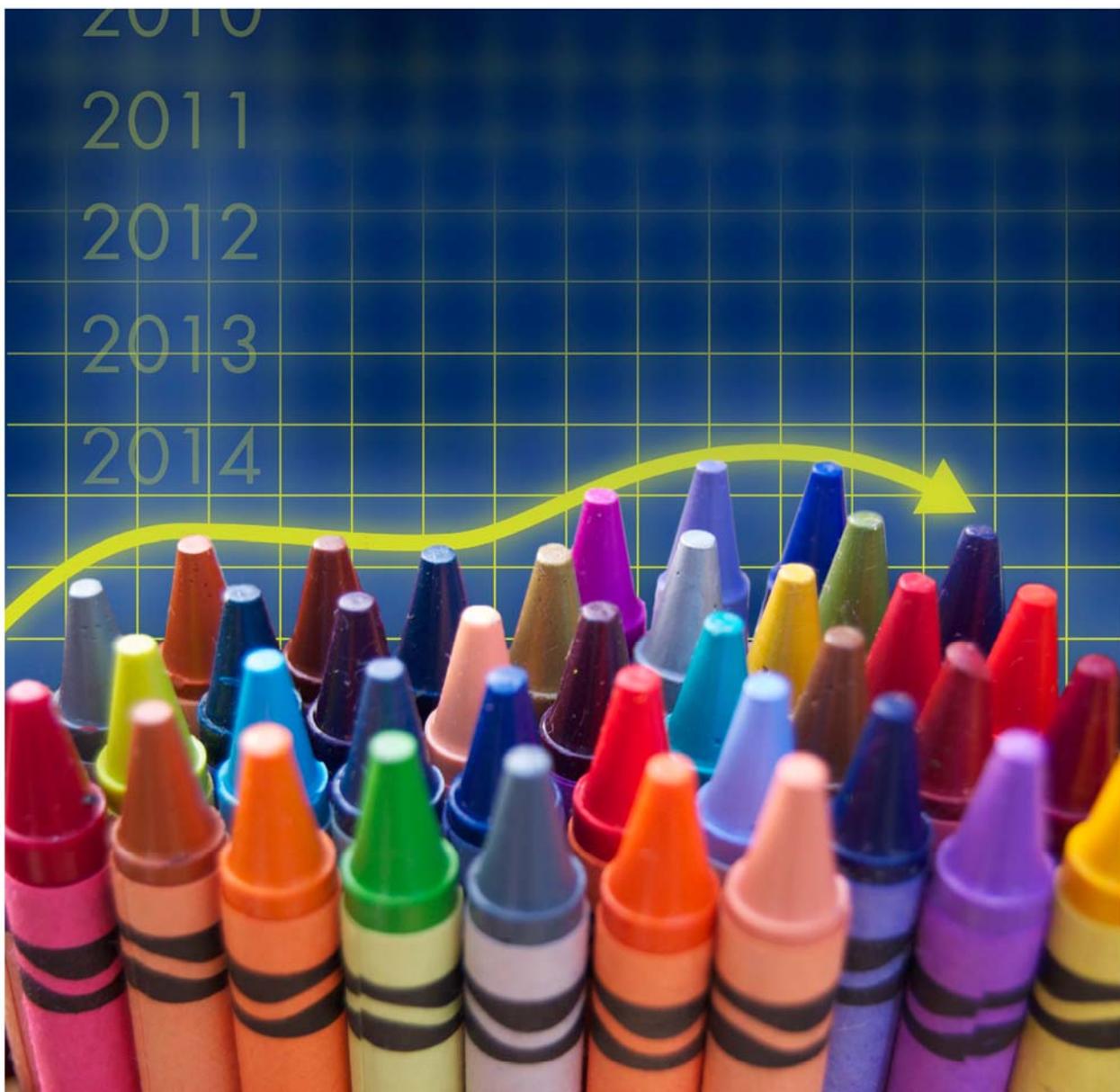




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Explaining Variations Over Time in Indicated Report and Indicated Victim Counts

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Investigations (reports) however can be retroactively unfounded (the finding of abuse or neglect is withdrawn).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	68,475	127,249	110,098	109,782	108,604	106,236	101,507	109,184	111,727	111,894
Indicated Victims	13,881	32,213	33,043	23,292	19,630	20,806	17,379	18,391	19,413	20,294
Family Reports	42,504	78,575	67,727	67,747	66,923	65,963	63,045	67,380	68,737	67,960
Indicated Families	8,190	18,868	19,193	14,302	12,473	13,087	10,927	11,702	12,403	12,873
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	4,332	8,425	7,547	7,569	7,880	8,208	8,334	8,510	8,682	8,959
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	751	2,082	2,115	2,095	2,035	2,073	2,285	2,399	2,420	2,382
Protective Custodies Taken	2,412	4,577	4,492	4,454	4,392	4,544	4,568	4,880	4,386	4,804
Initial Oral Reports	31,739	59,452	52,278	52,176	50,619	48,675	47,421	51,016	52,098	51,567
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	5,420	13,032	13,746	10,133	8,872	8,940	7,610	8,112	8,556	8,959
Subsequent Oral Reports	10,765	19,123	15,449	15,571	16,304	17,288	15,624	16,364	16,639	16,393
Indicated Subsequent Oral Rpts.	2,770	5,836	5,447	4,169	3,601	4,147	3,317	3,590	3,847	3,914
Substance Exposed Infant Rpts.	437	809	700	681	566	558	580	621	702	903
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	350	620	539	499	447	433	466	518	582	776

Following Are Unduplicated Counts For FY16:

Family Reports:	69,239	Indicated Families:	17,206
Alleged Child Victims:	104,835	Indicated Children:	29,246

Following Are Unduplicated Counts For FY17:

Family Reports:	38,632	Indicated Families:	7,688
Alleged Child Victims:	59,849	Indicated Children:	12,953

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Alleged Victims	19,256	36,394	32,515	33,134	33,015	32,132	31,347	33,418	34,140	34,568
Indicated Victims	3,458	8,273	9,417	7,139	5,804	6,138	4,938	5,316	5,624	6,075
Family Reports	12,298	23,373	20,576	20,882	20,833	20,274	19,886	20,963	21,278	21,186
Indicated Families	2,071	5,007	5,599	4,410	3,759	3,931	3,140	3,424	3,693	3,943
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	1,405	2,800	2,529	2,632	2,637	2,801	2,636	2,671	2,674	2,851
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	282	689	656	734	679	756	666	664	698	773
Protective Custodies Taken	661	1,334	1,566	1,504	1,414	1,376	1,264	1,348	1,279	1,681
Initial Oral Reports	9,672	18,544	16,608	16,898	16,788	15,876	15,940	16,873	17,122	17,066
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	1,425	3,654	4,178	3,328	2,875	2,837	2,350	2,526	2,737	2,865
Subsequent Oral Reports	2,626	4,829	3,968	3,984	4,045	4,398	3,946	4,090	4,156	4,120
Indicated Subsequent Oral Rpts.	646	1,353	1,421	1,082	884	1,094	790	898	956	1,078
Substance Exposed Infant Rpts.	111	238	210	252	215	228	255	298	370	449
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	95	203	176	204	179	203	220	266	335	410

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Alleged Victims	49,219	90,855	77,583	76,648	75,589	74,104	70,160	75,766	77,587	77,326
Indicated Victims	10,423	23,940	23,626	16,153	13,826	14,668	12,441	13,075	13,789	14,219
Family Reports	30,206	55,202	47,151	46,865	46,090	45,689	43,159	46,417	47,459	46,774
Indicated Families	6,119	13,861	13,594	9,892	8,714	9,156	7,787	8,278	8,710	8,930
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	2,927	5,625	5,018	4,937	5,243	5,407	5,120	5,296	5,660	5,659
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	469	1,393	1,459	1,361	1,356	1,410	1,446	1,409	1,587	1,625
Protective Custodies Taken	1,751	3,243	3,174	3,216	3,078	3,078	3,126	3,196	3,289	3,193
Initial Oral Reports	22,067	40,908	35,670	35,278	33,831	32,799	31,481	34,143	34,976	34,501
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	3,995	9,378	9,568	6,805	5,997	6,103	5,260	5,586	5,819	6,094
Subsequent Oral Reports	8,139	14,294	11,481	11,587	12,259	12,890	11,678	12,274	12,483	12,273
Indicated Subsequent Oral Rpts.	2,124	4,483	4,026	3,087	2,717	3,053	2,527	2,692	2,891	2,836
Substance Exposed Infant Rpts.	326	571	490	429	351	330	325	323	332	454
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	255	417	363	295	268	230	246	252	247	366

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	70,674	68,475	-3.1
Indicated Victims	18,319	13,881	-24.2
Family Reports	43,244	42,504	-1.7
Indicated Reports	10,738	8,190	-23.7
Unfounded Reports	32,494	25,684	-21.0
Pending Reports	12	8,630	*****
Initial Oral Reports	32,989	31,739	-3.8
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	7,488	5,420	-27.6
Subsequent Oral Reports	10,255	10,765	5.0
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	3,250	2,770	-14.8
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	4,722	4,332	-8.3
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	1,201	751	-37.5
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	3	1,188	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	3,518	2,393	-32.0
Protective Custodies Taken	2,665	2,412	-9.5
Priority 1 Reports	4,674	4,352	-6.9
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	1,226	792	-35.4
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	3,928	3,506	-10.7
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	1,017	614	-39.6
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	746	846	13.4
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	209	178	-14.8
Substance Exposed Infant Report	476	437	-8.2
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	367	350	-4.6

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	19,745	19,256	-2.5
Indicated Victims	4,804	3,458	-28.0
Family Reports	12,538	12,298	-1.9
Indicated Reports	2,910	2,071	-28.8
Unfounded Reports	9,627	7,529	-21.8
Pending Reports	1	2,698	*****
Initial Oral Reports	10,037	9,672	-3.6
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	2,111	1,425	-32.5
Subsequent Oral Reports	2,501	2,626	5.0
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	799	646	-19.1
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	1,519	1,405	-7.5
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	389	282	-27.5
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	0	371	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	1,130	752	-33.5
Protective Custodies Taken	845	661	-21.8
Priority 1 Reports	1,549	1,420	-8.3
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	410	306	-25.4
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	1,359	1,222	-10.1
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	361	253	-29.9
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	190	198	4.2
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	49	53	8.2
Substance Exposed Infant Report	149	111	-25.5
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	125	95	-24.0

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	50,929	49,219	-3.4
Indicated Victims	13,515	10,423	-22.9
Family Reports	30,706	30,206	-1.6
Indicated Reports	7,828	6,119	-21.8
Unfounded Reports	22,867	18,155	-20.6
Pending Reports	11	5,932	*****
Initial Oral Reports	22,952	22,067	-3.9
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	5,377	3,995	-25.7
Subsequent Oral Reports	7,754	8,139	5.0
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	2,451	2,124	-13.3
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	3,203	2,927	-8.6
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	812	469	-42.2
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	3	817	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	2,388	1,641	-31.3
Protective Custodies Taken	1,820	1,751	-3.8
Priority 1 Reports	3,125	2,932	-6.2
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	816	486	-40.4
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	2,569	2,284	-11.1
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	656	361	-45.0
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	556	648	16.5
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	160	125	-21.9
Substance Exposed Infant Report	327	326	-0.3
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	242	255	5.4

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	10,664	9,750	-8.6
Indicated Victims	2,497	305	-87.8
Family Reports	6,472	6,115	-5.5
Indicated Reports	1,465	187	-87.2
Unfounded Reports	5,001	1,029	-79.4
Pending Reports	6	4,899	*****
Initial Oral Reports	4,905	4,648	-5.2
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	1,030	108	-89.5
Subsequent Oral Reports	1,567	1,467	-6.4
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	435	79	-81.8
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	753	631	-16.2
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	199	3	-98.5
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	0	562	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	554	66	-88.1
Protective Custodies Taken	365	254	-30.4
Priority 1 Reports	737	628	-14.8
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	199	7	-96.5
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	600	507	-15.5
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	160	4	-97.5
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	137	121	-11.7
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	39	3	-92.3
Substance Exposed Infant Report	73	9	-87.7
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	53	7	-86.8

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	3,064	2,733	-10.8
Indicated Victims	615	78	-87.3
Family Reports	1,985	1,735	-12.6
Indicated Reports	384	44	-88.5
Unfounded Reports	1,601	252	-84.3
Pending Reports	0	1,439	*****
Initial Oral Reports	1,608	1,392	-13.4
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	291	20	-93.1
Subsequent Oral Reports	377	343	-9.0
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	93	24	-74.2
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	268	200	-25.4
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	73	0	-100.0
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	0	191	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	195	9	-95.4
Protective Custodies Taken	118	74	-37.3
Priority 1 Reports	266	204	-23.3
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	75	3	-96.0
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	229	177	-22.7
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	65	1	-98.5
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	37	27	-27.0
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	10	2	-80.0
Substance Exposed Infant Report	23	3	-87.0
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	16	2	-87.5

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	<u>FY16</u>	<u>FY17</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	7,600	7,017	-7.7
Indicated Victims	1,882	227	-87.9
Family Reports	4,487	4,380	-2.4
Indicated Reports	1,081	143	-86.8
Unfounded Reports	3,400	777	-77.1
Pending Reports	6	3,460	*****
Initial Oral Reports	3,297	3,256	-1.2
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	739	88	-88.1
Subsequent Oral Reports	1,190	1,124	-5.5
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	342	55	-83.9
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	485	431	-11.1
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	126	3	-97.6
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	0	371	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	359	57	-84.1
Protective Custodies Taken	247	180	-27.1
Priority 1 Reports	471	424	-10.0
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	124	4	-96.8
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	371	330	-11.1
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	95	3	-96.8
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	100	94	-6.0
Indicated Pri 1 Subsq Oral Reports	29	1	-96.6
Substance Exposed Infant Report	50	6	-88.0
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	37	5	-86.5

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	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	110,098	127,249	15.6
Indicated Victims	33,043	32,213	-2.5
Family Reports	67,727	78,575	16.0
Indicated Reports	19,193	18,868	-1.7
Unfounded Reports	48,531	59,627	22.9
Pending Reports	3	80	*****
Initial Oral Reports	52,278	59,452	13.7
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	13,746	13,032	-5.2
Subsequent Oral Reports	15,449	19,123	23.8
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	5,447	5,836	7.1
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	7,547	8,425	11.6
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	2,115	2,082	-1.6
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	2	33	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	5,430	6,310	16.2
Protective Custodies Taken	4,740	4,577	-3.4
Priority 1 Reports	7,325	8,344	13.9
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	2,190	2,135	-2.5
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	6,129	6,912	12.8
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	1,809	1,753	-3.1
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	1,196	1,432	19.7
Indicated Pri 1 Subsseq Oral Reports	381	382	0.3
Substance Exposed Infant Report	700	809	15.6
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	539	620	15.0

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	<u>FY15</u>	<u>FY16</u>	<u>Percent Change</u>
Alleged Victims	32,515	36,394	11.9
Indicated Victims	9,417	8,273	-12.1
Family Reports	20,576	23,373	13.6
Indicated Reports	5,599	5,007	-10.6
Unfounded Reports	14,977	18,360	22.6
Pending Reports	0	6	*****
Initial Oral Reports	16,608	18,544	11.7
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	4,178	3,654	-12.5
Subsequent Oral Reports	3,968	4,829	21.7
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	1,421	1,353	-4.8
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	2,529	2,800	10.7
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	656	689	5.0
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	0	1	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	1,873	2,110	12.7
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	90,855	17.1
Indicated Victims	23,626	23,940	1.3
Family Reports	47,151	55,202	17.1
Indicated Reports	13,594	13,861	2.0
Unfounded Reports	33,554	41,267	23.0
Pending Reports	3	74	*****
Initial Oral Reports	35,670	40,908	14.7
Indicated Initial Oral Reports	9,568	9,378	-2.0
Subsequent Oral Reports	11,481	14,294	24.5
Indicated Subsequent Oral Reports	4,026	4,483	11.4
Alleged Sex Abuse Victims	5,018	5,625	12.1
Indicated Sex Abuse Victims	1,459	1,393	-4.5
Pending Sex Abuse Victims	2	32	*****
Unfounded Sex Abuse Victims	3,557	4,200	18.1
Protective Custodies Taken	3,174	3,243	2.2
Priority 1 Reports	4,804	5,499	14.5
Indicated Priority 1 Reports	1,437	1,409	-1.9
Priority 1 Initial Oral Reports	3,928	4,440	13.0
Indicated Pri 1 Initial Oral Reports	1,165	1,116	-4.2
Priority 1 Subsequent Oral Reports	876	1,059	20.9
Indicated Pri 1 Subsseq Oral Reports	272	293	7.7
Substance Exposed Infant Report	490	571	16.5
Indicated Subst Exposed Infants	363	417	14.9

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.