

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES CHILD FATALITY SUMMARY

July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000

(Source: Virginia Department of Social Services, 11/27/01)

37 Children Died as a result of Child Abuse and Neglect.

6 Children were involved in a prior founded CPS Report.

Localities with Founded CPS Fatalities

Bedford	1	Montgomery	1
Chesapeake	1	New Kent	1
Danville	1	Newport News	3
Dinwiddie	1	Norfolk	3
Fairfax	1	Orange	1
Fredericksburg	1	Portsmouth	2
Hampton	1	Prince William	1
Henrico	1	Richmond City	3
Hopewell	2	Roanoke County	2
Isle of Wight	1	Rockingham	2
James City County	1	Suffolk	1
King George	1	Virginia Beach	4

Cause of Death (37 Children*)

Physical Abuse (24 Children)

Battering	9
Shaken baby syndrome	8
Burning	2
Stabbing	2
Gun shot	1
Poisoning	1
Asphyxiation	1

Sexual Abuse (1 Child) 1

Physical Neglect (13 Children)

Drowning	6
House fire	1
Accidental shooting with unsecured gun	1
Drug overdose	1
Abandonment in unsafe environment	1
Inadequate food	1
Other lack of supervision	2

Medical Neglect (1 Child) 1

* Two children were abused and neglected.

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Child Demographic Data (37 Children)

Gender

Female	16
Male	21

Race

White	17
Black	19
Hispanic	1

Age

Birth – 12 months	17
1 year – 2 years	11
3 years – 4 years	4
5 years – 13 years	5

Abuser Demographic Data (45 Abusers*)

Gender

Female	18
Male	27

Race

White	19
Black	25
Hispanic	1

Relationship

Biological mother	15
Biological father	12
Paramour of mother	9
Step-father	3
Babysitter	2
Other	5

* One abuser was responsible for two deaths.