6.9	9.2
Idaho	394,280	1,651	4.2	4.9
Illinois	3,215,244	27,756	8.6	9.1
Indiana	1,577,629	20,925	13.3	12.1
Iowa	710,194	14,589	20.5	19.7
Kansas	695,837	2,630	3.8	4.0
Kentucky	999,531	19,833	19.8	19.6
Louisiana	1,090,001	12,472	11.4	10.6
Maine	280,994	3,548	12.6	11.7
Maryland				10.7
Massachusetts	1,448,884	36,151	25.0	24.5
Michigan	2,478,356	27,148	11.0	9.8
Minnesota	1,257,264	7,623	6.1	6.7
Mississippi	759,405	6,272	8.3	8.1
Missouri	1,416,592	7,108	5.0	6.3
Montana	217,848	1,775	8.1	9.6
Nebraska	445,033	6,160	13.8	14.9
Nevada	634,520	5,345	8.4	8.5
New Hampshire	297,625	822	2.8	3.1
New Jersey	2,089,338	11,680	5.6	4.7
New Mexico	508,930	5,926	11.6	14.4
New York	4,514,342	80,077	17.7	15.5
North Carolina	2,155,387	28,422	13.2	15.7
North Dakota	144,934	1,438	9.9	10.6
Ohio	2,770,035	41,449	15.0	15.2
Oklahoma	894,034	13,414	15.0	15.7
Oregon	856,259	12,927	15.1	14.6
Pennsylvania	2,804,873	4,177	1.5	1.5
Puerto Rico	1,018,651	15,066	14.8	15.3
Rhode Island	237,451	4,400	18.5	13.9
South Carolina	1,039,653	10,795	10.4	10.4
South Dakota	194,681	1,529	7.9	8.3
Tennessee	1,442,593	19,182	13.3	12.9
Texas	6,493,965	69,065	10.6	9.8
Utah	791,198	13,043	16.5	17.0
Vermont	133,389	861	6.5	8.0
Virginia	1,806,847	6,828	3.8	3.6
Washington	1,526,267	7,294	4.8	5.2
West Virginia	389,071	8,345	21.4	24.4
Wisconsin	1,312,530	8,583	6.5	7.3
Wyoming	121,794	786	6.5	7.0
Total	73,393,682	885,245		
Weighted Rate Per 1,000 Children			12.1	12.1

*Numbers are from Child Maltreatment 2006 (Table 3-4., Page 40)

Table 5. 2006 Child Maltreatment Fatalities by State*

State	Child Population (2006)	Total Child Fatalities (2006)	Fatalities per 100,000 children
Alabama	1,114,301	24	2.15
Alaska	181,434	2	1.10
Arizona	1,628,198	16	0.98
Arkansas	691,186	19	2.75
California	9,532,614	140	1.47
Colorado	1,169,301	24	2.05
Connecticut	818,286	3	0.37
Delaware	203,366	1	0.49
District of Columbia	114,881	2	1.74
Florida	4,021,555	140	3.48
Georgia	2,455,020	63	2.57
Hawaii	298,081	4	1.34
Idaho	394,280	1	0.25
Illinois	3,215,244	58	1.80
Indiana	1,577,629	42	2.66
Iowa	710,194	6	0.84
Kansas	695,837	5	0.72
Kentucky	999,531	36	3.60
Louisiana	1,090,001	37	3.39
Maine	280,994	1	0.36
Maryland			
Massachusetts			
Michigan			
Minnesota	1,257,264	14	1.11
Mississippi	759,405	4	0.53
Missouri	1,416,592	43	3.04
Montana	217,848	1	0.46
Nebraska	445,033	15	3.37
Nevada	634,520	14	2.21
New Hampshire	297,625	3	1.01
New Jersey	2,089,338	32	1.53
New Mexico	508,930	14	2.75
New York	4,514,342	73	1.62
North Carolina			
North Dakota	144,934	2	1.38
Ohio	2,770,035	74	2.67
Oklahoma	894,034	26	2.91
Oregon	856,259	17	1.99
Pennsylvania	2,804,873	33	1.18
Puerto Rico	1,018,651	5	0.49
Rhode Island	237,451	0	0.00
South Carolina	1,039,653	19	1.83
South Dakota	194,681	1	0.51
Tennessee	1,442,593	22	1.53
Texas	6,493,965	257	3.96
Utah	791,198	13	1.64
Vermont	133,389	0	0.00
Virginia	1,806,847	20	1.11
Washington	1,526,267	21	1.38
West Virginia	389,071	15	3.86
Wisconsin	1,312,530	13	0.99
Wyoming	121,794	1	0.82
Total	67,311,055	1,376	
Weighted Rate			2.04

*Numbers are from Child Maltreatment 2006 Table 4-1., Page 70)