



State Child Welfare Policy Database

Child Maltreatment Facts FFY 2014: Tennessee

Child abuse and neglect referrals¹

	TN	US
Number of referrals made to the child welfare agency	118,749	3,119,309
Percent of referrals which met the criteria for an investigation or assessment	64%	61%
Rate of referrals made per 1,000 children in the population	79.5	48.8

Child abuse and neglect investigations²

	TN	US
Number of children who received an investigation or assessment for abuse or neglect	94,657	3,248,005
Rate of investigations or assessments per 1,000 children in the population	63.3	43.7
Average response time from report to investigation	134 days	75 days

Victims of child maltreatment³

	TN	US
Number of children found to be victims of maltreatment	11,695	702,208
Percent of children investigated/assessed found to be a victim of maltreatment	12%	22%
Rate of victims per 1,000 children in the population	7.8	9.4
Percent of victims who were "first-time" victims (i.e., no previous findings of maltreatment)	85%	73%

Gender of maltreatment victims

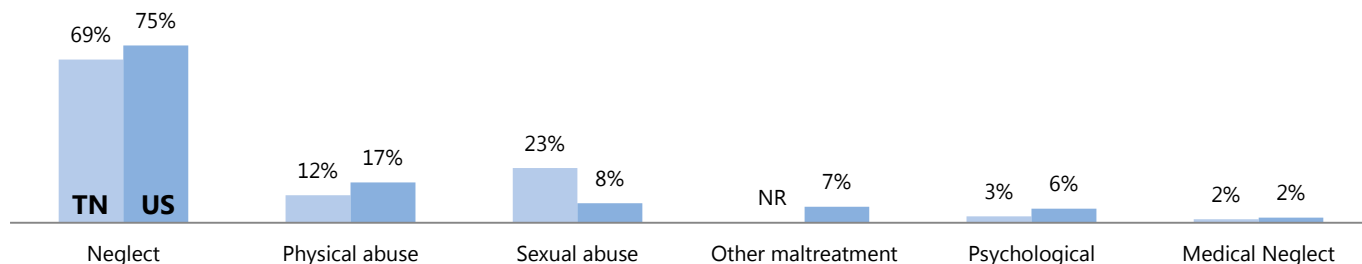
	TN	US
Male	45%	49%
Female	55%	51%

Age distribution of maltreatment victims

	TN	US
0-3 years old	40%	34%
4-7 years old	21%	25%
8-11 years old	15%	19%
12-15 years old	16%	17%
16-17 years old	6%	6%
Unknown, unborn or 18-21 years old	2%	<1%

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>.

Maltreatment types^{4,5}



Child fatalities attributed to maltreatment

	TN	US
Number of child fatalities attributed to maltreatment	28	1,546
Rate of maltreatment fatalities per 100,000 children in the population	1.87	2.13

Postresponse services⁶

	TN	US
Percent of victims who received postresponse services	100%	64%
Percent of non-victims who received postresponse services	100%	32%
Percent of victims who received foster care services	87%	23%
Percent of non-victims who received foster care services	2%	3%
Average time from report receipt to service initiation	NR	49 days

¹ Referrals can include more than one child.

² 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).

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 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.

⁶ NCANDS collects data for 26 types of services including but not limited to adoption, foster care, family preservation, mental health, and substance abuse. Postresponse services are defined as services that were delivered between the date the report was received and up to 90 days after the disposition date. Duplicate count of victims (i.e., a single child was counted for each postresponse event s/he had). Foster care services are defined as activities associated with 24 hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the State Title IV-B/IV-E agency has responsibility for placement, care, or supervision.