



NATIONAL CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

STATISTICAL FACT SHEET

**In 2013, an estimated 1,520 children died from abuse and neglect in the United States.¹
In the same year, Children's Advocacy Centers around the country served nearly
295,000 child victims of abuse, providing victim advocacy and support
to these children and their families. In 2014, this number was over 315,000.²**

2013 NATIONAL ABUSE STATISTICS²

- An estimated 679,000 children were victims of abuse and neglect (*unique instances*).
- 47 states reported approximately 3.1 million children received preventative services from Child Protective Services agencies in the United States.
- Children in the first year of their life had the highest rate of victimization of 23.1 per 1,000 children in the national population of the same age.
- Of the children who experienced maltreatment or abuse, nearly 80% suffered neglect; 18% suffered physical abuse; and 9% suffered sexual abuse.
- Just under 80% of reported child fatalities as a result of abuse and neglect were caused by one or more of the child victim's parents.

2014 CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER STATISTICS²

- Among the over 315,000 children served by Children's Advocacy Centers around the country in 2014, some startling statistics include:
 - 116,940 children were ages 0 to 6 years
 - 115,959 children were ages 7 to 12 years
 - 81,025 children were ages 13 to 18 years
 - 205,438 children reported sexual abuse
 - 60,897 children reported physical abuse
 - 211,831 children participated in on-site forensic interviewing at a Children's Advocacy Center
- Among the over 244,000 alleged offenders investigated for instances of child abuse in 2014, some startling statistics include:
 - 154,529 were 18+ years old
 - 26,294 were ages 13 to 17 years
 - 20,040 were under age 13 years
 - 95,913 were a parent or step-parent of the victim
 - 127,358 were related or known to the child victim in another way
 - 23,696 were an unrelated person the victim knew

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: Administration for Children & Families. Child Maltreatment 2013. <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2013>

² National Children's Alliance 2013 and 2014 national statistics collected from Children's Advocacy Center members and available on the NCA website: <http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/cac-statistics>