



Child Abuse/Neglect Statistics

Data as of December 31, 2016



Explaining Variations Over Time in Indicated Report and Indicated Victim Counts

Important legacy reports contain counts of indicated reports. Investigators ‘indicate’ reports (issue findings of abuse or neglect) when they substantiate the allegations contained in a report of abuse or neglect.

Investigations (reports) however can be retroactively unfounded (the finding of abuse or neglect is withdrawn). The two major contributors are sustained appeals of a finding of abuse or neglect and court mandated unbounding of the investigator’s findings.

Investigations whose findings are reversed (unfounded) on the basis of appeals are low in volume and rarely noticed in retroactive reports counting indicated reports. Appeals apply to just single indicated reports. The count of indicated reports for a certain time period run today or run 3 months from now will be the essentially the same data if only sustained appeals are involved.

However, indicated reports unfounded by court order can run in the thousands. The effect is noticeable. In this instance a court orders that a finding on a specific allegation type be reversed for all such allegations that occurred within a certain period.

Up to this point, mandated unboundings on the basis of court orders has been limited to just allegation 60 – ‘Risk of Harm’. When that allegation is the only indicated allegation in the entire report, the entire report disappears from the count of indicated reports and is counted as unfounded.

Ashley M. and Julie Q. are the two class action suits leading to court orders to unbound indicated reports. During the periods covered by these reports all allegation 60 indicated findings are reversed (unfounded). Findings for allegation 60 for reports outside those periods remain unaffected.

The result is inconsistency in counts of indicated reports across time and inconsistency counting indicated reports within a period at two different times when these court orders are implemented. Trends can be established for total number of reports investigated and numbers of non-risk of harm allegations indicated, just not for indicated reports, for the affected allegation, or indicated victims if the only indicated allegation is that affected allegation.

History for Court Reversals of Indicated Findings	
Class Action Lawsuit	Period Affected
Julie Q.	October 1, 2001 – July 12, 2012
Ashley M.	July 13, 2012 – December 31, 2013
Ashley M.	May 31, 2014 – June 11, 2014

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	<u>FY2017</u>	<u>FY2016</u>	<u>FY2015</u>	<u>FY2014</u>	<u>FY2013</u>	<u>FY2012</u>	<u>FY2011</u>	<u>FY2010</u>	<u>FY2009</u>	<u>FY2008</u>
Alleged Victims	58,629	127,242	110,098	109,782	108,604	106,237	101,507	109,184	111,727	111,894
Indicated Victims	11,419	32,182	33,043	26,594	19,630	20,806	17,379	18,391	19,413	20,294
Family Reports	36,388	78,575	67,727	67,747	66,923	65,963	63,045	67,380	68,737	67,960
Indicated Families	6,713	18,845	19,193	15,893	12,473	13,087	10,927	11,702	12,403	12,873
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	3,689	8,422	7,547	7,569	7,880	8,208	8,334	8,510	8,682	8,959
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	607	2,069	2,115	2,095	2,035	2,073	2,285	2,399	2,420	2,382
Protective Custodies Taken	2,057	4,577	4,492	4,454	4,392	4,544	4,568	4,880	4,386	4,804
Initial Oral Reports	27,097	59,451	52,278	52,176	50,619	48,675	47,421	51,016	52,098	51,567
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	4,474	13,020	13,746	11,203	8,872	8,940	7,610	8,112	8,556	8,959
Subsequent Oral Reports	9,291	19,124	15,449	15,571	16,304	17,288	15,624	16,364	16,639	16,393
Indicated Subsequent Oral Rpts.	2,239	5,825	5,447	4,690	3,601	4,147	3,317	3,590	3,847	3,914
Substance Exposed Infant Rpts.	366	808	700	681	566	558	580	621	702	903
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	291	619	539	499	447	433	466	518	582	776

Following Are Unduplicated Counts For FY16:

Family Reports:	69,238	Indicated Families:	17,188
Alleged Child Victims:	104,874	Indicated Children:	29,217

Following Are Unduplicated Counts For FY17:

Family Reports:	33,286	Indicated Families:	6,371
Alleged Child Victims:	51,895	Indicated Children:	10,740

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Alleged Victims	16,393	36,388	32,515	33,134	33,015	32,132	31,347	33,418	34,140	34,568
Indicated Victims	2,845	8,268	9,417	7,978	5,804	6,138	4,938	5,316	5,624	6,075
Family Reports	10,500	23,373	20,576	20,882	20,833	20,274	19,886	20,963	21,278	21,186
Indicated Families	1,697	5,004	5,599	4,809	3,759	3,931	3,140	3,424	3,693	3,943
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	1,197	2,800	2,529	2,632	2,637	2,801	2,636	2,671	2,674	2,851
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	233	688	656	734	679	756	666	664	698	773
Protective Custodies Taken	546	1,334	1,566	1,504	1,414	1,376	1,264	1,348	1,279	1,681
Initial Oral Reports	8,230	18,544	16,608	16,898	16,788	15,876	15,940	16,873	17,122	17,066
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	1,173	3,652	4,178	3,590	2,875	2,837	2,350	2,526	2,737	2,865
Subsequent Oral Reports	2,270	4,829	3,968	3,984	4,045	4,398	3,946	4,090	4,156	4,120
Indicated Subsequent Oral Rpts.	524	1,352	1,421	1,219	884	1,094	790	898	956	1,078
Substance Exposed Infant Rpts.	85	238	210	252	215	228	255	298	370	449
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	74	203	176	204	179	203	220	266	335	410

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Alleged Victims	42,236	90,854	77,583	76,648	75,589	74,105	70,160	75,766	77,587	77,326
Indicated Victims	8,574	23,914	23,626	18,616	13,826	14,668	12,441	13,075	13,789	14,219
Family Reports	25,888	55,202	47,151	46,865	46,090	45,689	43,159	46,417	47,459	46,774
Indicated Families	5,016	13,841	13,594	11,084	8,714	9,156	7,787	8,278	8,710	8,930
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	2,492	5,622	5,018	4,937	5,243	5,407	5,120	5,296	5,660	5,659
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	374	1,381	1,459	1,361	1,356	1,410	1,446	1,409	1,587	1,625
Protective Custodies Taken	1,511	3,243	3,174	3,216	3,078	3,078	3,126	3,196	3,289	3,193
Initial Oral Reports	18,867	40,907	35,670	35,278	33,831	32,799	31,481	34,143	34,976	34,501
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	3,301	9,368	9,568	7,613	5,997	6,103	5,260	5,586	5,819	6,094
Subsequent Oral Reports	7,021	14,295	11,481	11,587	12,259	12,890	11,678	12,274	12,483	12,273
Indicated Subsequent Oral Rpts.	1,715	4,473	4,026	3,471	2,717	3,053	2,527	2,692	2,891	2,836
Substance Exposed Infant Rpts.	281	570	490	429	351	330	325	323	332	454
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	217	416	363	295	268	230	246	252	247	366

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	60,004	58,629	-2.3
Indicated Victims	15,820	11,419	-27.8
Family Reports	36,772	36,388	-1.0
Indicated Reports	9,270	6,713	-27.6
Unfounded Reports	27,492	20,960	-23.8
Pending Reports	10	8,715	*****
Initial Oral Reports	28,084	27,097	-3.5
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	6,455	4,474	-30.7
Subsequent Oral Reports	8,688	9,291	6.9
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	2,815	2,239	-20.5
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	3,969	3,689	-7.1
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	1,000	607	-39.3
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	7	1,156	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	2,962	1,926	-35.0
Protective Custodies Taken	2,300	2,057	-10.6
Priority 1 Reports	3,937	3,719	-5.5
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	1,026	633	-38.3
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	3,328	2,997	-9.9
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	856	495	-42.2
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	609	722	18.6
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	170	138	-18.8
Substance Exposed Infant Report	403	366	-9.2
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	314	291	-7.3

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	16,675	16,393	-1.7
Indicated Victims	4,189	2,845	-32.1
Family Reports	10,553	10,500	-0.5
Indicated Reports	2,526	1,697	-32.8
Unfounded Reports	8,026	6,069	-24.4
Pending Reports	1	2,734	*****
Initial Oral Reports	8,429	8,230	-2.4
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	1,820	1,173	-35.5
Subsequent Oral Reports	2,124	2,270	6.9
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	706	524	-25.8
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	1,251	1,197	-4.3
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	316	233	-26.3
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	0	369	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	935	595	-36.4
Protective Custodies Taken	727	546	-24.9
Priority 1 Reports	1,283	1,207	-5.9
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	336	245	-27.1
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	1,130	1,036	-8.3
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	297	204	-31.3
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	153	171	11.8
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	39	41	5.1
Substance Exposed Infant Report	126	85	-32.5
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	109	74	-32.1

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	43,329	42,236	-2.5
Indicated Victims	11,631	8,574	-26.3
Family Reports	26,219	25,888	-1.3
Indicated Reports	6,744	5,016	-25.6
Unfounded Reports	19,466	14,891	-23.5
Pending Reports	9	5,981	*****
Initial Oral Reports	19,655	18,867	-4.0
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	4,635	3,301	-28.8
Subsequent Oral Reports	6,564	7,021	7.0
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	2,109	1,715	-18.7
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	2,718	2,492	-8.3
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	684	374	-45.3
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	7	787	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	2,027	1,331	-34.3
Protective Custodies Taken	1,573	1,511	-3.9
Priority 1 Reports	2,654	2,512	-5.4
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	690	388	-43.8
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	2,198	1,961	-10.8
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	559	291	-47.9
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	456	551	20.8
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	131	97	-26.0
Substance Exposed Infant Report	277	281	1.4
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	205	217	5.9

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	9,953	8,890	-10.7
Indicated Victims	2,461	246	-90.0
Family Reports	6,083	5,612	-7.7
Indicated Reports	1,456	150	-89.7
Unfounded Reports	4,624	940	-79.7
Pending Reports	3	4,522	*****
Initial Oral Reports	4,567	4,138	-9.4
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	982	85	-91.3
Subsequent Oral Reports	1,516	1,474	-2.8
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	474	65	-86.3
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	676	558	-17.5
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	154	2	-98.7
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	4	509	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	518	47	-90.9
Protective Custodies Taken	349	184	-47.3
Priority 1 Reports	660	569	-13.8
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	156	3	-98.1
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	551	461	-16.3
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	130	2	-98.5
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	109	108	-0.9
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	26	1	-96.2
Substance Exposed Infant Report	69	8	-88.4
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	50	3	-94.0

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Alleged Victims	2,774	2,576	-7.1
Indicated Victims	604	57	-90.6
Family Reports	1,763	1,722	-2.3
Indicated Reports	377	40	-89.4
Unfounded Reports	1,386	273	-80.3
Pending Reports	0	1,409	*****
Initial Oral Reports	1,392	1,322	-5.0
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	268	22	-91.8
Subsequent Oral Reports	371	400	7.8
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	109	18	-83.5
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	226	198	-12.4
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	50	0	-100.0
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	0	188	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	176	10	-94.3
Protective Custodies Taken	101	39	-61.4
Priority 1 Reports	235	195	-17.0
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	55	0	-100.0
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	208	168	-19.2
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	51	0	-100.0
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	27	27	0.0
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	4	0	-100.0
Substance Exposed Infant Report	20	1	-95.0
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	14	0	-100.0

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	7,179	6,314	-12.0
Indicated Victims	1,857	189	-89.8
Family Reports	4,320	3,890	-10.0
Indicated Reports	1,079	110	-89.8
Unfounded Reports	3,238	667	-79.4
Pending Reports	3	3,113	*****
Initial Oral Reports	3,175	2,816	-11.3
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	714	63	-91.2
Subsequent Oral Reports	1,145	1,074	-6.2
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	365	47	-87.1
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	450	360	-20.0
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	104	2	-98.1
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	4	321	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	342	37	-89.2
Protective Custodies Taken	248	145	-41.5
Priority 1 Reports	425	374	-12.0
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	101	3	-97.0
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	343	293	-14.6
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	79	2	-97.5
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	82	81	-1.2
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	22	1	-95.5
Substance Exposed Infant Report	49	7	-85.7
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	36	3	-91.7

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	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	110,098	127,242	15.6
Indicated Victims	33,043	32,182	-2.6
Family Reports	67,727	78,575	16.0
Indicated Reports	19,193	18,845	-1.8
Unfounded Reports	48,531	59,614	22.8
Pending Reports	3	116	*****
Initial Oral Reports	52,278	59,451	13.7
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	13,746	13,020	-5.3
Subsequent Oral Reports	15,449	19,124	23.8
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	5,447	5,825	6.9
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	7,547	8,422	11.6
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	2,115	2,069	-2.2
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	2	51	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	5,430	6,302	16.1
Protective Custodies Taken	4,740	4,577	-3.4
Priority 1 Reports	7,325	8,344	13.9
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	2,190	2,125	-3.0
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	6,129	6,912	12.8
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	1,809	1,746	-3.5
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	1,196	1,432	19.7
Indicated Pri 1 Subsseq Oral Reports	381	379	-0.5
Substance Exposed Infant Report	700	808	15.4
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	539	619	14.8

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	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	32,515	36,388	11.9
Indicated Victims	9,417	8,268	-12.2
Family Reports	20,576	23,373	13.6
Indicated Reports	5,599	5,004	-10.6
Unfounded Reports	14,977	18,356	22.6
Pending Reports	0	13	*****
Initial Oral Reports	16,608	18,544	11.7
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	4,178	3,652	-12.6
Subsequent Oral Reports	3,968	4,829	21.7
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	1,421	1,352	-4.9
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	2,529	2,800	10.7
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	656	688	4.9
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	0	4	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	1,873	2,108	12.5
Protective Custodies Taken	1,566	1,334	-14.8
Priority 1 Reports	2,521	2,845	12.9
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	753	726	-3.6
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	2,201	2,472	12.3
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	644	637	-1.1
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	320	373	16.6
Indicated Pri 1 Subsseq Oral Reports	109	89	-18.3
Substance Exposed Infant Report	210	238	13.3
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	176	203	15.3

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	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	77,583	90,854	17.1
Indicated Victims	23,626	23,914	1.2
Family Reports	47,151	55,202	17.1
Indicated Reports	13,594	13,841	1.8
Unfounded Reports	33,554	41,258	23.0
Pending Reports	3	103	*****
Initial Oral Reports	35,670	40,907	14.7
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	9,568	9,368	-2.1
Subsequent Oral Reports	11,481	14,295	24.5
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	4,026	4,473	11.1
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	5,018	5,622	12.0
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	1,459	1,381	-5.3
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	2	47	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	3,557	4,194	17.9
Protective Custodies Taken	3,174	3,243	2.2
Priority 1 Reports	4,804	5,499	14.5
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	1,437	1,399	-2.6
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	3,928	4,440	13.0
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	1,165	1,109	-4.8
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	876	1,059	20.9
Indicated Pri 1 Subsseq Oral Reports	272	290	6.6
Substance Exposed Infant Report	490	570	16.3
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	363	416	14.6

GLOSSARY

DEFINITION OF TERMS

PENDING. An investigation of suspected child abuse/neglect has not been completely investigated or the investigation finding has not yet been data entered into the SACWIS system

UNFOUNDED. An investigation of suspected child abuse/neglect has revealed no credible evidence that the abuse/neglect occurred.

INDICATED. An investigation of suspected child abuse/neglect has revealed credible evidence that the abuse/neglect occurred.

FAMILY REPORTS. A single investigation of suspected abuse/neglect. A family report can contain multiple adult subjects and children but for statistical purposes the report is counted only once.

CHILD REPORTS. The number of alleged victims in family reports of suspected abuse/neglect. A family report can contain multiple alleged child victims and for statistical purposes all alleged victims are counted.

SEXUAL ABUSE VICTIMS. The number of alleged child victims in abuse/neglect reports where the alleged victim is reported for at least one allegation of sexual abuse.

CHILD PROTECTIVE CUSTODIES. The number of alleged child victims in abuse/neglect reports where the child was taken into temporary protective custody.

PRIORITY 1 REPORTS. The number of family reports of alleged abuse/neglect where at least one of the alleged child victims was reported for a priority 1 allegation or was taken into temporary protective custody.

INITIAL INVESTIGATION. An investigation of suspected abuse/neglect that determined there was no good faith indication of potential abuse/neglect and a formal investigation is not warranted. Initial investigations result in an "unfounded" finding.

S.E.I. REPORTS. The number of alleged child victims under age one who have been reported for allegation(s) 15 and/or 65 (Substance Misuse). S.E.I. denotes a Substance Exposed Infant.

SOR REPORT. SOR denotes a Subsequent Oral Family Report of suspected abuse/neglect, i.e. the family has previously been "indicated" for abuse/neglect or there is a previous "pending" report of suspected abuse/neglect on file in the SACWIS system.