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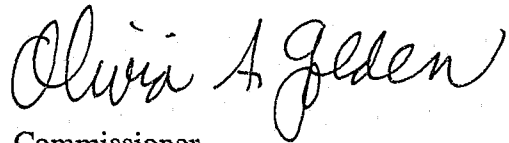
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## Introduction

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In 1992, 51 jurisdictions reported that nearly 993,000 children were substantiated or indicated victims of maltreatment. Maltreatment included neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, medical neglect, and emotional or psychological abuse.

Child protective services agencies received and referred for investigation nearly 1.9 million reports alleging that nearly 2.9 million children were being maltreated. Professionals, including educators, law enforcement and justice officials, medical professionals, social services professionals, and child care providers, accounted for nearly 52 percent of reports; friends and family members accounted for 27 percent. The remaining reports were made by other persons in the community.

Based on the analysis of data from 34 States for 1990 to 1993, the rate of children for whom the allegation of maltreatment has been substantiated or indicated has increased from 14 per 1,000 children to 16 per 1,000 children. Over the 3-year period, the rate of reporting has increased from 40 per 1,000 children to 43 per 1,000 children.

The above findings are highlights from the annual collection of National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) Summary Data from the States, territories, and other reporting jurisdictions. This document presents data collected from reports investigated by State agencies in 1992 in a context with data collected by the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect in previous years.

This is the third annual data collection exercise. Fifty States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and all branches of the Armed Services provided data on the NCANDS Summary Data Component Form for 1992. These data were collected from August 15, 1993 to October 31, 1993, and agencies reviewed and confirmed their data between November 1993 and January 1994.

Under the Federal legislative mandate, the information requested by NCANDS on child abuse and neglect is based on *existing State child abuse and neglect reports*. In almost all participating jurisdictions, the data have been derived from the automated State child abuse registry or the automated State child welfare social services information system. Thus, data on child abuse and neglect in this report reflect *only maltreatment known* to the State child protective services agencies.

The report is organized into the following sections:

- *Background*—This section describes the historical background of the design and development of NCANDS, including the legislative basis for initiating the design. The data collection procedures are also described.
- *Analysis of National Data*—This section presents the main findings of the analyses of the data provided by the States. Trend data for 1990 to 1992 and additional examples of analyses by specific States also are included.

- *The Detailed Case Data Component of NCANDS*—This section discusses the pilot test of the Detailed Case Data Component (DCDC) of NCANDS and presents some illustrative analyses.
- *Future Directions*—This section discusses strategies to address the gathering and analysis of child maltreatment data in the next few years.

Appendices include a list of the representatives to the State Advisory Group meetings, Summary Data Component Data Tables for 1992, and State commentary on data provided by the State agencies. Data tables for earlier years can be obtained from:

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## I. Background

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NCANDS is a voluntary reporting program based on State participation. Fifty States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Virgin Islands, and all branches of the Armed Services provided data on child maltreatment reported to and investigated by child protection agencies in 1992.

### A. Legislative Mandate

The Child Abuse Prevention, Adoption, and Family Services Act of 1988 created section 6 of the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA), which among other tasks required the National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (NCCAN) to establish a national data collection and analysis program on child maltreatment. The act stated in part that:

*The Secretary shall, through the Center—(1) as a part of research activities, establish a national data collection and analysis program which, to the extent practical, coordinates existing State child abuse and neglect reports and which shall include—(A) standardized data on false, unfounded, or unsubstantiated reports; and (B) information on the number of deaths due to child abuse and neglect.*<sup>1</sup>

In response to the 1988 legislation, NCCAN designed NCANDS.

CAPTA as amended in May 1992 retained these provisions and added requirements in section 105, part 1(b) that NCCAN establish a program:

*which shall collect, compile, analyze, and make available State child abuse and neglect reporting information which, to the extent practical, is universal and case specific, and integrated with other case-based foster care and adoption data collected by the Secretary.*<sup>2</sup>

In response to the 1992 legislation, a review of the design was conducted, and NCCAN worked closely with other Federal information systems efforts to ensure compatibility of the efforts.

### B. Design of NCANDS

The design of NCANDS is based on intensive work with national experts and representatives from State child protective services agencies to identify program planning and evaluation needs, problems States might encounter in supplying the requested data, and viable mechanisms and schedules for implementing a voluntary system. To assist in

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<sup>1</sup> Public Law 100-294, 100th Cong., 2nd sess. (April 1988), 101.

<sup>2</sup> Public Law 102-295, 102nd Cong., 2nd sess. (May 1992), 112, amending section 105 of CAPTA.

implementing such a program, NCCAN established a State Advisory Group. This group (Appendix A) continues to function in a critically important capacity as enhancements are made based upon the actual experience of collecting annual data. All States have played a major role in formulating the original system design and in testing the design strategies.

The NCANDS design consists of two components:

- **Summary Data Component (SDC)**, a compilation of key aggregate indicators of State child abuse and neglect statistics, including data on victims, reports, investigations, and perpetrators; and
- **Detailed Case Data Component (DCDC)**, a compilation of case-level data that allows for more detailed analyses.

This design was influenced by an extensive review of State data systems and State systems development capabilities that revealed certain limitations to national data collection and analysis. These limiting factors are:

- The variations in child abuse and neglect data elements and data element definitions from State to State affect the collection and interpretation of national data. Methodologies for collecting and analyzing State data need to assure comparability of data.
- State information system capabilities vary because they have been influenced by each State program philosophy, administrative structure, and information systems design.
- Multiple Federal reporting requirements, as well as State reporting requirements related to service provision for children and families, can create a burden on the State data processing departments that will affect the ability to provide data within specific timeframes.

After 3 years of data collection by NCANDS, experience has been gained in each of these areas. States have reviewed their data for several years and, where appropriate, have revised their submissions to ensure the consistency of submissions across data collection years. Knowledge of how State systems operate has proven critical to conducting informed analyses of each State's data. Every effort has been made to assure that the child maltreatment data collection efforts are consistent with other Federal reporting requirements. The final rule governing data collection for the Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) and the interim final rule governing Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems (SACWIS) were issued in December 1993. As State personnel concentrate their efforts on responding to these requirements, NCCAN will provide support and technical assistance for coordinating these requirements with NCANDS.

### **C. SDC Data Collection Process**

State and territorial child protective services agencies submitted data for 1992 on the Summary Data Component Forms, which consist of 15 data elements. (A copy of the Summary Data Component Forms and Instructions can be obtained from the National

Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information.) Each of the data elements is described below.

**Item 1: Number of Reports**—The number of reports is defined as the number of notifications of suspected child maltreatment that either initiated an investigation or became part of an ongoing investigation by the child protective services agency. Reports may be either “child based,” a report that refers to only one child, or “incident or family based,” a report that refers to more than one child in an alleged incident. Fifty-three jurisdictions responded to this item.

**Item 2: Number of Children Subject of a Report**—The number of children subject of a report either is submitted by the State or estimated by the NCANDS technical team based on the average number of children per report (1.62) from those States that provided the data. Forty-six jurisdictions responded to this item; data were estimated for seven jurisdictions.

**Item 3: Number of Reports by Source**—Number of reports by source collects data on categories of persons who make reports of alleged maltreatments. Forty-five jurisdictions responded to this item.

**Item 4: Number of Investigations by Disposition**—State agencies report on the number of investigations that receive dispositions. In the SDC, three main categories were provided for States to report investigations: “substantiated or founded”; “indicated or reason to suspect”; and “not substantiated or unfounded.”<sup>3</sup> Seventeen jurisdictions reported under the three categories. States that use only two of these categories were asked to report the data under substantiated, representing the “highest level of confirmation consistent with State policy or State law,” and unsubstantiated. Thirty-three jurisdictions responded using these two categories.

**Item 5: Number of Children and Families Subject of an Investigation**—State agencies reported on the number of children and families included in the investigations. If a State provided only the number of children, the number of families was estimated by using the multiplier of .664. If a State provided only the number of families, the multiplier of 1.51 was used to estimate the number of children. Thirty-two jurisdictions provided data on both children and families; 19 jurisdictions provided data on either children or families.

**Item 6: Number of Children by Disposition**—This item counts dispositions of investigations in terms of children. All reporting States could count children with substantiated or indicated dispositions, but some State agencies, due to expungement requirements, did not know the number of children for whom the allegation had not been substantiated. Fifty-one jurisdictions reported the number of children who were substantiated or indicated; 43 jurisdictions also reported the number of unsubstantiated children.

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<sup>3</sup> “Substantiated” means that the allegation of maltreatment or risk of maltreatment is supported or founded on the basis of State law or policy. “Indicated” means that maltreatment cannot be substantiated, but there is reason to suspect that the child was maltreated or is at risk of maltreatment. “Unsubstantiated” means that there is insufficient evidence on the basis of State law or policy to conclude or suspect that the child has been maltreated or is at risk of maltreatment.

**Item 7: Number of Victims by Maltreatment Type**—Maltreatment categories have been defined as physical abuse, neglect, medical neglect, sexual abuse, emotional or psychological abuse, and other. States have included under the “other” category cases such as abandonment, incarceration of parent, and other risk factors that have not been included in the main categories. State totals may reflect multiple maltreatments per victim. Forty-nine jurisdictions submitted data on this item.

**Item 8: Age of Victim**—Victims are defined as children for whom the allegation of child maltreatment has been determined to be substantiated or indicated. Most States provided data for each age, but some States reported data by age groups (e.g., 0 to 2, 3 to 5). For these States, age of victims was estimated for each year. Forty-six jurisdictions responded to this item.

**Item 9: Sex of Victim**—Forty-six jurisdictions submitted data on this item.

**Item 10: Race/Ethnic Group of Victim**—The Bureau of the Census currently is reviewing the collection of race and ethnicity data. Should a new approach emerge from this analysis, it will be reviewed for use in future NCANDS data collection efforts. Forty-four jurisdictions submitted data on this item.

**Item 11: Victims Removed From Home**—This item counts children removed from the home during or as an immediate result of an investigation that substantiated or indicated maltreatment. Thirty-nine jurisdictions provided information on the number of victims removed from home.

**Item 12: Court Action Initiated**—Categories of court action initiated during or as an immediate result of an investigation that substantiated or indicated maltreatment include filing for temporary custody, guardianship, dependency, placement, or an injunction barring a perpetrator access to a child. Thirty jurisdictions provided information on this item.

**Item 13: Victims and Families Receiving Additional Services**—Additional services refer to postinvestigation services, such as counseling, parenting classes, and child care. Twenty-five agencies reported on additional services being provided to victims; 28 agencies reported on additional services being provided to families.

**Item 14: Victims Who Died From Abuse or Neglect**—Most States continue to report several concerns in determining if child maltreatment is the established cause of death of a child. In general, States report the number of children known to the child protective services agency who may have died as a consequence of child maltreatment or while there was an open case on the child. Forty-four jurisdictions reported on the number of deaths from child abuse or neglect.

**Item 15: Relationship of Perpetrator to Victim**—Perpetrator relationships were defined in terms of parents, other relatives, foster parents, facility staff, child care staff, and noncaretakers. Forty jurisdictions provided perpetrator data. Seventeen States capture data on only one perpetrator relationship per victim. In these States, the number of perpetrator relationships equals the number of victims. In 23 States, data are captured per incident, and the number of perpetrator relationships is less than the number of victims. Several States capture multiple perpetrator relationships per victim or per incident. Thirteen States were able to unduplicate the number of perpetrators.

The Armed Services provided data on the same data collection forms. Data for 1992 combined reports from the Air Force, Army, Marines, and Navy. The data are identified as applying to reports of child maltreatment that occurred within the 50 States (CONUS) or overseas (OCONUS). Since it is not known to what degree the data refer to instances of maltreatment that may be reported by the States, the data from the Armed Services have not been added to the national totals.

#### D. Data Analysis Process

The collection and processing of the SDC data required a review of each State's data and discussions with each State to clarify and resolve any issues. Assistance was provided to nearly every State at some point during the data collection period, either in response to a request or as a followup to the forms that were received and processed.

To facilitate the review of each State's data, multiyear profiles of data for the period from 1988 to 1992 were constructed and submitted to each State. Almost all States reviewed their data for at least the years 1990 to 1992. Based upon the review of the data, national tables for each year were constructed. Appendix B contains the 1992 Summary Data Component tables. (Data tables for 1990 and 1991 are available from the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information.) Appendix C contains a summary of State responses to the SDC and commentary by States on their data.

In the analysis of the data from the States, two issues became evident.

- **Duplication of Counts**—Most States collect data on an incident basis and have difficulty in counting the unduplicated number of children who may be the victim of one or more instances of abuse or neglect during the year. For most States, victim data reported for items 8-12 are duplicated data; that is, a child is counted each time he or she is found to be a victim of abuse or neglect. However, 12 jurisdictions were able to report unduplicated data for these data items. It is a long-term goal of NCANDS to collect data on an unduplicated count of victims, but this is a complex undertaking for many State information systems that are incident based rather than child based.
- **Lack of Integration of Information Systems**—Although it is widely acknowledged that outcome data are important for understanding data on maltreatment, the lack of coordination between child abuse data systems and other information systems, including foster care data systems, judicial data systems, and vital statistics data systems, affects the ability of States to provide accurate data on such items as the number of children removed from the home, the number of children for whom court action is initiated, the number of children receiving additional services, or the number of children who have died as a result of child maltreatment. Federal and State initiatives to develop more comprehensive child welfare information systems are expected to improve the availability of data on these items in the future.

Since at least 3 years of data are available for several States, this report on child maltreatment also discusses data trends. All trends are described as rates per unit of the general population. Rates are based on the number of children per 1,000 in the general population. Each rate consists of the sum of the numbers provided by each included

State. The sum is divided by the corresponding sum of the general population for the same States. This value then is multiplied by 1,000 to obtain the rate per 1,000. Using population rates permits comparison of trends from jurisdiction to jurisdiction. Only States that provided data for all 3 years were included in the trend analyses. Census estimates of the child population for each State have been used. Data from prior studies by the American Association for Protecting Children and the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse have been examined to identify longer term trends on reporting of child maltreatment.

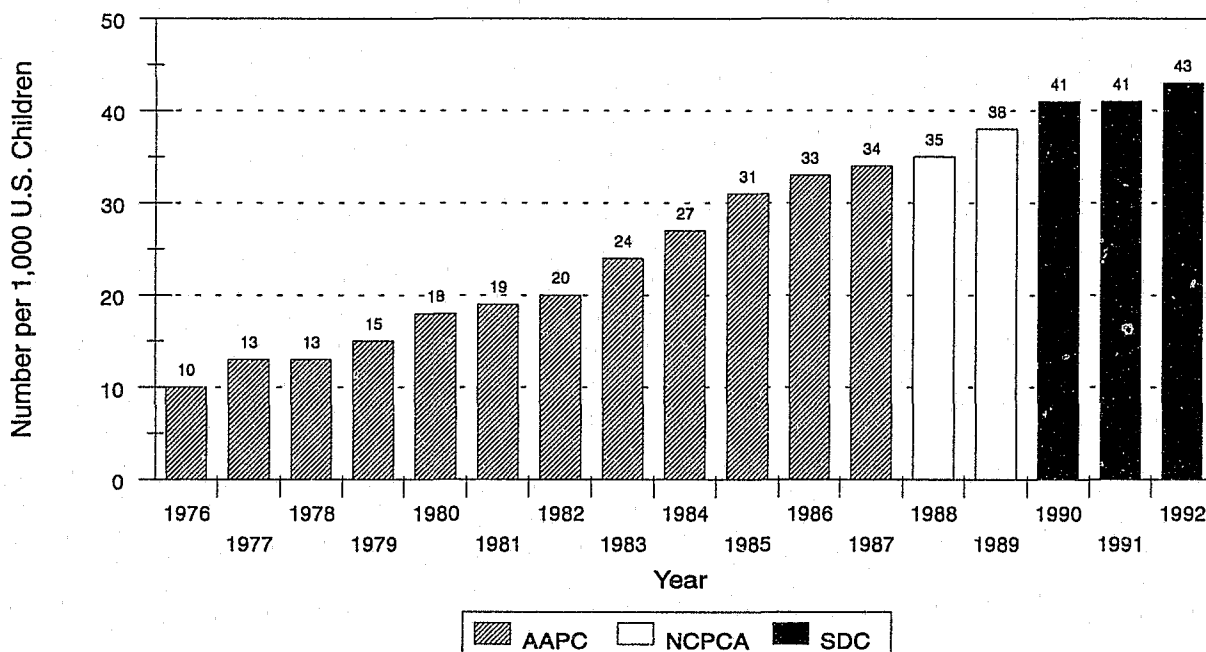
## II. Analysis of National Data

### A. Reports of Abuse and Neglect in the United States

In 1992 there were nearly 1.9 million reports received and referred for investigation on approximately 2.9 million children who were the alleged subjects of child abuse and neglect.

As is apparent from Figure 1, the long-term trend in the rate of reporting for children is one of major growth. Trend data from 1976 to 1987 are based on data from the American Association for Protecting Children (1989), data from 1988 to 1989 are based on data from the National Committee for the Prevention of Child Abuse (1992), and data from 1990 to 1992 are based on the SDC.<sup>4</sup>

**Figure 1**  
**Trend in Child Reporting Rates**



<sup>4</sup> American Association for Protecting Children, *Highlights of Official Aggregate Child Neglect and Abuse Reporting, 1987* (Denver: Author, 1989).

Bureau of the Census, *State Population Estimates by Age and Sex: 1980 to 1992*, by E.R. Byerly, Current Population Reports, P25-1106 (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1993), table 5.

National Center on Child Abuse and Neglect, *National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System: Working Paper 2—1991 Summary Data Component* (Washington, D.C.: U.S. Government Printing Office, 1993).

National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, *Current Trends in Child Abuse Reporting and Fatalities: The Results of the 1991 Annual Fifty State Survey* (Chicago: Author, 1992).

The overall change since 1976 has been a growth of 331 percent, up from an estimated 10 children reported per 1,000 in 1976 to 43 children reported per 1,000 in 1992. While this increase constitutes an average annual growth rate of 10 percent,<sup>5</sup> the annual growth rate has declined in recent years. For example, the annual growth rate between 1976 and 1980 was 20 percent, compared to the 6-percent growth rate between 1988 and 1992.

## B. Source of Reports

Educators were the source of 16 percent of reports received by 45 States; they were the most frequent source of reports in 21 States. Representatives of law enforcement and justice agencies accounted for 12 percent of reports and were the most frequent source in nine States. Social services professionals accounted for 12 percent of reports and were the most frequent source in three States. Anonymous reporters accounted for 11 percent of reports and were the most frequent source in nine States. Professionals accounted for nearly 52 percent of reports. Friends, parents, and other relatives accounted for 27 percent. Victims, self-identified perpetrators, and anonymous and other reporters accounted for 21 percent (Figure 2). The percentages and frequencies are similar to those reported in 1990 and 1991.

## C. Investigations of Child Abuse and Neglect Reports

Forty-nine States provided data on approximately 1.6 million investigations. Figure 3 shows the percentage of investigated reports by type of disposition. Fifty-four percent of the investigations resulted in a disposition of not substantiated. Forty-one percent of the investigation dispositions were either substantiated or indicated. Five percent of investigation dispositions were closed without a finding or unknown or other dispositions.

## D. Child Victims of Maltreatment

Fifty-one jurisdictions reported that maltreatment of 992,617 children was substantiated or indicated. Based on data from a sample of States, it is estimated that 39 percent of children were substantiated or indicated, 58 percent were not substantiated, and 3 percent had other dispositions (Figure 4).

With the use of data for 1990 to 1992, the rates of maltreatment for substantiated and indicated children were examined. The maltreatment rate was determined for the 34

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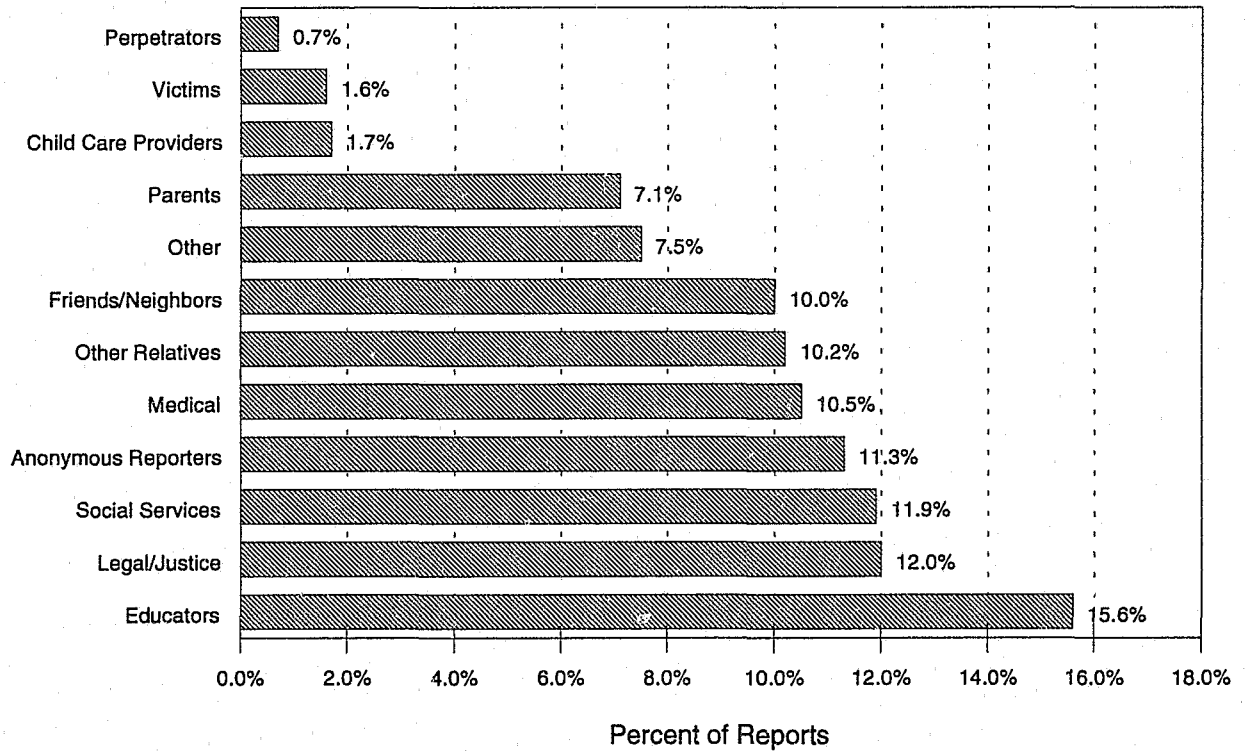
5 To calculate the average growth rate for the 16-year period, the percentage change for each year must be taken into account. The formula is:

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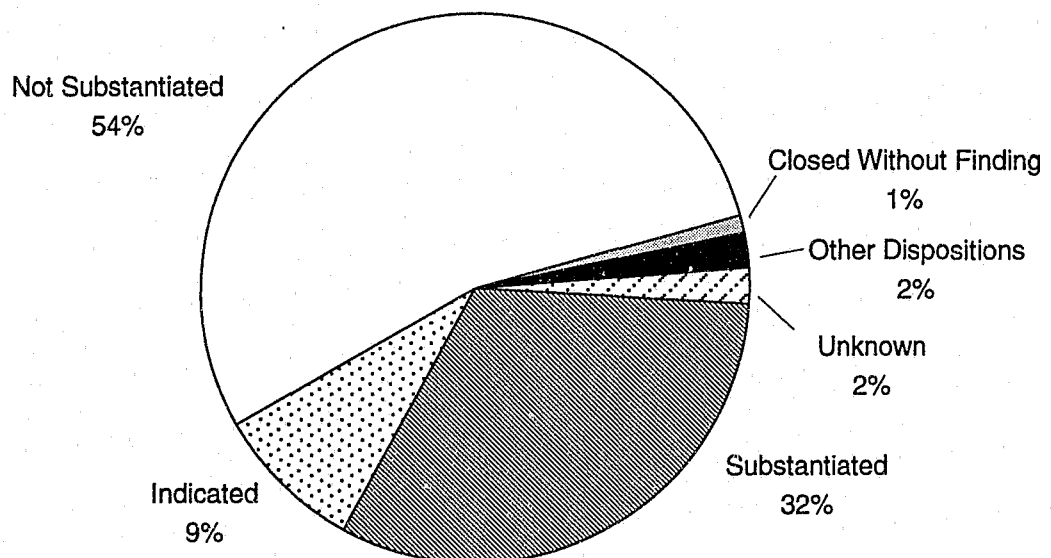
$\% \Delta$  = % change  
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 $R_{ty}$  = Rate at time y  
 $tx$  = time x  
 $ty$  = time y



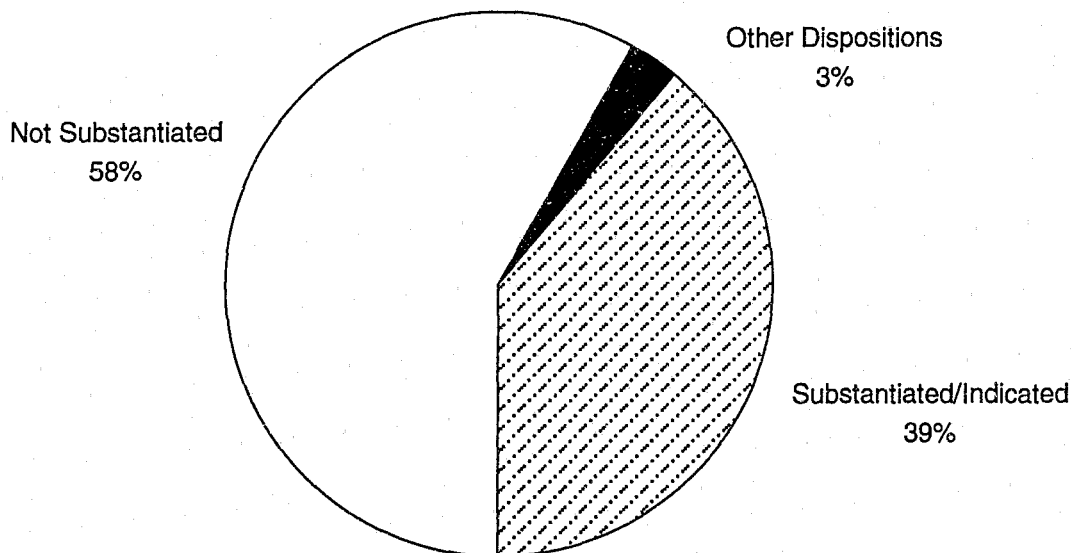
**Figure 2**  
**Source of Reports**  
(45 States Reporting)  
(Total Number of Reports = 1,464,153)



**Figure 3**  
**Investigation Dispositions**  
(49 States Reporting)  
(Total Number of Reports = 1,595,701)

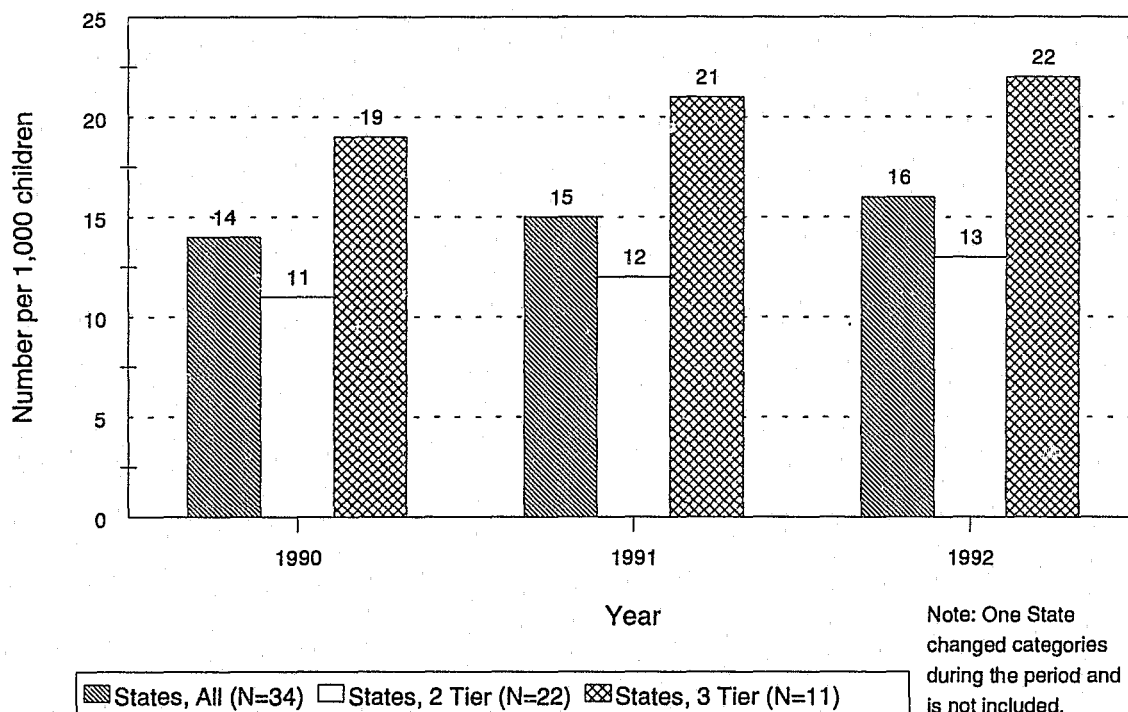


**Figure 4**  
**Children by Disposition**  
 (43 States Reporting)  
 (Total Number of Children = 2,115,901)



States that submitted data on unsubstantiated dispositions, as well as substantiated or indicated dispositions. Over the 3-year period from 1990 to 1992, the rate of maltreatment for these 34 States increased from 14 per 1,000 to 16 per 1,000 (Figure 5).

**Figure 5**  
**Rate of Maltreatment in Two-Tier and Three-Tier States**

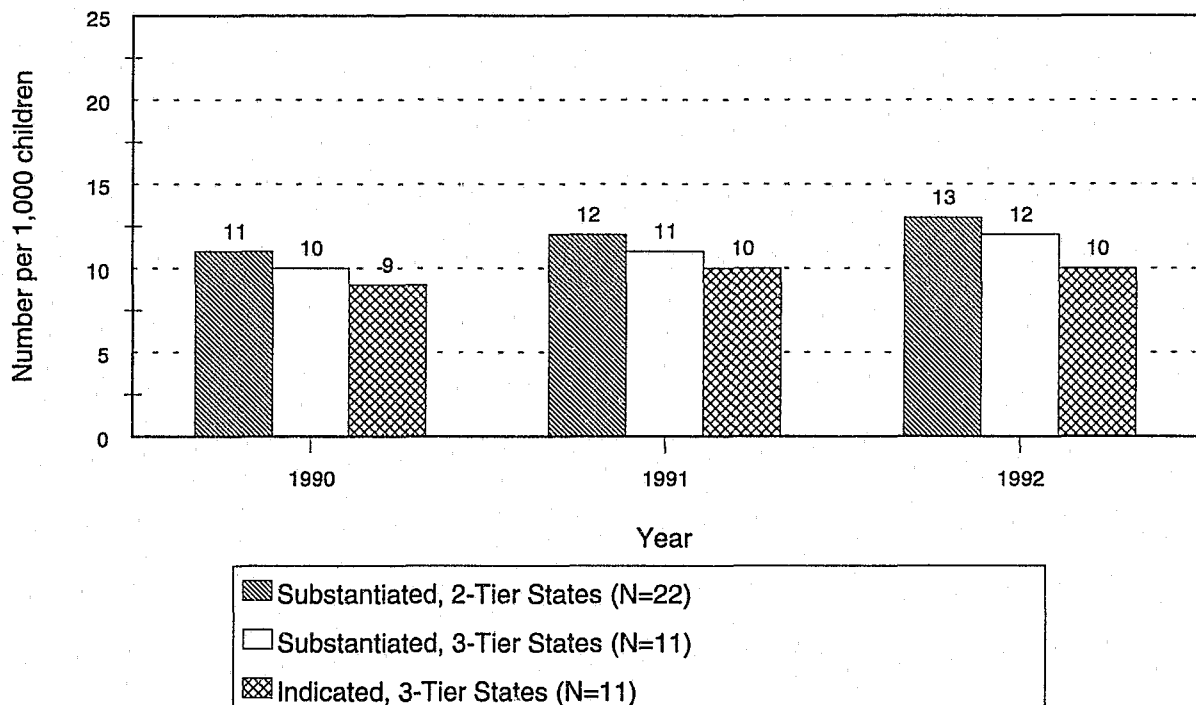


Dispositions of investigations of abuse and neglect are categorized by States in different ways. Most States use only two categories, and NCANDS categorizes the highest level of substantiation as substantiated and the second level as unsubstantiated. These States use two tiers of disposition. Other States use three categories, tabulating substantiated, indicated, and unsubstantiated dispositions. These States use three tiers of dispositions. Maltreatment rates increased in both two-tier and three-tier States (Figure 5).

The rates of two-tier States increased from 11 children per 1,000 in 1990 to 13 children per 1,000 in 1992. States using three tiers of dispositions had an increase in substantiation (including both substantiated and indicated dispositions) from 19 children per 1,000 children to 22 children per 1,000. The maltreatment rates of three-tier States were significantly higher than the rates for two-tier States.

Figure 6 shows the rate of different dispositions for both two-tier and three-tier States. Figure 5 showed that the rate of maltreatment of two-tier States increased from 11 children per 1,000 in 1990 to 13 children per 1,000 in 1992. When the disposition rates for three-tier States were separated into the dispositions for substantiated children and indicated children, the rate for substantiated children increased from 10 children per 1,000 to 12 per 1,000 and the rate for indicated children increased from 9 children per 1,000 to 10 per 1,000. In other words, indicated children accounted for almost half of the children who were substantiated or indicated in three-tier States. Moreover, two-tier States and three-tier States have similar rates of substantiation when indicated victims are not considered.

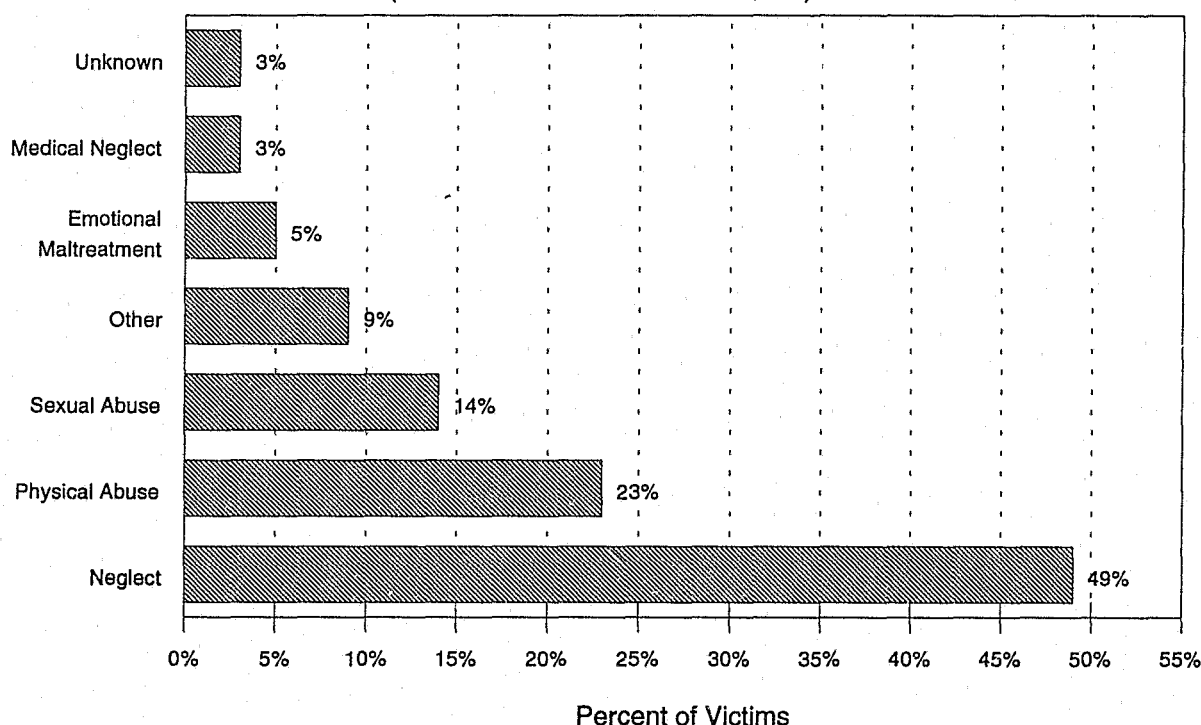
**Figure 6**  
**Dispositions in Two-Tier and Three-Tier States**



## E. Types of Maltreatment

Forty-nine States provided data on the types of abuse and neglect that 918,263 victims suffered. Forty-nine percent of substantiated or indicated child victims suffered from neglect; 23 percent suffered from physical abuse. Fourteen percent of children were victims of sexual abuse, and 5 percent were victims of emotional maltreatment. Three percent were victims of medical neglect; 9 percent were victims of other types of maltreatment (Figure 7). Many States count victims in more than one category when more than one type of abuse or neglect has occurred, and therefore the total percentage of victims by type of maltreatment is greater than 100 percent.

**Figure 7**  
**Victims by Type of Maltreatment**  
(49 States Reporting)  
(Total Number of Victims = 918,263)

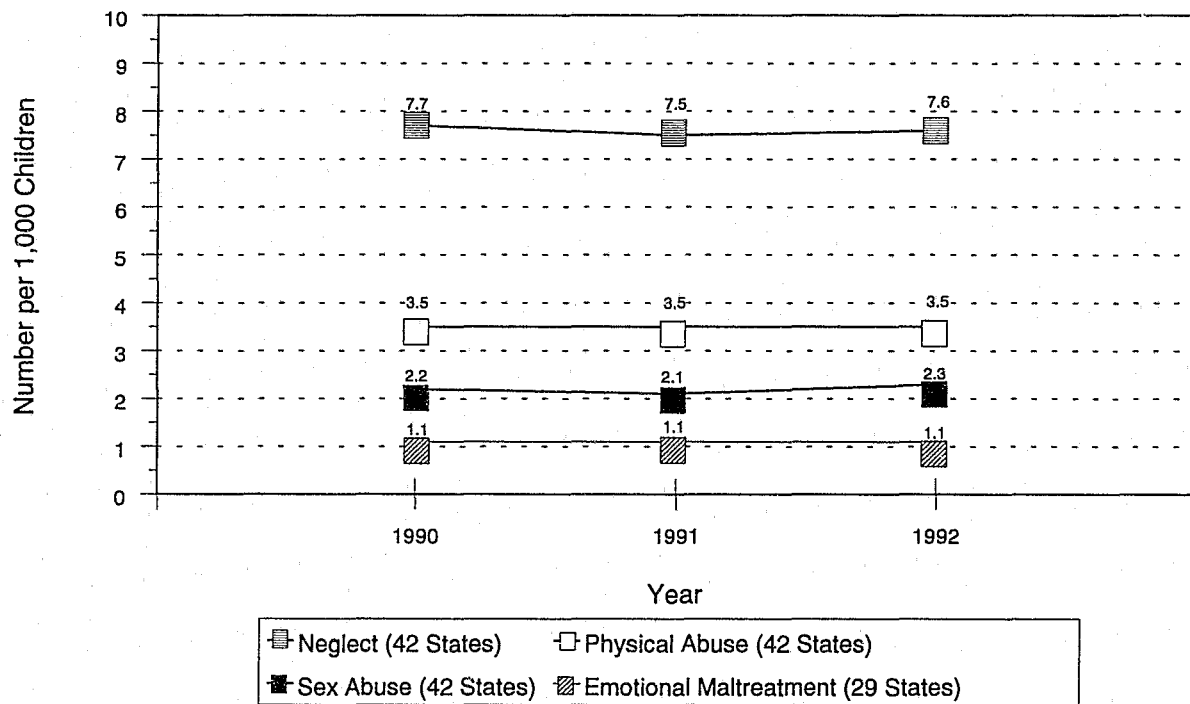


With the use of data for 1990 to 1992, the trend in the rate of substantiated or indicated victims for each of the four major maltreatment types was examined (Figure 8). Neglect had the highest rate, followed in descending order by physical abuse, sexual abuse, and emotional maltreatment. Despite a minor decline in these rates in 1991, they have remained relatively stable over the 3-year period.

The Summary Data Component of NCANDS does not collect data on types of alleged maltreatments. Instead, data on the type of substantiated maltreatments are collected. A comparison of the numbers of alleged maltreatments by type to substantiated maltreatments by type has been done by North Carolina.<sup>6</sup> From 1988 to

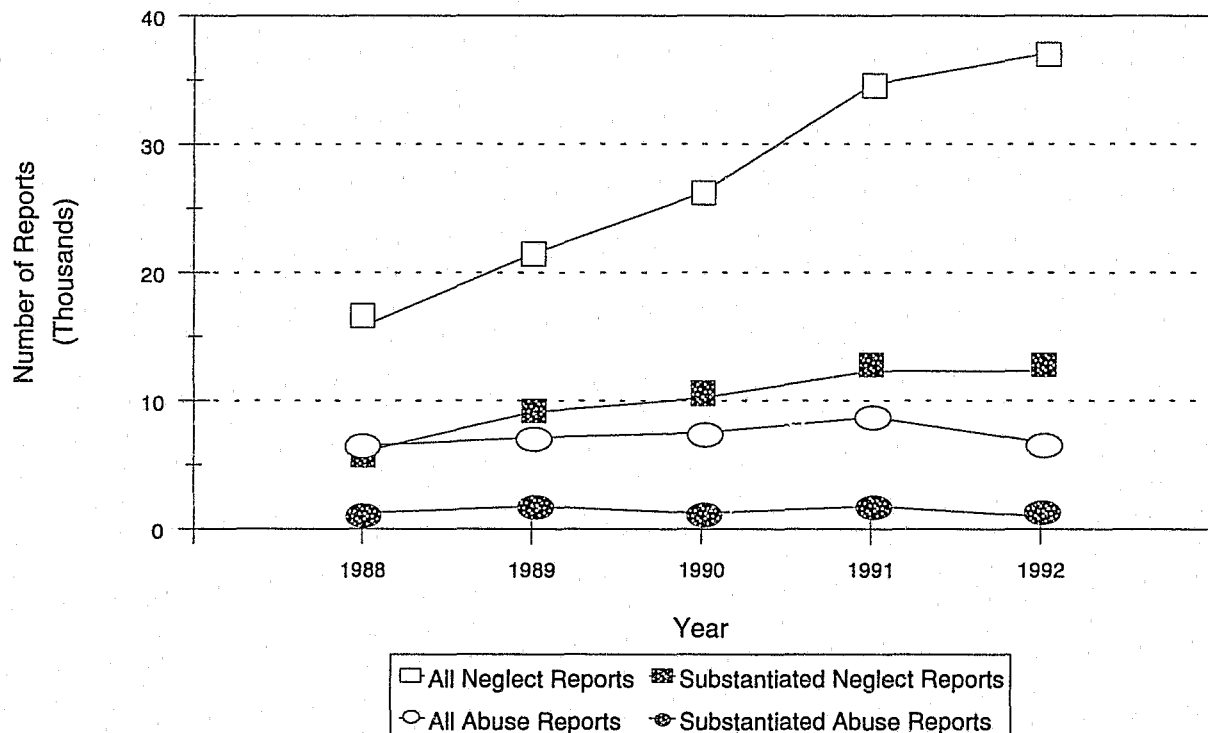
<sup>6</sup> North Carolina Division of Social Services, *Selected Statistical Data* (Raleigh: Department of Human Resources, 1988-1992).

**Figure 8**  
**Victim Rates by Type of Maltreatment**



1992, North Carolina experienced a large increase in reports alleging neglect. The number of reports alleging neglect that were substantiated increased at a much lower rate (Figure 9). Over 90 percent of all substantiated reports in 1992 were for neglect. The

**Figure 9**  
**Maltreatment Trends in North Carolina**



number of reports alleging abuse, which includes both physical and sexual abuse, remained relatively constant over the same period, as did the number of substantiated abuse reports.

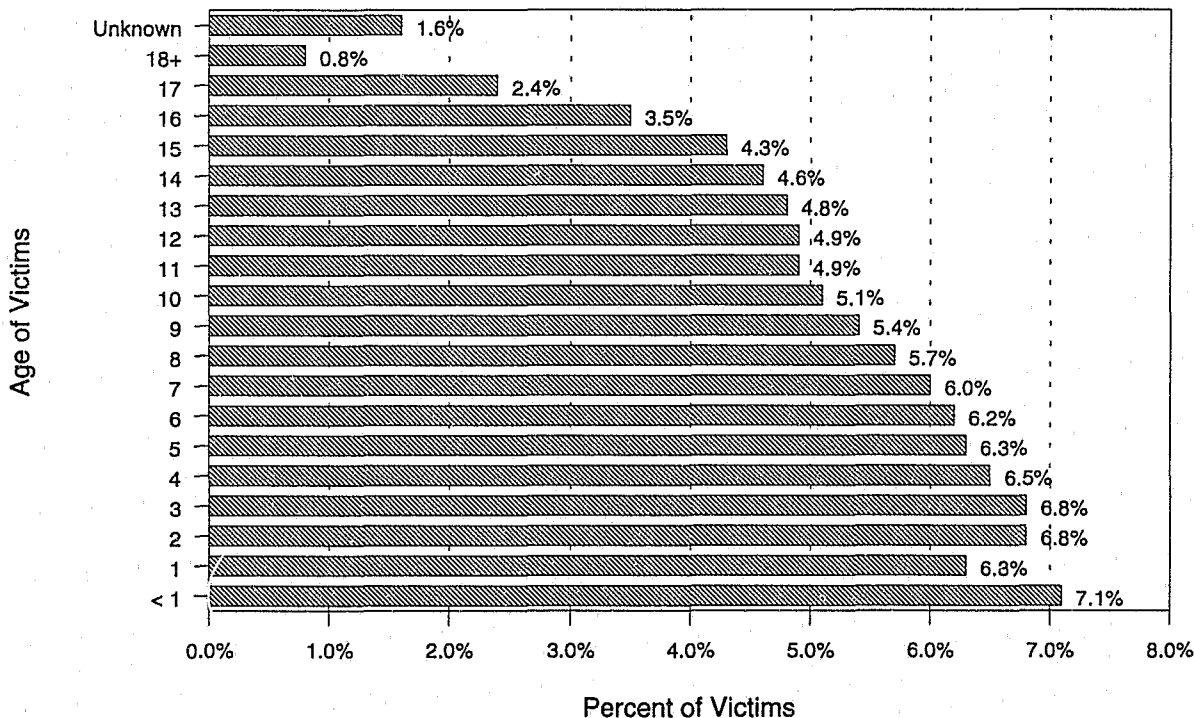
## F. Characteristics of Victims

The Summary Data Component of NCANDS collects data on characteristics of victims for whom the allegation of maltreatment has been substantiated or indicated. Data items include age, sex, race/ethnicity, service actions taken, and number of deaths due to child maltreatment.

### Age of Victims

Forty-six States reported on the age of victims. Twenty-seven percent of children were ages 3 and under; 52 percent were ages 4 to 7. The median age of child victims was 6 years. As shown in Figure 10, the percentage of victims decreases as age increases. The distribution of victims by age has remained similar over the past 3 reporting years.

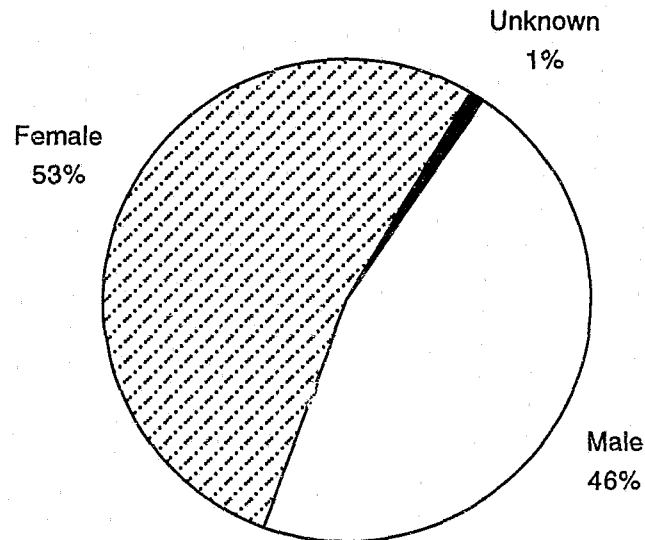
**Figure 10**  
**Age of Victims**  
(46 States Reporting)  
(Total Number of Victims = 951,495)



### Sex of Victims

Based on data from 46 States, Figure 11 shows that 53 percent of child victims were female, and 46 percent were male. These percentages have remained constant for all 3 reporting years.

**Figure 11**  
**Sex of Victims**  
(46 States Reporting)  
(Total Number of Victims = 952,452)



### **Race/Ethnicity of Victims**

Figure 12 shows data on the race or ethnicity of victims reported by 44 States. Over half of the child victims (55 percent) were reported as white, 26 percent were reported as black, and 10 percent as Hispanic. Nearly 4 percent of victims were of other racial or ethnic backgrounds. As with age and sex, these percentages have remained relatively constant since the initial SDC submittal for 1990.

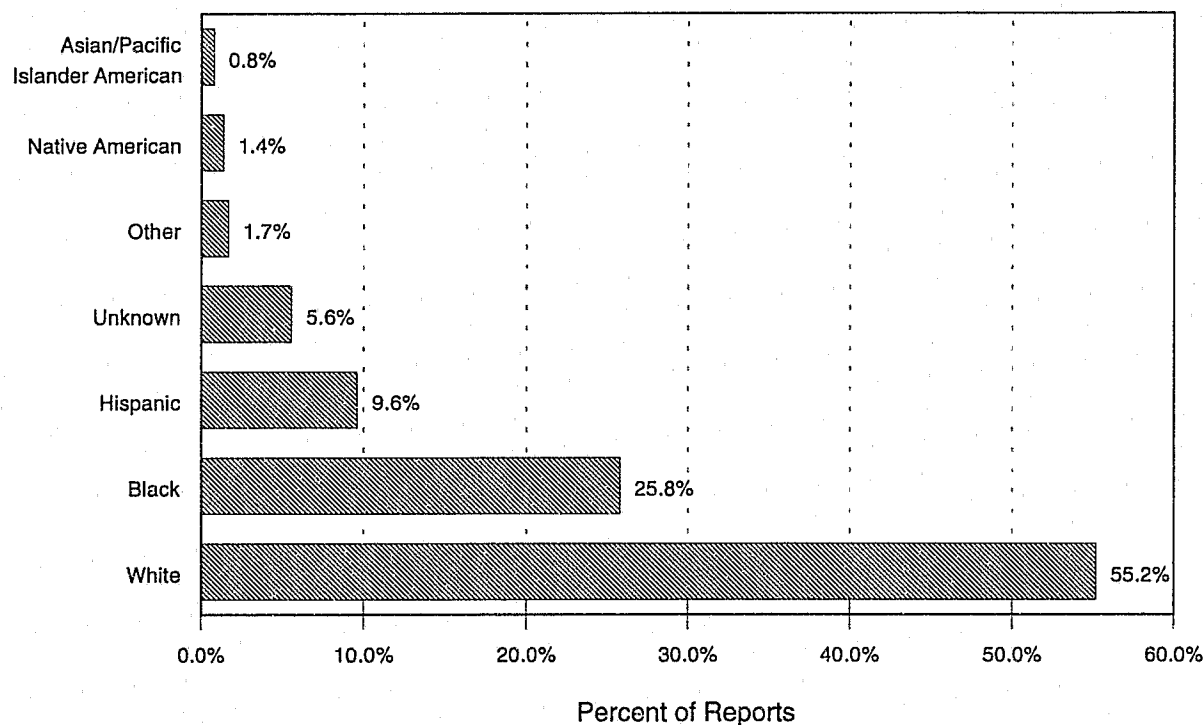
### **Victims Removed From the Home**

Thirty-nine States reported that approximately 134,000 children who were substantiated or indicated victims of maltreatment were removed from their homes during 1992. Based on data from 37 States, approximately 18 percent of these victims were removed from their homes in 1992. If 1992 data are compared to 1991 data for the 30 States that provided data for the 2 years, there has been a 6 percent increase in the number of children placed in substitute care. (Several States reported decreases in the number of children removed from the home.)

### **Court Action Initiated**

Thirty States reported that court actions, such as filing for temporary custody, filing for guardianship, filing a dependency petition, and other such civil actions, were initiated for approximately 90,000 substantiated and indicated child victims of maltreatment. Based on data from 28 States, court actions were initiated for approximately 17 percent of substantiated and indicated child victims.

**Figure 12**  
**Race/Ethnicity of Victims**  
 (44 States Reporting)  
 (Total Number of Victims = 952,620)



### Victims Receiving Additional Services

Twenty-eight States reported that over 273,000 families of substantiated and indicated child victims received additional services during 1992. Twenty-five States reported that approximately 365,000 children received services during 1992. Children receiving services included, in some instances, siblings of child victims.

The number of victims and families served continues to be underreported due to the lack of linkages between the child abuse and neglect data systems and other child welfare information systems. Some States can track the number of victims but not the number of families; some can track families but not child victims; and about one-half of the States have no information at all in these areas. As a result of the new Federal requirements for data collection for AFCARS, data submissions regarding children removed from the home are expected to improve in future years.

### Victims Who Died From Maltreatment

States report to NCANDS the number of children known by the child protective services agency to have died due to maltreatment. Of the 42 States for which comparisons between 1991 and 1992 can be made, 19 States reported increases in reported deaths, 20 reported decreases, and 3 reported no change. Forty-four States reported that 1,068 children died from abuse and neglect in 1992.



Currently there is increased attention to child fatalities caused by maltreatment. Data from child protective services agencies include only child deaths reported to the agencies and also may not reflect the final determination of cause of death. Other studies have undertaken to develop national estimates of child deaths due to maltreatment. For 1992, the National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse has projected a national total of 1,261 deaths in the 50 States based on 869 fatalities reported by 36 States in its annual telephone survey of State agencies.<sup>7</sup> Using data from multiple data sets (including the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Uniform Crime Report—Supplementary Homicide files for 1979-88), a recent study developed three models to estimate average number of child maltreatment deaths per year. These estimates ranged from 949 to 2,022 child deaths per year.<sup>8</sup> The collection of child fatality data, however, poses data coordination problems for all States. Determining a more precise number of victims who died as a result of maltreatment will require increased collaborative efforts by medical, legal, and social service agencies.

### G. Relationship of Perpetrators to Victims

Forty States provided data on perpetrators. In these States, the percentage of relationships per category was as follows: "parent" constituted 79 percent, "other relatives" constituted 12 percent, "noncaretakers" constituted nearly 5 percent, and "foster parents," "facility staff," and "child care staff" constituted 2 percent.

Some States count relationships for each victim, while other States count relationships for each incident of maltreatment, although a single incident may involve more than one child. State information systems often are limited in their ability to capture the number of relationships. At this time the unduplicated number of perpetrators for each state is not determined.

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7 National Committee for Prevention of Child Abuse, *Current Trends in Child Abuse Reporting and Fatalities: The Results of the 1992 Annual Fifty State Survey* (Chicago: Author, 1993).

8 P.W. McClain, J.S. Sacks, R.G. Foehlke, and B.G. Ewigman, "Estimates of Fatal Child Abuse and Neglect, United States, 1979 through 1988," *Pediatrics* 91 (February 1993): 338-43.

### *III. The Detailed Case Data Component of NCANDS*

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#### **A. Background**

The two components of NCANDS, the Summary Data Component (SDC) and the Detailed Case Data Component (DCDC), are designed to serve two distinct but complementary purposes. The SDC retrieves aggregate data summarized by States from existing information systems. The DCDC will collect case- or victim-level data and will provide information that can be used to examine the relationships among different variables. Such information then can inform policy and program decisions. Both methodologies are based upon the same national definitions and terminology and are designed to provide national leadership in coordinating individual State activities with a consistent and coherent national system for the collection and reporting of child maltreatment information.

Participants in the planning process agree that a voluntary system of standardized data collection based, to the extent possible, upon existing State data would provide an additional tool for States to improve policy, planning, and program development in child protective services. Moreover, critical data contained in the DCDC would lead to improved national planning and conform to the requirements of the Child Abuse Prevention, Adoption and Family Services Act of 1988 (P.L. 100-294) and the Child Abuse, Domestic Violence, Adoption and Family Services Act of 1992 (P.L. 102-295) for coordinating State child abuse and neglect data.

The DCDC is based upon the SDC. The case-level data collection of the NCANDS allows for greatly increased capacity for information on child abuse and neglect. For example, while the aggregate data from the SDC can report on ages of children who are maltreated and the types of maltreatment that victims experience, it cannot relate these two data elements to present information on the types of maltreatment by the age of the child. Thus, while the SDC answers a significant number of questions, it does not answer many questions that are critical to targeting funding, designing and evaluating programs, and determining resource requirements.

In addition, the DCDC collects data that the States have recommended be captured for a more complete picture of the nature and extent of child maltreatment. The specific items included in the DCDC were selected based on a consensus in the field on the importance of each item, the current or planned capability of the States to collect this information from their jurisdictions, and the willingness of the States to provide the information in the form requested.

Three main categories of data are collected:

- The first category refers to the characteristics of a report of alleged maltreatment. Data items related to reports include a report identification number, the county of report, the report date, the report source, the report

disposition, the disposition date, and the notifications to police and other agencies resulting from the report.

- The second category of data refers to data on the specific child who is the subject of a report. Data items on all reported and investigated children include age, sex, race, ethnicity, county of residence, living arrangement, family members in the military, and prior victimization. Additional data are collected on children who are the substantiated or indicated victims of child maltreatment. These data elements include up to 4 types of maltreatment of the child, disposition on each type of maltreatment, death resulting from maltreatment, up to 9 types of disabilities or problems of the child, up to 12 family characteristics or risk factors, decision by agency to provide postinvestigation direct services, date of agency decision to provide postinvestigation services, date of removal from home, juvenile court petition, date of petition, and up to 24 services provided on behalf of the child.
- The third category of data refers to the perpetrator(s) of substantiated or indicated maltreatment. These data items include relationship of perpetrator to victim, caretaker relationship, age, sex, race, Hispanic ethnicity, active military member, up to four types of maltreatment committed on the child, and the perpetrator's prior history of inflicting abuse.

The DCDC has been designed after extensive work with the State Advisory Group and a pilot test involving nine States. The following sections present a discussion of the pilot phase of the DCDC, illustrative analyses of the pilot test data, and examples of case-level data analyses from two other States.

## **B. DCDC Pilot Phase**

The pilot test was developed and conducted from January 1992 through April 1993. The process of developing the record layout relied heavily on input from the State Advisory Group and involved two steps: (a) creating a data set containing variables that were relevant and important to the study of child maltreatment; and (b) constructing a set of codes for each data element. A primary consideration throughout the process was obtaining a balance between the recommended need for the specific data element and the collection and submission burdens imposed on the States.

The pilot test involved three stages: (a) mapping of each State's data elements into the codes developed in conjunction with the State Advisory Group to meet the needs of the DCDC; (b) submission by the pilot States of a 300-record test file for calendar year 1991; and (c) submission by each State of the full year's case-level records for 1991. Nine States were involved in one or more of these stages. As part of the pilot test, the project team explored the analytic potential of the case-level data using submissions from six States (Florida, Illinois, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, and Texas). The record layout design and data elements then were modified based on the pilot results and reviewed by the State Advisory Group. Actual implementation of the final design will begin in 1994.

The criteria for the full implementation of the DCDC include the following specifications:

- The data collected will be child based and include information on reports, children and perpetrators;
- Data on substantiated and indicated reports, and, to a limited extent, on unsubstantiated report, will be collected;
- States will provide unique record numbers for each report, child, and perpetrator, but there is no requirement for common identification numbers across reporting periods;
- Data will be collected annually and include only cases with an investigation disposition date occurring during the specified reporting calendar year;
- Maintenance of confidentiality in transmitting and in analyzing records will be of the highest priority; and
- Participation of the States will be phased in, starting with the goal of 12 States in 1994. These States would represent approximately 40 percent of the population under 18 years of age.

### **C. Illustrative Analyses From the DCDC Pilot Test**

As part of the review of the pilot data, several analyses were carried out. This section discusses one set of preliminary analyses to illustrate the potential of the database. The six States that provided data for the pilot test of the DCDC account for 20 percent of the total national population under 18 years of age and approximately 18 percent of the substantiated and indicated child victims. Only records that met all of the criteria listed below were included in the analyses. In some instances, this resulted in a sample of substantiated and indicated cases from a State being included in the data set. The data set consists of nearly 166,000 substantiated or indicated maltreatments concerning more than 134,000 children. These data should be considered as illustrative of the types of analyses that could be conducted on the characteristics of child victims, rather than as representative of a national perspective. The data set specifications included:

- Records with a report date of 1990 or 1991;
- Records with a substantiated or indicated report disposition;
- Records with valid maltreatment codes;
- Records with a substantiated or indicated maltreatment level;
- Records for children under 18 years of age; and
- Records for which the sex of the child victim was identified.

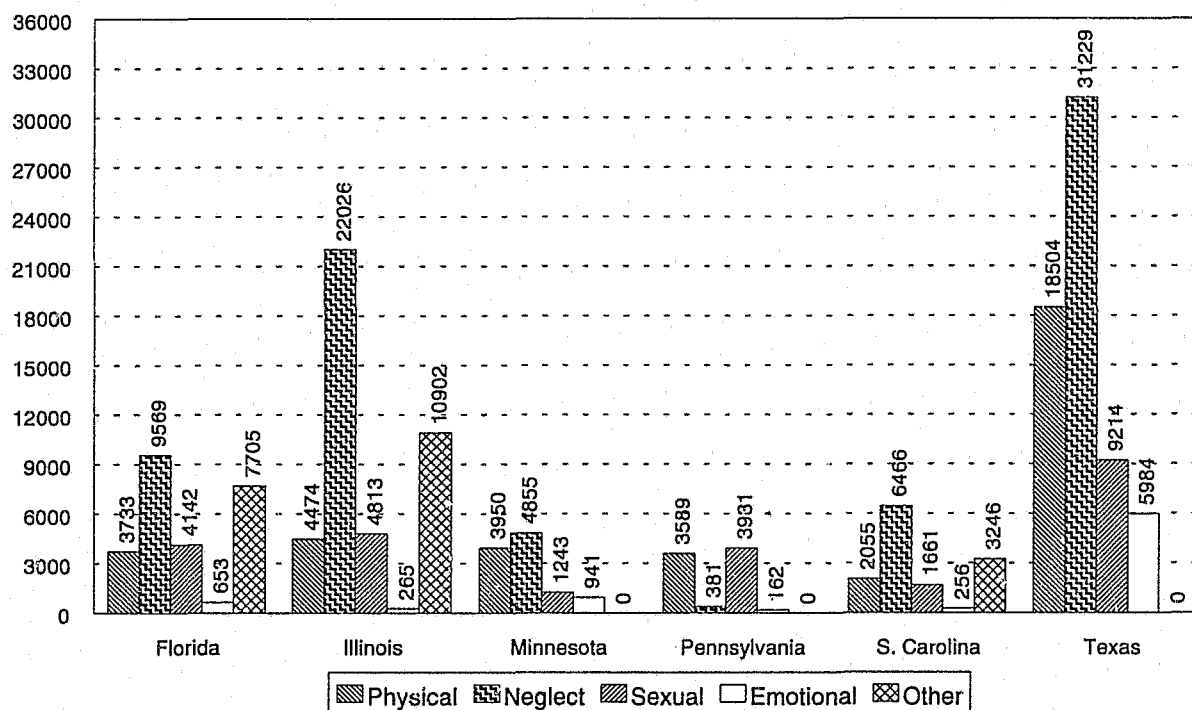
Figure 13 displays the number of substantiated or indicated reports, duplicated victims, unduplicated victims, and maltreatments for each State in the data set. In most States, reports contain data on multiple victims and multiple types of maltreatment.

**Figure 13**  
**DCDC Pilot Data Set**

	Florida	Illinois	Minnesota	Pennsylvania	South Carolina	Texas	6 State Total
Number of Substantiated or Indicated Reports	12,087	22,229	6,743	7,921	5,874	36,981	91,835
Number of Unduplicated Children	19,907	33,346	9,869	7,443	10,436	53,319	134,320
Number of Duplicated Children	20,899	38,150	9,869	7,921	10,984	58,222	146,045
Number of Substantiated/Indicated Maltreatments	25,802	42,480	10,989	8,063	13,684	64,931	165,949

Figure 14 displays the number and the type of maltreatment in the data set by State. Neglect accounts for nearly one-half of all maltreatments. In this data set, the majority of maltreatments are from Illinois and Texas.

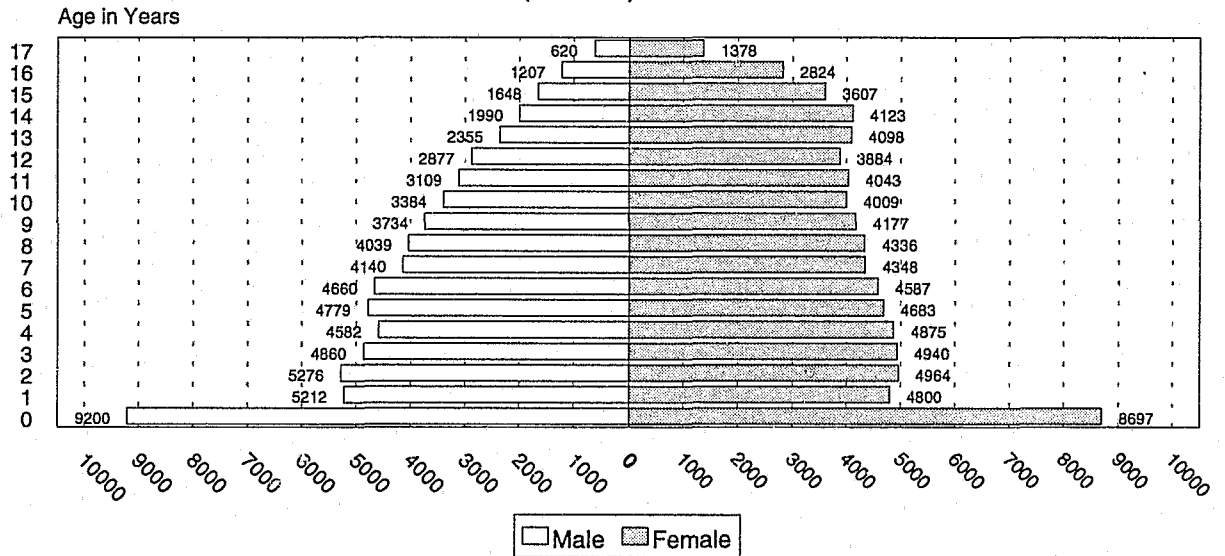
**Figure 14**  
**Type of Maltreatment**  
(6 States)  
(Total Number of Maltreatments = 165,949)



As an initial exercise, the pilot DCDC data set was used to examine the relationships between types of maltreatment and age and sex of victims. Figure 15 presents a profile of all maltreatment victims by age and sex in the data set. Both males

and females have similar profiles, with the numbers of victims decreasing as age increases. For these States, the number of child victims under one year of age is 1.75 times the number of victims in any other age category.

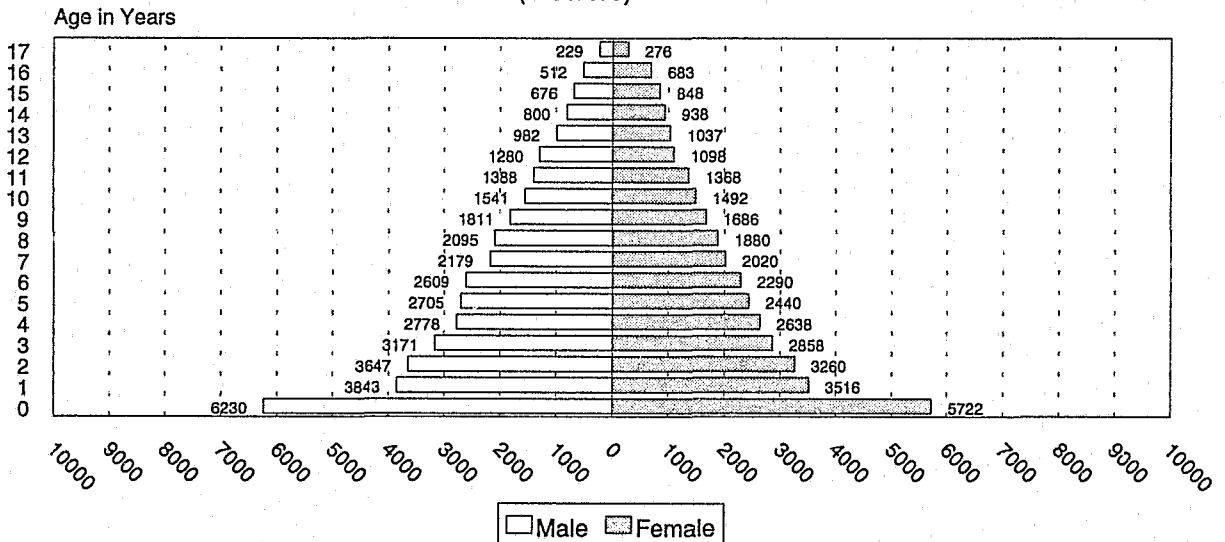
**Figure 15**  
**All Maltreatments by Age and Sex of Victims**  
(6 States)



In the DCDC pilot data set, five types of maltreatments were coded: neglect, physical abuse, sexual abuse, psychological or emotional abuse, and other. Figures 16 to 19 display the relational analyses of the first four types of maltreatment by age and sex of victims.

Figure 16 provides the profile of victims of neglect. In neglect cases, it appears that age, not gender, is the important variable. The number of child victims rapidly

**Figure 16**  
**Neglect by Age and Sex of Victims**  
(6 States)

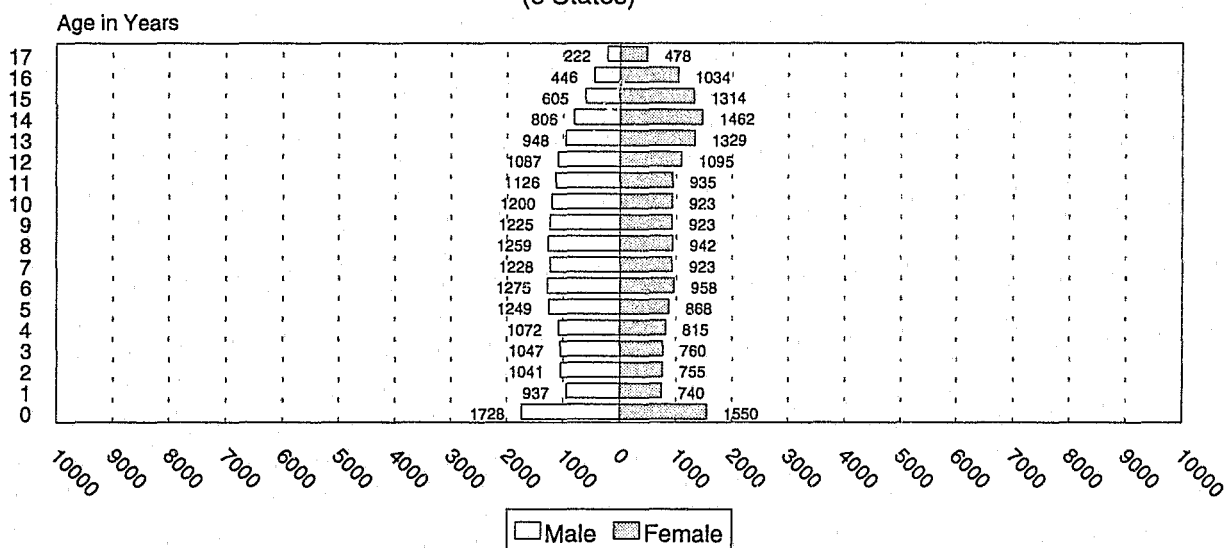


decreases with increased age for both males and females. When compared to Figure 15, it can be seen that this decrease is greater than the overall decrease in age for all victims of maltreatment.

Figure 17 shows that, for children under age 12, males are more likely to be substantiated or indicated victims of physical abuse; at ages 13 and above, females are more likely to be substantiated or indicated victims of physical abuse.

Figure 18 shows the pattern for sexual abuse victimization by age. At every age, females are more likely than males to be substantiated or indicated as victims of sexual abuse. The ratio of female to male victims for infants is approximately 2:1; the ratio of female to male victims for 14-year-old victims is approximately 7:1.

**Figure 17**  
**Physical Abuse by Age and Sex of Victims**  
(6 States)



**Figure 18**  
**Sexual Abuse by Age and Sex of Victims**  
(6 States)

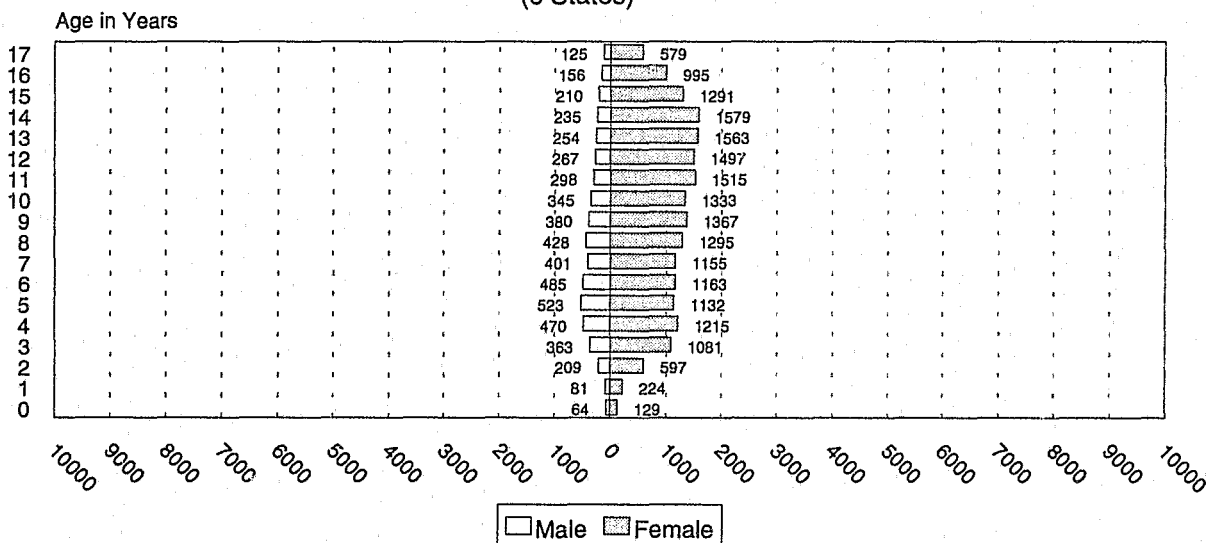
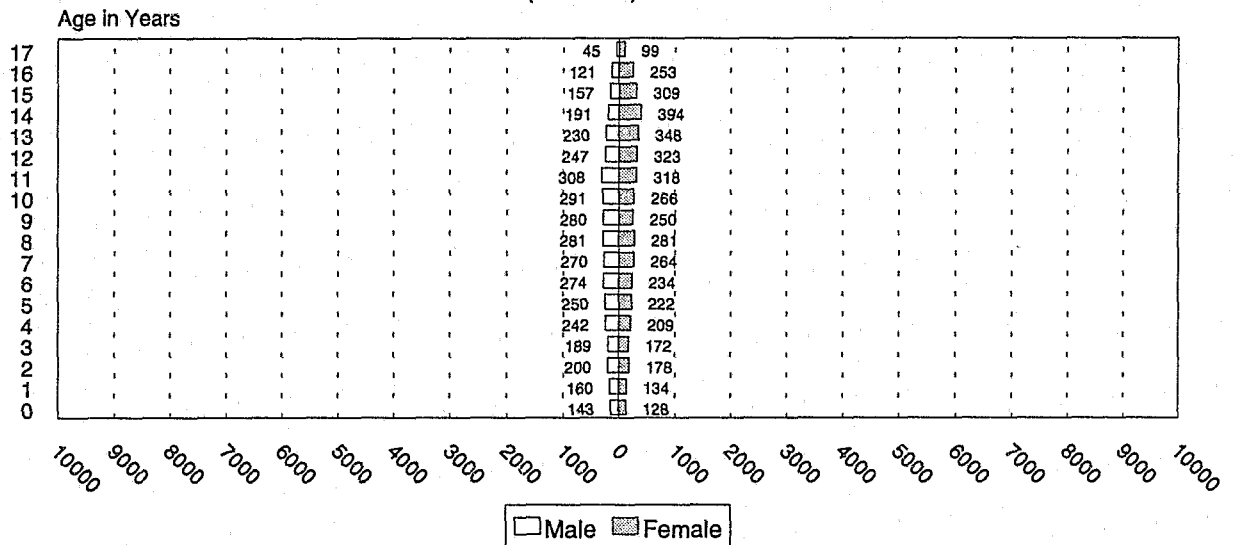


Figure 19 presents the profile of victims of psychological or emotional abuse. While the numbers of cases are small, female adolescents appear more likely than male adolescents to be victims of emotional abuse. At younger ages, both females and males have similar frequencies of emotional abuse.

**Figure 19**  
**Psychological or Emotional Abuse by Age and Sex of Victims**  
(6 States)



#### D. Case-Level Data Analyses From Two States

Once the DCDC is implemented, the potential for further types of analyses is illustrated by examples of case-level analyses from two other States.

In 1992, New Jersey collected data on type of maltreatment and race of child victims. As seen in Figure 20, 38 percent of physical abuse cases, 28 percent of sexual abuse cases, and 54 percent of neglect cases involved black child victims; 38 percent of physical abuse cases, 50 percent of sexual abuse cases, and 29 percent of neglect cases involved white child victims. The proportion of Hispanic children was more stable across each type of maltreatment.<sup>9</sup>

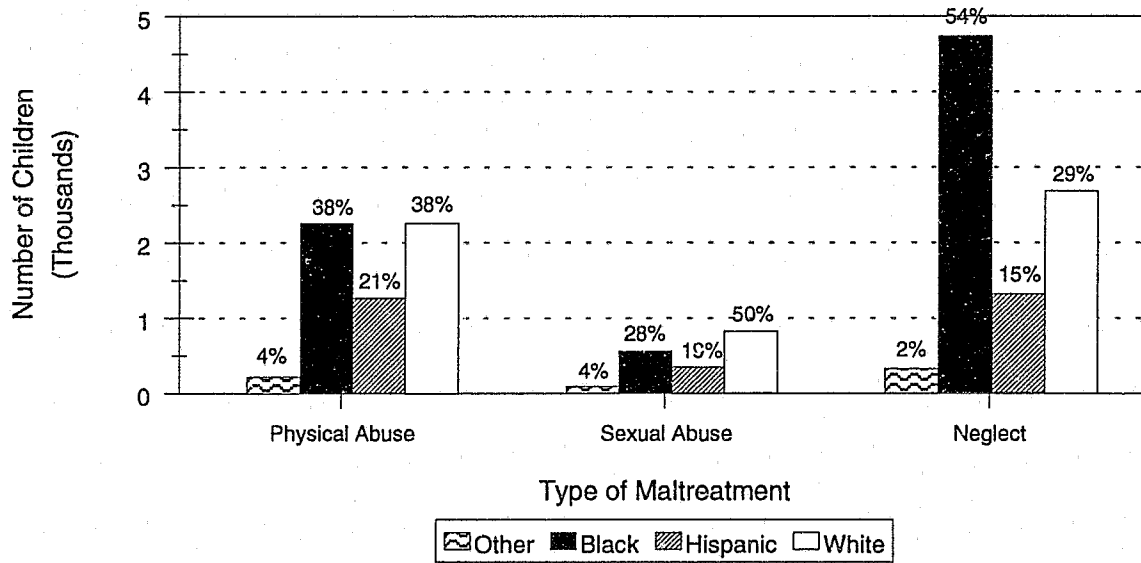
North Dakota has analyzed data from substantiated cases to illustrate the relationship between the sex of perpetrators and types of maltreatment. As seen in Figure 21, 69 percent of perpetrators of neglect were female, and 82 percent of perpetrators of sexual abuse were males. Relatively equal proportions of males and females were found to be perpetrators of physical abuse.<sup>10</sup>

9 New Jersey Division of Youth and Family Services, *Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey; 1992 Annual Report* (Newark: Department of Human Services, 1993).

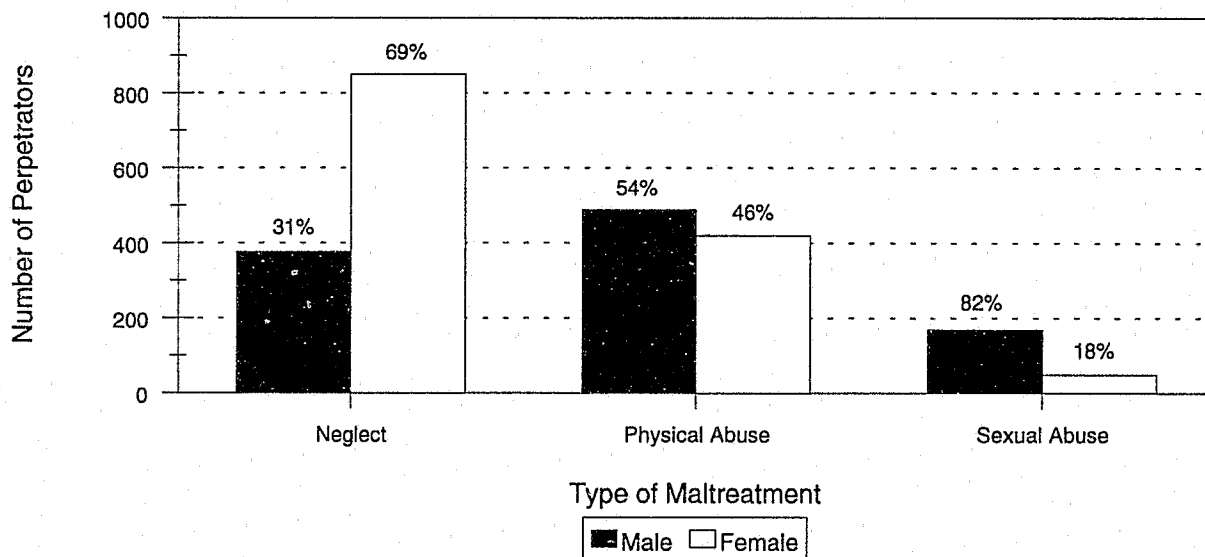
10 North Dakota Division of Children and Family Services, *Child Abuse and Neglect in North Dakota, Fiscal Year 1992* (Bismarck: Department of Human Services, 1992).



**Figure 20**  
**Race of Child Victims in New Jersey**



**Figure 21**  
**Sex of Perpetrators in North Dakota**



## *IV. Future Directions*

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Three years of the NCANDS data collection process have proceeded based upon the voluntary commitment of States to provide data on a national basis. The recognition by States of the need for such data is reflected not only by the participation of States but also by the widespread interest in the reports that have been produced. Over 10,000 copies of different reports have been distributed.

The efforts to produce meaningful and useful data will continue in the coming years. Technical assistance will be provided to ensure that States increase their capacity to provide SDC data in a consistent and reliable fashion. Ultimately, implementation of the DCDC will result in a periodically updated national database on child abuse and neglect with the flexibility to respond to a wide range of policy and program analysis needs. As a repository of detailed child abuse and neglect information, the DCDC will facilitate and encourage specialized child abuse and neglect studies without requiring States and local agencies to respond repeatedly to requests for such data.

This DCDC database cannot be built overnight. It is a slow process, marked by stages of improvement as States join the national effort. NCCAN plans to provide additional technical assistance to help States participate in the DCDC.

Two other Federal efforts will contribute greatly to understanding the provision of services to maltreated children. The Adoption and Foster Care Analysis and Reporting System (AFCARS) will provide much-needed data on children who are removed from their homes and placed in temporary or permanent substitute care living situations. The initiative by the Administration for Children and Families to encourage the development of Statewide Automated Child Welfare Information Systems (SACWIS) will allow for better management of services to children. These two initiatives have the potential to contribute substantially to the understanding of the response by States to child victims of maltreatment. The technical assistance teams of NCANDS, AFCARS, and SACWIS are working cooperatively to help develop and improve the information systems that support agencies in their efforts to serve children and families.

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*Appendix B*  
*Summary Data Component Data Tables — 1992*

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## SUMMARY DATA COMPONENT 1992

		SECTION I - BACKGROUND		SECTION II - REPORT		
				1. Number of Reports	2. Number of Children Subject of a Report	
STATE/ TERRITORY	Population Under 18 (Estimated)	CY/ FY	Child Based	Incident/ Family Based	Number Children	Duplicated/ Unduplicated/ Estimated
ALABAMA	1,076,000	CY		28,311	43,246	D
ALASKA	185,000	FY	9,892		9,892	U
ARIZONA	1,047,000	CY		29,339	51,216	D
ARKANSAS	629,000	CY		17,250	36,089	D
CALIFORNIA	8,423,000	CY		326,120	463,090	E
COLORADO	909,000	CY		34,409	55,740	E
CONNECTICUT	771,000	FY		14,369	22,080	D
DELAWARE	172,000	CY		4,586	8,292	D
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	117,000	CY		5,596	12,093	D
FLORIDA	3,106,000	FY		116,403	180,285	D
GEORGIA	1,800,000	CY		51,225	46,192	D
GUAM		FY	988		988	U
HAWAII	293,000	CY	5,310		5,310	D
IDAHO	324,000	CY		12,230	24,020	D
ILLINOIS	3,029,000	CY		74,220	131,592	D
INDIANA	1,461,000	CY		39,233	58,970	D
IOWA	735,000	CY		19,432	28,094	D
KANSAS	678,000	FY	22,079		22,079	D
KENTUCKY	964,000	CY		35,997	56,438	D
LOUISIANA	1,238,000	CY		26,087	47,893	D
MAINE	306,000	CY		4,826	10,177	D
MARYLAND	1,226,000	CY		30,062	48,698	E
MASSACHUSETTS	1,384,000	CY		32,266	52,581	D
MICHIGAN	2,509,000	FY		51,601	117,316	D
MINNESOTA	1,206,000	CY		17,988	27,462	D
MISSISSIPPI	748,000	CY		17,528	32,076	D
MISSOURI	1,350,000	CY		49,286	79,493	D
MONTANA	226,000	CY		9,691	14,760	U
NEBRASKA	439,000	CY		7,961	17,029	D
NEVADA	338,000	CY		13,914	22,540	E
NEW HAMPSHIRE	280,000	CY		6,755	10,943	E
NEW JERSEY	1,863,000	CY	50,443		50,443	D
NEW MEXICO	469,000	CY	26,969		26,969	U
NEW YORK	4,422,000	CY		137,779	228,457	D
NORTH CAROLINA	1,662,000	CY		55,411	88,472	D
NORTH DAKOTA	172,000	CY		4,515	7,565	D
OHIO	2,820,000	CY		95,376	148,101	D
OKLAHOMA	858,000	FY	24,092		24,092	D
OREGON	766,000	CY		25,622	41,506	E
PENNSYLVANIA	2,844,000	CY	25,891		25,891	D
RHODE ISLAND	233,000	CY		8,395	12,886	D
SOUTH CAROLINA	945,000	FY		19,712	33,854	U
SOUTH DAKOTA	204,000	FY	10,486		10,486	D
TENNESSEE	1,246,000	CY	31,231		31,231	D
TEXAS	5,072,000	CY		110,937	174,255	D
UTAH	654,000	CY		15,910	27,047	D
VERMONT	144,000	CY		2,750	3,205	D
VIRGINIA	1,562,000	CY		35,880	55,680	D
VIRGIN ISLANDS		CY		185	294	U
WASHINGTON	1,355,000	CY		39,704	55,836	D
WEST VIRGINIA	438,000	FY		12,932	20,949	E
WISCONSIN	1,330,000	CY	47,622		47,622	D
WYOMING	138,000	CY		3,268	5,458	D
NATIONAL TOTAL	66,166,000		255,003	1,645,081	2,856,973	E
NO. REPORTING		53	11	42	53	53
Armed Svcs - CONUS		CY	15,511		15,644	
Armed Svcs - OCONUS		CY	3,452		3,506	

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SECTION II - REPORT DATA							
3. Number of Reports by Source							
STATE/ TERRITORY	Social Services	Medical	Legal Justice	Education	Child Care Providers	Victims	Parents
ALABAMA	2,637	2,501	3,613	4,516	285	550	3,332
ALASKA	1,262	928	1,166	1,816	180	347	
ARIZONA	4,323	3,285	4,851	4,869	535		1,715
ARKANSAS	1,591	2,007	1,516	2,071	403	311	1,254
CALIFORNIA							
COLORADO							
CONNECTICUT	1,098	2,487	2,801	1,089	106	148	1,175
DELAWARE	318	556	606	631	63	156	602
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	797	726	1,064	415	16	92	309
FLORIDA	15,491	11,223	12,443	12,826	1,248	2,397	10,787
GEORGIA	4,167	4,424	7,218	8,027	433		4,307
GUAM							
HAWAII	579	604	693	850	42	38	325
IDAHO	1,648	689	1,431	2,113	192	329	1,765
ILLINOIS	11,178	13,012	8,225	9,798	872	424	6,069
INDIANA							
IOWA	3,237	1,702	1,558	2,565			
KANSAS							
KENTUCKY	3,524	2,617	3,991	5,061	645	878	3,866
LOUISIANA	6,394	3,363	5,744	6,223		3,435	3,435
MAINE	573	864	504	978	113	112	113
MARYLAND							
MASSACHUSETTS	5,500	8,371	7,485	5,519	1,042	460	2,660
MICHIGAN	9,903	3,485	5,742	8,894	1,237	550	4,326
MINNESOTA	2,256	1,762	2,868	3,615	946	376	1,428
MISSISSIPPI	1,367	2,086	2,684	3,032	88	330	736
MISSOURI	5,510	4,794	4,709	5,181	709		4,490
MONTANA	628	723	1,174	1,759	359	230	936
NEBRASKA	420	533	1,165	1,015	260	223	485
NEVADA	1,465	767	2,571	2,929	256	221	1,208
NEW HAMPSHIRE							
NEW JERSEY	3,571	5,247	5,600	8,334	2,934	742	3,988
NEW MEXICO	1,618	2,427	5,394	4,315	269	270	2,697
NEW YORK	15,780	20,969	13,805	25,930	862		
NORTH CAROLINA	7,353	4,767	4,256	8,658	962	772	4,701
NORTH DAKOTA	992	175	680	724	95	49	454
OHIO	14,457	6,663	10,343	13,134	1,792	1,577	
OKLAHOMA	3,867	1,576	2,929	2,966	298	309	2,599
OREGON	1,981	1,938	5,204	4,405	525	1,911	804
PENNSYLVANIA	3,680	4,563	1,604	5,216	961	942	3,228
RHODE ISLAND	1,458	1,006	950	1,335	232	800	1,036
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,700	2,344	1,895	3,434	287	311	1,631
SOUTH DAKOTA	360	610	2,179	1,691	164	263	750
TENNESSEE	1,439	2,986	4,880	3,148	617	784	3,704
TEXAS	10,988	11,443	11,707	23,086	2,174	1,163	9,580
UTAH	1,534	1,286	2,153	1,893	240	216	
VERMONT	414	209	404	603	91	96	389
VIRGINIA	2,146	4,404	3,995	6,976	498	633	3,261
VIRGIN ISLANDS	15	21	9	31	3	6	22
WASHINGTON	5,977	3,717	3,349	6,969	1,004	323	3,335
WEST VIRGINIA							
WISCONSIN	8,026	2,878	7,477	8,890	595	756	5,480
WYOMING	424	457	620	555		70	359
NATIONAL TOTAL	173,646	153,195	175,235	228,087	24,633	23,600	103,421
NO. REPORTING	45	45	45	45	42	40	40
Armed Svcs - CONUS	2,554	2,434	1,875			141	
Armed Svcs - OCONUS	87	298	674			32	



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SECTION II - REPORT DATA (continued)						
3. Number of Reports by Source (continued)						
STATE/ TERRITORY	Other Relatives	Friends/ Neighbors	Perpetrators	Other	Anonymous Reporters	TOTAL
ALABAMA	3,506	1,456		2,687	3,228	28,311
ALASKA	1,382	1,500		410	901	9,892
ARIZONA	2,024	3,063	823	1,350	2,501	29,339
ARKANSAS	1,834	1,854		662	3,747	17,250
CALIFORNIA						
COLORADO						
CONNECTICUT	787	476		1,242	1,951	13,360
DELAWARE	385	424	227	276	342	4,586
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1,002	609		24	542	5,596
FLORIDA	10,196	13,059	746	5,670	20,317	116,403
GEORGIA	6,091	4,858		2,877	3,791	46,193
GUAM						
HAWAII	232	305		172	1,470	5,310
IDAHO	862	1,753		657	790	12,229
ILLINOIS	7,869	5,180		2,308	9,285	74,220
INDIANA						
IOWA				8,642	1,732	19,436
KANSAS						
KENTUCKY	4,368	3,979			7,068	35,997
LOUISIANA	3,435	3,436	3,435		6,894	45,794
MAINE	422	453		319	373	4,824
MARYLAND						
MASSACHUSETTS	2,419	5,568		4,233	9,324	52,581
MICHIGAN	5,499	5,946		1,913	4,106	51,601
MINNESOTA	1,425	1,752	159	732	669	17,988
MISSISSIPPI	2,594	1,227		1,511	1,893	17,528
MISSOURI	3,647		552	13,008	6,681	49,281
MONTANA	771	1,006		2,105		9,691
NEBRASKA	605	783	266	254	1,952	7,961
NEVADA	868	2,053		621	955	13,914
NEW HAMPSHIRE						
NEW JERSEY	4,105	6,642			8,880	50,043
NEW MEXICO	1,888	3,237		539	4,315	26,969
NEW YORK	17,491	8,195		22,746	12,001	137,779
NORTH CAROLINA	7,904	8,544			7,504	55,421
NORTH DAKOTA	277	409	5	373	282	4,515
OHIO	16,489	11,808	3,191	6,508	9,414	95,376
OKLAHOMA	3,112	5,450		854		23,962
OREGON	1,351	2,326		3,565	1,532	25,622
PENNSYLVANIA	1,673	1,581	86	903	1,454	25,891
RHODE ISLAND	709	1,465		551	711	10,253
SOUTH CAROLINA	1,805	2,055	17	603	3,630	19,712
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,134	1,090		1,363	882	10,486
TENNESSEE	4,360	4,187	133	1,554	3,630	31,422
TEXAS	12,295	13,362		7,950	7,189	110,937
UTAH	3,066	2,249	111	2,372	790	15,910
VERMONT	162	118	44	149	71	2,750
VIRGINIA	3,090	4,165	511	1,779	4,422	35,880
VIRGIN ISLANDS	25	33		2	34	201
WASHINGTON	2,690	4,931	66	4,417	2,926	39,704
WEST VIRGINIA						
WISCONSIN	3,972	3,792	164	2,421	4,516	48,967
WYOMING	84	326		145	28	3,068
NATIONAL TOTAL	149,905	146,705	10,536	110,467	164,723	1,464,153
NO. REPORTING	44	43	17	41	43	45
Armed Svcs - CONUS			230	3,719	1,528	12,481
Armed Svcs - OCONUS			31	980	400	2,502

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SECTION III - INVESTIGATION DATA								
4. Number of Investigations by Disposition								
STATE/ TERRITORY	Number Substant.	Number Indicated	Number Not Substantiated	Number Intentionally False	Number Closed w/o Finding	Number Other Dispositions	Number Unknown Dispositions	TOTAL
ALABAMA	13,329	2,440	14,714		1,861	261		32,605
ALASKA	4,316	4,228	732		47			9,323
ARIZONA	13,183	4,290	7,831				960	26,164
ARKANSAS	4,963		9,795		864		1,628	17,250
CALIFORNIA	73,675							73,675
COLORADO	7,140						27,269	34,409
CONNECTICUT	8,913		3,192				2,264	14,369
DELAWARE	1,810	154	2,106					4,070
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	1,594		2,737				1,285	5,596
FLORIDA	12,254	38,786	54,828	6,911		977		106,845
GEORGIA	16,525	14,311	19,716			673		51,225
GUAM								
HAWAII	2,445		2,085	171				4,701
IDAHO	10,273	2,001	1,286		6,980	6	518	21,064
ILLINOIS	24,539		49,176	594		505		74,220
INDIANA	15,058	15,225	28,687					58,970
IOWA	5,862		11,588			1,982		19,432
KANSAS	2,739	8,850	10,494					22,083
KENTUCKY	15,889	9,758	37,400		1,056			64,103
LOUISIANA	9,605		17,320			636		27,561
MAINE	2,190		2,284					4,474
MARYLAND	10,373		19,689					30,062
MASSACHUSETTS	15,019		14,026					29,045
MICHIGAN	15,424		36,177					51,601
MINNESOTA	7,131		10,853				4	17,988
MISSISSIPPI	5,609	245	11,674					17,528
MISSOURI	10,936	4,586	31,617	372	1,069	951	93	49,252
MONTANA	3,498		6,193					9,691
NEBRASKA	3,071		4,648		242			7,961
NEVADA	4,705		6,403		2,806			13,914
NEW HAMPSHIRE	655		3,822					4,477
NEW JERSEY	17,499		32,544					50,043
NEW MEXICO	6,716		18,225		1,998			26,939
NEW YORK	56,963		96,789					153,752
NORTH CAROLINA	18,046		37,365					55,411
NORTH DAKOTA	2,092		2,423					4,515
OHIO	19,929	18,682	50,606				6,159	95,376
OKLAHOMA	8,063		11,880		4,005		144	24,092
OREGON	7,265		6,619			11,738		25,622
PENNSYLVANIA	294	8,125	17,389		48	35		25,891
RHODE ISLAND	3,271		4,972		152			8,395
SOUTH CAROLINA	6,564		12,354				794	19,712
SOUTH DAKOTA	2,903		7,583					10,486
TENNESSEE	11,469		19,762					31,231
TEXAS	39,730		56,827		4,508	10,071		110,937
UTAH	6,690		8,708		512			15,910
VERMONT	1,430		1,255	3	65			2,753
VIRGINIA	6,267	3,281	24,516	931	1,600			36,595
VIRGIN ISLANDS	107	20	99	3				226
WASHINGTON	38,276		1,426					39,704
WEST VIRGINIA								
WISCONSIN	19,213		28,409		3,667			51,289
WYOMING	1,492		1,776					3,268
NATIONAL TOTAL	597,004	134,982	862,400	8,985	31,481	27,835	41,098	1,695,905
NO. REPORTING	51	16	49	7	17	11	11	51
Armed Svcs - CONUS	8,818		7,080					15,898
Armed Svcs - OCONUS	1,956		1,636					3,592

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5. Number Children & Families Subject of Investigation				SECTION III - INVESTIGATION DATA (continued)						
				6. Number of Children by Disposition						
STATE/ TERRITORY	(U) (D)	Number Children	Number Families	Number Children - Substant.	Number Children - Indicated	Number Children - Not Substant.	Number Children - No Finding	Number Children - Other	Number Children - Unknown	TOTAL
ALABAMA	D	50,051	32,605	19,759	3,506	23,704	2,785	297		50,051
ALASKA	E	9,323	6,189	4,316	4,228	732	47			9,323
ARIZONA	D	45,812	26,264	23,364	7,192	13,552			1,704	45,812
ARKANSAS	D	36,089	17,250	7,538		15,764	1,591		2,887	27,780
CALIFORNIA	E	463,090	307,426	73,675						73,675
COLORADO	D	88,775	34,409	9,237						9,237
CONNECTICUT	D	22,080	14,369	15,957		7,066				23,023
DELAWARE	E	11,832	4,586	2,143	14	65	7			2,229
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	D	9,437	4,331	3,718		5,719			2,656	12,093
FLORIDA	D	180,967	53,008	22,780	65,783	91,150		1,254		180,967
GEORGIA	D	46,192	51,255	27,327	18,865	19,716		673		66,581
GUAM	E	988	656	613	66	375				1,054
HAWAII	U	4,258	2,900	2,277		1,981				4,258
IDAHO	D	20,770	10,273	4,527	1,868	13,362		13	821	20,591
ILLINOIS	D	131,592	74,220	43,433		87,239		920		131,592
INDIANA	D	58,970	39,233	15,058	15,225	28,687				58,970
IOWA	D	28,094	19,432	7,834		17,488		2,672		27,994
KANSAS	D	22,079	10,191	2,735	8,850	10,494				22,079
KENTUCKY	D	56,438	35,997	15,161	9,276	33,766	982			59,185
LOUISIANA	D	47,893	27,561	16,050		31,843				47,893
MAINE	D	10,066	4,474	4,927		2,735	1,764			9,426
MARYLAND	E	77,560	30,062							
MASSACHUSETTS	D	47,960	29,095	24,801		23,359				47,960
MICHIGAN	D	117,316	51,601	25,931		91,385				117,316
MINNESOTA	D	27,462	17,238	11,217		16,234			11	27,462
MISSISSIPPI	D	32,076	17,528	10,264	448	21,364				32,076
MISSOURI	D	79,485	49,286	17,427	6,912	52,029	1,632	1,350	139	79,489
MONTANA	U	14,760	9,691	5,328		9,432				14,760
NEBRASKA	D	17,029	7,961	5,262						5,262
NEVADA	D			7,699						7,699
NEW HAMPSHIRE	D			917						917
NEW JERSEY	D	50,043	34,986	17,499		32,544				50,043
NEW MEXICO	E	26,969	17,904	6,716		18,225	1,998			26,939
NEW YORK	D	247,150	153,747	92,238		154,912				247,150
NORTH CAROLINA	E	88,477	58,736	29,546		58,931				88,477
NORTH DAKOTA	D	7,565	4,515	3,669		3,894				7,563
OHIO	E	148,101	98,318	33,515	27,812	83,215			3,559	148,101
OKLAHOMA	E	24,092	15,994	8,063		11,880	4,005		144	24,092
OREGON	E	66,105	25,622	8,705						8,705
PENNSYLVANIA	E	25,891	17,188	8,419		17,389	48	35		25,891
RHODE ISLAND	E	12,886	8,554	4,931		7,713	242			12,896
SOUTH CAROLINA	U	33,854	17,984	11,348		22,506				33,854
SOUTH DAKOTA	E	10,486	6,961	2,903		7,583				10,486
TENNESSEE	D	31,231	16,748	11,469		19,762				31,231
TEXAS	D	174,255	110,937	62,342		89,678	7,512	14,723		174,255
UTAH	E	41,048	15,910	10,875						10,875
VERMONT	D	3,205	2,750	1,498		1,473	72			3,043
VIRGINIA	E	55,393	36,773	9,655	4,817	38,675	2,246			55,393
VIRGIN ISLANDS	U	230	34	165	15	99	2		2	283
WASHINGTON	E	48,844	32,425	41,879					130	42,009
WEST VIRGINIA	E	36,236	14,045							
WISCONSIN	E	47,622	31,614	19,213		28,409	3,667			51,289
WYOMING	E	8,431	3,268	2,017		944				4,961
NATIONAL TOTAL		2,946,558	1,714,105	817,740	174,877	1,219,073	28,600	21,937	12,053	2,274,280
NO. REPORTING		51	51	51	16	43	16	9	10	51
Armed Svcs - CONUS		15,318		7,972	423	6,783				15,178
Armed Svcs - OCONUS		3,452		1,682	137	1,586	47			3,452

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SECTION IV - VICTIM DATA									
7. Number of Victims by Maltreatment Type									
STATE/ TERRITORY	(S) (B)	Physical Abuse	Neglect	Medical Neglect	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Maltreatment	Other	Unknown	TOTAL
ALABAMA	B	7,517	12,158		4,594	2,046			26,315
ALASKA	B	2,627	3,204		1,272	129	19		7,251
ARIZONA	B	2,230	6,393	569	3,213	617	19,156		32,178
ARKANSAS	S	2,628	4,254	301	1,929	341			9,453
CALIFORNIA									
COLORADO	S	2,806	4,358	579	2,004	1,095		697	11,539
CONNECTICUT	S	3,930	11,260		1,066				16,256
DELAWARE	B	424	707	78	200	204	513	31	2,157
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	S	424	2,119	998	32		145		3,718
FLORIDA	B	14,813	42,151	3,223	8,778	4,395	31,322		104,682
GEORGIA	B	7,732	27,743	2,405	5,386	2,386	540		46,192
GUAM									
HAWAII	S	893	613	71	297	183	1,364		3,421
IDAHO	B	1,884	3,112	168	1,110		210	96	6,580
ILLINOIS	S	4,625	25,047	1,876	5,390	498	13,373		50,809
INDIANA	B	7,213	15,822		7,248				30,283
IOWA	S	2,871	4,084	158	1,422	77			8,612
KANSAS	S	761	561	57	861	101	394		2,735
KENTUCKY	B	6,795	15,012		2,610		1,230		25,647
LOUISIANA	S	3,991	10,362		1,339	291	123		16,106
MAINE	S	988	1,618		639	1,675			4,920
MARYLAND									
MASSACHUSETTS	S	6,562	18,307		2,450	2,192	104		29,615
MICHIGAN	S	5,709	10,828	510	2,570	7,069	285		26,971
MINNESOTA	S	4,575	6,460	540	1,375	376	178	2	13,506
MISSISSIPPI	B	2,999	5,622		1,842	246	3		10,712
MISSOURI	S	3,320	9,822	601	2,852	329	1,831		18,755
MONTANA	S	2,309	3,349		823				6,481
NEBRASKA	S	1,671	3,166		729				5,566
NEVADA	S	1,541	4,791	277	405	901	2,574		10,489
NEW HAMPSHIRE	S	171	273		292	26			762
NEW JERSEY	S	6,685	8,214	774	1,618	208			17,499
NEW MEXICO	S	1,764	4,151		801				6,716
NEW YORK	S	20,696	34,823	4,416	6,951	2,393		22,959	92,238
NORTH CAROLINA	S	1,232	25,919	794	1,471	90	40		29,546
NORTH DAKOTA	S	1,265	1,786		218		400		3,669
OHIO	B	14,908	29,638		11,366	5,404	11		61,327
OKLAHOMA	S	3,158	5,225	449	1,186	733			10,751
OREGON	S	2,341	2,932	482	3,092	540	2,247		11,634
PENNSYLVANIA	S	3,628	414		4,348	167			8,557
RHODE ISLAND	S	1,627	2,703		601				4,931
SOUTH CAROLINA	S	2,278	6,229	768	1,860	241	3,806		15,182
SOUTH DAKOTA	S	555	1,793		542	429			3,319
TENNESSEE	S	2,764	4,540	294	2,850	345	676		11,469
TEXAS	S	20,132	31,620	2,853	10,747	6,071	2,350		73,773
UTAH	S	2,362	1,908	183	2,501	1,472	2,646		11,070
VERMONT	S	426	364	34	811	32	10		1,677
VIRGINIA	B	3,694	9,000	485	2,379	1,781	436		17,775
VIRGIN ISLANDS	S	42	110	3	37	25	5		222
WASHINGTON	S	12,517	16,780	1,505	6,272	2,791	202	5,870	45,937
WEST VIRGINIA									
WISCONSIN	S	5,648	6,804		7,213	777			20,442
WYOMING	S	550	1,295	52	390	252			2,539
NATIONAL TOTAL		212,281	449,442	25,503	129,982	48,928	86,193	29,655	981,984
NO. REPORTING	49	49	49	30	49	39	30	6	49
Armed Svcs - CONUS		2,841	2,750	154	1,522	802	446	69	8,584
Armed Svcs - OCONUS		652	641	42	195	218	99	6	1,853

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SECTION IV - VICTIM DATA (continued)											
Type of Victim Data		8. Age of Victims									
STATE/ TERRITORY	Duplic.(D) Undup.(U)	Age in Years									
		<1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
ALABAMA	D	1,620	1,356	1,459	1,484	1,360	1,382	1,419	1,463	1,381	1,270
ALASKA	U	524	426	495	513	472	483	417	429	393	345
ARIZONA	D	2,332	2,128	2,289	2,285	2,176	2,025	1,942	1,922	1,591	1,567
ARKANSAS	D	1,224	361	475	452	434	459	401	404	376	363
CALIFORNIA	D	2,080	2,081	4,464	4,464	4,464	4,464	4,691	4,692	4,692	4,692
COLORADO	D	814	537	567	549	598	633	614	567	529	556
CONNECTICUT	D	519	935	935	1,023	961	926	932	925	834	789
DELAWARE	D	128	127	125	125	113	103	112	119	124	111
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA											
FLORIDA	U	8,984	5,361	5,659	5,425	5,058	4,860	4,666	4,535	4,234	4,141
GEORGIA	D	2,327	3,619	3,619	3,619	2,737	2,737	2,737	2,411	2,411	2,411
GUAM											
HAWAII	U	188	128	147	147	113	123	134	113	119	127
IDAHO	D	51	359	353	452	427	394	407	452	441	427
ILLINOIS	D	7,435	3,248	3,386	3,215	3,041	2,835	2,604	2,370	2,231	2,057
INDIANA	D	1,815	1,580	1,901	1,903	1,850	1,830	1,942	1,801	1,721	1,693
IOWA	D	475	527	582	547	559	510	456	468	390	435
KANSAS	U	1,612	1,612	1,656	1,656	1,557	1,557	1,326	1,326	1,326	1,326
KENTUCKY	D	1,689	1,710	1,870	1,751	1,752	1,852	1,653	1,478	1,439	1,352
LOUISIANA	D	840	839	839	839	1,010	1,011	1,010	932	932	932
MAINE	D	301	301	301	301	301	343	343	343	343	269
MARYLAND											
MASSACHUSETTS	D	2,618	1,825	1,829	1,897	1,739	1,655	1,596	1,384	1,304	1,115
MICHIGAN	U	3,114	1,666	1,789	1,676	1,551	1,546	1,445	1,487	1,361	1,308
MINNESOTA	D	683	816	814	809	742	736	675	719	687	612
MISSISSIPPI	D	462	657	636	575	585	554	534	554	595	534
MISSOURI	U	1,535	1,070	1,215	1,139	1,031	1,004	985	1,084	978	987
MONTANA	U	120	120	341	341	362	363	327	328	330	331
NEBRASKA	D	9	650	404	425	384	370	367	319	306	287
NEVADA	D	773	630	629	523	523	523	448	448	448	448
NEW HAMPSHIRE											
NEW JERSEY	D	1,837	1,066	1,073	1,066	999	1,052	1,103	986	987	932
NEW MEXICO	D	269	403	403	403	402	438	438	435	435	404
NEW YORK	D	2,899	6,081	5,641	6,019	5,753	5,570	5,531	5,640	5,434	5,060
NORTH CAROLINA	D	1,157	2,452	2,538	2,325	2,326	2,113	1,881	1,878	1,758	1,566
NORTH DAKOTA	D	151	193	259	236	266	240	265	260	247	256
OHIO	U	2,420	2,808	3,015	3,218	3,213	3,096	3,023	2,966	2,754	2,530
OKLAHOMA	D	348	349	568	549	550	550	550	474	475	475
OREGON	U	739	501	569	592	589	580	541	573	549	520
PENNSYLVANIA	D	216	271	241	473	501	514	538	571	505	489
RHODE ISLAND	D	502	324	330	335	356	317	321	298	243	220
SOUTH CAROLINA	U	443	1,574	750	697	670	738	657	699	605	578
SOUTH DAKOTA	D	100	100	99	217	217	217	186	186	186	186
TENNESSEE	D	857	772	770	811	723	672	695	606	591	607
TEXAS	D	5,956	3,983	4,483	4,258	4,180	4,216	4,230	4,098	3,901	3,588
UTAH	D	547	500	726	750	768	795	744	687	681	629
VERMONT	U	64	52	56	83	100	102	84	87	103	87
VIRGINIA	D	1,133	997	1,023	1,013	965	993	913	891	827	816
VIRGIN ISLANDS	U	7	4	13	22	10	27	25	13	22	5
WASHINGTON	D	3,640	2,642	3,337	3,250	2,995	2,936	2,761	2,675	2,437	2,234
WEST VIRGINIA											
WISCONSIN											
WYOMING											
NATIONAL TOTAL		67,557	59,941	64,673	64,452	61,483	60,244	58,671	57,096	54,256	51,687
NO. REPORTING	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	46
Armed Svcs - CONUS		424	651	774	826	761	721	670	623	577	502
Armed Svcs - OCONUS		70	130	148	127	131	127	132	107	108	105

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SECTION IV - VICTIM DATA (continued)											
8. Age of Victims (continued)											
STATE/ TERRITORY	Age in Years										TOTAL
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18+	Unknown	
ALABAMA	1,272	1,183	1,251	1,279	1,284	1,176	730	445		451	23,265
ALASKA	348	314	347	343	329	270	203	105	12		6,768
ARIZONA	1,451	1,446	1,399	1,342	1,248	1,051	799	393		1,170	30,556
ARKANSAS	382	330	337	371	330	291	243	101		204	7,538
CALIFORNIA	4,354	4,355	4,355	4,355	3,639	3,639	3,639	3,639	901	15	73,675
COLORADO	533	455	472	500	503	382	272	147	2	7	9,237
CONNECTICUT	706	714	709	772	773	731	506	333	253	1,681	15,957
DELAWARE	98	106	85	95	119	98	107	84	17	161	2,157
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA											
FLORIDA	3,741	3,500	3,526	3,547	3,540	3,125	2,447	1,616		42	78,007
GEORGIA	2,102	2,102	2,102	1,843	1,843	1,843	1,909	1,909	1,909		46,190
GUAM										956	956
HAWAII	110	109	128	126	129	124	87	66	27	32	2,277
IDAHO	420	424	401	435	430	390	374	310	448		7,395
ILLINOIS	1,856	1,824	1,672	1,580	1,466	1,262	865	471	1	34	43,433
INDIANA	1,543	1,453	1,672	1,829	1,829	1,935	1,147	744		95	30,283
IOWA	368	354	363	357	368	308	273			594	7,934
KANSAS	1,326	1,326	632	632	632	632	632	632	632	55	22,085
KENTUCKY	1,235	1,181	1,329	1,383	1,380	1,223	949	621			25,647
LOUISIANA	858	858	858	859	858	858	858	859			16,050
MAINE	269	269	269	239	239	239	135	135			4,940
MARYLAND											
MASSACHUSETTS	1,144	1,071	1,184	1,075	1,036	972	744	400		13	24,601
MICHIGAN	1,253	1,239	1,286	1,238	1,332	1,133	929	378			25,931
MINNESOTA	622	563	569	555	512	464	352	255		32	11,217
MISSISSIPPI	452	462	482	482	400	421	339	236	236		5,196
MISSOURI	942	901	1,004	1,075	1,022	862	545	217	1	2	17,599
MONTANA	307	306	264	264	256	256	200	200	320		5,336
NEBRASKA	294	246	273	244	242	174	185	83			5,262
NEVADA	361	361	361	361	266	265	165	166			7,699
NEW HAMPSHIRE											
NEW JERSEY	868	823	859	851	828	685	565	341	18	560	17,499
NEW MEXICO	404	369	369	336	336	269	270	68	67	201	6,719
NEW YORK	4,746	4,553	4,615	4,577	4,554	4,739	3,939	2,693	1,452	2,742	92,238
NORTH CAROLINA	1,482	1,347	1,265	1,255	1,272	1,139	953	509	330		29,546
NORTH DAKOTA	225	207	170	174	174	133	109	104			3,669
OHIO	2,461	2,400	2,552	2,694	2,605	2,485	2,148	1,681	760	2,675	51,506
OKLAHOMA	475	475	317	318	318	318	318	318	318		8,063
OREGON	447	412	458	462	438	326	269	140			8,705
PENNSYLVANIA	463	494	484	527	575	551	488	362	146		8,419
RHODE ISLAND	215	214	251	219	220	233	156	116	61		4,931
SOUTH CAROLINA	594	581	570	532	571	490	332	165		102	11,348
SOUTH DAKOTA	186	185	122	122	121	121	154	153		45	2,903
TENNESSEE	569	566	597	584	605	587	514	343			11,469
TEXAS	3,321	3,251	3,115	2,903	2,632	2,190	1,483	554			62,342
UTAH	646	592	592	590	583	449	354	178	25	39	10,875
VERMONT	84	66	91	100	86	75	75	50	4	49	1,498
VIRGINIA	760	713	709	714	686	591	424	301	3		14,472
VIRGIN ISLANDS	17	10	12	5	8	1	1	4			206
WASHINGTON	2,082	1,950	1,845	1,737	1,566	1,272	870	541	66	1,043	35,597
WEST VIRGINIA											
WISCONSIN											
WYOMING										2,017	2,017
NATIONAL TOTAL	48,392	46,660	46,333	45,861	44,183	40,778	33,056	23,166	8,009	15,017	951,495
NO. REPORTING	46	46	46	46	46	46	46	45	25	27	46
Armed Svcs - CONUS	435	409	371	378	332	339	268	199	89	1,364	10,713
Armed Svcs - OCONUS	106	89	81	73	87	63	60	46	18	144	1,958

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SECTION IV - VICTIM DATA (continued)													
9. Sex of Victims					10. Race/Ethnicity of Victims								
STATE/ TERRITORY	Male	Female	Unknown	TOTAL	White	Black	Hispanic	Am. Ind/ Alaskan	Asian/ Pac. Islr.	Other	Unknown	TOTAL	
ALABAMA	10,249	12,942	74	23,265	14,036	8,983	82	12	56		71	23,240	
ALASKA	3,248	3,508	12	6,768	3,254	521	123	2,205	72	112	481	6,768	
ARIZONA	14,309	15,651	596	30,556	15,941	2,289	6,808	1,146	89	1,115	3,168	30,556	
ARKANSAS	3,309	4,029	200	7,538	4,981	2,390	49	15	15	57	31	7,538	
CALIFORNIA	30,302	42,927	446	73,675	37,010	8,739	22,170	358	1,999	1,478	1,921	73,675	
COLORADO	4,140	5,097		9,237	5,580	1,032	1,976	102	100	77	370	9,237	
CONNECTICUT	7,441	7,788	728	15,957	8,345	3,989	2,782	21	92		782	16,011	
DELAWARE	1,024	1,116	17	2,157	1,040	960	68	4	1	30	54	2,157	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA													
FLORIDA	37,302	40,566	139	78,007	50,504	26,999		50	254		200	78,007	
GEORGIA	20,931	23,906	1,355	46,192	21,879	18,938	528	24	143	805	3,875	46,192	
GUAM			956	956	146	15	4		758	33		956	
HAWAII	986	1,283	8	2,277	336	68	18	14	1,027	543	271	2,277	
IDAHO	3,767	3,511	75	7,353	5,690	28	964	85	15	214	518	7,514	
ILLINOIS	20,323	22,697	413	43,433	18,892	20,695	2,794	15	96	659	292	43,433	
INDIANA	13,300	16,957	26	30,283	24,266	4,483	535	8	48	625	318	30,283	
IOWA	3,754	4,174	6	7,934	6,785	662	126	80	47	17	217	7,934	
KANSAS	10,804	11,275		22,079	16,485	3,509	1,411	163	128	218	165	22,079	
KENTUCKY	12,193	13,452	2	25,647	21,140	3,616	91	24	55	691	30	25,647	
LOUISIANA	7,372	8,648	30	16,050	6,344	9,357	74	20	22	121	105	16,043	
MAINE	2,501	2,439		4,940							4,940	4,940	
MARYLAND													
MASSACHUSETTS	11,721	12,694	186	24,601	13,698	4,607	3,869	34	380	1,322	691	24,601	
MICHIGAN	12,296	13,635		25,931	15,979	8,679	641	119	51		462	25,931	
MINNESOTA	5,488	5,695	34	11,217	7,444	2,088	426	959	205		95	11,217	
MISSISSIPPI	4,496	5,676	92	10,264	4,270	5,748	10	10	103	20	103	10,264	
MISSOURI	8,249	9,310		17,559	12,552	4,812	74	36	26	48		17,548	
MONTANA			5,336	5,336								5,336	5,336
NEBRASKA	2,575	2,687		5,262	4,004	610	241	240	43		124	5,262	
NEVADA	3,891	3,808		7,699	5,256	1,328	715	103	125	170	2	7,699	
NEW HAMPSHIRE													
NEW JERSEY	8,970	8,516	13	17,499	6,202	7,802	2,996	21	119	359		17,499	
NEW MEXICO	3,089	3,559	68	6,716	2,015	134	2,417	605	68		1,477	6,716	
NEW YORK	45,616	45,960	662	92,238	42,334	29,880	12,814	245		3,371	3,594	92,238	
NORTH CAROLINA	14,440	15,106		29,546	15,518	12,646	101	652	8		621	29,546	
NORTH DAKOTA	1,819	1,848	2	3,669							3,669	3,669	
OHIO	23,278	27,360	868	51,506	31,976	13,218	656	35	110	1,813	3,698	51,506	
OKLAHOMA	3,840	4,218	5	8,063	5,391	1,292	207	1,094		62	17	8,063	
OREGON	3,655	5,042	8	8,705	6,274	478	620	200	106		1,027	8,705	
PENNSYLVANIA	3,242	5,177		8,419							8,419	8,419	
RHODE ISLAND	2,400	2,465	66	4,931	3,171	769	643	18	80	118	132	4,931	
SOUTH CAROLINA	5,413	5,935		11,348	4,920	6,284	20	2	11	111		11,348	
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,284	1,574	45	2,903	1,304			1,480		74	45	2,903	
TENNESSEE	5,107	6,352	10	11,469	7,297	3,789	41	8	17	99	218	11,469	
TEXAS	28,985	33,357		62,342	26,516	14,994	19,714	100	329	689		62,342	
UTAH	4,915	5,960		10,875	9,013	189	816	425	136		296	10,875	
VERMONT	653	845		1,498	1,477	11	4		4	2		1,498	
VIRGINIA	6,737	7,735		14,472	7,684	5,637	538	8	122	476	7	14,472	
VIRGIN ISLANDS	67	117		184	11	128	41					180	
WASHINGTON	19,925	21,624	330	41,879	26,806	3,351	2,492	2,185	937	420	5,687	41,879	
WEST VIRGINIA													
WISCONSIN													
WYOMING	1,154	848	15	2,017	1,633	40	141	161	10	20	12	2,017	
NATIONAL TOTAL	440,560	499,069	12,823	952,452	525,399	245,777	90,840	13,087	8,007	15,969	53,541	952,620	
NO. REPORTING	46	46	33	46	44	43	42	41	40	33	41	44	
Armed Svcs - CONUS	4,219	5,077	1,425	10,721	5,971	2,355		163	290	34	1,294	10,107	
Armed Svcs - OCONUS	816	753	175	1,746	1,006	535		70	49	20	120	1,800	

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SECTION IV - VICTIM DATA (continued)						
	11. Victims Removed From Home	12. Court Action Initiated	13. Receiving Additional Services	14. Died From Abuse or Neglect		
STATE/ TERRITORY	Number Victims	Number Victims	Number Victims	Number Families	Number Victims	
ALABAMA	300			4,387	21	
ALASKA	767	759	1,064			
ARIZONA			3,989	2,233	30	
ARKANSAS	726	904		3,757		
CALIFORNIA	20,986				69	
COLORADO					35	
CONNECTICUT	2,523	1,492		10,058	16	
DELAWARE					3	
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA						
FLORIDA	12,438	16,120	51,223	30,430	67	
GEORGIA	19,631	8,503		11,068	10	
GUAM	69		191			
HAWAII	422	569	1,572	1,083	1	
IDAHO	753	1,309	910	3,858	1	
ILLINOIS	7,975				74	
INDIANA	6,891	5,426	19,486	12,964	44	
IOWA	541	1,394	855	4,060	6	
KANSAS					7	
KENTUCKY	2,089	5,085		32,453	28	
LOUISIANA	2,499	2,499		2,515	21	
MAINE	767	329		1,378	4	
MARYLAND				4,320	31	
MASSACHUSETTS	3,176		21,842	12,939	15	
MICHIGAN	7,780	8,643	23,162	14,386	19	
MINNESOTA	2,831	2,674	8,807	7,524	8	
MISSISSIPPI	1,723	2,619		7,267	13	
MISSOURI	4,487	4,877	14,493	10,947	46	
MONTANA					3	
NEBRASKA	1,447				2	
NEVADA		859		3,627	4	
NEW HAMPSHIRE	348	324	527			
NEW JERSEY	396		12,031		18	
NEW MEXICO					3	
NEW YORK			92,238	56,963	49	
NORTH CAROLINA	1,975	2,604			30	
NORTH DAKOTA				5,827	1	
OHIO	1,542	3,061			59	
OKLAHOMA	2,569	1,475	5,103		20	
OREGON	2,787				32	
PENNSYLVANIA	4,727	294	5,222	4,406	51	
RHODE ISLAND	709				7	
SOUTH CAROLINA	4,341	4,449	11,348		28	
SOUTH DAKOTA	985	478		1,052	2	
TENNESSEE						
TEXAS	4,422	5,912	27,220	16,826	102	
UTAH	1,127	1,216	6,444		17	
VERMONT	271	849	719	552		
VIRGINIA	2,007	4,055	5,970		39	
VIRGIN ISLANDS	48	29	114			
WASHINGTON	1,912		45,253		12	
WEST VIRGINIA				2,387		
WISCONSIN	2,653	1,534	4,856	3,968	14	
WYOMING					6	
NATIONAL TOTAL	133,640	90,341	364,639	273,237	1,068	
NO. REPORTING	39	30	25	28	44	
Armed Svcs - CONUS		1,126	28	6,847	3,478	28
Armed Svcs - OCONUS		68	4	868	986	6



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SECTION V - PERPETRATOR INFORMATION									
15. Relationship of Perpetrator to Victim									
STATE/ TERRITORY	Incident/ Victim	Parents	Other Relatives	Foster Parents	Facility Staff	Child Care	Non- Caretakers	Unknown or Missing Data	TOTAL
ALABAMA									
ALASKA	V	5,821	623	39		40	123	1,898	8,544
ARIZONA									
ARKANSAS	I	4,794	634		28	122	308	284	6,170
CALIFORNIA									
COLORADO	V	6,002	819	18	17	151	237	389	7,633
CONNECTICUT	I	7,108	1,817				140	451	9,516
DELAWARE	I	1,580	264	7		6	75	32	1,964
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA									
FLORIDA	V	21,166	3,361		708	622	1,103	560	27,520
GEORGIA	I	31,402	3,000	117		891	1,327	1,055	37,792
GUAM									
HAWAII	V	2,438	204	49		2	6	247	2,946
IDAHO	V	4,572	3,675	435	18	3	64	333	9,100
ILLINOIS	V	22,308	4,009	126	40	901			27,384
INDIANA	V	28,957	3,462	49	5	349	5,225	802	38,849
IOWA	V	6,615	1,016	32	32	432		962	9,089
KANSAS									
KENTUCKY	I	25,309	3,217	119		293	1,034	391	30,363
LOUISIANA	I	11,520		63	70	20	520		12,193
MAINE									
MARYLAND									
MASSACHUSETTS	V	56,004	5,893	948	219	1,734		2,005	66,803
MICHIGAN	I	16,751	729	62	8	20	1,535		19,105
MINNESOTA	I	6,791	1,184	22	20	90	57	78	8,242
MISSISSIPPI	I	4,490	650	6	6	35	638		5,825
MISSOURI	I	16,567	2,046	69	52	409	492	1,089	20,724
MONTANA									
NEBRASKA	V	6,282	749	18	24	105	412	104	7,694
NEVADA	I	9,451	339	44	37	25	585	18	10,499
NEW HAMPSHIRE	I	411	911	1	1	6	8	151	1,489
NEW JERSEY	I	14,299	2,049	89	73	324	51	614	17,499
NEW MEXICO	V	4,433	873	13	134	67	201	1,007	6,728
NEW YORK	I	70,127	16,401	673	114	133	2,389	58	89,895
NORTH CAROLINA	I	31,180	1,027	111	41	451	1,114		33,924
NORTH DAKOTA									
OHIO									
OKLAHOMA	V	7,316	390	38		40	253	26	8,063
OREGON	I	5,085	1,057	59	1	128	1,575	134	8,039
PENNSYLVANIA	V	5,136	2,310	61	35	971	742		9,255
RHODE ISLAND	V	4,525	655	95	52	149	44	317	5,837
SOUTH CAROLINA	I	5,748	1,060	48	17	135	102	166	7,276
SOUTH DAKOTA	V	2,339	196	4		1	278	38	2,856
TENNESSEE	V	8,752	1,833	21	29	49	1,092	293	12,069
TEXAS	I	39,129	6,293	67	26	109	3,881	99	49,604
UTAH	I	5,846	1,317	16		61	3	1,174	8,417
VERMONT	V	723	309		5	24	328	44	1,433
VIRGINIA	V	13,751	1,973	61	46	569	419	215	17,034
VIRGIN ISLANDS	V	68	164	10		10	23	22	297
WASHINGTON	I	19,541	2,849	128	358	135	221	295	22,527
WEST VIRGINIA									
WISCONSIN	V	12,518	4,015	164	113	293	4,958	713	22,774
WYOMING									
NATIONAL TOTAL		545,855	83,373	3,882	2,329	9,905	31,563	16,084	692,971
NO. REPORTING		40	39	36	30	39	37	34	40
Armed Svcs - CONUS		7,523	635	2		194	443	1,769	10,566
Armed Svcs - OCONUS		1,498	170	1		50	61	192	1,912

## *Appendix C*

### *State Responses to the Summary Data Component and State Comments*

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The comments provided below refer to the submission of 1992 data. Comments from previous years that are helpful also have been included. The level of evidence that is used to substantiate or confirm a report has been noted. Information on level of evidence is based on "Can Central Registries Improve Substantiation Rates in Child Abuse and Neglect Cases?" by V.E. Flango (*Child Abuse and Neglect*, 1991, Vol. 15, 403-413) and information obtained directly from the States. For further clarification, the reader can contact the State person responsible for the 1992 data submission.

SUMMARY OF RESPONSES TO SUMMARY DATA COMPONENT 1992																* Indicates State Submitted Data	
STATE/ITEM	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15		
ALABAMA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*			
ALASKA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*		
ARIZONA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	*			
ARKANSAS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			
CALIFORNIA	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*			
COLORADO	*			*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*		
CONNECTICUT	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
DELAWARE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*		
DIST. OF COL.	*	*	*	*	*	*	*										
FLORIDA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
GEORGIA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
GUAM	*	*			*	*			*	*	*		*				
HAWAII	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
IDAHO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
ILLINOIS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		
INDIANA	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
IOWA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
KANSAS	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*		
KENTUCKY	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
LOUISIANA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
MAINE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*			
MARYLAND	*			*	*								*	*			
MASSACHUSETTS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*		
MICHIGAN	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
MINNESOTA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
MISSISSIPPI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
MISSOURI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
MONTANA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*						*			
NEBRASKA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		
NEVADA	*		*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
NEW HAMPSHIRE	*			*		*	*				*	*	*				
NEW JERSEY	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
NEW MEXICO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*		
NEW YORK	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	*	*		
NORTH CAROLINA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*		
NORTH DAKOTA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*			
OHIO	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*		
OKLAHOMA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
OREGON	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*			*	*		
PENNSYLVANIA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*		
RHODE ISLAND	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*				*	*		
SOUTH CAROLINA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
SOUTH DAKOTA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
TENNESSEE	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*					*		
TEXAS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
UTAH	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
VERMONT	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*		
VIRGINIA	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		
VIRGIN ISLANDS	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*		
WASHINGTON	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*		
WEST VIRGINIA	*				*								*				
WISCONSIN	*	*	*	*	*	*					*	*	*	*	*		
WYOMING	*		*	*	*	*	*		*	*				*	*		
ARMED SERVICES	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*		*	*	*	*		

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

No information supplied.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 4:** The category "other dispositions" (E) includes "alleged perpetrator under age 12."

**Item 6:** The category "other dispositions" (E) includes "alleged perpetrator under age 12."

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The data are new because the State is in transition to a management information system. Consequently, the client-based data from the PROBER information system may be incomplete.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** The category "other relatives" (H) includes parents. Self-reported abusers are not tracked.

**Items 4 and 6:** The possible outcomes provided by Alaska's information system include "substantiated," "unconfirmed," "invalid," and "cannot locate." The category "suspected" was not identified by the creators of the system. Alaska reported unconfirmed responses indicated as "suspected" and invalid responses as "not substantiated." This most likely is an overstatement of the actual number of cases in

which the investigating social worker suspected abuse but, by policy, practice, or lack of available documentable evidence, could not substantiate it.

Alaska reports that the workload has increased, and there is little doubt that this larger workload is the primary contributor to the increase in investigations. The impact of improved data collection is probably minimal.

**Item 5:** Alaska is able to provide both the unduplicated and duplicated count of children for whom investigations were completed (7,320 unduplicated and 9,323 duplicated).

**Item 6:** Alaska is able to provide both duplicated and unduplicated count of children by disposition. The data tables provide the duplicated count. The unduplicated counts are: 3,322 children with substantiated investigations; 3,383 children with indicated or reason-to-suspect investigations; 581 children with unsubstantiated investigations; and 34 children with investigations that were closed without a finding.

**Item 7:** The category "other" (F) includes "abandonment."

**Items 8-14:** These items are unduplicated. In 1991 items 11-14 included duplicated counts.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are extracted from the Arizona CPS Central Registry.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 4:** Although 29,339 reports were appropriate for investigation, only 26,264 (88.9 percent) received an investigation; 3,075 did not. In Arizona the reports are first sorted into the categories "appropriate for investigation" and "for information only." The "for information only" reports do not receive an investigation. Not all reports classified "appropriate for investigation" are investigated. In Arizona the rural counties have an investigation rate that approaches 100 percent (cases investigated/cases appropriate for investigation). In the two urban counties the

investigation rate runs between 88 and 89 percent. That is, about 11 to 12 percent of the reports that are appropriate for investigation are not investigated due to resource shortages. It is the goal of the department to acquire the resources necessary to investigate 100 percent of the reports classified as "appropriate for investigation."

**Item 7:** The category "other" (F) includes those reports coded as "minor" or "potential abuse/neglect." They cannot be separated into "physical abuse" or "neglect" categories.

**Item 13:** Data pertain to those cases passed to an "ongoing child protective services worker."

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are derived almost exclusively from the child abuse database contained in the Central Registry. This information is gathered during the course of a child abuse investigation and, on substantiated cases, shortly afterward.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 4:** The category "unknown dispositions" (F) includes investigations that are still open.

**Item 6:** Only those children identified as victims in the initial report are included, unless a previously unidentified victim is discovered after a founded investigation.

The category "unknown dispositions" (F) includes children who are still under investigation.

**Item 12:** This is a duplicated count of cases for which the described court action was taken.

**Item 14:** The number of victims who died as a result of child abuse and neglect is the number of deaths in families who are subjects of substantiated reports. In some cases a causal relationship has not been determined.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

**Items 1-7 and 11-15** are based on data received from the Department of Social Services' Statistical Services Bureau.

**Items 8-10** are based on data received from the Department of Justice Child Abuse Registry.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Some Credible Evidence

**Comments on Specific Items**  
None

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data on substantiated cases were compiled with the assistance of the NCANDS technical assistance staff. Sources include quarterly reports from counties on the number of referrals, investigations by type of incident, and Central Registry data on confirmed reports only.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** Data are collected on confirmed incidents.

**Item 4:** The State only collects information on the number of investigations and from those investigations resulting in a founded report. Data are not kept on inconclusive or indicated reports.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are obtained from a download from an online case management data system that records the progress of cases from referral through closing. (Data provided for 1991 and 1992 reflect fiscal year 1992.)

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 1:** The number may include multiple reports on the same family or incident.

**Item 7:** The category "neglect" includes "medical neglect" (B) and "psychological or emotional abuse or neglect."

**Item 13:** The number of families is an estimate.

**Item 15:** Data are for alleged perpetrators. Data are duplicated.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Information was obtained from an automated system (CYCIS) designed about 10 years ago. Standard, annual, and special reports were used.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Level of Risk

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 4:** The category "not substantiated" (C) includes 200 cases that were not completed.

**Item 14:** The number of victims who died as a result of child abuse and neglect includes only children whose files were active with the division at the time of their death.

**Item 15:** Numbers are duplicated and assume one perpetrator per investigation.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data were collected in the Family Services Administration's Central Intake Unit of its Child and Family Services Division. The District is in the process of developing a new computer system for data reporting.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Preponderance of Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 4:** The category "number of other dispositions" (F) includes investigations that are still active.

**Item 7:** The category "other" includes abandoned children.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The data were collected by central registry counselors and child protective investigators. All data are entered into the Florida Abuse Hotline Information System (FAHIS, formerly the Florida Protective Services System), a statewide automated computer system.

**NOTE:** All prior years' data have been completely rerun using consistent computer programs to select and aggregate data in the same manner for each year. Some errors found in previous years' programming have been corrected.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

"Substantiated" (State category "proposed confirmed"/"confirmed") requires a fair preponderance of evidence. "Indicated" (State category "closed without classification") requires credible evidence.

### **Comments on Specific Items**

**Item 1:** The number of reports includes the initial report of an incident and subsequent reports of the same incident where additional information is provided. It does not include subsequent reports by different reporters where no additional information is provided.

Reports include a small percentage of cases where no abuse or neglect is alleged, but an immediate response is needed due to special conditions (parent hospitalized, incarcerated, deceased, or in need of assistance).

**Item 2:** Identifiers are expunged from unfounded cases, making unduplication of children in all reports impossible.

**Item 3:** The number of reports by source includes the initial report of an incident and subsequent reports of the same incident when additional information is provided. It does not include subsequent reports by different reporters when no additional information is provided.

The category "child care/foster care/residential care providers" (E) includes only child care.

**Item 4:** The category "not substantiated allegations which were determined to be intentionally false" (C - second item) is based on coding harassment as the reason for classifying the report as unfounded. This is a judgment call made by the protective investigator, not a court finding. The category "other dispositions" (E) includes special conditions cases in which no abuse or neglect is alleged and cases in which the State does not have jurisdiction, such as those on military bases. Previous years' data have been modified for this item to be consistent with the counting for item 6.

**Item 5:** Unduplicated counts of children and families cannot be provided because identifiers are expunged from unfounded cases. The duplicated count for families does not include unfounded reports because family information is expunged. Previous year's data for families have been corrected.

**Item 6:** The figures are based on the classification of the report, not the finding for each individual child.

For the category "not substantiated" (C), unduplicated counts cannot be provided because identifiers are expunged from unfounded cases. The unduplicated total also excludes children in unfounded cases, because identifiers have been expunged.

The category "other dispositions" (E) includes cases in which either special conditions exist or the State has no jurisdiction.

**Item 7:** The figures are based on the finding of each type of maltreatment for each individual child.

The category "other" (F) includes such maltreatments as threatened harm, physically drug-dependent newborn, substance-exposed child, and abandonment. Special conditions cases have been excluded.

**Items 8-10:** Data are unduplicated counts of victims. Alleged victims are included if any report in which they appear was substantiated or indicated. These counts are not based on the finding of each individual child.

**Item 11:** Data are unduplicated counts of victims. Alleged victims are included if any report in which they appear was substantiated or indicated. The figure is based on interim placement (removal during an investigation but not after disposition), and includes placements with relatives as well as in substitute care.

**Item 12:** Data are unduplicated counts of victims. Alleged victims are included if any report in which they appeared was substantiated or indicated.

**Item 13:** Data are unduplicated counts of victims. Alleged victims are included if any report in which they appeared was substantiated or indicated. These figures include all dispositions except "dismissed," "unable to locate/moved," and "no ongoing services needed." Previous years' data have been corrected.

**Item 14:** Data are unduplicated counts of victims. The figure includes deaths verified to be caused by abuse or neglect.

**Item 15:** Each perpetrator-to-victim pair is counted only once, regardless of how many substantiated or indicated reports involved that pair of individuals. These figures are less than victim counts, because abuse or neglect may be substantiated for a victim without confirming the identity of the perpetrator.

The category "foster parents" (C) is not coded separately. They most likely would be coded as guardians who are counted under "caretaker relatives or household members" (B). The category "facility staff" (D) includes an institution's owner, operator, and staff and includes child care. The category "child care providers" (E) includes only sitters. The category "noncaretakers" (F) includes significant others. The category "unknown" (G) includes unknown other perpetrators.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Confirmed cases are entered into a dBASE program. Caseworkers complete child abuse forms upon the disposition of the case.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Preponderance of Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** In 1992 the State did not capture separate data on victims and perpetrators but had a report source called "self." For the 1992 data the "self" numbers were added to the "parent" and "second parent" numbers to give the total number of parents in category G. The term "self" in the past has referred to either parents or children who report themselves, depending on the specific county's interpretation; typically it has referred to adults. In 1993 a revision was made in the system to reflect custodial parent, noncustodial parent, victim, and alleged maltreater so the numbers would be more accurate.

**Item 4:** The category "number of other dispositions" (E) includes dispositions still under investigation at the end of the year.

**Item 11:** The number of victims removed from the home reflects the total number of children removed, regardless of whether they were direct victims of maltreatment or part of a sibling group in which one child was the identified victim. The number reflects all children removed for whatever reason.

**Item 14:** The source of data is the Fatality Review System, an intra-agency organization that reviews child deaths in Georgia. The number of child deaths has dropped since 1990. This is due, in part, to increased attention to the reporting system and the validity of the data being entered. In the past all child fatalities, regardless of the reason for death (e.g., house fire, car crash, or physical abuse, etc.), were entered into the system. The State now only reports children confirmed to have died as a result of maltreatment. Only one-third of the counties reported to the Child Fatality Review Board in 1992; therefore, the number of fatalities might have been higher with a higher response rate.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The information in this form is collected manually from records. The agency plans to obtain an automated information system in fiscal year 1992 and incorporate NCANDS data elements into that system.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

No information supplied.

### Comments on Specific Items

None

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Hawaii has been converting slowly to the CPSS, a new information system. Some service units on the island of Hawaii have been using the CPSS for the 18 months prior to this report. However, the staff believes that the actual rate of substantiation indicated is higher than the stated rate obtained from the data. They found that all reports are recorded in the CPSS during intake, but not all investigative findings have been recorded by the caseworkers. Since Hawaii has not fully implemented the new system, the reports are based only on the child abuse and neglect registry.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Caseworker Determination

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 2:** The unduplicated count of children who are the subject of a report is 4,767.

**Item 5:** The State of Hawaii is able to provide both unduplicated and duplicated counts of children and families investigated. Unduplicated data are provided in the summary tables. The duplicated count of children with completed investigations is



4,701; the duplicated count of families with completed investigations is 3,268.

**Item 6:** The State of Hawaii is able to provide both unduplicated and duplicated counts of children by disposition. The unduplicated counts are provided in the summary tables. The duplicated counts are: 2,445 children substantiated and 2,256 children not substantiated.

**Item 7:** The category "neglect" (B) includes "abandonment," "failure to thrive," "lack of supervision," and "physical neglect." The category "psychological or emotional abuse or neglect" (E) includes "psychological abuse" or "psychological neglect." The category "other" (F) includes "threatened harm or perceived harm to child."

**Item 15:** The number reported is the number of children maltreated by each type of perpetrator. A child abused by both parents is counted once, but a child abused by a parent and a sibling is counted twice. The system allows entry of data on one male caretaker, one female caretaker, and one other perpetrator.

The category "unknown" (G) includes "other." The CPSS allows for the "other" category.

The unduplicated count of perpetrators is 1,934.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The FCSIS System provided data for the report. For calendar year 1990 Idaho did not use the term "indicated." Consequently, there is no information for that field.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 1:** The increase in the number of reports is due to continued improvement in data collection and an increase in the State population.

**Item 13:** The count of children includes victims and other children in the family.

**Item 15:** The number of unduplicated perpetrators is 2,397.

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Data retrieval consists of advanced computer programming using Easytrieve and Nomad software languages to access data found in the Department of Children and Family Services' Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS).

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 4:** The 594 intentionally false reports also are counted in the "not substantiated" category.

The category "other dispositions" (E) includes the number of investigations still pending a final decision to categorize the report as "indicated" or "unfounded."

**Item 6:** The category "other dispositions" (E) includes the number of investigations still pending a final decision to categorize the report as "indicated" or "unfounded."

**Item 7:** The category "other" (F) includes "substantial risk of harm."

**Item 14:** Twenty investigations involving the death of a child are still pending a decision to categorize the report as "indicated" or "unfounded." Seventy-four children have been "indicated victims" of a fatality report for calendar year 1992 as of June 30, 1993.

**Item 15:** All perpetrator data are unduplicated counts.

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**Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods**

The source of data is the local county department's Department of Public Welfare Form 311, which gives the history of a child abuse or neglect investigation. This information is mailed to the central office, where it is coded for input into the central file database. The information then is collated and indexed, and a final written report is completed.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**

No information supplied.

**Comments on Specific Items**

**Item 3:** The State of Indiana is able to provide data on the source of a report for substantiated reports only. Data are not kept on unsubstantiated reports.

**Items 4 and 6:** (Indiana does not conduct investigations on children even though reports are incident based.) Regarding the disposition of a case, all children who are serviced are counted.

**Item 13:** Estimates are provided for the number of families receiving additional services.

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**Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods**

Data are collected from Iowa's system. The system is incident based; in other words, every time an incident of child abuse is determined to meet the legal criteria of child abuse in Iowa, there is an entry of the incident into the database. The data are duplicated in the sense that a child who was reported to have been abused in more than one separate incident would appear in the State's system more than once. The same is true with an alleged perpetrator.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**

Preponderance of Evidence

**Comments on Specific Items**

**Item 1:** Referrals received but not accepted for investigation are not considered reports and are not included in this number.

**Item 2:** The estimated unduplicated count of children subject of a report is 14,500.

**Item 3:** The category "other" (K) includes "known permissives," who are mandated reporters who are

reporting abuse in some capacity other than their professional roles.

**Item 4:** The category "other dispositions" (E) includes those cases that lack a preponderance of evidence to support a conclusion that abuse or neglect either happened or did not happen.

The State of Iowa has the following investigation outcome definitions:

**Founded Abuse:** Investigation has determined that child abuse, as legally defined, has occurred.

Abuse categories include physical abuse, sexual abuse, denial of critical care, and combinations of these categories.

**Undetermined:** Investigation has not determined conclusively that child abuse either did or did not occur.

**Unfounded:** Investigation has resulted in a determination that child abuse, as legally defined, has not occurred. Unfounded abuse is categorized as "inappropriate care" (child abuse is unfounded, but some physical or sexual behavior toward a child or some aspects of a child's care have been identified as inappropriate care) or "no concerns" (child abuse is unfounded, and no concerns have been identified).

**Item 5:** Iowa provided the number of incident-based investigations completed as an estimate of the number of families for whom an investigation was completed.

**Item 6:** The category "other" (E) refers to dispositions classified as undetermined.

**Item 7:** The category "psychological and emotional abuse or neglect" (E) includes failure to provide adequate mental health care and gross failure to meet emotional needs.

**Item 10:** The category "Asian/Pacific Islander" (E) includes Indo-Chinese.

**Item 12:** The total includes both the number of petitions filed (1,115) and requested (286). In some court jurisdictions the investigator files the petition; however, in others the investigator requests that the juvenile court officer file the petition. The number of incidents, not individual children, is counted.

**Item 14:** Workers have a code for severity of abuse that must be completed on each child victim. Death is one of the options.

**Item 15:** Iowa does not use the category of "noncaretaker"; the perpetrator must be the caretaker.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

This report has been completed by using data from the Child Abuse and Neglect Information System (CANIS). The report has three modules written in SAS. Two tables are produced by a COBOL program.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Preponderance of Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 8:** Kansas breaks down victim age into the following groups: 0-1 year, 2-3 years, 4-5 years, 6-11 years, 12+ years, and unknown.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The source of data is the Child Abuse/Neglect Central Registry, which is a mainframe-based computer system. The data are collected via a reporting document that is completed by the social worker who conducts the investigation.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Items 5 and 6:** The number of children who were the subject of an investigation (Item 5) reflects a count of children identified within a report (one investigation per report). The child's social security number is used. The number of children by disposition (Item 6) reflects a count by status of each type reported on a child.

**Item 7:** The category "neglect or deprivation of necessities" (B) includes "psychological or emotional maltreatment."

The category "other" (F) includes "dependency." A dependent child is one who is not receiving adequate care or supervision, but the parent is not at fault (e.g., parent physically ill or injured).

**Item 10:** The category "other" (F) includes "bi-racial."

**Items 11 and 13:** Kentucky's child abuse system identifies only victims and families as having services. The system counts only the removal of child victims. The removal of siblings is reflected in a separate system and is not included in these totals.

**Item 12:** The category "number of victims for whom court action was initiated" includes 1,572 criminal actions and 3,513 petitions filed.

**Item 15:** The total number of "relationship of perpetrator to victim" equals the number of substantiated victims. This is an unduplicated count.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Information is from the statewide data system. CPS workers or data entry operators with the agency directly enter the information from each parish office, and the data then are aggregated statewide. Most of the data in this summary are based upon substantiated cases.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** The counts reflect the sources, not the reports, of each allegation of maltreatment; there can be more than one source per report.

In the State system, the category "perpetrators" includes "alleged victims" (F), "parents" (G), "other relatives" (H), "friends and neighbors" (I), and "perpetrators" (J). For the SDC, the data have been apportioned into each of the categories.

**Item 4:** The category "other dispositions" (E) includes "client non-cooperation," "unable to locate family," "terminated day care investigation," and "miscellaneous."

**Item 7:** The category "other" (F) includes "fatalities," "exploitation," "out-of-home care deficiencies," and "combination child abuse and neglect."

**Item 11:** The count includes victims and other siblings in the home.

**Item 13:** The count of families is based on the number of families served per month in 1992.

**Item 15:** The number of perpetrators reflects that a single perpetrator could have abused or neglected more than one victim, and that a victim could have had more than one perpetrator.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The statewide computerized data system tracks clients from the opening of an investigation to its closing and retains the information. Specialized child protective reports are produced quarterly and annually. These reports are the source of data used for the SDC.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** The category "medical personnel" (B) includes medical personnel and mental health professionals.

The number of "alleged victims" (F) is estimated.

**Item 11:** The count reflects victims only.

**Item 13:** The count includes both victims and other children.

**Item 14:** These data originate from the State medical examiner's office, a Maine DHS/CPS records/review, and a review by the Maine Child Death/Serious Injury Multidisciplinary Review Panel.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The State's automated system provides data based on the total number of investigations and does not identify victims, perpetrators, or reporting sources. Maryland uses only the rulings of "indicated" and "unsubstantiated." Passage of new legislation during the 1993 session of the General Assembly will permit Maryland to provide partial information on victims and perpetrators in 1993 and complete data on these items in 1994.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Credible Evidence

**Comments on Specific Items**  
None

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are forwarded by the Department of Social Services' (DSS) Database, and data collection is conducted through data entry of client information into the State's management information system.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 1:** The number is a duplicated family count.

**Items 2 and 3:** The numbers refer to reports accepted for investigation.

The total in item 3 reflects duplicated child counts.

**Item 6:** The count of children is duplicated because some investigated individuals appear in both the substantiated and unsubstantiated data sets.

**Item 7:** The data within this item are duplicated counts.

The category "other" (F) includes "congenital drug addiction" and "failure to thrive."

**Item 8:** The age of the victim is based upon age at the date of the substantiation.

**Item 14:** The source for these data is a PC database with child fatality information collected by the Case Investigation Unit (CIU). The CIU staff investigates only the deaths of children known to the department (i.e., open cases or cases closed less than 6 months).

**Item 15:** The State's definition of a perpetrator does not include noncaretakers (Item 15F); reports on noncaretakers are not accepted for investigation. The counts are duplicated: a perpetrator is counted each time a child is accepted for investigation (multiple reports and incidents). Data giving an unduplicated count for perpetrators are not available due to current data collection methods.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are collected from the automated database called Protective Services Management Information System (PSMIS).

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 4:** The category "not substantiated" (C) includes 658 cases that were unsubstantiated because the family could not be located.

**Item 6:** The State's system identified 117,316 children (duplicated) in all of its investigations. At the end of the investigations, 25,931 unduplicated victims were identified. The difference between these two numbers is 91,385.

**Item 7:** The total is larger than item 6A because some victims are included in more than one category. The State does not have a category called "medical neglect." The total in the category "medical neglect" (C) refers to children who were victims of congenital drug addiction. The category

"other" (F) includes "inappropriate use of funds," "unlicensed home," and "improper guardian."

**Items 11-14:** Victim counts for items 11-13 are estimates.

**Item 14:** The count reflects cases in which child abuse or neglect was at least suspected. Final disposition is not known in all cases.

**Item 15:** The count of perpetrators may be duplicated.

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On each child maltreatment investigation they perform, the county social services agencies submit a report to the Department of Human Services using a standard manual form. After review and validation, the reports are entered into the automated system.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
No information supplied.

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** The State combined "parents" (G) and "other relatives" (H). A total of 2,853 has been apportioned between the two categories.

**Item 7:** The State's definition of "emotional abuse" (E) became more restrictive in 1991.

**Item 15:** All perpetrators in the State are, by legal definition, caretakers.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are pulled from the Mississippi Social Services Information System. In Mississippi, reports and investigations are synonymous. Only information on children in substantiated investigations is tracked.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report Caseworker Determination

#### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 7:** The category "neglect or deprivation of necessities" (B) includes "medical neglect" (C).

**Item 11:** Only victims are included in this count.

**Item 13:** This count includes victims and other children in the family.

**Item 14:** The source for these data is a Department of Human Services review of each suspected abuse or neglect-related facility.

**Item 15:** A perpetrator is counted once, although multiple victims may be involved.

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### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report Some Credible Evidence

#### Comments on Specific Items

Missouri has the following definitions of child abuse and neglect:

*Reason to Suspect:* To establish, through investigation and supportive evidence, that child abuse or neglect has occurred or is occurring as a result of the actions or inactions of the parent or caretaker responsible for the care, custody, or control of the child.

*Unsubstantiated—Preventive Services Indicated:* To establish, through investigation, that abuse or neglect has not occurred, but the family is experiencing problems that are unresolved and could potentially contribute to abuse or neglect.

*Unsubstantiated:* To establish, by proof or competent evidence through investigation, that every allegation of abuse or neglect is unfounded.

**Item 2:** The unduplicated count of victims for 1992 was 56,883, and the duplicated count of victims was 79,493. This is a duplication rate of 1.4. The rate for 1991 was 2.6. This difference is due to changes in the retention of unsubstantiated

reports in the State's automated system. Prior to September 1991, all unsubstantiated reports were expunged from the automated system after 90 days, resulting in an undercount of reported victims in the 1991 unduplicated victim count reported to NCANDS. For 1992 all unsubstantiated reports were retained for 5 years.

**Item 3:** Data for the categories "victims" (F) and "friends and neighbors" (I) are unknown.

The category "other" (K) includes reports in which the reporter occupation was missing or listed as "other."

**Item 4:** The category "other" (E) includes reports where the incident was located out of the State and reports where the State was unable to locate the victim. The category "unknown" (F) includes "inappropriate" and "home schooling" reports.

**Item 6:** The category "closed without a finding" (D) includes reports where the incident was located out of the State and reports where the State was unable to locate the victim. The category "other" (E) includes "home schooling" and "inappropriate" reports.

**Item 7:** The number of indicated victims is unknown. The category "other" (F) includes worker findings coded as "other."

**Items 8-14:** These items include substantiated and indicated victims.

**Item 11:** The number of victims includes all children placed in the Division's custody due to child abuse and neglect during 1992.

**Item 12:** The number includes court actions for supervision and legal custody.

**Item 15:** The data include perpetrators for whom the conclusion was substantiated or indicated. The perpetrator count is unduplicated.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Child protective service workers complete a Report on Child Protective Services Referral (DFS-110A) on all completed investigations. A report usually contains data about investigations concerning more than one child in a family. Data are entered on the statewide

Protective Services Information System (PSIS) of the Department of Family Services (DFS). PSIS functions as a central registry regarding child abuse and neglect investigations conducted by DFS staff.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Some Credible Evidence

**Comments on Specific Items**

**Item 4:** Data are estimated using a substantiation rate of 36.1 percent based on other State data.

**Item 6:** Estimates are provided based on the 36.1 percent substantiation rate multiplied by 14,760 children who were the subject of an investigation.

**Items 7 and 8:** Data are provided by incident, not victim.

**Item 7:** The category "medical neglect" (C) is included in "neglect" (B). The category "psychological or emotional abuse or neglect" (E) is included in "physical abuse" (A).

**Item 8:** The data are estimated based on percentage of referrals by age multiplied by 5,328 victims.

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**Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods**

Data are provided by the Nebraska Child Abuse and Neglect Information System, an online computer system used by caseworkers at the local level.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Credible Evidence

**Comments on Specific Items**

**Items 1-3:** The State counts the number of investigations, not reports.

**Item 4:** The category "indicated or reason to suspect" (B) is included in the category "substantiated" (A).

**Item 6:** The category "indicated or reason to suspect" (B) is included in the category "substantiated" (A).

**Item 7:** The category "medical neglect" (C) is included under "physical abuse" (A). The category "psychological abuse or emotional abuse or

neglect" (E) is included under "neglect or deprivation of necessities" (B).

**Item 8:** Age is calculated based on age at the time of the investigation.

**Item 14:** Information is collected only on fatalities that the State has investigated.

**Item 15:** The State's computer system does not indicate if the relative resides with the child. Data for 1992 report perpetrator by relationship to each victim. Data for 1989 through 1991 report each perpetrator only once, regardless of the number of victims. Thus, the numbers of perpetrators for the period 1989 to 1991 are unduplicated. For 1992, the duplicated number is 7,694; the estimated unduplicated number is 4,962.

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**Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods**

The data are provided by CPS workers who are required by law to complete a child abuse input document for each investigation conducted. The CPS agency then enters the data into the State Central Registry.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**  
Credible Evidence

**Comments on Specific Items**

**Item 2:** Data are provided on the number of victims in substantiated cases only.

**Item 3:** The category "social services personnel" (A) includes 398 mental health personnel. The category "other" (K) includes 18 clergy. Data on "perpetrators" (J) were not available.

**Item 4:** The category "reason to suspect" (B) is included in the total for "substantiated" (A).

**Item 7:** The State counts the number of incidents, not the number of children.

The number 2,574 under "other" (F) reflects a need for worker training to specify a primary maltreatment type.

**Item 8:** The State groups age into the following categories: 1-2, 3-5, 6-9, 10-13, 14-15, 16-17, and 18+. The data have been apportioned into each category.

**Item 13:** Includes report types "court substantiated" and "maltreatment with services."

**Item 14:** Not all child deaths are reported to the CPS agency, though State law requires it.

**Item 15:** The category "noncaretakers" (F) includes "other" (90) and "boy/girlfriend" (495). The State does not collect data reflecting whether boyfriends or girlfriends were caretakers or noncaretakers of victims.

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Data for this report are based on reporting completed as of September 30, 1993.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** The State provided data for substantiated reports.

**Item 4:** The totals are based on reports filed as of September 30, 1993. Results of 1,492 assessments were still outstanding as of that date.

**Item 11:** Three hundred and twenty-four cases or assessments were involved in court action. Data are not captured by child.

**Item 15:** The number of perpetrators is collected per incident, but the relationship of perpetrator to victim is collected per perpetrator, so the number remains unduplicated for this item.

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Data for NCANDS are produced using the State Service Information System.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Preponderance of Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The source for these data is the Annual Referrals for Child Abuse and Neglect.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

No information supplied.

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** The category "social services personnel" (A) includes social workers. The category "medical personnel" (B) includes physicians, hospitals, medical examiners, mental health personnel, other health professionals, and community clinic staff. The category "legal/justice personnel" (C) includes attorneys and law enforcement personnel. The category "educational personnel" (D) includes all educational personnel. The category "child care/foster care providers" (E) includes caretakers, public agency personnel, and child care providers. The category "parents" (G) includes both father and mother. The category "other relatives" (H) includes siblings and other relatives. The category "friends and neighbors" (I) includes neighbors, nonrelatives, and clergy.

**Item 7:** The category "neglect or deprivation of necessities" (B) includes "medical neglect" (C) and "psychological or emotional abuse or neglect" (E).

**Item 8:** Age is divided into the following categories: 0-1, 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15, 16-17, 18+, and unknown. Data on age were submitted according to these groupings and apportioned into years.

**Items 8-10:** The source for these data is the Referral for Child Abuse and Neglect Report.

**Item 11-13:** The State plans to enhance the database system which will enable the State to track and followup on these data elements.



**Item 15:** The sources of these data are the monthly reports, "Perpetrators by Role."

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

No information supplied.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** The category "other" (K) includes "alleged victims" (F) and "perpetrators" (J).

The category "other relatives" (H) includes "parents" (G).

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The source of data is the North Carolina Central Registry for Child Abuse and Neglect Cases. Social workers in 100 county social services departments are required to give a completed DSS-5104 report to the Central Registry at the conclusion of each investigation. This information is entered into the North Carolina Central Registry database. Counties were given online data entry capabilities beginning July 1992. This capability may have contributed to a significant increase in reports submitted to the Central Registry.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 1:** Each report accepted for investigation was counted, regardless of the number of children involved in the report.

**Item 7:** The category "psychological or emotional abuse or neglect" (E) includes "refuses to permit, provide for, or participate in treatment." The category "other" (F) includes "encourages, directs, or approves of delinquent acts involving moral turpitude committed by a juvenile."

**Item 11:** North Carolina interprets home as any residence from which the child was removed and placed in the custody of the Division of Social Services during the calendar year.

**Item 12:** The number reflects those children who were removed at the date of the case decision and were entered into the Child Placement Information and Tracking System.

**Item 13:** North Carolina is unable to interface the three systems necessary to compute this information. A new program to compute these numbers will be written during 1993.

**Item 14:** Child fatalities are recorded on the Central Registry reporting form when there is an open investigation, when no case decision has been made, and when a child dies due to maltreatment.

**Item 15:** A perpetrator is counted only once for each investigation in which abuse and neglect is substantiated, regardless of the number of child victims. More than one perpetrator may be involved in each investigation.

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The source of data is the Department of Human Services' Child Abuse and Neglect automated data system.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 4:** The category "substantiated" (A) is equated with "probable cause," and the category "not substantiated" (C) is equated with "no probable cause."

**Item 6:** The category "substantiated" (A) is equated with "probable cause," and the category "not substantiated" (C) is equated with "no probable cause."

**Item 15:** The State is able to provide data on perpetrator relationships to alleged victims, but not to substantiated victims only.

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No information supplied.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

No information supplied.

### Comments on Specific Items

None

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The source of data is the statewide Family and Children Services Information System (FACSIS).

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Caseworker Determination

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 6:** Dispositions are based upon each abuse type. The categories "substantiated" (A) and "indicated" (B) reflect a duplicated count for a child who has more than one type of substantiated or indicated maltreatment. Counts for the other categories are unduplicated.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

All statistics are child based and duplicated. Data reflect information on each reported case of abuse.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Preponderance of Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** The category "friends and neighbors" (I) includes "perpetrators" (J). The category "other" includes "anonymous or unknown reporters" (L).

**Item 4:** Oklahoma calls the category indicated (B) "uncertain." The category indicated (B) includes "number of investigations closed without a finding" (D).

**Item 5:** Data are collected by child.

**Item 8:** The State groups ages into the categories under: 1, 1-2, 3-6, 7-11, and 12-17, but data for each year were provided.

**Item 10:** The category "other" (F) includes "Asian/Pacific Islander" (E).

**Item 15:** The child welfare department does not investigate the "number of perpetrators who were residential facility staff" (D).

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

No information supplied.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 2:** The State only counts a child if the report is "founded." The number of children is estimated.

**Item 4:** The category "other dispositions" (E) includes "unable to determine," which is defined as "insufficient evidence to conclude that abuse occurred."

**Item 5:** The number of families subject of one or more investigations is a duplicated count.

**Item 7:** The category "other" (F) includes "fatalities" and "threat of harm," which is defined as "subjecting a child to substantial risk of harm to the child's health and welfare."

**Item 8:** The child's age is determined at time of first referral during the reporting period.

**Item 11:** Oregon only provided data on children with substantiated dispositions who were removed from their homes.

**Item 13:** Victims and their siblings are counted in this item.

**Item 15:** A perpetrator is counted once for each incident of abuse. An incident can involve one or more victims.

The category "foster parents" (C) includes "unpaid relative care."

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Palau has not established a CPS information system, and thus data are not retrievable or documented in any form suitable for the NCANDS. However, Palau is working toward this goal.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

No information supplied.

### Comments on Specific Items

None

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Child abuse reports are sent to the Child Abuse Central Registry (ChildLine) at the completion of an abuse investigation.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Preponderance of Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 6:** The category "closed without a finding" (D) includes "unfounded due to exceeding the 60-day investigation period." The category "other dispositions" (E) includes "unfounded pending juvenile court action."

**Item 7:** By Pennsylvania law, general neglect is not counted as child maltreatment.

**Item 10:** State law does not permit collection of data on race.

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**NOTE:** Data for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico arrived too late to be included in this report.

### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data provided were from the report entitled "Programa de Servicios a Familias, Movimiento de Referidos y Casos, Servicio de Proteccion."

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 1:** The number of reports received was 20,173 in 1992-93; 15,526 in 1991-92; and 14,033 in 1990-91.

**Item 2:** The number of children the subject of these reports in 1992-93 was 45,308.

**Item 4:** The number of substantiated reports in 1992-93 was 3,871; the number of unfounded reports was 10,715; and the number of other dispositions was 4,701.

**Item 5:** The number of children who were investigated in 1992-93 was 44,868; the number of families who were investigated in 1992-93 was 19,287.

**Item 6:** The number of children for whom allegations were substantiated in 1992-93 was 9,880; the number of children for whom allegations were unfounded was 24,744; the number of other dispositions was 10,244.

**Item 7:** The number of victims by maltreatment type in 1992-93 was: physical abuse 1,384; neglect, 5,838; sexual abuse and exploitation, 454; emotional abuse, 604; and other types, 1,474 (multiple abuse, 1438; institutional abuse, 36).

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

All data are from the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth and Families' (DCYF) Child Abuse and Neglect Tracking System (CANTS), which tracks all child abuse investigations and early warning reports.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 6:** Rhode Island has a two-tier system, the higher disposition being reason to suspect; NCANDS counts these cases as substantiated. The total number of children by disposition is greater than the number of children with completed investigations, because 242 children had pending investigations.

**Item 14:** The count reflects information from DCYF investigations only.

**Item 15:** The category "unknown" (G) includes the categories "other" and "not reported."

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

South Carolina's Central Registry is totally computer based with data entry at the county level. During an investigation, workers complete three data entry forms that provide demographic and descriptive data on the CPS investigation and the individuals investigated (all adults and children). The Central Registry contains data on 93 percent of cases investigated at the local level, but excludes data on institutions and child care facilities. The data reported are based upon the database as of July 1993.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 1:** South Carolina does not include reports on the Central Registry involving child care centers or institutions.

**Item 2:** By South Carolina statute, all children in the setting of the alleged victim are the subjects of a report.

**Item 3:** The category "other" (K) includes "religious faith healer," "Christian Science practitioner," "voluntary agency," and "other."

**Item 4:** By statute, all cases must have a finding of "indicated" or "unfounded" at the end of the 60-day investigative period; no case is closed without a finding. Four percent of all reports accepted for investigation fall under the category "number of unknown dispositions" (F).

**Item 6:** By statute, all cases must have a specific finding of indicated or unfounded.

**Item 7:** South Carolina statute limits "psychological or emotional abuse or neglect" (E) to mental injury only.

The category "other" (F) includes the following categories: "threat of harm for abuse/neglect" (3,141), "contributing to the delinquency of a minor" (35), "abandonment" (90), "educational neglect" (353), and "other" (187).

Edit checks in the Central Registry do not permit "unknown" to be entered.

**Item 8:** South Carolina statute does not include the age group "18 or older."

**Item 12:** This is an elective field in the database.

**Item 13:** By agency policy, all indicated cases are opened for services.

**Item 14:** The number represents reviews by the Department's Child Fatality Committee and includes only those incidents in which abuse and neglect were substantiated and the matter came to the attention of the Department.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are provided by a computerized information system compiled through worker entries.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Some Credible Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 1:** The reasons for the decrease in number of children investigated include training of mandatory reporters; modifications in the screening of reports prior to investigation; and classification of some alleged perpetrators under a criminal definition rather than an abuse and neglect definition. South Dakota has not determined the impact each of these has had, nor whether there is an actual change in number of reports prior to screening for investigation.

**Item 15:** The decrease in the number of perpetrators appears to be a result of the change in statute regarding the Central Registry administrative review process.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are entered manually at intake points across the State and maintained in a central computer system.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Caseworker Determination

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 5:** The number 16,748 is an estimated count.

**Item 15:** The CPS computer system cannot provide data for an unduplicated number of perpetrators. Usually only one perpetrator per

victim is recorded in Tennessee's computer information system.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are derived from the State's Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Information System (CANRIS). The system contains information on completed investigations only.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Preponderance of Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 4:** The category "other" (E) includes investigations for which "staff concluded that none of the other dispositions were appropriate."

**Item 6:** The category "other" (E) includes children for whom "staff concluded that none of the other dispositions were appropriate."

**Item 7:** Workers are allowed to enter up to four types of maltreatments per victim.

The category "other" (F) includes "abandonment" and "refusal to accept parental responsibility."

**Item 15:** The information provided is duplicated. The State's reporting system counts perpetrators for each incident investigated.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

A child abuse and neglect report is used statewide, and data from the reports are entered into a central automated system.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Credible Evidence

**Comments on Specific Items**

**Item 7:** The category "other" (F) includes "abandonment" (74); "dependency" (728); "nonsupervision" (1610); and "failure to protect" (39).

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**Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods**

Data are derived from the Integrated Social Services Database.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**

Preponderance of Evidence

**Comments on Specific Items**

**Item 5:** The State is able to provide both unduplicated and duplicated counts of children and families. The unduplicated count of children is 2,778; the unduplicated count of families is 2,230. The duplicated count of children is 3,205; the duplicated count of families is 2,750.

**Item 6:** The State is able to provide both unduplicated and duplicated counts. For the category "substantiated investigations" (A), the unduplicated count is 1,498; the duplicated count is 1,660. For the category "not substantiated" (C), the unduplicated count is 1,210; the duplicated count is 1,473. For the category "closed without a finding" (D), the unduplicated count is 70; the duplicated count is 72.

**Item 7:** The category "neglect" (B) includes "substantial risk of physical or sexual abuse," which is synonymous with "lack of supervision" in Vermont, and includes prenatal acts or omissions that place a child at increased risk. It is not equal to "indicated or reason to suspect." Categorizing these additional risks under "indicated" or "substantiated" and "other" or "indicated sexual abuse" is being considered. The category "other" (F) includes "educational neglect."

**Item 15:** The count is unduplicated within category but duplicated across categories. These are only substantiated perpetrators.

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**Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods**

Data are collected by the State from information provided on computerized forms by local CPS staff. These forms are computer generated after the local worker registers each CPS complaint by telephone with the Central Registry.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**

Preponderance of Evidence

**Comments on Specific Items**

**Item 4:** Under the category "not substantiated" (C) the "number of not-substantiated allegations that were determined to be intentionally false" is child based. The category "closed without a finding" (D) includes "unable to investigate."

**Item 7:** The category "other" (F) includes "bizarre discipline" and "educational neglect."

**Item 13:** During 1992, this item was coded in different ways. Before July 1, 1992, the categories were: "victims only" (297), "both victims and caretakers" (2,341), and "caretakers only" (189). After July 1, 1992, the categories were: "victims" (5,673); "noninvolved caretakers" (3,059); and "involved caretakers" (1,491).

**Item 15:** Virginia counts the relationship by victim. Therefore, one abuser may be counted multiple times. For example, if an individual were a mother to one victim, grandmother to a second victim, and aunt to a third victim, the individual would be counted three times.

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**Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods**

No information supplied.

**Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report**

No information supplied.

## Comments on Specific Items

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data for the State reflect the enhanced data collection capabilities under development in the Case and Management Information System (CAMIS). In addition, hand-generated forms are submitted by local office staff to the Social Services Payment System (SSPS). Data also are keyed into a computer by a local clerk or social worker. Service code data for CPS is gathered at intake only. Information reflects reported data.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Preponderance of Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 14:** Number of deaths is extracted from "Crime in Washington State," the annual report of the Association of Police Chiefs and Sheriffs.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

The State does not have the data processing equipment or systems for collecting child maltreatment information. Data are from the monthly protective services report.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Caseworker Determination

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 13:** The number of families is a duplicated count.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Data are collected from a nonautomated paper system. Staff in county agencies complete a form at the end of an investigation and forward it to the State CPS agency.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report

Preponderance of Evidence

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 1:** Data are child based and are duplicated if a child was reported as being maltreated and several investigations occurred during the course of the year.

**Item 3:** Under the category "social services personnel" (A), the State includes mental health professionals, social workers, public assistance workers, and alcohol and drug counselors.

**Item 4:** Data are presented by child.

The State does not have data on the "intentionally false allegations" (C). Usually, reports are concerns about a child's welfare or about family relationships that are detrimental to the child. There is some concern about the authenticity of reports in custody or visitation situations.

The "number of investigations closed without a finding" is based on type of alleged maltreatment and may be duplicated for a child. The following are listed: physical (1,083), sexual (1,193), neglect (1,282), and emotional (182).

**Item 6:** The data are by type of maltreatment and may be duplicated for a child.

The State does not distinguish between substantiated and indicated cases. No data are available on investigations completed that were not substantiated but in which there was reason to suspect the child may have been maltreated or was at risk of maltreatment. The State presumes the good faith of reporters. Allegations or circumstances in which a person believes abuse or neglect will occur are assessed to determine if a child or family is in need of preventive services.

**Item 7:** The child count may be duplicated if a child was a victim of different types of maltreatment or if maltreatment reports were made

for an individual child at various times throughout the year.

The number of substantiated victims of "medical neglect" is not known. The number of total reports alleging "medical neglect" is 3,276.

**Item 12:** The number of victims may be duplicated since the State counts by type of maltreatment.

**Item 15:** Perpetrators are counted by type of maltreatment. Therefore, if a perpetrator was involved in physical and sexual abuse, the number of perpetrators may be duplicated.

The State does not have a caregiver definition. Any nonaccidental injury of a child, regardless of the relationship of the individual causing the injury, is included in the child abuse definitions. Therefore, the number of noncaretaker perpetrators may be high.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

Some data are a best estimate based on the State's data system and past history.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report Caseworker Determination

### Comments on Specific Items

**Item 3:** The category "legal/justice personnel" (C) includes law enforcement personnel.

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### Sources of Data and Data Collection Methods

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The data are derived from reports from the Air Force Central Registry received from U.S. Air Force installations located both within and outside of the United States and its territories.

#### Army:

Data are collected from DD Form 2486, Child/Spouse Incident Reports, sent by Army MTF worldwide. The information is maintained in an automated database. Specified data elements were selected from those reports in order to complete this task. The Army Central Registry no longer tracks indicated cases. Case data for unsubstantiated cases may or may not be available because they are purged from the registry at the end of each fiscal year.

#### Navy:

The source of data is the Navy Department Central Registry.

#### Marines:

The source of data is the Navy Department Central Registry.

All data are unduplicated within each service. Data are compiled from all four services. Data are categorized by CONUS (Continental United States) and OCONUS (Outside Continental United States). The data provided under CONUS also may have been counted in the State data, while reports originating outside the United States are not included in the State data.

### Level of Evidence Used to Substantiate a Report No information supplied.

### Comments on Specific Items

#### Navy Comments:

**Item 1:** The number of reports includes initial and reopened cases.

**Item 2:** The duplicated count of children who were the subject of a report includes subsequent cases. The unduplicated count includes initial and reopened cases.

**Item 3:** This item includes data on substantiated cases only.