

Illinois Center for Violence Prevention Fact Sheet

Child Abuse

- In 2007, approximately 5.8 million children were involved in an estimated 3.2 million child abuse reports and allegations.¹
- Almost five children die every day as a result of child abuse. More than three out of four are under the age of 4.²
- During 2008, victims of each type of child abuse were as follows:³

Neglect	71.1%
Physical Abuse	16.1%
Sexual Abuse	9.1%
Psychological Maltreatment	7.3%
Medical Neglect	2.2%
Other	9.0%

- In 2008, out of over 3.3 million reports of child abuse and neglect, only 772,000 children were substantiated as victims. An estimated 1,740 children died as a result of being neglected or abused during 2008.⁴
- Among the children confirmed as victims by child protective services agencies in 2007: Children in the age group of birth to 1 year had the highest rate of victimization at 21.9 per 1,000 children of the same age group in the national population.⁵

¹ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. *Child Maltreatment 2007* (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2009) Available from: URL: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm07/summary.htm#>

² Peddle, N., Wang, C. T., Diaz, J., & Reid, R. *Current Trends in Child Abuse Prevention and Fatalities: THE 2000 FIFTY STATE SURVEY*. Chicago: Prevent Child Abuse America. (2002)

³ U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Administration on Children Youth & Families. *Child Maltreatment 2007* (Washington, DC: U.S. government Printing Office, 2009). Retrieved April 3 2009 from <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm07/index.htm>

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- In 2007, nearly 80 percent of perpetrators of child maltreatment (79.9%) were parents, and another 6.6 percent were other relatives of the victim. Women comprised a larger percentage of all perpetrators than men, 56.5 percent compared to 42.4 percent.⁶