

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN VIRGINIA July 1, 2013– June 30, 2014

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

During State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2014, there were **50,136** children reported as possible victims of abuse or neglect in **32,907** completed reports which were accepted by Virginia's city and county departments of social services.

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 (21.52%), anonymous/other (19.90%), law enforcement/legal (17.33%), relatives/parents (16.15%), mental health (9.39%), medical community (8.16%) and social services staff (3.89%).

What were the outcomes of these reports?

There were **6,792** 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 **9,608 children** involved in unfounded investigations.

There were **33,736 children** 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.

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:

- **56.45%** 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.
- **26.13%** of the maltreatment was due to physical abuse.
- **10.84%** of the maltreatment was due to sexual abuse.
- **3.28%** of the maltreatment was due to mental abuse/neglect.
- **2.29%** of the maltreatment was due to medical neglect.

Who were the children in founded investigations?

AGE**

- **30.34%** of all victims were children younger than 4
- **42.58%** of all victims were children aged 4 -11
- **22.22%** of all victims were children aged 12-17

**The age of 4.86% of the victims was unknown.

RACE***

- **67.02%** of all victims were white
- **32.17%** of all victims were black
- **1.17%** of all victims were Asian

***The race of 1.21% of the victims was American Indian, Native Hawaiian or unknown.

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How many children died as a result of child abuse/neglect in SFY 2014?

- There were 122 completed investigations of child deaths due to suspected abuse or neglect that involved 123 children.
- Forty-one children died as a result of abuse or neglect.
- Thirty-one (76%) of these children were age 4 years or younger.
- Eight cases are pending and five cases are under appeal as of 2-6-2015.

Child Fatalities- SFY 2010 to SFY 2014

Fiscal Year	Founded Fatalities	Unfounded Fatalities	Other*	Total
2014	41	69	13	123
2013	33	66	7	106
2012	38	72	0	110
2011	32	52	2	86
2010	45	33	1	79

*pending or appealed

Completed reports SFY 2010 to SFY 2014

Fiscal Year	Founded Investigations	Unfounded Investigations	Family Assessments	Total Completed CPS Reports
2014	4,312	6,728	21,867	32,907
2013	3,863	6,251	23,747	33,861
2012	4,103	6,464	24,911	35,478
2011	4,039	6,212	23,712	33,963
2010	4,058	5,964	22,765	33,026

Children in completed reports SFY 2010 to SFY 2014

Fiscal Year	Founded	Unfounded	Family Assessment	Total
2014	6,792	9,608	33,736	50,136
2013	6,205	8,848	36,293	51,346
2012	6,365	8,974	37,336	52,675
2011	6,116	8,627	34,876	49,619
2010	6,234	8,187	34,185	48,606

Ages of children in founded investigations from SFY 2010 to SFY 2014

Fiscal Year	Younger than 4 years of age	Ages 4 to 11	Ages 12-17	Unknown
2014	30%	43%	22%	5%
2013	30%	43%	23%	4%
2012	31%	42%	23%	5%
2011	30%	42%	23%	4%
2010	31%	41%	23%	4%