

# Child Abuse & Neglect

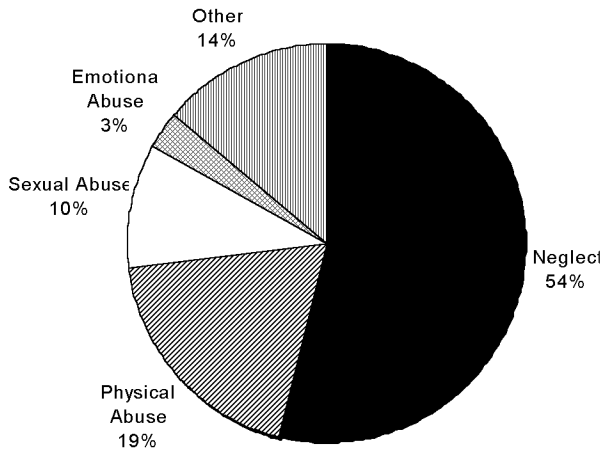
## Current U.S. Statistics

Teaming up to keep kids...



According to a study by Prevent Child Abuse America, more than 3 million children were reported for child abuse and neglect to child protective service (CPS) agencies in the United States during 1998. Of these reports, more than 1 million were substantiated. In addition, approximately three children died each day in the United States from abuse or neglect in 1997.

**Substantiated Cases of Child Abuse and Neglect  
U.S. 1998 Statistics**



Source:  
Wang and Harding (1999). Current Trends in Child Abuse Reporting and Fatalities: The Results of the 1998 Annual Fifty State Survey. Chicago: Prevent Child Abuse America.

While overall U.S. crime statistics declined during the period 1993-1997, reports and confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect rose. Although the nation's overall crime rate fell more than 21 percent from 1993 to 1997, reports of child abuse and neglect grew by 9 percent and confirmed cases increased 3 percent during the same period, according to Prevent Child Abuse America.

Type of Crime	Change 1993-1997
Child Abuse & Neglect ( <i>Reports</i> )	up 9%
Child Abuse & Neglect ( <i>Confirmed</i> )	up 3%
Violent Victimitizations ( <i>age 12+</i> )	down 22%
Property Crimes	down 22%
Murder	down 28%
Overall Crime Rate	down 21%

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