

FACT SHEET

NATIONAL STATISTICS

- The United States spends \$258 million each day as a direct (costs associated with the immediate needs of abused and neglected children) and indirect (costs associated with long-term/secondary effects of abuse and neglect) result of the abuse and neglect of our nation's children. The annual costs are equivalent to \$1,461.66 per U.S. family.
- According to a report published in 2001 by Prevent Child Abuse America, the total estimated cost of direct abuse and neglect is over \$24 billion annually. The indirect cost is estimated at over \$94 billion annually.
- Of the 826,000 confirmed cases, 58.4% suffered neglect, 21.3% suffered physical abuse and 11.3% were sexually abused.
- In 2000, 1.87 out of every 100,000 children died from abuse or neglect. This rate yields a national estimate of 1,356 child deaths from abuse and neglect.
- Children younger than a year old accounted for 42.6% of the fatalities, and 86.1% were younger than 6 years of age. Male and female children accounted for almost equal percentages of victims in each age group.
- Children who had been victimized prior to 1999 were almost 3 times more likely to experience recurrence during the 6 months following their first victimization in 1999 than children without a prior history of victimization.
- Parents continue to be the main perpetrators of child maltreatment. Approximately 87% of all victims were maltreated by at least one parent. The most common pattern of maltreatment (45%) was a child victimized by a female parent acting alone.

Each Day in the United States ...

- 4 children die from child abuse
- 27 children die from poverty
- 689 babies are born with inadequate prenatal care
- 13,700 children are abused and neglected

Every ...

- 11 seconds a child is reported abused or neglected
- 5 minutes a child is arrested for a violent crime
- 17 minutes a baby dies
- 2 hours a child is a homicide victim

TEXAS STATISTICS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003

- The number of children who died from abuse or neglect totaled 184
- Child Protective Services received 186,160 reports of child abuse and neglect. There were 131,130 investigations of child abuse & neglect by CPS and 50,208 were confirmed victims.
- Abused & neglected children are 53% more likely to be arrested as a juvenile & 38% more likely to be arrested as an adult.

CONFIRMED VICTIMS OF CHILD ABUSE AND/OR NEGLECT BY TYPE OF ABUSE AND NEGLECT:

Physical abuse: 13,606

Sexual abuse: 7,473

Emotional abuse: 1,067

Abandonment: 420

Medical neglect: 2,371

Physical neglect: 7,198

Neglectful Supervision: 26,338

Refusal to accept parental responsibility: 845

- **Physical:**
60-70% of abused children suffer bruises and welts; 15-20% incur skeletal injury
25-30% of cases involve brain or neuromotor dysfunction
- **Social:**
60% of prostitutes were sexually abused as children
65% of prison inmates at the Ferguson Unit (TDC) were abused as children
90% of convicted murderers were physically abused as children
- **Emotional & Psychological:**
50% abused children have school related problems
22% suffer learning disorders requiring special education
60-80% of adult drug or alcohol abusers have a history of child abuse



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