

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN VIRGINIA

July 1, 2010– June 30, 2011

How many children were reported as victims of abuse or neglect in Virginia?

During SFY 2011 there were **49,619** children reported as possible victims of abuse and/or neglect in **33,963** completed reports which were accepted by Virginia's city and county departments of social services.

What were the outcomes of these reports?

There were **6,116** children in founded investigations. Founded means that a review of the facts gathered during an investigation met the preponderance of the evidence standard.

There were **8,627** children involved in unfounded investigations.

There were **34,876** children were involved in reports that received a family assessment. This means that a Child Protective Services worker completed a family services needs assessment with these families and developed a written safety plan and provided or arranged for services, if needed.

Who reported suspicions of abuse or neglect to departments of social service?

The majority of children were reported to departments of social service by school personnel (**18.4%**), relatives/parents (**17.3%**), or law enforcement (**16.4%**). A child found in a referral may be reported by more than one source.

How many children died as a result of child abuse/neglect?

In SFY 2011 there were **86 completed investigations** of child deaths due to abuse or neglect. **30** children died as a result of abuse or neglect and **26** of these children were age 4 years or younger.*
*Two cases are still pending and 2 cases are being appealed.

What were the types of maltreatment in founded investigations?

In some reports, more than one type of maltreatment may have occurred. Of all the instances of maltreatment in completed founded investigations:

- **55.96%** of the maltreatment was due to physical neglect, a failure to provide food, clothing, shelter or supervision to the child to the extent that the child's health was endangered.
- **25.91%** of the maltreatment was due to physical abuse.
- **12.74%** of the maltreatment was due to sexual abuse.
- **1.86%** of the maltreatment was due to medical neglect.
- **2.60%** of the maltreatment was due to mental abuse/neglect.

Who were the children in founded investigations?

AGE**

- **30.13%** of all victims were children younger than 4.
- **42.38%** of all victims were children aged 4 -11.
- **23.48%** of all victims were children aged 12-17.

**The age of 4.01% of the victims was unknown.

RACE***

- **66.02%** of all victims were white.
- **32.97%** of all victims were black.
- **1.20%** of all victims were Asian.

***The race of 2.54% of the victims was American Indian, Native Hawaiian or unknown.

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Fiscal Year	Founded Investigations	Unfounded Investigations	Family Assessments	Total Completed CPS Reports
2011	4,039	6,212	23,712	33,963
2010	4,058	5,964	22,765	33,026
2009	3,651	5,398	24,356	33,405
2008	3,857	5,853	22,761	32,471
2007	4,230	6,138	20,186	30,554

Central Registry Searches		
Fiscal Year	Total Searches	Matches
2003	135,167	807
2004	136,539	643
2005	151,293	820
2006	155,967	786
2007	156,799	815
2008	161,041	834
2009	159,597	334
2010	147,073	687
2011	154,047	1009