



State Child Welfare Policy Database

Child Maltreatment Facts FFY 2014: Pennsylvania

Child abuse and neglect investigations^{1,2}

	PA	US
Number of children who received an investigation or assessment for abuse or neglect	25,123	3,248,005
Rate of investigations or assessments per 1,000 children in the population	9.3	43.7
Average response time from report to investigation	NR	75 days

Victims of child maltreatment³

	PA	US
Number of children found to be victims of maltreatment	3,262	702,208
Percent of children investigated/assessed found to be a victim of maltreatment	13%	22%
Rate of victims per 1,000 children in the population	1.2	9.4
Percent of victims who were "first-time" victims (i.e., no previous findings of maltreatment)	94%	73%

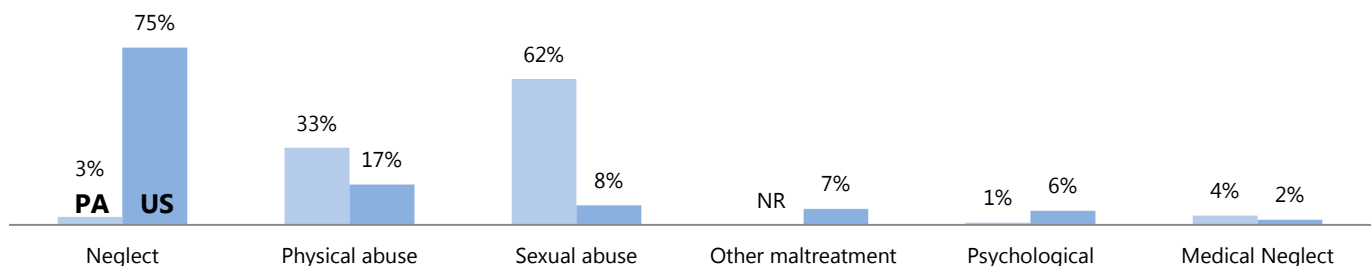
Gender of maltreatment victims

	PA	US
Male	35%	49%
Female	65%	51%

Age distribution of maltreatment victims

	PA	US
0-3 years old	17%	34%
4-7 years old	21%	25%
8-11 years old	19%	19%
12-15 years old	29%	17%
16-17 years old	12%	6%
Unknown, unborn or 18-21 years old	2%	<1%

Maltreatment types⁴



Source, unless specified otherwise: This information is from the federal National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), and represents the federal fiscal year 2014 reporting period (October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014). Data are publicly available in Child Maltreatment 2014, (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. (2016). Available from <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment>.

Child fatalities attributed to maltreatment

	PA	US
Number of child fatalities attributed to maltreatment	34	1,546
Rate of maltreatment fatalities per 100,000 children in the population	1.26	2.13

Child maltreatment perpetrators⁵

	PA	US
Parent of the child	47%	78%
Non-parent or of unknown relationship to the child ⁶	53%	22%

¹ This reflects a "unique count of children who had a maltreatment report investigated or assessed" (i.e., a child who had at least one maltreatment report investigated/assessed was counted once, regardless of how many investigations/assessments they had).

² Fields with "NR" signify that the data was not reported or available in the 2014 Child Maltreatment Report. See Appendix D of the report for more detailed information by state.

³ Unless noted otherwise, data on victims represents "unique victims" (i.e., a child is counted once regardless of how many times s/he was determined to be a victim of maltreatment).

⁴ Total may exceed 100%. Children who experienced more than one type of maltreatment were counted in each applicable category.

⁵ In the Child Maltreatment 2014 report, perpetrators and relationships are only counted once regardless of the number of times the perpetrator was reported. Previous reports counted each relationship and percentages of relationships totaled more than 100 percent.

⁶ Child daycare provider, foster parent, friends or neighbors, legal guardian, other, other professional, other relative, group home and residential facility staff, unmarried partner of parent, multiple relationships, or unknown.