



CHILD ABUSE STATISTICS RESOURCE GUIDE

The New York State Child Advocacy Resource and Consultation Center (CARCC) developed this *Child Abuse Statistics Resource Guide* to provide selected statistical and reference information related to child abuse both in New York State and nationwide. Categories include child fatality, child maltreatment, abuse, and neglect, sexual abuse, and sexual assault. Online resources for statistics are listed at the end. CARCC can also email additional statistic information upon request.

■ Child Fatality

New York State:

- In 2012, 100 children are known to have died as a result of child abuse and neglect. This is a fatality rate of 2.35 per 100,000 children.¹

Nationwide:

- In 2012, an estimated 1,640 children died from abuse or neglect. This is a rate of 2.20 deaths per 100,000 children.²
- 77% of child fatalities occurred to victims younger than 4 years of age. 11.2% were 4-7 years of age, 5.8% were 8-11 years of age, and 4.5% were 12-17 years of age.³
- White children accounted for 38.3% of all child fatalities. African-American children accounted for 31.9% of fatalities and Hispanic children accounted for 15.3% of fatalities. Children of American Indian or Alaskan Native, Asian, Pacific Islander, “other” or multiple race descent collectively accounted for 5.9% of fatalities and 8.6% of children were of unknown race.⁴
- Some children who died were already known to the child welfare agencies. Children whose families had received family preservation services in the past 5 years accounted for 8.5% of child fatalities. 2.2% had been in foster care and reunited with their families in the past 5 years.⁵
- One or more parents were responsible for 80% of child fatalities. 27.1% of fatalities were perpetrated by the child’s mother acting alone and 21.2% of child fatalities were caused by both parents.⁶
- More than four children day every day due to child abuse.⁷

▪ Child Maltreatment, Abuse, and Neglect

New York State:

- In 2010, the NYS Central Registry of Child Abuse and Maltreatment received 170,224 reports of suspected child abuse or neglect. Upon investigation 51,701 (30%) of reports were substantiated as situations of child abuse and neglect.⁸

Nationwide:

- Nationwide, an estimated 754,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect in 2010. This is a victimization rate of 10.0 for every 1,000 children, the lowest it has been in the previous seven years.⁹
- In 2012, 3.2 million children received a CPS response rate of 42.7 children per 1,000 children in the population. Five-year trend analyses of the child disposition rates reveal a 3.5 percent increase in the rates since 2008.¹⁰
- In 2012, 78.3% of child victims experienced neglect, 18.3% were physically abused, 9.3% were sexually abused, 8.5% were psychologically maltreated, and 2.3% were medically neglected. In addition, 10.6% were associated with “other” types of maltreatment (abandonment, threats of harm to the child, congenital drug addiction, etc.) based on specific state laws and policies.¹¹
- For 2012, 48.7% of victims were boys, and 50.9% of the victims were girls.¹²
- Children younger than 1 year had the highest rates of victimization at 21.9 per 1,000 children in the population of the same age.¹³
- In 2012, 86.8% of victims were comprised of three races or ethnicities; African-American (21%), Hispanic (21.8%), and White (44%). However, victims of African-American, American Indian or Alaska Native, and multiple race descent had the highest rates of victimization at 14.2, 12.4, and 10.3 victims per 1,000 children in the population of the same race or ethnicity.¹⁴
- 13.3% of child victims in 2012 were reported as having a disability. 3.2% of victims had behavior problems, 2.5% of victims were emotionally disturbed, and another 4.3% of victims had some other medical condition. A victim could have been reported with more than one type of disability.¹⁵
- Approximately 80.3% of perpetrators were parents. Other relatives accounted for 6.1%, and unmarried partners of parents accounted for 4.2% of perpetrators.¹⁶
- 53.5% of all perpetrators were women, compared to 45.3% being men.¹⁷
- 2.4% of perpetrators were in the age group of 6 – 17 years, 58.8% were between the ages of 18 – 34 years, 32.8% were between the ages of 35 – 54 years, and 3.7% were ages 55 and older.¹⁸
- Forty-five States reported that 3.2 million children received preventive services in 2012. 60.9% of victims and 29.6% of non-victims received post response (post investigation services address the safety of the child).¹⁹

- In 2012, approximately 232,517 victims received in-home services and 146,083 received foster care services.²⁰

▪ Child Sexual Abuse

Nationwide:

- In 2012, 9.3% of victims nationwide were sexually abused.²¹
- At least two-thirds of the people in treatment programs for drug abuse reported having been abused or neglected as children.²²
- According to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN), there are 237,868 victims of rape of sexual assault each year (age 12 and older). That comes out to 1 sexual assault every 2 minutes.²³
- According to the Rape, Abuse, and Incest National Network (RAINN) 93% of juvenile sexual assault victims know their perpetrator. Of that 93%, 34.2% were family members, and 58.7% of offenders were acquaintances.²⁴
- 15% of all sexual assault victims are under the age of 12.²⁵

▪ Costs of Child Abuse and Neglect

Nationwide:

- The estimated annual cost of child abuse and neglect in the United States in 2008 is \$124 billion. This total cost includes both direct costs (immediate treatment) and indirect costs (long term).²⁶
- According to Prevent Child Abuse America, child abuse and neglect costs the United States \$220 million each day for investigations and services including foster care, medical attention, mental health services, and special education.²⁷
- According to Prevent Child Abuse America, the cost of medical treatment for one case of child abuse and neglect is estimated to be \$11,919.²⁸
- Based on the number of victims and cost estimates, Prevent Child Abuse America reports that the annual mental health cost of child maltreatment is \$1,153,978,175.²⁹

- **Online Resources for More Statistics (listed alphabetically)**

Childhelp

This website has statistics released from the US Department of Health and Human Services and the Administration for Children and Families. Information in this report present data on the following topics: fatalities related to child abuse and neglect, infant homicide, reporting of abuse, types of abuse and abusers, potential effects of abuse, sexual assault of children, and influence of substance abuse.

Website: <http://www.childhelp.org/pages/statistics>

Child Maltreatment 2012

This website of the US Department of Health and Human Services Administration for Children and Families contains a summary of key findings gathered from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS). Statistics include topics on investigations of child abuse and neglect, victims of maltreatment, perpetrators, fatalities, and services provided for victims.

Website: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/cb/cm2012.pdf>

Childstats.gov

This website offers easy access to statistics and reports on children and families, including: family and social environment, economic circumstances, health care, physical environment and safety, behavior, education and health. The Federal Interagency Forum on Child and Family Statistics (The Forum) is a working group of Federal agencies that collect, analyze, and report data on issues related to children and families. The Forum fosters coordination, collaboration, and integration of Federal efforts to collect and report data on conditions and trends for children and families.

Website: <http://www.childstats.gov>

Child Welfare Information Gateway

These website present statistics and data on the different types of abuse and neglect as well as the abuse and neglect of children with disabilities, abuse and neglect in out-of-home care, recurrence, and fatalities.

Website: <http://www.childwelfare.gov/systemwide/statistics/can.cfm>

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC)

The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) is a private, (501)(c)(3) nonprofit organization which was created in 1984. The mission of the organization is to serve as the nation's resource on the issues of missing and sexually exploited children. NCMEC provides information and resources to law enforcement, parents, and children including child victims as well as other professionals.

Website: <http://www.missingkids.com>

National Center for Missing and Exploited Children (NCMEC) – New York Chapter

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Website:

http://www.missingkids.com/missingkids/servlet/PageServlet?LanguageCountry=en_US&PageId=1700

National Center for Victims of Crime

This website presents nationwide statistics on child victimization and teen victimization. Its statistics on child victimization include demographical statistics on the child victims of maltreatment and neglect, and perpetrators.

Website: <http://www.victims-of-crime.org/media/reporting-on-child-sexual-abuse/child-sexual-abuse-statistics>

National Criminal Justice Reference Service

This site can be used as a resource to search for national statistics related to child abuse as reported to the US Department of Justice.

Website: <http://www.ncjrs.gov/App/Publications/AlphaList.aspx>

National Data Archive on Child Abuse and Neglect (NDACAN)

A resource since 1988, NDACAN promotes scholarly exchange among researchers in the child maltreatment field. NDACAN acquires micro data from leading researchers and national data collection efforts and makes these datasheets available to the research community for secondary analysis.

Website: <http://www.ndacan.cornell.edu>

National Sexual Violence Resource Center (NSVRC)

NSVRC provides a variety of resources to help prevent and respond to sexual violence. They offer collections of online resources that are freely accessible and provide a good starting point for exploring a particular issue. Recent collections include information on Child Sexual Abuse Prevention.

Website: <http://www.nsvrc.org/>

Office of Justice Programs – Bureau of Justice Statistics

The Bureau of Justice's mission is to collect, analyze, publish, and disseminate information on crime, criminal offenders, victims of crime, and the operation of the justice system at all levels of government. BJS has statistics on sexual assault, rape, human trafficking, intimate partner violence, and stalking.

Website: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/index.cfm>

Sexual Assault of Young Children as Reported to Law Enforcement: Victim, Incident, and Offender Characteristics

This is a report containing statistics pertaining to sexual assaults of children. Statistics for this report were generated from the files of the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS.) Written July 2000 by Dr. Howard N. Snyder of the National Center for Juvenile Justice.

Website: <http://bjs.ojp.usdoj.gov/content/pub/pdf/saycrl.pdf>

University of New Hampshire: Crimes Against Children Research Center

This website contains facts and statistics about crimes against children compiled from a variety of sources by researchers of the University of New Hampshire. Specifically, it contains information related to: overall crime victimization of juveniles, homicide, sexual assault, non-family abduction, assault, robbery and theft, child maltreatment, child physical / sexual abuse, child neglect, family abduction, exposure to domestic violence, school assaults, and hate crimes.

Website: <http://www.unh.edu/ccrc/statistics/index.html>

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