

# CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN VIRGINIA

## July 1, 2014– June 30, 2015

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

During State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2015, there were **49,868** children reported as possible victims of abuse or neglect in **33,020** 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 (21.28%), anonymous/other (18.91%), law enforcement/legal (18.33%), relatives/parents (15.24%), mental health (10.39%), medical community (8.91%), social services staff (3.65%) and child care providers (.92%).

### What were the outcomes of these reports?

There were **6,592** 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 **9,467** children involved in unfounded investigations.

There were **33,809** 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\*\*

- **31.74%** of all victims were children younger than 4
- **42.96%** of all victims were children aged 4 -11
- **21.49%** of all victims were children aged 12-17

\*\*The age of 3.80% of the victims was unknown.

#### RACE\*\*\*

- **67.86%** of all victims were white
- **32.53%** of all victims were black
- **1.12%** of all victims were Asian

\*\*\*The race of 1.06% 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 2015?**

- There were 128 completed investigations of child deaths due to suspected abuse or neglect that involved 131 children. (Three investigations involved more than one child.)
- Forty-eight children died as a result of abuse or neglect.
- Thirty-eight (79%) of these children were age 4 years or younger.
- Seventeen cases are pending and three cases are under appeal as of 12-17-2015.

**Child Fatalities- SFY 2011 to SFY 2015**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Founded Fatalities</b>	<b>Unfounded Fatalities</b>	<b>Other (pending or appealed)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>131</b>
2014*	47	69	4	124
2013*	36	67	3	106
2012	38	72	0	110
2011	32	52	2	86

\*Updated 12-17-15

**Completed reports SFY 2011 to SFY 2015**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Founded Investigations</b>	<b>Unfounded Investigations</b>	<b>Family Assessments</b>	<b>Total Completed CPS Reports</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>4,173</b>	<b>6,733</b>	<b>22,114</b>	<b>33,020</b>
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

**Children in completed reports SFY 2011 to SFY 2015**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Founded</b>	<b>Unfounded</b>	<b>Family Assessment</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>6,592</b>	<b>9,467</b>	<b>33,809</b>	<b>49,868</b>
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

**Ages of children in founded investigations from SFY 2011 to SFY 2015**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Younger than 4 years of age</b>	<b>Ages 4 to 11</b>	<b>Ages 12-17</b>	<b>Unknown</b>
<b>2015</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>43%</b>	<b>21%</b>	<b>4%</b>
2014	30%	43%	22%	5%
2013	30%	43%	23%	4%
2012	31%	42%	23%	5%
2011	30%	42%	23%	4%