



OCYF Trauma Team

About National Child Abuse Prevention

Each year, the Children's Bureau releases a [Child Maltreatment](#) report that explores data from the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System. It is essential to recognize the full scope of this initiative to appreciate the extensive efforts and dedication demonstrated daily by the child welfare workforce. By understanding these complexities, stakeholders are better positioned to support and implement effective, solution-based strategies that address the need for trauma-informed approaches.

The [Child Maltreatment 2024](#) report provides the following child statistical information related to child abuse based on submission by 48 states:

- There are approximately 58,551,040 children reported to be in the United States.
- There were 1,480 child fatalities reported of which 659 were under the age of one, this represents almost half (44.5%) of all child fatalities.
- Of the child fatalities, 71 were Pennsylvania residents.
- Based on the reporting of 42 states, 81.4% of child fatalities involve a parent as a perpetrator.

State child services, provided both when children remain in their homes and when they must enter out-of-home care, are intended to address the conditions that brought the family to the attention of the CPS agency and to prevent future instances of child maltreatment. Here are highlights from the national report *Child Maltreatment 2024*:

- Based on data from 46 states, the FFY 2024 estimated total child recipients of prevention services is 2,230,175. Approximately 176,426 were Pennsylvania recipients.
- During FFY 2024, 880,436 children received post-response services from a CPS agency. Approximately 44,180 were Pennsylvania recipients.

The data only includes services provided or funded by State and local CPS agencies. To access additional information and resources on child abuse and neglect, visit the [State Child Abuse & Neglect Policies Database](#).

Suspect Abuse? Report it! Call ChildLine at 1-800-932-0313

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