

# Child Abuse and Neglect In New Jersey

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## **PROLOGUE**

The Department of Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services is in the midst of a major reform effort that, beginning mid 2004, will alter New Jersey's approach to child protective and family welfare services. This effort virtually reinvents child welfare in New Jersey. It addresses the way we work with families at every level of the child welfare system and it requires us to invest in and cultivate services at the local neighborhood and larger community levels.

The reform plan outlines sweeping changes to the entire child welfare system, such as:

- Development of community partnerships to foster a network of child abuse prevention and family support services;
- Expansion of, and increased access to, children's behavioral health services;
- Better recruitment, retention and support of foster and adoptive parents;
- A larger and better trained DYFS casework staff; and
- A new case practice model that calls for a statewide central registry to accept reports of child abuse and neglect, trained forensic investigators to assess new allegations of child abuse and neglect, permanency workers to provide ongoing services to at-risk families, and two new categories of workers who will specialize in serving adolescents and supporting foster and adoptive families.

This effort happens at a time when New Jersey, like every other state, performed less than satisfactorily on its Child and Family Services Review (CFSR), conducted by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services' Administration for Children and Families. However, we are confident that New Jersey's Child Welfare Reform Plan and our CFSR Program Improvement Plan (PIP) will guide New Jersey towards having the best child welfare system in the nation.

Interested persons may find links on the web to New Jersey's Child Welfare Reform Plan and Child and Family Services Review results at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/index.html>.

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# Executive Summary

Title 9 and Title 30 of the New Jersey statutes authorize the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) to investigate allegations of abuse or neglect and requests for services made either by clients themselves or on behalf of others. The Division classifies the referrals it receives for intervention and services as abuse/neglect, family problems, or "other" requests. It also handles thousands of requests for services each year that do not require field intervention. These are known as requests for information and referral (I&R).

The Child Abuse and Neglect In New Jersey – Statistical Report 2002 summarizes information collected from child abuse and neglect referrals, family problem referrals, and substantiated child abuse and neglect cases by the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS), District Office staff in 2002, and entered into the DYFS Service Information System (SIS) by April 2003. Descriptions of the types of abuse/neglect, family problems, and maltreatment appear under the heading **Definitions Used in the Report**.

Specifically, this report contains:

- State, county, and municipal level child abuse/neglect referral and referral substantiation figures;
- State and county family problem referral figures;
- Data on referral source;
- Characteristics of the victims and perpetrators of child abuse and neglect;
- Figures on institutional abuse referrals and substantiated cases;
- Figures on child fatalities due to abuse and neglect;
- Cases coded with substance abuse in the referral.

The Tables and Figures provide an overview of the incidence of maltreatment, its victims and perpetrators, and family problem cases served by DYFS. Many of the Tables and Figures display data by County. Some Tables show the Rate per 1,000 Children to allow comparisons between counties, and some show four-year trends. Table ***totals*** include out-of-state cases *unless* indicated in the table footnotes.

The numbers in the report include duplicate child counts. A child who is the subject of more than one report during the calendar year may be counted more than once if the reports occur at different times and are not related to the same allegation. Within a single allegation, more than one type of abuse may be alleged, but the report shows only one type abuse per allegation: physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, neglect, or multiple types.

### ***Major Findings:***

- ✓ DYFS received 37,424 Abuse/Neglect referrals and 36,347 Family Problem referrals in calendar year 2002, or 34.6 reports for every 1,000 children living in New Jersey.
- ✓ DYFS workers substantiated 7,918, or 21.2% of all Abuse/Neglect referrals on New Jersey children residing both in and out-of-state. The figures represent 3.7 substantiated abuse/neglect allegations per 1,000 children living in New Jersey.
- ✓ School staff reported the greatest number (8,075) of Abuse/Neglect *referrals*, while police reported the highest number (2,169) and rate (27.4%) of ***substantiated referrals***.
- ✓ Neglect remains the most frequently substantiated type of abuse/neglect. In 2002, there were 4,854 cases of substantiated neglect, or 61.3% of all types of substantiated maltreatment.
- ✓ A natural parent or guardian was the perpetrator in 76.8% of substantiated abuse/neglect cases.
- ✓ Females perpetrated 65.4% of substantiated abuse/neglect cases. Black/African American females averaging 33.9 years of age, accounted for 48.8% of female perpetrators. White males averaging 39 years of age, accounted for 40.4% of male perpetrators.
- ✓ 42.4% of female victims of abuse/neglect were Black/African Americans, averaging 7.6 years of age. Black/African American males whose average age was 6.8 years represent 44.2% of victimized male children. 33.7% of female victims were White, with an average age 8.5 years. White males with an average age of 7.4 years represent 35.7% of substantiated male victims.
- ✓ Neglect (43.2%) and Physical Abuse (38.3%) comprised most Institutional Abuse referrals. Foster homes had the highest percentage of institutional abuse referrals (19.2%).
- ✓ There were 29 child fatalities attributed to abuse/neglect in New Jersey in 2002. Nine children were not under DYFS supervision at the time of death, seven children had a prior history of DYFS supervision but were not under supervision at the time of death, and 13 children were under DYFS supervision at the time of death.
- ✓ School personnel made the greatest number of Family Problem referrals (23.2%), followed by health professionals (13.7%), and police (13.2%).
- ✓ 969 (12.2%) of the 7,918 substantiated abuse/neglect cases involved Prenatal Substance Abuse.

## Definitions Used in the Report

### *Child Abuse and Neglect*

Under N. J. S. A. 9:6-8.21a, DYFS classifies cases as child abuse or neglect according to the following legal definition:

An abused child means a child less than 18 years of age:

- whose parent or guardian inflicts, or allows to be inflicted upon such child, physical injury by other than accidental means, which causes or creates a substantial risk of death, or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted impairment of physical or emotional health or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ;
- whose parent or guardian creates or allows to be created a substantial or ongoing risk of physical injury to such child by other than accidental means which would be likely to cause death or serious or protracted disfigurement, or protracted loss or impairment of the function of any bodily organ;
- whose parent or guardian commits or allows to be committed an act of sexual abuse against the child;
- whose physical, mental or emotional condition has been impaired or is in imminent danger of becoming impaired as the result of the failure of his or her parent or guardian to exercise a minimum degree of care:
- in supplying the child with adequate food, clothing, shelter, education, medical or surgical care, though financially able to do so, or though offered financial or other reasonable means to do so; or
- in providing the child with proper supervision or guardianship, by unreasonably inflicting or allowing to be inflicted harm, or substantial risk thereof, including the infliction of excessive corporal punishment; or by any other acts of a similarly serious nature requiring the aid of the court;
- who has been willfully abandoned by his or her parent or guardian;
- upon whom excessive physical restraint has been used under circumstances which do not indicate that the child's behavior is harmful to herself or himself, others or property; or
- who is in an institution other than a day school, and:

- has been placed there inappropriately for a continued period of time with the knowledge that the placement has resulted or may continue to result in harm to the child's mental or physical well-being; or
- has been willfully isolated from ordinary social contact under circumstances which indicate emotional or social deprivation.

It is important to note that DYFS investigates allegations of child abuse and neglect when they involve person(s) who have control, custody or guardianship over the child. The police investigate other incidents including acts between adults and children or between two or more children under the age of 18, when there is no custodial relationship between the alleged perpetrator and the child. *The New Jersey statutes (N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21a) define a caretaker or custodian as follows:*

“Parent or guardian” means any natural parent, adoptive parent, foster parent, stepparent, or any person, who has assumed responsibility for the care, custody or control of a child or upon whom there is a legal duty for such care. Parent or guardian includes a teacher, employee or volunteer, whether compensated or uncompensated, of an institution who is responsible for the child's welfare and any other staff person of an institution regardless of whether or not the person is responsible for the care or supervision of the child. Parent or guardian also includes a teaching staff member or other employee, whether compensated or uncompensated, of a day school, as defined in section 1 of PL 1974, c. 119 (C.9:6-8.21).

### ***Substantiated Child Abuse and Neglect***

The DYFS case practice guidelines identify four elements that form the basis for a decision whether to substantiate abuse or neglect:

1. Whether the victim is a child (under 18 years of age);
2. Whether the perpetrator is a parent or guardian;
3. Whether the actions of the parent or guardian were necessary, justified, reasonable, and/or appropriate; and
4. Whether serious harm or substantial risk of serious harm as defined in N.J.S.A. 9:6-8.21c resulted from the parent's/caretaker's action or inaction.

Risk of harm must be evaluated in terms of specific factors, including, for example, the child's age, size, emotional state and capacity to protect him or herself and the presence of any handicaps or physical limitations or conditions.

## ***Family Problems***

DYFS receives many referrals each year that require an assessment of the need for services, and where abuse or neglect is not evident. Many of these referrals require services to families to prevent or reduce the likelihood that abuse or neglect, as defined by law, will occur. As with abuse/neglect cases, "family problem" referrals are followed by a response that includes personal contacts with the family and others who may have information relevant to the assessment. The information that the caseworker gathers describes the family's problems and service needs, and whether continued DYFS involvement is appropriate.

DYFS provides services to families directly, through the purchase of services by contract, or by referral to other community resources under N.J.S.A. 30:4C-11 when the welfare of the child will be endangered without proper care and custody. N.J.S.A. 30:4C-11 states:

"Whenever it shall appear that any child within this State is of such circumstances that the child's welfare will be endangered unless proper care or custody is provided, an application setting forth the facts in the case may be filed with the Division of Youth and Family Services by a parent or other relative of such child, by a person standing in *loco parentis* to such child, by a person or association or agency or public official having a special interest in such child or by the child himself, seeking that the Division accept and provide such care or custody of such child as the circumstances may require."

The reasons for referral for family problems that DYFS uses appear in the lists below. For the purposes of this report, they are subdivided as *child-related* or *parent-related problems*. DYFS codes these behaviors or circumstances as family problems when found in a case, and accordingly provides or arranges for services when the circumstances of the case do not rise to the legal definition of abuse or neglect.

### ***Child-Related Family Problems***

1. Alcohol Abuse -- a child has an alcohol dependency problem;
2. Adolescent Parent -- a child's parent or primary caregiver is a minor (under age 18) and needs counseling or other assistance or support services.
3. Developmentally Disabled -- a child is diagnosed as developmentally disabled;
4. Emotional -- a child's behavior is causing a disturbance or disruption in the home, school or community;
5. Medical -- a child needs specialized medical care or has serious medical problems;
6. Pregnant -- a pregnant minor needs counseling or other assistance;
7. Psychiatric -- a child has a diagnosed psychiatric disorder;
8. Sibling of Child Referred for Abuse/Neglect -- a child requires services who is the sibling of a child who is already the subject of a referral alleging abuse or neglect;
9. SIDS (Sudden Infant Death Syndrome) -- a previously healthy infant dies suddenly from no known cause;
10. Drug Abuse -- a child has a drug dependency or drug abuse problem;

11. Sexual Assault/Activities -- a child is sexually assaulted *by other than a caretaker (these cases are referred to the County Prosecutor for investigation)*, or children engage in inappropriate sexual activities that are beyond the parent's knowledge or control.

### ***Parent-Related Family Problems***

1. Parent-Alcohol Abuse -- a parent abuses or is dependent on alcohol;
2. Domestic Violence -- there is alleged spousal abuse or violence between adult members of a household;
3. Emotional -- a parent is overwhelmed due to life stresses such as marital problems, care of several young children, lack of social supports or is unable to provide consistent child care or maintain needed relationships with other adults;
4. Family of Perpetrator -- the named perpetrator in another case has a family with children of his own;
5. Financial -- a parent cannot bring serious money management problems under control or has inadequate income;
6. Homelessness -- a family is currently or about to become homeless, or a family lives in housing that is grossly inadequate or that is in severe disrepair;
7. Lack of Supervision -- a child is not receiving adequate supervision from the parent or caregiver, but the incident does not rise to the level of "neglect" under state statute;
8. Medical -- a parent's medical condition is causing stress in the family necessitating supportive services or counseling;
9. Parenting Issues/Concerns -- a parent lacks necessary skills or knowledge to adequately parent, nurture, stimulate or properly care for a child;
10. Psychiatric --a parent has a diagnosed psychiatric disorder which is impacting on his or her daily functioning and parenting responsibilities;
11. Drug Abuse -- a parent engages in drug abuse or has a drug dependency; and
12. Substance Exposed Newborn – DYFS policy stipulates that a substance-exposed newborn be coded as a family problem, and additionally code and investigate the allegation as a neglect case.

# Overview and Four Year Trends of General Child Abuse & Neglect and Family Problem Statistics in New Jersey

Historically, DYFS policy directed DYFS screening staff to classify the referrals they receive into one of the following five categories: abuse/neglect, family problems, juvenile services, adoption, or “other”. Referrals that are classified as abuse/neglect are clearly defined by state statute. Most other referrals that do not rise to the statutory level of abuse/neglect are classified as family problems. Those classified as family problem referrals usually require service intervention and support to prevent the crisis or problem from escalating and placing the child at risk of abuse or neglect.

In this section, tables and figures that show general abuse/neglect and family problem referral data for 2002 are interspersed with general charts that show trends back to 1999. Some of the tables that follow show referral rates per 1,000 children and county rankings.

## **Section Summary:**

- DYFS received a total of 77,888 referrals for intervention and services during 2002. Totals include 37,424 referrals for abuse/neglect, 36,347 referrals for family problems, 1,151 for juvenile services, 79 for adoption services, and 2,887 for “other” service requests.
- DYFS received 6,889 requests for information that its staff referred to an appropriate service or information provider (I & R).

Table 1: Annual Number of Referrals to DYFS by Type for 1999 – 2002

Type of Referral	2002		2001		2000		1999	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%
Abuse-Neglect	37,424	48.0%	38,706	49.7%	39,176	50.0%	39,276	50.4%
Family	36,347	46.7%	35,176	45.1%	34,604	44.2%	34,445	44.2%
Other	2,887	3.7%	2,799	3.6%	3,250	4.1%	2,965	3.8%
Juvenile	1,151	1.5%	1,177	1.5%	1,237	1.6%	1,178	1.5%
Adoption	79	0.1%	74	0.1%	90	0.1%	57	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>77,888</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>77,932</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>78,357</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>77,921</b>	<b>100%</b>
(I & R)Information and Referral	6,889		6,408		4,925		4,922	

Figure 1: Proportions of Referrals by Type for 2002

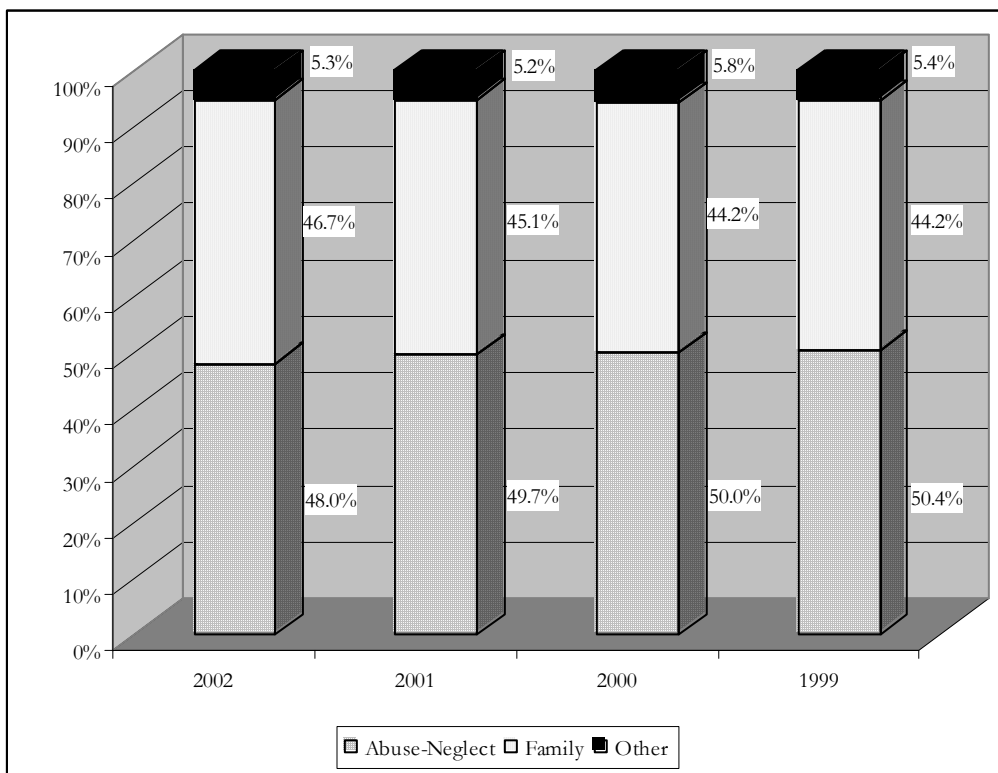


Table 2: Percent of Family Problem & Abuse/Neglect Referrals by County for 2002

County	Family Problem Referrals	Abuse/Neglect Referrals	Total Number of Referrals
Essex	45.5%	54.5%	8,355
Camden	43.8%	56.2%	6,554
Hudson	56.5%	43.5%	5,811
Monmouth	41.7%	58.3%	5,523
Passaic	56.3%	43.7%	5,299
Middlesex	54.7%	45.3%	5,164
Bergen	73.6%	26.4%	3,774
Union	50.0%	50.0%	3,765
Mercer	56.4%	43.6%	3,719
Burlington	41.4%	58.6%	3,514
Ocean	35.0%	65.0%	3,275
Atlantic	42.6%	57.4%	2,991
Cumberland	36.8%	63.2%	2,791
Morris	58.4%	41.6%	2,753
Gloucester	43.9%	56.1%	2,231
Somerset	43.4%	56.6%	2,132
Warren	59.3%	40.7%	1,539
Cape May	30.7%	69.3%	1,518
Sussex	69.9%	30.1%	1,286
Salem	46.3%	53.7%	946
Hunterdon	53.1%	46.9%	725
<b>Total</b>	<b>49.3%</b>	<b>50.7%</b>	<b>73,665<sup>1</sup></b>

The total of 73,665 referrals came from sources within New Jersey.

1. Total excludes 106 referrals on children from New Jersey for incidents that occurred out-of-state.

Figure 2: Percentage of Abuse/Neglect and Family Problem Referrals by County for 2002

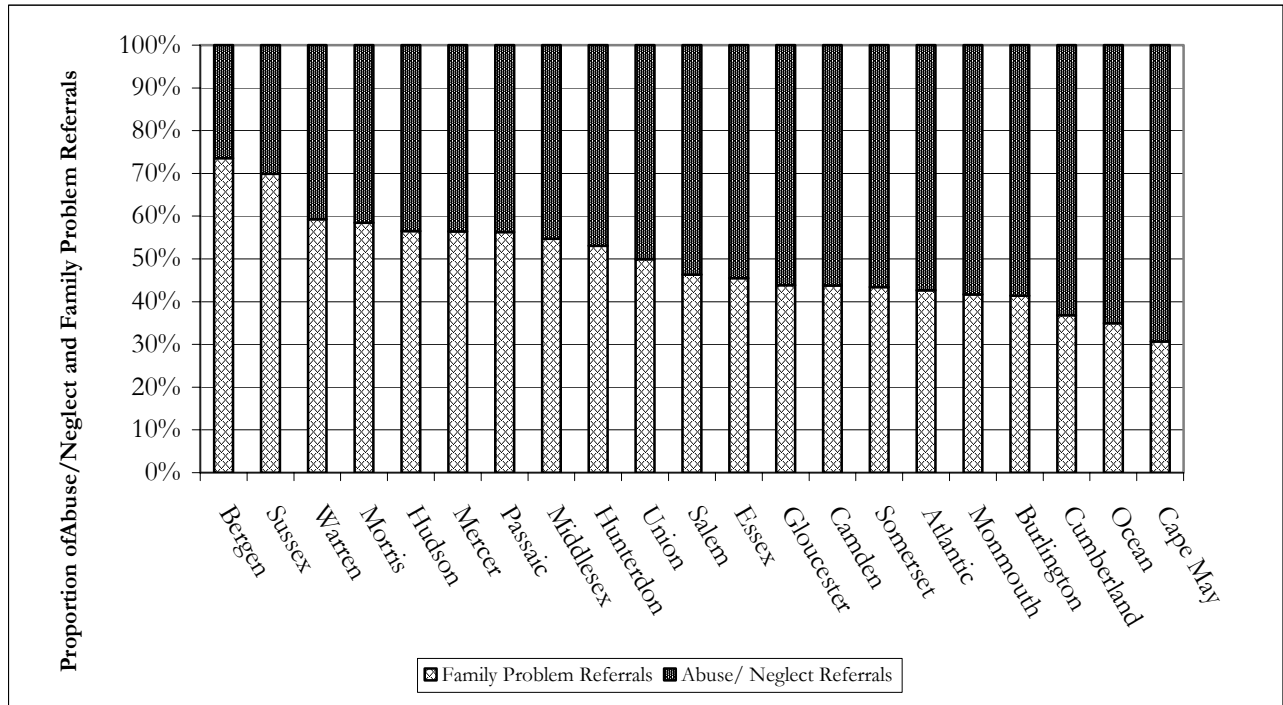


Table 3: County Numbers of 2002 Family Problem & Abuse/Neglect Referrals as Rate per 1,000 Children and State Rank

County	Family Problem Referrals	Abuse & Neglect Referrals	Total Referrals	Rate per 1,000 Children <sup>1</sup>	State Ranking On:		
					Estimated Population	# of Referrals	Referral Rate
Cumberland	1,028	1,763	2,791	75.1	17	13	1
Cape May	466	1,052	1,518	67.8	20	18	2
Salem	438	508	946	59.3	21	20	3
Warren	912	627	1,539	56.4	19	17	4
Camden	2,870	3,684	6,554	48.4	6	2	5
Atlantic	1,275	1,716	2,991	45.8	15	12	6
Mercer	2,098	1,621	3,719	42.9	12	9	7
Hudson	3,284	2,527	5,811	41.6	5	3	8
Passaic	2,983	2,316	5,299	40.3	8	5	9
Essex	3,805	4,550	8,355	39.6	1	1	10
Monmouth	2,304	3,219	5,523	34.0	4	4	11
Gloucester	979	1,252	2,231	33.6	14	15	12
Burlington	1,455	2,059	3,514	32.8	11	10	13
Sussex	899	387	1,286	32.1	16	19	14
Union	1,881	1,884	3,765	28.0	7	8	15
Middlesex	2,826	2,338	5,164	27.9	3	6	16
Somerset	925	1,207	2,132	26.8	13	16	17
Ocean	1,146	2,129	3,275	26.5	9	11	18
Morris	1,609	1,144	2,753	23.1	10	14	19
Hunterdon	385	340	725	23.1	18	21	20
Bergen	2,777	997	3,774	18.3	2	7	21
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>36,345</b>	<b>37,320</b>	<b>73,665</b>	<b>34.6</b>			

1. Includes children under age 18. Rates are based on 2002 Census Estimate for children under 18. Source: NJ Department of Labor.

2. The total for the abuse/neglect referrals excludes 104 Abuse/Neglect and 2 Family Problem referrals on NJ children from out of state sources.

Table 4: Historical Overview of Key Child Maltreatment Statistics – In-State Figures

	2002	2001	2000	1999
<b><i>Abuse/Neglect Reports:</i></b>				
Number of Abuse/Neglect Reports	37,320	38,629	39,056	39,276
Number of Reports Per 1,000 Children *	17.5	18.5	18.7	19.4
<b><i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect:</i></b>				
Number of Substantiated Reports	7,890	8,420	8,690	9,222
Percent of Abuse/Neglect Substantiated	21.2%	21.8%	22.3%	23.5%
Number of Substantiated Per 1,000 Children *	3.7	4.0	4.2	4.5
<b><i>Family Problem Referrals:</i></b>				
Number of Family Problem Referrals	36,345	35,176	34,604	34,445
Number of Referrals Per 1,000 Children *	17.1	16.8	12.9	17.0

\* Includes children under age 18. Rates (except 2002) are based on Census 2000 data. Source: U. S. Census Bureau, 2000 Summary File, Matrices PCT12 and P13. 2002 rates are based on 2002 Census Estimate. Source: NJ Department of Labor.

\*\* Rates reflect incidents that were reported and/or substantiated in New Jersey, and exclude statistics from Out-of-State.

## Referrals

This section of the report summarizes the type of maltreatment allegation that DYFS received on children. A single child maltreatment referral may contain an allegation of physical abuse, emotional abuse, sexual abuse, and/or neglect. The report labels as “multiple types” allegations on a child that contains more than one type of maltreatment. The charts show the numbers of allegations by type and rates per 1,000 children by county, as well as statistics for a four year period.

### Section Summary:

- DYFS received a total of 37,424 child abuse and neglect referrals. Of this number, all but 104 involved incidents that occurred in New Jersey.
- Statewide, DYFS received 17.5 abuse/neglect referrals per 1,000 children from sources within New Jersey.
- Essex County reported the largest number of child abuse and neglect reports (4,550). The smallest number was recorded in Hunterdon County (340).
- As it has in other years, child neglect accounted for the majority of all abuse/neglect referrals (57.6%). Physical abuse referrals accounted for 31.2% of maltreatment referrals.
- More than half of all referrals in 16 counties involved neglect.

Table 5: 2002 County Numbers of Abuse/Neglect Referrals &amp; Rate Per 1,000 Children

County	Number of Abuse/Neglect Referrals	Rate per 1,000 Children <sup>1</sup>
Atlantic	1,716	26.3
Bergen	997	4.8
Burlington	2,059	19.2
Camden	3,684	27.2
Cape May	1,052	47.0
Cumberland	1,763	47.5
Essex	4,550	21.6
Gloucester	1,252	18.9
Hudson	2,527	18.1
Hunterdon	340	10.8
Mercer	1,621	18.7
Middlesex	2,338	12.6
Monmouth	3,219	19.8
Morris	1,144	9.6
Ocean	2,129	17.2
Passaic	2,316	17.6
Salem	508	31.8
Somerset	1,207	15.2
Sussex	387	9.7
Union	1,884	14.0
Warren	627	23.0
<b>Total<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>37,320</b>	<b>17.5</b>

1.Rates are based on 2002 Census Estimate for children under 18. Source: NJ Department of Labor.

2.The total excludes 104 referrals on NJ children from out of state sources.

Table 6: Frequency of Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals 1999 thru 2002 &amp; 2001-2002 Difference

	2002	2001	2000	1999	2001-2002 Difference	
					n	Percent
Atlantic	1,716	1,298	1,493	1,592	418	32.2%
Cumberland	1,763	1,485	1,232	1,391	278	18.7%
Morris	1,144	1,025	851	805	119	11.6%
Somerset	1,207	1,087	1,102	721	120	11.0%
Gloucester	1,252	1,146	1,186	1,194	106	9.2%
Middlesex	2,338	2,160	2,550	2,251	178	8.2%
Bergen	997	929	1,155	1,037	68	7.3%
Burlington	2,059	1,925	1,661	1,758	134	7.0%
Warren	627	600	669	805	27	4.5%
Cape May	1,052	1,016	1,015	1,178	36	3.5%
Sussex	387	374	321	374	13	3.5%
Union	1,884	1,832	2,028	1,798	52	2.8%
Monmouth	3,219	3,171	3,163	3,156	48	1.5%
Salem	508	523	511	555	-15	-2.9%
Hudson	2,527	2,752	2,777	2,988	-225	-8.2%
Essex	4,550	4,971	5,142	5,904	-421	-8.5%
Passaic	2,316	2,608	2,589	2,558	-292	-11.2%
Hunterdon	340	391	321	282	-51	-13.0%
Camden	3,684	4,382	4,170	4,019	-698	-15.9%
Ocean	2,129	2,751	2,818	2,416	-622	-22.6%
Mercer	1,621	2,203	2,302	2,361	-582	-26.4%
Out of State	104	77	120	133	27	35.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,424</b>	<b>38,706</b>	<b>39,176</b>	<b>39,276</b>	<b>-1,282</b>	<b>-3.3%</b>

Table 7: Percentage of Reported Abuse/Neglect by Type 1999 Through 2002

	2002	2001	2000	1999
<b>Neglect</b>	57.6%	57.1%	57.9%	58.0%
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	31.2%	32.0%	30.6%	30.2%
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	6.0%	5.6%	5.6%	5.7%
<b>Emotional Abuse</b>	0.9%	0.9%	1.1%	1.1%
<b>Multiple Types</b>	4.2%	4.4%	4.8%	5.0%
<b>Total Number</b>	<b>37,424</b>	<b>38,706</b>	<b>39,176</b>	<b>39,276</b>

Figure 3: Types and Percentages of Reported Abuse/Neglect for 2002

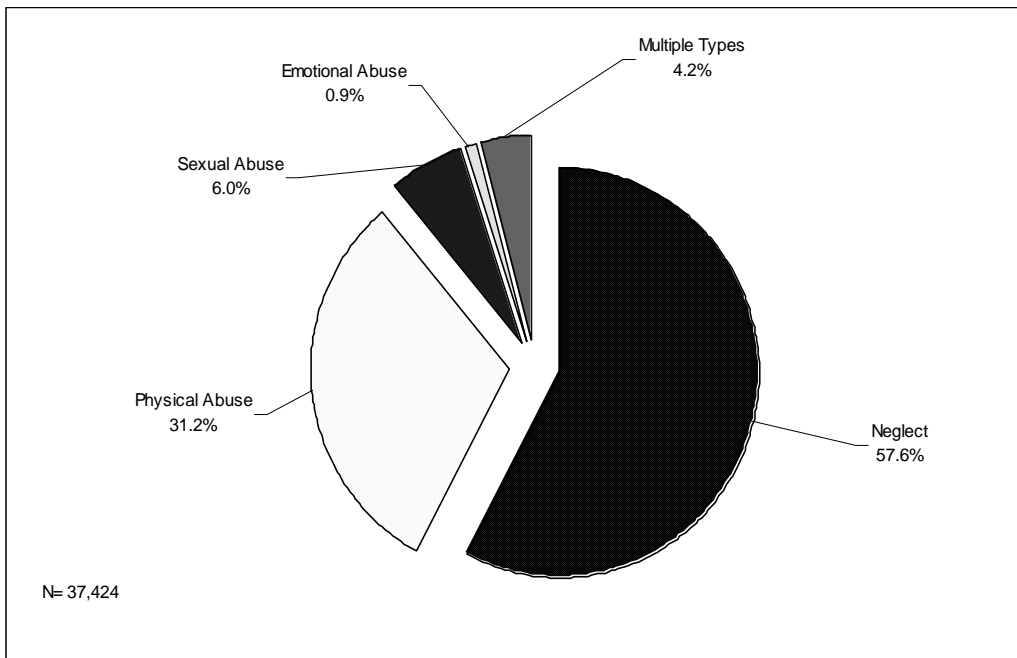


Table 8: 2002 County Frequency and Percentage Distribution of Specific Types of Reported Child Abuse and Neglect

	Physical Abuse		Emotional Abuse		Sexual Abuse		Neglect		Multiple Types		County Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
Atlantic	503	29.3%	13	0.8%	91	5.3%	1,036	60.4%	73	4.3%	1,716
Bergen	585	58.7%	11	1.1%	89	8.9%	292	29.3%	20	2.0%	997
Burlington	615	29.9%	26	1.3%	124	6.0%	1,205	58.5%	89	4.3%	2,059
Camden	1,043	28.3%	33	0.9%	175	4.8%	2,259	61.3%	174	4.7%	3,684
Cape May	165	15.7%	10	1.0%	62	5.9%	767	72.9%	48	4.6%	1,052
Cumberland	478	27.1%	3	0.2%	100	5.7%	1,118	63.4%	64	3.6%	1,763
Essex	517	31.4%	20	1.2%	118	7.2%	910	55.3%	81	4.9%	1,646
Newark City	693	23.9%	14	0.5%	176	6.1%	1,919	66.1%	102	3.5%	2,904
Essex Total	1,210	26.6%	34	0.7%	294	6.5%	2,829	62.2%	183	4.0%	4,550
Gloucester	314	25.1%	6	0.5%	67	5.4%	817	65.3%	48	3.8%	1,252
Hudson	1,083	42.9%	22	0.9%	143	5.7%	1,161	45.9%	118	4.7%	2,527
Hunterdon	92	27.1%	13	3.8%	28	8.2%	194	57.1%	13	3.8%	340
Mercer	583	36.0%	7	0.4%	112	6.9%	873	53.9%	46	2.8%	1,621
Middlesex	843	36.1%	36	1.5%	147	6.3%	1,239	53.0%	73	3.1%	2,338
Monmouth	786	24.4%	19	0.6%	128	4.0%	2,074	64.4%	212	6.6%	3,219
Morris	433	37.8%	19	1.7%	97	8.5%	568	49.7%	27	2.4%	1,144
Ocean	364	17.1%	15	0.7%	78	3.7%	1,570	73.7%	102	4.8%	2,129
Passaic	928	40.1%	4	0.2%	185	8.0%	1,110	47.9%	89	3.8%	2,316
Salem	147	28.9%	3	0.6%	24	4.7%	310	61.0%	24	4.7%	508
Somerset	385	31.9%	33	2.7%	59	4.9%	647	53.6%	83	6.9%	1,207
Sussex	140	36.2%	1	0.3%	34	8.8%	199	51.4%	13	3.4%	387
Union	695	36.9%	24	1.3%	132	7.0%	984	52.2%	49	2.6%	1,884
Warren	261	41.6%	1	0.2%	61	9.7%	277	44.2%	27	4.3%	627
Out of state	36	34.6%	2	1.9%	31	29.8%	34	32.7%	1	1.0%	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,689</b>	<b>31.2%</b>	<b>335</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>2,261</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>21,563</b>	<b>57.6%</b>	<b>1,576</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>37,424</b>

## Substantiated Child Abuse/Neglect

This section provides information on the results of the investigations of the reports of child maltreatment. Substantiation of an allegation of child maltreatment occurs when the investigation yields sufficient evidence that a maltreatment allegation was founded, whether or not the perpetrator of the abuse or neglect is immediately known. The section contains a series of charts that summarize substantiated cases by abuse type and county.

### Section Summary:

- DYFS field staff substantiated 7,918 referrals in 2002. Reported as a percentage of the 37,424 child abuse and neglect referrals received in 2002, these represent 21.2%.
- Statewide, the child abuse and neglect referral substantiation rate for children under 18 years of age was 3.7 per 1,000 in 2002.
- Twelve Counties were at or above the statewide average of 3.7 per 1,000 children.
- Though comprising the smallest number of referrals, a higher percentage of emotional abuse referrals was substantiated than any other kind of harm. This pattern has also been observed in prior years. DYFS staff substantiated more than six of ten (62.7%) emotional abuse referrals in 2002. Sexual abuse (29.9%), neglect (22.5%), physical abuse (16.9%), and multiple types of abuse/neglect (12.6%), followed emotional abuse in that order.
- Statewide, 61.3% of all substantiated cases involved neglect. 60% or more of all substantiated cases in fifteen counties involved neglect in 2002.
- Statewide, sexual abuse referrals comprised 8.6% of all substantiated referrals. The percentage of substantiated sexual abuse referrals ranged from 4.6% in Cape May County to 23.8% in Warren County.
- 210 of 7,918 substantiated referrals (2.7%) involved emotional abuse.
- The largest proportion of substantiated cases involving multiple types of abuse and neglect was found in Atlantic County (6.2%).

Figure 4: Child Abuse Referrals, Substantiated Cases and Substantiated Percentage since 1999

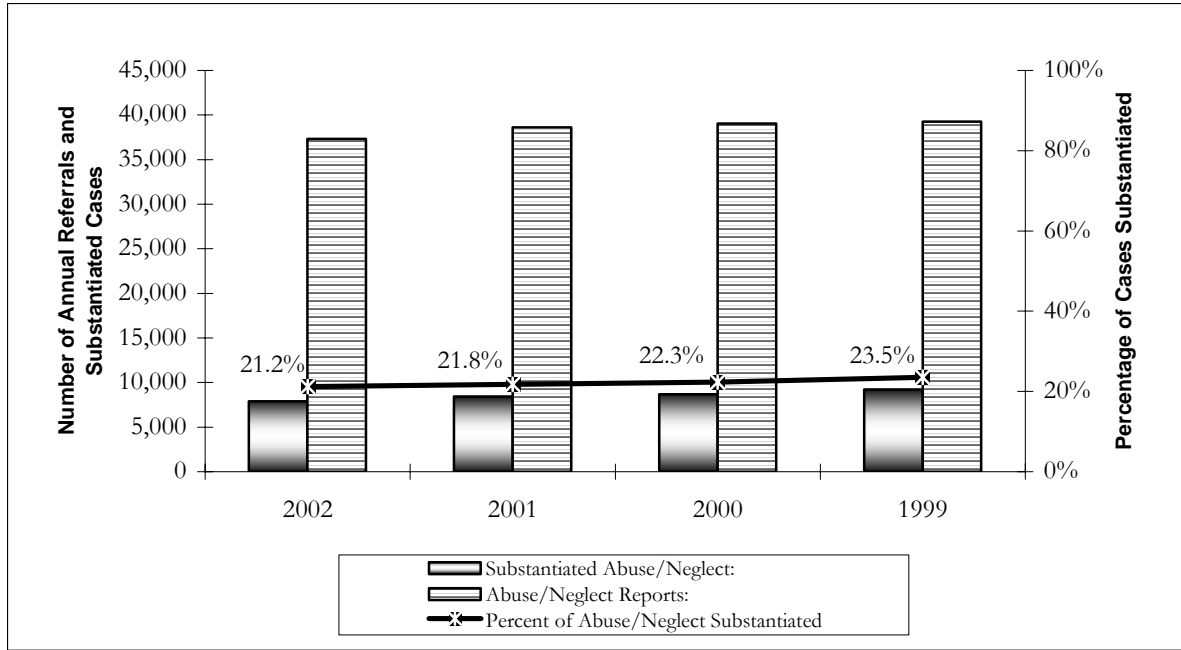


Table 9: Child Abuse/Neglect Substantiation Percentages by County 1999 through 2002 & 2001-2002 Percentage Differences

	2002	2001	2000	1999	2001-2002 Difference
<b>Atlantic</b>	19.9%	22.0%	21.4%	21.5%	-2.1%
<b>Bergen</b>	24.3%	24.5%	24.8%	25.3%	-0.3%
<b>Burlington</b>	20.3%	20.8%	22.6%	23.8%	-0.4%
<b>Camden</b>	19.9%	25.4%	24.6%	23.9%	-5.5%
<b>Cape May</b>	26.6%	24.0%	27.7%	26.6%	2.6%
<b>Cumberland</b>	19.5%	23.0%	24.4%	25.2%	-3.5%
<i>Essex</i>	26.2%	23.2%	23.2%	25.1%	3.0%
<i>Newark City</i>	27.2%	32.3%	29.2%	31.0%	-5.1%
<b>Essex Total</b>	26.8%	28.9%	27.1%	28.9%	-2.1%
<b>Gloucester</b>	22.4%	20.5%	17.8%	19.8%	1.9%
<b>Hudson</b>	18.5%	16.2%	18.1%	18.6%	2.3%
<b>Hunterdon</b>	17.6%	21.2%	23.7%	17.0%	-3.6%
<b>Mercer</b>	18.3%	14.7%	18.9%	19.3%	3.6%
<b>Middlesex</b>	18.4%	22.3%	19.0%	23.3%	-3.9%
<b>Monmouth</b>	17.5%	18.5%	21.1%	21.8%	-1.0%
<b>Morris</b>	10.6%	12.0%	19.7%	18.8%	-1.4%
<b>Ocean</b>	22.0%	23.0%	21.0%	20.0%	-1.0%
<b>Passaic</b>	23.8%	19.2%	19.3%	22.4%	4.6%
<b>Salem</b>	31.1%	29.4%	31.7%	40.9%	1.7%
<b>Somerset</b>	14.8%	15.7%	15.6%	18.7%	-0.9%
<b>Sussex</b>	22.5%	19.0%	30.2%	28.6%	3.5%
<b>Union</b>	29.1%	26.1%	27.0%	30.4%	3.0%
<b>Warren</b>	16.1%	14.5%	14.5%	13.2%	1.6%
<b>Out of State<sup>(1)</sup></b>	26.9%	26.0%	20.8%	25.5%	0.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21.2%</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>22.2%</b>	<b>23.5%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>

(1) These are referrals on children from New Jersey for incidents that occurred out-of-state. DYFS substantiated 28 of these referrals in 2002

Table 10: 2002 County Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Cases & Rate Per 1,000 Children

County	Number of Substantiated Cases	Rate per 1,000 Children <sup>(1)</sup>
Cape May	280	12.5
Salem	158	9.9
Cumberland	343	9.2
Essex	1,220	5.8
Camden	733	5.4
Atlantic	341	5.2
Passaic	552	4.2
Union	549	4.2
Gloucester	280	4.1
Ocean	469	3.9
Burlington	419	3.8
Warren	101	3.7
Mercer	296	3.5
Monmouth	562	3.4
Hudson	468	3.3
Middlesex	430	2.3
Somerset	179	2.2
Sussex	87	2.2
Hunterdon	60	1.9
Bergen	242	1.2
Morris	121	1.0
<b>Total<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>7,890</b>	<b>3.7</b>

(1) Rates are based on 2002 Census Estimate for children under 18. Source: NJ Department of Labor.

(2) The total excludes 28 substantiated cases among 104 New Jersey children referred for incidents that occurred out-of-state

Figure 5: Reported and Substantiated Abuse/Neglect by Type for 2002

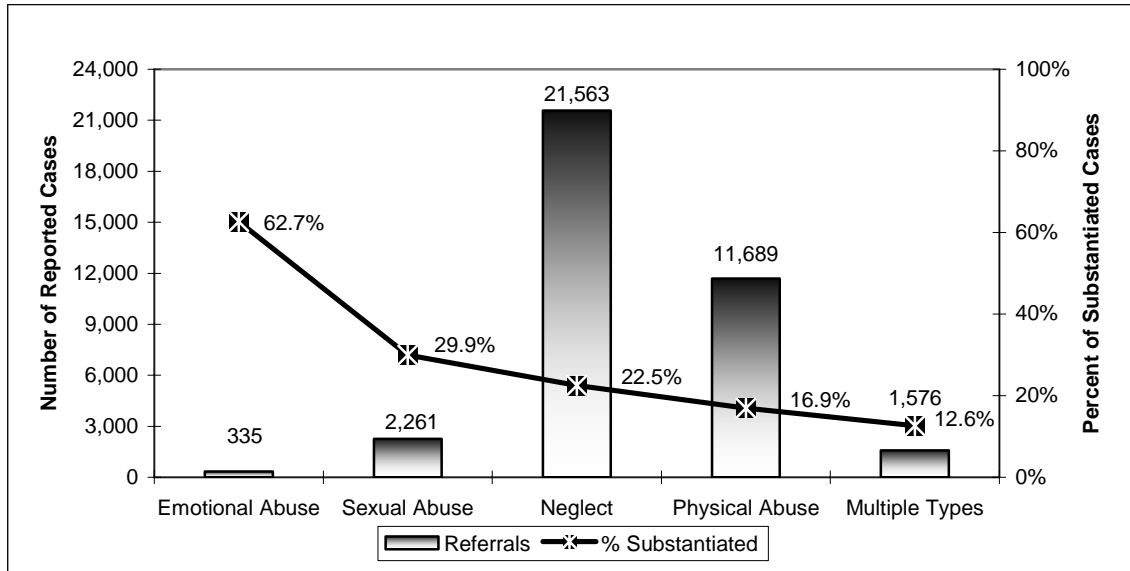


Table 11: Specific Types of Substantiated Abuse and Neglect

	<i>Physical Abuse</i>		<i>Neglect</i>		<i>Multiple Types</i>		<i>Sexual Abuse</i>		<i>Emotional Abuse</i>		County Total
	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	N	%	
<b>Atlantic</b>	86	25.2%	205	60.1%	21	6.2%	22	6.5%	7	2.1%	341
<b>Bergen</b>	95	39.3%	112	46.3%	2	0.8%	25	10.3%	8	3.3%	242
<b>Burlington</b>	108	25.8%	263	62.8%	6	1.4%	34	8.1%	8	1.9%	419
<b>Camden</b>	200	27.3%	450	61.4%	20	2.7%	43	5.9%	20	2.7%	733
<b>Cape May</b>	43	15.4%	178	63.6%	12	4.3%	13	4.6%	34	12.1%	280
<b>Cumberland</b>	75	21.9%	219	63.8%	8	2.3%	38	11.1%	3	0.9%	343
<i>Essex</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>26.7%</i>	<i>254</i>	<i>58.9%</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>9.3%</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>3.2%</i>	<i>431</i>
<i>Newark City</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>17.2%</i>	<i>586</i>	<i>74.3%</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>6.5%</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>789</i>
<b>Essex Total</b>	251	20.6%	840	68.9%	17	1.4%	91	7.5%	21	1.7%	1220
<b>Gloucester</b>	67	23.9%	175	62.5%	8	2.9%	26	9.3%	4	1.4%	280
<b>Hudson</b>	194	41.5%	237	50.6%	3	0.6%	31	6.6%	3	0.6%	468
<b>Hunterdon</b>	7	11.7%	36	60.0%	2	3.3%	10	16.7%	5	8.3%	60
<b>Mercer</b>	84	28.4%	167	56.4%	14	4.7%	30	10.1%	1	0.3%	296
<b>Middlesex</b>	90	20.9%	273	63.5%	17	4.0%	43	10.0%	7	1.6%	430
<b>Monmouth</b>	111	19.8%	356	63.3%	25	4.4%	40	7.1%	30	5.3%	562
<b>Morris</b>	22	18.2%	74	61.2%	1	0.8%	20	16.5%	4	3.3%	121
<b>Ocean</b>	74	15.8%	314	67.0%	20	4.3%	33	7.0%	28	6.0%	469
<b>Passaic</b>	174	31.5%	293	53.1%	10	1.8%	74	13.4%	1	0.2%	552
<b>Salem</b>	44	27.8%	100	63.3%	3	1.9%	9	5.7%	2	1.3%	158
<b>Somerset</b>	39	21.8%	112	62.6%	3	1.7%	12	6.7%	13	7.3%	179
<b>Sussex</b>	22	25.3%	54	62.1%	2	2.3%	9	10.3%	0	0.0%	87
<b>Union</b>	167	30.4%	328	59.7%	4	0.7%	41	7.5%	9	1.6%	549
<b>Warren</b>	23	22.8%	53	52.5%	1	1.0%	24	23.8%	0	0.0%	101
<b>Out of State *</b>	2	7.1%	15	53.6%	0	0.0%	9	32.1%	2	7.1%	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,978</b>	<b>25.0%</b>	<b>4,854</b>	<b>61.3%</b>	<b>199</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>8.6%</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>2.7%</b>	<b>7,918</b>

\* Referrals on NJ children from out-of state sources.

## Sources of Reported & Substantiated Child Abuse/Neglect

DYFS receives referrals from a myriad of community agencies and individuals. This section identifies the frequency with which these sources report concerns. Tables in this section identify the sources of both referrals and substantiations by county.

### Section Summary:

- As in prior years, school personnel, anonymous callers, police and health professionals made the majority of abuse/neglect referrals to DYFS in 2002. Together, these sources accounted for 23,649 referrals or (63.2%) of the total.
- The largest number of referrals came from school personnel (8,075 of 37,424, or 21.6%) and the smallest number came from correctional facility staff (26).
- Abuse and neglect referrals from the police and health professionals were most likely to be substantiated. In 2002, DYFS substantiated 40.5% (2,169) of the 5,352 referrals made by the police and 36.5% (1,380) of the 3,784 referrals made by health professionals.
- Referrals from Anonymous Callers (8.7%) and Correctional Facility staff (3.8%) were least likely to be substantiated.
- More than six in ten (62.4%) of all substantiations were referred by police (27.4%), schools (17.6%), and health professionals (17.4%) combined.
- The number of substantiations ranged from 1,220 in Essex County to 60 in Hunterdon County.

Table 12: Source of Child Abuse/Neglect Referrals for 2002

<b>Referral Source</b>	<b>Referrals Number of</b>	<b>Substantiated Number</b>	<b>Substantiated Percent</b>
Police	5,352	2,169	40.5%
Health	3,784	1,380	36.5%
Legal	195	66	33.8%
Self	402	117	29.1%
DYFS	1,360	386	28.4%
County Welfare	45	11	24.4%
Court	314	69	22.0%
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Other Agency	2,221	450	20.3%
Relative	2,542	466	18.3%
School	8,075	1,392	17.2%
Community Group	451	71	15.7%
Facility Administration	370	58	15.7%
Facility Staff	620	89	14.4%
Parent	2,936	371	12.6%
Friend/Neighbor	2,293	264	11.5%
Anonymous	6,438	558	8.7%
Correctional Facility	26	1	3.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>37,424</b>	<b>7,918</b>	<b>21.2%</b>
***Divides the table between sources having higher or lower percentages than the statewide average of 21.2%***			

Table 13: Number of Abuse/Neglect Referrals by County and Source for 2002

	Legal	Parent	Relative	School	Self	Anon	Friend/ Neighbor	Comm. Group	Other Agency	Health	County Welfare	DYFS	Police	Facility Admin.	Facility Staff	Court	Correct. Facility	<i>Total</i>
<b>Atlantic</b>	3	169	117	366	26	226	119	22	122	185	2	50	274	12	12	11	0	<b>1,716</b>
<b>Bergen</b>	7	66	31	337	5	68	22	10	73	86	0	44	206	26	8	7	1	<b>997</b>
<b>Burlington</b>	21	179	125	351	20	363	146	18	161	195	0	64	309	25	58	18	6	<b>2,059</b>
<b>Camden</b>	12	310	297	595	49	898	252	22	164	335	2	159	470	31	52	34	2	<b>3,684</b>
<b>Cape May</b>	1	66	51	196	4	236	115	33	41	61	0	40	193	0	5	10	0	<b>1,052</b>
<b>Cumberland</b>	3	135	161	380	21	301	173	17	117	172	0	65	158	10	23	27	0	<b>1,763</b>
<i>Essex</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>405</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>233</i>	<i>79</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>92</i>	<i>261</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>1,646</i>
<i>Newark City</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>235</i>	<i>521</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>442</i>	<i>213</i>	<i>40</i>	<i>137</i>	<i>536</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>95</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>2,904</i>
<b>Essex Total</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>345</b>	<b>926</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>675</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>221</b>	<b>561</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4,550</b>
<b>Gloucester</b>	9	109	114	177	13	254	86	16	49	94	0	29	273	9	16	4	0	<b>1,252</b>
<b>Hudson</b>	12	183	141	722	23	500	123	30	102	252	6	85	276	16	24	26	6	<b>2,527</b>
<b>Hunterdon</b>	0	40	13	85	1	32	19	10	26	23	0	15	69	0	1	6	0	<b>340</b>
<b>Mercer</b>	3	136	104	345	31	234	115	12	147	165	1	80	156	35	53	4	0	<b>1,621</b>
<b>Middlesex</b>	16	197	129	730	17	462	142	25	106	181	1	47	213	26	27	19	0	<b>2,338</b>
<b>Monmouth</b>	13	266	170	646	25	641	203	34	225	254	15	129	484	15	60	36	3	<b>3,219</b>
<b>Morris</b>	4	70	33	250	3	134	40	20	102	75	1	29	349	9	19	6	0	<b>1,144</b>
<b>Ocean</b>	32	216	177	327	23	416	97	20	126	145	0	79	426	8	13	24	0	<b>2,129</b>
<b>Passaic</b>	16	197	208	604	27	277	108	17	130	356	0	90	214	21	38	11	2	<b>2,316</b>
<b>Salem</b>	0	30	55	90	4	94	18	14	49	42	0	26	66	8	8	4	0	<b>508</b>
<b>Somerset</b>	13	121	63	245	11	196	51	4	70	86	0	32	204	25	70	12	4	<b>1,207</b>
<b>Sussex</b>	2	31	28	72	10	40	21	16	11	25	0	20	92	5	11	3	0	<b>387</b>
<b>Union</b>	9	97	143	483	16	260	100	24	135	251	4	41	270	13	16	22	0	<b>1,884</b>
<b>Warren</b>	1	59	28	135	2	124	47	15	46	56	3	12	84	8	3	4	0	<b>627</b>
<b>Out of State</b>	0	25	9	13	1	7	4	0	19	16	2	3	5	0	0	0	0	<b>104</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>	<b>2,936</b>	<b>2,542</b>	<b>8,075</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>6,438</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>451</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>3,784</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>1,360</b>	<b>5,352</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>37,424</b>
% of category	0.5%	7.8%	6.8%	21.6%	1.1%	17.2%	6.1%	1.2%	5.9%	10.1%	0.1%	3.6%	14.3%	1.0%	1.7%	0.8%	0.1%	100%

Table 14: Percent of Abuse/Neglect Referrals by County and Source for 2002

	Legal	Parent	Relative	School	Self	Anon	Friend/ Neighbor	Comm. Group	Other Agency	Health	County Welfare	DYFS	Police	Facility Admin.	Facility Staff	Court	Correct. Facility	<i>Total</i>
<b>Atlantic</b>	0.2%	9.8%	6.8%	21.3%	1.5%	13.2%	6.9%	1.3%	7.1%	10.8%	0.1%	2.9%	16.0%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%	0.0%	<b>1,716</b>
<b>Bergen</b>	0.7%	6.6%	3.1%	33.8%	0.5%	6.8%	2.2%	1.0%	7.3%	8.6%	0.0%	4.4%	20.7%	2.6%	0.8%	0.7%	0.1%	<b>997</b>
<b>Burlington</b>	1.0%	8.7%	6.1%	17.0%	1.0%	17.6%	7.1%	0.9%	7.8%	9.5%	0.0%	3.1%	15.0%	1.2%	2.8%	0.9%	0.3%	<b>2,059</b>
<b>Camden</b>	0.3%	8.4%	8.1%	16.2%	1.3%	24.4%	6.8%	0.6%	4.5%	9.1%	0.1%	4.3%	12.8%	0.8%	1.4%	0.9%	0.1%	<b>3,684</b>
<b>Cape May</b>	0.1%	6.3%	4.8%	18.6%	0.4%	22.4%	10.9%	3.1%	3.9%	5.8%	0.0%	3.8%	18.3%	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	0.0%	<b>1,052</b>
<b>Cumberland</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<b>1,763</b>
<i>Essex</i>	0.4%	6.4%	6.7%	24.6%	1.5%	14.2%	4.8%	1.9%	3.8%	11.7%	0.2%	5.6%	15.9%	0.8%	0.5%	1.0%	0.1%	1,646
<i>Newark City</i>	0.4%	4.4%	8.1%	17.9%	1.5%	15.2%	7.3%	1.4%	4.7%	18.5%	0.1%	4.4%	10.3%	1.9%	3.3%	0.3%	0.0%	2,904
<b>Essex Total</b>	0.4%	5.1%	7.6%	20.4%	1.5%	14.8%	6.4%	1.6%	4.4%	16.0%	0.2%	4.9%	12.3%	1.5%	2.3%	0.6%	0.0%	<b>4,550</b>
<b>Gloucester</b>	0.7%	8.7%	9.1%	14.1%	1.0%	20.3%	6.9%	1.3%	3.9%	7.5%	0.0%	2.3%	21.8%	0.7%	1.3%	0.3%	0.0%	<b>1,252</b>
<b>Hudson</b>	0.5%	7.2%	5.6%	28.6%	0.9%	19.8%	4.9%	1.2%	4.0%	10.0%	0.2%	3.4%	10.9%	0.6%	0.9%	1.0%	0.2%	<b>2,527</b>
<b>Hunterdon</b>	0.0%	11.8%	3.8%	25.0%	0.3%	9.4%	5.6%	2.9%	7.6%	6.8%	0.0%	4.4%	20.3%	0.0%	0.3%	1.8%	0.0%	<b>340</b>
<b>Mercer</b>	0.2%	8.4%	6.4%	21.3%	1.9%	14.4%	7.1%	0.7%	9.1%	10.2%	0.1%	4.9%	9.6%	2.2%	3.3%	0.2%	0.0%	<b>1,621</b>
<b>Middlesex</b>	0.7%	8.4%	5.5%	31.2%	0.7%	19.8%	6.1%	1.1%	4.5%	7.7%	0.0%	2.0%	9.1%	1.1%	1.2%	0.8%	0.0%	<b>2,338</b>
<b>Monmouth</b>	0.4%	8.3%	5.3%	20.1%	0.8%	19.9%	6.3%	1.1%	7.0%	7.9%	0.5%	4.0%	15.0%	0.5%	1.9%	1.1%	0.1%	<b>3,219</b>
<b>Morris</b>	0.3%	6.1%	2.9%	21.9%	0.3%	11.7%	3.5%	1.7%	8.9%	6.6%	0.1%	2.5%	30.5%	0.8%	1.7%	0.5%	0.0%	<b>1,144</b>
<b>Ocean</b>	1.5%	10.1%	8.3%	15.4%	1.1%	19.5%	4.6%	0.9%	5.9%	6.8%	0.0%	3.7%	20.0%	0.4%	0.6%	1.1%	0.0%	<b>2,129</b>
<b>Passaic</b>	0.7%	8.5%	9.0%	26.1%	1.2%	12.0%	4.7%	0.7%	5.6%	15.4%	0.0%	3.9%	9.2%	0.9%	1.6%	0.5%	0.1%	<b>2,316</b>
<b>Salem</b>	0.0%	5.9%	10.8%	17.7%	0.8%	18.5%	3.5%	2.8%	9.6%	8.3%	0.0%	5.1%	13.0%	1.6%	1.6%	0.8%	0.0%	<b>508</b>
<b>Somerset</b>	1.1%	10.0%	5.2%	20.3%	0.9%	16.2%	4.2%	0.3%	5.8%	7.1%	0.0%	2.7%	16.9%	2.1%	5.8%	1.0%	0.3%	<b>1,207</b>
<b>Sussex</b>	0.5%	8.0%	7.2%	18.6%	2.6%	10.3%	5.4%	4.1%	2.8%	6.5%	0.0%	5.2%	23.8%	1.3%	2.8%	0.8%	0.0%	<b>387</b>
<b>Union</b>	0.5%	5.2%	7.6%	25.7%	0.8%	13.8%	5.3%	1.3%	7.2%	13.3%	0.2%	2.2%	14.3%	0.7%	0.8%	1.2%	0.0%	<b>1,884</b>
<b>Warren</b>	0.2%	9.4%	4.5%	21.5%	0.3%	19.8%	7.5%	2.4%	7.3%	8.9%	0.5%	1.9%	13.4%	1.3%	0.5%	0.6%	0.0%	<b>627</b>
<b>Out of State</b>	0.0%	24.0%	8.7%	12.5%	1.0%	6.7%	3.8%	0.0%	18.3%	15.4%	1.9%	2.9%	4.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	<b>104</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.5%</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>21.6%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>17.2%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>100%</b>
# in category	195	2,936	2,542	8,075	402	6,438	2,293	451	2,221	3,784	45	1,360	5,352	370	620	314	26	37,424

Table 15: Number of Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals by County and Source for 2002

	Legal	Parent	Relative	School	Self	Anon	Friend/ Neighbor	Comm. Group	Other Agency	Health	County			Facility		Facility	Court	Correct. Facility	<i>Total</i>
											Welfare	DYFS	Police	Admin.	Staff				
<b>Atlantic</b>	0	17	12	66	12	9	18	5	20	61	0	5	104	2	2	8	0	<b>341</b>	
<b>Bergen</b>	4	12	5	50	2	9	6	1	18	30	0	11	88	3	0	3	0	<b>242</b>	
<b>Burlington</b>	7	24	9	77	5	29	23	2	24	66	0	6	131	2	11	3	0	<b>419</b>	
<b>Camden</b>	6	20	49	112	11	87	42	6	32	112	0	57	184	0	10	5	0	<b>733</b>	
<b>Cape May</b>	3	11	12	44	3	34	4	6	15	18	0	8	114	0	4	4	0	<b>280</b>	
<b>Cumberland</b>	1	17	21	66	13	27	11	0	25	54	0	25	76	2	1	4	0	<b>343</b>	
<i>Essex</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>80</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>431</i>	
<i>Newark City</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>270</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>157</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>789</i>	
<b>Essex Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1,220</b>	
<b>Gloucester</b>	2	21	23	44	0	26	8	0	9	26	0	8	106	3	4	0	0	<b>280</b>	
<b>Hudson</b>	5	21	25	135	3	20	20	1	16	90	1	20	108	2	0	1	0	<b>468</b>	
<b>Hunterdon</b>	0	6	3	7	0	1	0	1	5	6	0	5	24	0	0	2	0	<b>60</b>	
<b>Mercer</b>	0	8	10	56	11	25	7	1	28	58	1	25	55	6	5	0	0	<b>296</b>	
<b>Middlesex</b>	6	24	24	105	0	29	17	9	16	70	1	13	98	5	4	9	0	<b>430</b>	
<b>Monmouth</b>	5	24	30	81	16	38	11	5	45	67	2	40	170	6	17	5	0	<b>562</b>	
<b>Morris</b>	1	5	0	7	1	2	1	1	7	15	0	7	69	2	0	3	0	<b>121</b>	
<b>Ocean</b>	9	43	32	36	6	54	3	5	33	50	0	14	167	3	3	11	0	<b>469</b>	
<b>Passaic</b>	5	32	49	130	7	28	14	7	36	126	0	26	85	1	3	3	0	<b>552</b>	
<b>Salem</b>	0	8	17	26	1	13	2	7	13	21	0	13	34	0	2	1	0	<b>158</b>	
<b>Somerset</b>	1	15	11	17	4	12	5	0	15	15	0	4	63	7	9	1	0	<b>179</b>	
<b>Sussex</b>	1	3	4	14	1	4	2	1	2	6	0	6	43	0	0	0	0	<b>87</b>	
<b>Union</b>	3	13	50	108	4	31	15	6	31	129	1	5	142	0	5	6	0	<b>549</b>	
<b>Warren</b>	1	11	7	17	3	11	2	0	11	5	0	5	27	1	0	0	0	<b>101</b>	
<b>Out of State</b>	0	7	4	2	0	1	0	0	4	5	1	2	2	0	0	0	0	<b>28</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>466</b>	<b>1,392</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>450</b>	<b>1,380</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>2,169</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7,918</b>	
% of category	0.8%	4.7%	5.9%	17.6%	1.5%	7.0%	3.3%	0.9%	5.7%	17.4%	0.1%	4.9%	27.4%	0.7%	1.1%	0.9%	0.0%	100%	

Table 16: Percent of Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals by County and Source for 2002

	Legal	Parent	Relative	School	Self	Anon	Friend/ Neighbor	Comm. Group	Other Agency	Health	County Welfare	DYFS	Police	Facility Admin.	Facility Staff	Court	Correct. Facility	<i>Total</i>
<b>Atlantic</b>	0.0%	5.0%	3.5%	19.4%	3.5%	2.6%	5.3%	1.5%	5.9%	17.9%	0.0%	1.5%	30.5%	0.6%	0.6%	2.3%	0.0%	341
<b>Bergen</b>	1.7%	5.0%	2.1%	20.7%	0.8%	3.7%	2.5%	0.4%	7.4%	12.4%	0.0%	4.5%	36.4%	1.2%	0.0%	1.2%	0.0%	242
<b>Burlington</b>	1.7%	5.7%	2.1%	18.4%	1.2%	6.9%	5.5%	0.5%	5.7%	15.8%	0.0%	1.4%	31.3%	0.5%	2.6%	0.7%	0.0%	419
<b>Camden</b>	0.8%	2.7%	6.7%	15.3%	1.5%	11.9%	5.7%	0.8%	4.4%	15.3%	0.0%	7.8%	25.1%	0.0%	1.4%	0.7%	0.0%	733
<b>Cape May</b>	1.1%	3.9%	4.3%	15.7%	1.1%	12.1%	1.4%	2.1%	5.4%	6.4%	0.0%	2.9%	40.7%	0.0%	1.4%	1.4%	0.0%	280
<b>Cumberland</b>	0.3%	5.0%	6.1%	19.2%	3.8%	7.9%	3.2%	0.0%	7.3%	15.7%	0.0%	7.3%	22.2%	0.6%	0.3%	1.2%	0.0%	343
<i>Essex</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>3.0%</i>	<i>5.3%</i>	<i>19.0%</i>	<i>1.2%</i>	<i>7.7%</i>	<i>1.9%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>3.0%</i>	<i>18.6%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>10.2%</i>	<i>28.3%</i>	<i>0.9%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.2%</i>	<i>431</i>
<i>Newark City</i>	<i>0.6%</i>	<i>2.0%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>13.9%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>5.7%</i>	<i>0.8%</i>	<i>4.1%</i>	<i>34.2%</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>4.7%</i>	<i>19.9%</i>	<i>1.1%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>789</i>
<b>Essex Total</b>	0.5%	2.4%	5.7%	15.7%	1.1%	5.6%	4.3%	0.6%	3.7%	28.7%	0.3%	6.6%	22.9%	1.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.1%	1,220
<b>Gloucester</b>	0.7%	7.5%	8.2%	15.7%	0.0%	9.3%	2.9%	0.0%	3.2%	9.3%	0.0%	2.9%	37.9%	1.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	280
<b>Hudson</b>	1.1%	4.5%	5.3%	28.8%	0.6%	4.3%	4.3%	0.2%	3.4%	19.2%	0.2%	4.3%	23.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	468
<b>Hunterdon</b>	0.0%	10.0%	5.0%	11.7%	0.0%	1.7%	0.0%	1.7%	8.3%	10.0%	0.0%	8.3%	40.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.3%	0.0%	60
<b>Mercer</b>	0.0%	2.7%	3.4%	18.9%	3.7%	8.4%	2.4%	0.3%	9.5%	19.6%	0.3%	8.4%	18.6%	2.0%	1.7%	0.0%	0.0%	296
<b>Middlesex</b>	1.4%	5.6%	5.6%	24.4%	0.0%	6.7%	4.0%	2.1%	3.7%	16.3%	0.2%	3.0%	22.8%	1.2%	0.9%	2.1%	0.0%	430
<b>Monmouth</b>	0.9%	4.3%	5.3%	14.4%	2.8%	6.8%	2.0%	0.9%	8.0%	11.9%	0.4%	7.1%	30.2%	1.1%	3.0%	0.9%	0.0%	562
<b>Morris</b>	0.8%	4.1%	0.0%	5.8%	0.8%	1.7%	0.8%	0.8%	5.8%	12.4%	0.0%	5.8%	57.0%	1.7%	0.0%	2.5%	0.0%	121
<b>Ocean</b>	1.9%	9.2%	6.8%	7.7%	1.3%	11.5%	0.6%	1.1%	7.0%	10.7%	0.0%	3.0%	35.6%	0.6%	0.6%	2.3%	0.0%	469
<b>Passaic</b>	0.9%	5.8%	8.9%	23.6%	1.3%	5.1%	2.5%	1.3%	6.5%	22.8%	0.0%	4.7%	15.4%	0.2%	0.5%	0.5%	0.0%	552
<b>Salem</b>	0.0%	5.1%	10.8%	16.5%	0.6%	8.2%	1.3%	4.4%	8.2%	13.3%	0.0%	8.2%	21.5%	0.0%	1.3%	0.6%	0.0%	158
<b>Somerset</b>	0.6%	8.4%	6.1%	9.5%	2.2%	6.7%	2.8%	0.0%	8.4%	8.4%	0.0%	2.2%	35.2%	3.9%	5.0%	0.6%	0.0%	179
<b>Sussex</b>	1.1%	3.4%	4.6%	16.1%	1.1%	4.6%	2.3%	1.1%	2.3%	6.9%	0.0%	6.9%	49.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	87
<b>Union</b>	0.5%	2.4%	9.1%	19.7%	0.7%	5.6%	2.7%	1.1%	5.6%	23.5%	0.2%	0.9%	25.9%	0.0%	0.9%	1.1%	0.0%	549
<b>Warren</b>	1.0%	10.9%	6.9%	16.8%	3.0%	10.9%	2.0%	0.0%	10.9%	5.0%	0.0%	5.0%	26.7%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	101
<b>Out of State</b>	0.0%	25.0%	14.3%	7.1%	0.0%	3.6%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%	17.9%	3.6%	7.1%	7.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>17.6%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>7.0%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>5.7%</b>	<b>17.4%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>27.4%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>100%</b>
# in category	66	371	466	1,392	117	558	264	71	450	1,380	11	386	2,169	58	89	69	1	7,918

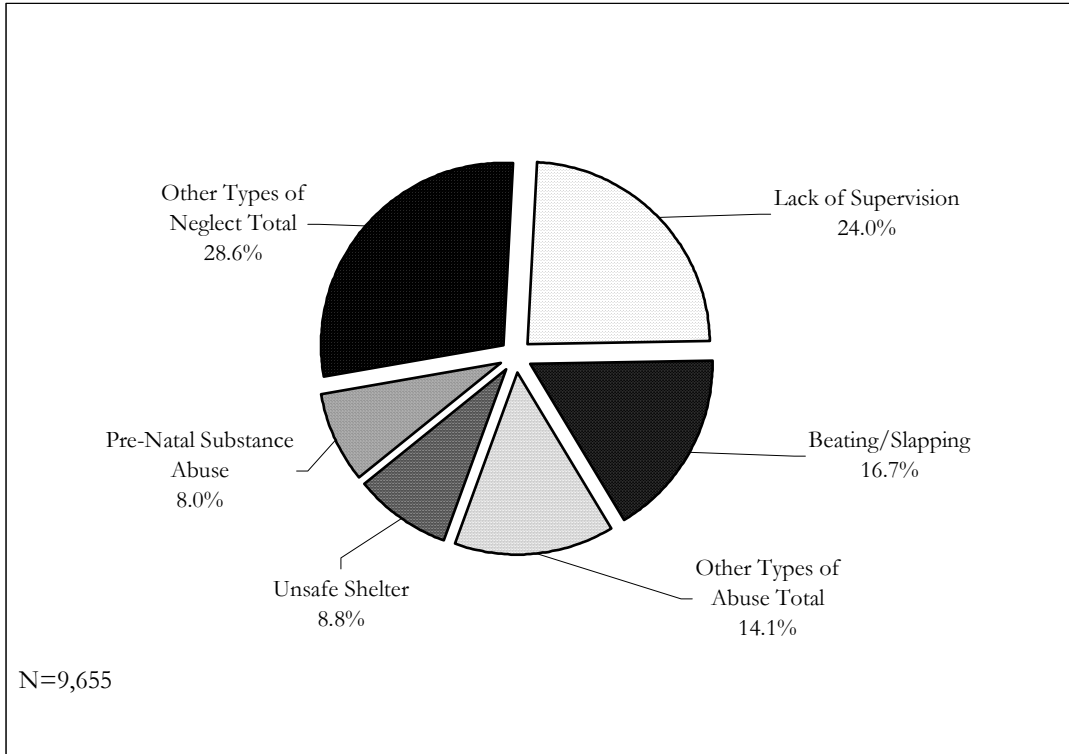
## Perpetrators and Victims Of Child Abuse/Neglect

This section identifies caregiver actions leading to abuse/neglect, a description of the types of harm or injuries that child victims sustained, the relationship of the perpetrator to the victim for each type of maltreatment, and demographic characteristics information of both perpetrators and victims.

### Section Summary:

- Lack of supervision was the single most frequently occurring substantiated act of maltreatment that met the legal definition of abuse or neglect. Lack of supervision was followed in order by beating/slapping, unsafe shelter, and pre-natal substance abuse in that order.
- A bruise or welt was the most frequently recorded injury, accounting for 14.8% of all injury findings. The “Other Injury” category comprised 11.4% of all injuries.
- The victim’s parent was the primary perpetrator in 76.8% of all substantiated abuse/neglect referrals. These figures are consistent with those reported in prior years.
- Parents and relatives are equally likely to be the perpetrators of sexual abuse (20.2% by parents and 20.1% by relatives).
- Parent paramours and stepparents are disproportionately involved as perpetrators of substantiated sexual abuse cases (16% and 12.3% respectively).
- Females were the primary perpetrators in 65.4% of all substantiated abuse and neglect cases.
- Victims four years of age or younger account for more than one third (35%) of all victims.
- 43.3% of abused and neglected children were black, 34.7% were white, and 15.5% were Hispanic.

Figure 6: Types and Percentages of Substantiated Caregiver Maltreatment for 2002



3 cases were miscoded: One finding contained an unrecognized code. Two findings indicated “no incident”. Some children experienced more than one type of harm

Table 17: Caregiver Maltreatment – Detail of “Other Types” of Abuse and Neglect for 2002

Other Types of Physical and Sexual Abuse		Other Types of Neglect	
Fondling/Touching	378	Other Lack of Intervention	1,431
Other Physical Intervention	345	Lack of Medical Care/Treatment	363
Oral Sex/Sodomy	132	Emotional Harm	327
Digital Penetration	123	Educational Lack	180
Other Sexual Action	99	Lack of Food/Clothing	175
Intercourse	91	Abandonment	168
Burn/Scalding	58	Emotional Lack	50
Shaking	30	Locking In/Out	37
Sexual Exploitation	30	Untreated Dental	18
Cutting/Stabbing	27	Permit Sexual Activity	10
Masturbation	26	<b>Other Types of Neglect Total</b>	<b>2,759</b>
Asphyxiating	21		
<b>Other Types of Abuse Total</b>	<b>1,360</b>		

Figure 7: Percent of Substantiated Abuse/Neglect by Type

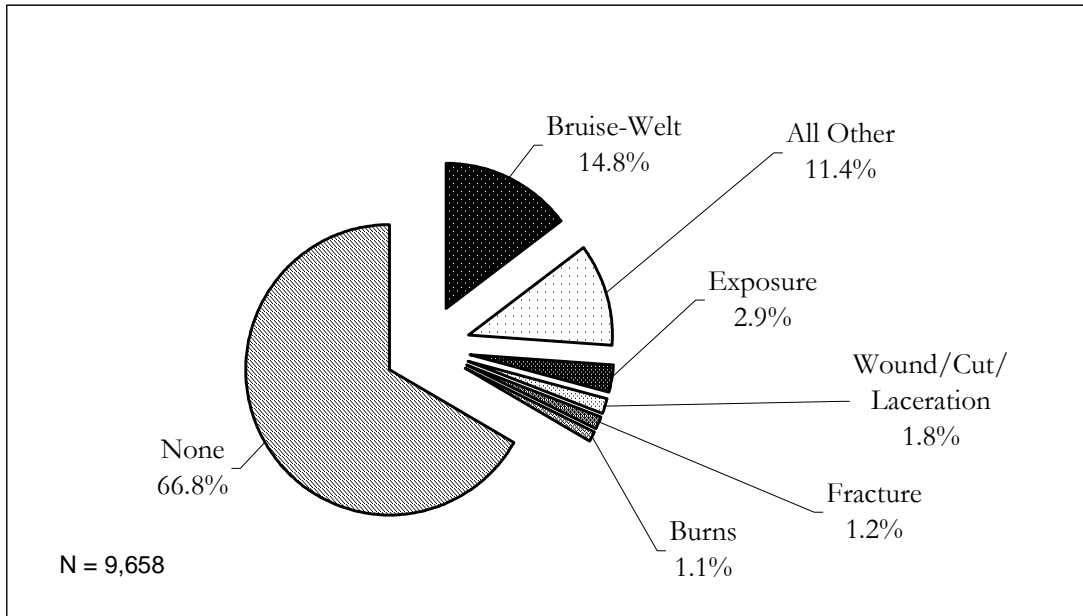


Table 18: Detail of Other Injuries for 2002

Type of Injury	Number
Infection	49
Brain Injury	47
Bite Marks	40
Failure to Thrive	26
Internal Injury	25
Death	29
Sexually Transmitted Disease	13
Parasitic Infection	10
Malnutrition	8
Mentally/Socially Retarded	8
Poisoning	7
Sprain/Dislocation	7
Hearing Impairment	5
Vision Impairment	5
Other	818
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,097</b>

Table 19: Relationship of the Perpetrator by Type of Abuse/Neglect for 2002

	Physical abuse		Neglect		Multiple Types		Sexual Abuse		Emotional Abuse		Total <sup>(1)</sup>	
	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	%	n	% of Known Caretakers
Natural Parent/Guardian	1,451	73.4%	4,156	85.6%	150	75.4%	137	20.2%	186	88.6%	6,080	76.8%
Relative	109	5.5%	246	5.1%	7	3.5%	136	20.1%	3	1.4%	501	6.3%
Paramour of Parent/Caretaker	114	5.8%	96	2.0%	18	9.0%	108	16.0%	11	5.2%	347	4.4%
Step Parent	127	6.4%	45	0.9%	7	3.5%	83	12.3%	8	3.8%	270	3.4%
Other Caregiver	18	0.9%	33	0.7%	2	1.0%	56	8.3%	1	0.5%	110	1.4%
Institutional Staff	25	1.3%	53	1.1%	3	1.5%	24	3.5%	0	0.0%	105	1.3%
Baby Sitter	22	1.1%	51	1.1%	1	0.5%	26	3.8%	0	0.0%	100	1.3%
Foster Parent	14	0.7%	46	0.9%	7	3.5%	11	1.6%	0	0.0%	78	1.0%
Adoptive Parent	27	0.5%	17	0.5%	2	3.4%	10	0.5%	0	0.8%	56	0.0%
Educational Staff	7	1.4%	19	0.4%	1	1.0%	29	1.5%	0	0.0%	56	0.7%
Sibling (adult)	16	0.4%	11	0.4%	0	0.5%	10	4.3%	0	0.0%	37	0.7%
Sibling (minor)	3	0.2%	12	0.0%	0	1.6%	13	0.0%	0	0.6%	28	0.0%
Registered Day Care Home	0	0.8%	23	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	1.5%	0	0.0%	23	0.5%
Unregistered Day Care Home	2	0.2%	11	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	1.9%	0	0.0%	13	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,935</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4,819</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>643</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>209</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7,804</b>	<b>100%</b>

(1) There were 114 cases missing perpetrator information.

Table 20: Race, Gender, Mean and Median Age of Perpetrators of Abuse/Neglect

Race	Females				Males			
	Count	%	Mean Age	Median Age	Count	%	Mean Age	Median Age
Black/African American	2,476	48.8%	33.9	32.9	916	34.1%	35.0	34.7
White	1,637	32.3%	34.5	34.6	1,087	40.4%	39.0	38.9
Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity	716	14.1%	32.6	31.9	520	19.3%	34.7	34.5
Other/Unable to Determine	181	3.6%	34.2	34.9	113	4.2%	34.2	34.9
Asian	45	0.9%	37.7	37.9	46	1.7%	44.5	41.1
Other Interracial	9	0.2%	22.9	22.9	4	0.1%	49.1	49.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	6	0.1%	25.8	21.4	4	0.1%	38.9	39.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0%	N/A	N/A	0	0.0%	N/A	N/A
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,976</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>33.9</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>2,631</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>36.7</b>

Age was missing for 1151 cases. Race was missing for 311. Gender, age and race were missing for 158 cases. Mean and median ages do not included data where age was missing.

Figure 8: Age Groups of Abuse/Neglect Victims for 2002

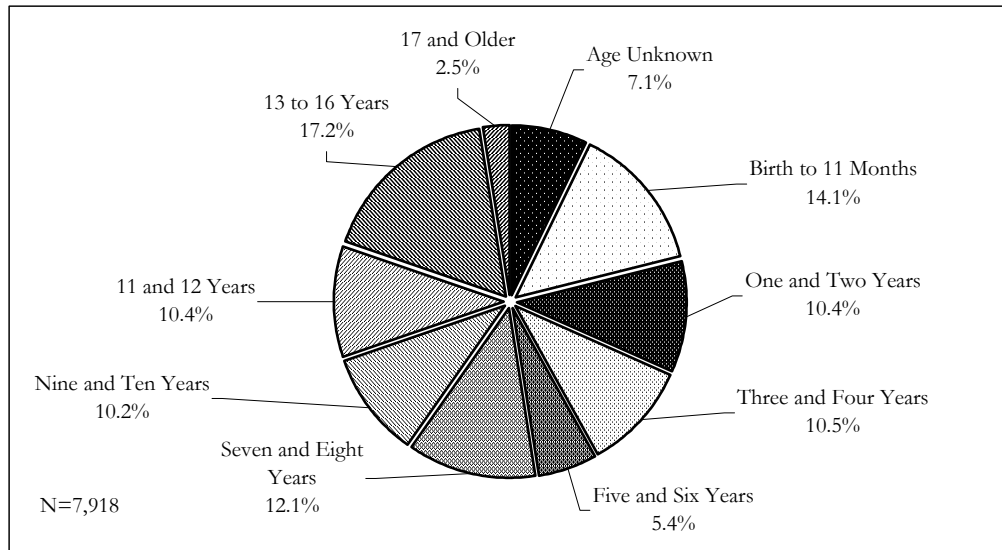


Table 21: Gender and Age of the Victim (Years) by Type of Maltreatment for 2002

Type of Maltreatment	Female		Male	
	Mean Age	Median Age	Mean Age	Median Age
Physical Abuse	10.5	11.6	9.0	9.0
Neglect	6.4	5.9	6.1	5.3
Multiple Types	8.9	9.4	7.8	7.4
Sexual Abuse	11.3	11.9	9.4	8.8
Emotional Abuse	8.9	9.6	8.0	7.3
<b>Total</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>

Age at time of incident was not available for 38 cases. Gender was not identified for 23 cases.

Table 22: Demographic Characteristics of the Victims of Abuse/Neglect for 2002

	Female				Male			
	n	%	Mean Age	Median Age	n	%	Mean Age	Median Age
Black/African American	1,745	42.4%	7.6	7.7	1,672	44.2%	6.8	6.5
White	1,389	33.7%	8.5	8.3	1,350	35.7%	7.4	7.2
Hispanic/Latino Ethnicity	704	17.1%	9.0	9.4	526	13.9%	7.5	7.4
Unable to Determine	147	3.6%	7.7	7.2	140	3.7%	6.4	5.4
Interracial	74	1.8%	6.0	5.1	54	1.4%	6.0	4.3
Asian	49	1.2%	9.1	9.8	28	0.7%	8.5	9.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	8	0.2%	12.7	13.4	9	0.2%	7.0	6.6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,116</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>3,779</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>6.8</b>

Gender was not identified for 23 cases.

## Family Problem Referrals

In addition to providing protective services to abuse/neglect victims, DYFS workers provide services directly or through purchase of service contracts to families who have not abused or neglected their children according to statute, but whom they determine to be at risk of harming their children unless an intervention occurs. A DYFS worker assesses the family's problems and service needs before determining whether continued DYFS involvement is appropriate.

This section reports on the frequency and distribution of family problem referrals by county and source. Issues contributing to family problems are reported as child and/or parent related. The referral rate per 1,000 children by county is also reported.

### Section Summary:

- DYFS received 36,347 family problem referrals in 2002. This number comprised 46.7% of the 77,888 referrals the Division received.
- Essex County reported 3,805 (10.5%) family problem referrals, the highest number reported among any of the counties. Hudson County ranked second, with 3,284 (9%) referrals, and Passaic County was third, with 2,983 (8.2%).
- Family problem referrals received from school staff (8,449, or 23.2% of the total), health professionals (4,972, or 13.7%), and from police (4,795, or 13.2%) comprised 50.1% of all family problem referrals.
- In 2002, the family problem referral rate was 17.1 per 1,000 children under 18 years of age living in New Jersey.
- Family Problem referrals are sorted into three categories in this report: Parent Issue, Child Issue, and Parent-Child Issue. Parent Issues cases are those that come to DYFS primarily due to parental problems or behaviors (such as a lack of parenting skills). Child Issues (alternately *child-related family problem*) and Parent-Child Issues (alternately *parent-related family problem*) are similarly defined (see Definitions Used In This Report at the beginning of this document for details of these subgroups). Statewide, more than half of the family problem referrals (55.7%) were Parent Issues and more than one third (35.1%) were Child Issues. In the remaining tenth (9.3%), both parents and children exhibited a condition or behavior(s) that led to a referral.
- Parenting issues singularly represented almost two-thirds (59.8%) of the referrals attributed to *parent-related family problems* in 2002.

Table 23: Frequency &amp; Percentage Distribution of Family Problem Referrals by County for 2002

County	Number	% of Total
<b>Atlantic</b>	1,275	3.5%
<b>Bergen</b>	2,777	7.6%
<b>Burlington</b>	1,455	4.0%
<b>Camden</b>	2,870	7.9%
<b>Cape May</b>	466	1.3%
<b>Cumberland</b>	1,028	2.8%
<i>Essex</i>	<i>1,665</i>	<i>4.6%</i>
<i>Newark City</i>	<i>2,140</i>	<i>5.9%</i>
<b>Essex Total</b>	3,805	10.5%
<b>Gloucester</b>	979	2.7%
<b>Hudson</b>	3,284	9.0%
<b>Hunterdon</b>	385	1.1%
<b>Mercer</b>	2,098	5.8%
<b>Middlesex</b>	2,826	7.8%
<b>Monmouth</b>	2,304	6.3%
<b>Morris</b>	1,609	4.4%
<b>Ocean</b>	1,146	3.2%
<b>Passaic</b>	2,983	8.2%
<b>Salem</b>	438	1.2%
<b>Somerset</b>	925	2.5%
<b>Sussex</b>	899	2.5%
<b>Union</b>	1,881	5.2%
<b>Warren</b>	912	2.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,345</b>	<b>100%</b>

Two referrals were coded as Out-of-State

Table 24: Number &amp; Percentage Distribution of Family Problem Referrals by Source

Referral Source	Number	% of Total
School	8,449	23.2%
Health	4,972	13.7%
Police	4,795	13.2%
Anonymous	3,788	10.4%
Parent	3,434	9.4%
Other Agency	3,050	8.4%
Relative	2,393	6.6%
Friend-Neighbor	1,745	4.8%
DYFS	1,274	3.5%
Court	770	2.1%
Self	510	1.4%
Community Group	407	1.1%
Facility Staff	313	0.9%
Legal	264	0.7%
CWA	71	0.2%
Facility Administration	66	0.2%
Correctional Facility	46	0.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>36,347</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 25: Percent of Family Problem Referrals by County and Source for 2002

	Legal	Parent	Relative	School	Self	Anon	Friend-Neighbor	Comm. Group	Other Agency	Health	CWA	DYFS	Police	Facility Admin	Facility Staff	Court	Correct Facility	Total
<b>Atlantic</b>	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	3.5%
<b>Bergen</b>	0.0%	0.8%	0.5%	1.8%	0.0%	0.8%	0.3%	0.0%	0.7%	0.9%	0.0%	0.2%	1.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	7.6%
<b>Burlington</b>	0.1%	0.5%	0.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.4%	0.6%	0.0%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%
<b>Camden</b>	0.1%	0.8%	0.6%	1.4%	0.2%	1.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.7%	1.0%	0.0%	0.4%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.0%	7.9%
<b>Cape May</b>	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.3%
<b>Cumberland</b>	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.8%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.8%
<i>Essex</i>	0.0%	0.4%	0.4%	0.9%	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.3%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	4.6%
<i>Newark City</i>	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.8%	0.1%	0.6%	0.3%	0.1%	0.4%	1.4%	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	5.9%
<b>Essex</b>	0.1%	0.8%	1.0%	1.7%	0.2%	0.9%	0.5%	0.1%	0.7%	2.2%	0.0%	0.7%	1.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%	0.0%	10.5%
<b>Gloucester</b>	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.6%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.7%
<b>Hudson</b>	0.0%	0.8%	0.6%	2.3%	0.1%	1.5%	0.6%	0.1%	0.5%	1.2%	0.0%	0.2%	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	9.0%
<b>Hunterdon</b>	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%
<b>Mercer</b>	0.0%	0.4%	0.5%	1.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.0%	0.3%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	5.8%
<b>Middlesex</b>	0.1%	0.9%	0.5%	2.2%	0.1%	1.1%	0.4%	0.1%	0.5%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	7.8%
<b>Monmouth</b>	0.1%	0.6%	0.3%	1.8%	0.1%	0.6%	0.1%	0.0%	0.5%	0.8%	0.0%	0.2%	0.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	6.3%
<b>Morris</b>	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	1.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.4%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.4%
<b>Ocean</b>	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	0.8%	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	3.2%
<b>Passaic</b>	0.1%	0.7%	0.5%	2.4%	0.2%	0.7%	0.3%	0.1%	0.7%	1.6%	0.0%	0.3%	0.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	8.2%
<b>Salem</b>	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.2%
<b>Somerset</b>	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.7%	0.0%	0.2%	0.1%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.0%	0.1%	0.4%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%
<b>Sussex</b>	0.0%	0.3%	0.1%	0.6%	0.0%	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	2.5%
<b>Union</b>	0.0%	0.4%	0.3%	0.9%	0.1%	0.5%	0.3%	0.1%	0.5%	0.9%	0.0%	0.2%	0.7%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	5.2%
<b>Warren</b>	0.0%	0.4%	0.1%	0.5%	0.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.5%
<b>Out Of State</b>	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>% of category</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>9.4%</b>	<b>6.6%</b>	<b>23.2%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>10.4%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>8.4%</b>	<b>13.7%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>0.2%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>100%</b>
Number	264	3,434	2,393	8,449	510	3,788	1,745	407	3,050	4,972	71	1,274	4,795	66	313	770	46	36,347

Table 26: Number of Family Problem Referrals by County and Source for 2002

	Legal	Parent	Relative	School	Self	Anon	Friend-Neighbor	Comm. Group	Other Agency	Health	CWA	DYFS	Police	Facility Admin	Facility Staff	Court	Correct Facility	Total
<b>Atlantic</b>	3	138	99	259	13	81	63	21	154	188	5	14	197	4	9	27	0	1,275
<b>Bergen</b>	2	291	171	651	7	306	117	15	261	342	1	59	490	2	11	49	2	2,777
<b>Burlington</b>	19	182	80	319	16	114	87	19	141	221	2	21	209	2	6	17	0	1,455
<b>Camden</b>	23	280	209	507	59	387	107	20	250	380	0	143	383	2	11	106	3	2,870
<b>Cape May</b>	2	32	19	140	6	46	38	7	27	31	0	26	74	0	7	11	0	466
<b>Cumberland</b>	1	74	87	285	22	59	60	5	96	171	0	47	95	2	10	14	0	1,028
<i>Essex</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>321</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>284</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>107</i>	<i>197</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>78</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>1,665</i>
<i>Newark City</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>231</i>	<i>297</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>211</i>	<i>94</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>150</i>	<i>498</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>184</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>2,140</i>
<b>Essex</b>	29	273	377	618	65	326	171	32	265	782	3	258	381	12	37	167	9	3,805
<b>Gloucester</b>	5	106	68	224	28	125	41	18	64	107	3	17	150	0	7	16	0	979
<b>Hudson</b>	18	278	208	832	49	558	205	36	168	433	18	90	353	2	12	22	2	3,284
<b>Hunterdon</b>	3	46	14	87	6	34	17	6	43	46	0	13	56	0	4	10	0	385
<b>Mercer</b>	12	158	178	464	47	168	127	9	283	304	3	98	186	2	38	15	6	2,098
<b>Middlesex</b>	20	314	182	803	31	396	137	22	194	252	10	77	312	4	23	43	6	2,826
<b>Monmouth</b>	28	214	122	664	36	202	49	18	189	290	15	77	332	8	18	39	3	2,304
<b>Morris</b>	13	125	49	350	8	115	44	35	158	132	1	23	516	11	14	15	0	1,609
<b>Ocean</b>	26	99	52	285	6	134	41	11	78	124	1	54	180	3	20	29	3	1,146
<b>Passaic</b>	28	254	182	872	56	244	123	19	244	569	2	103	233	1	12	37	4	2,983
<b>Salem</b>	2	49	41	82	5	52	19	11	41	57	0	9	41	4	13	12	0	438
<b>Somerset</b>	10	90	43	269	7	83	38	4	78	98	0	24	134	2	29	14	2	925
<b>Sussex</b>	5	114	44	207	5	67	97	63	48	61	2	28	125	4	7	20	2	899
<b>Union</b>	14	161	123	343	26	170	91	26	188	316	1	61	244	1	19	93	4	1,881
<b>Warren</b>	1	156	44	188	12	121	73	10	80	68	4	32	104	0	5	14	0	912
<b>Out Of State</b>	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>3,434</b>	<b>2,393</b>	<b>8,449</b>	<b>510</b>	<b>3,788</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>407</b>	<b>3,050</b>	<b>4,972</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>4,795</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>770</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>36,347</b>
% of category	0.7%	9.4%	6.6%	23.2%	1.4%	10.4%	4.8%	1.1%	8.4%	13.7%	0.2%	3.5%	13.2%	0.2%	0.9%	2.1%	0.1%	100%

Table 27: Family Problem Referrals Rate per 1,000 Children for 2002

County	Number of Family Referrals	Rate Per 1,000 Children <sup>(1)</sup>
Atlantic	1,275	19.5
Bergen	2,777	13.5
Burlington	1,455	13.5
Camden	2,870	21.2
Cape May	466	20.8
Cumberland	1,028	27.7
Essex	3,805	18.0
Gloucester	979	14.8
Hudson	3,284	23.5
Hunterdon	385	12.2
Mercer	2,098	24.2
Middlesex	2,826	15.3
Monmouth	2,304	14.0
Morris	1,609	13.6
Ocean	1,146	9.3
Passaic	2,983	22.7
Salem	438	27.4
Somerset	925	11.6
Sussex	899	22.4
Union	1,881	14.2
Warren	912	33.4
<b>Total<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>36,345</b>	<b>17.1</b>

2002 rates are based on 2002 Census Estimate. Source: NJ Department of Labor.

(2) out-of-state cases are not included.

Table 28: Number and Percentage of County Reported Family Problems by Subgroups for 2002

	Child Issue		Parent Issue		Parent/Child		Total
	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	Count	Row %	
Atlantic	519	40.7%	644	50.5%	112	8.8%	1,275
Bergen	587	21.1%	2,024	72.9%	166	6.0%	2,777
Burlington	801	55.1%	562	38.6%	92	6.3%	1,455
Camden	963	33.6%	1,432	49.9%	475	16.6%	2,870
Cape May	266	57.1%	187	40.1%	13	2.8%	466
Cumberland	447	43.5%	506	49.2%	75	7.3%	1,028
Essex	426	25.6%	1,004	60.3%	235	14.1%	1,665
Newark City	476	22.2%	1,404	65.6%	260	12.1%	2,140
Essex total	902	23.7%	2,408	63.3%	495	13.0%	3,805
Gloucester	444	45.4%	482	49.2%	53	5.4%	979
Hudson	866	26.4%	2,055	62.6%	363	11.1%	3,284
Hunterdon	126	32.7%	186	48.3%	73	19.0%	385
Mercer	965	46.0%	1,006	48.0%	127	6.1%	2,098
Middlesex	746	26.4%	1,878	66.5%	202	7.1%	2,826
Monmouth	1,011	43.9%	989	42.9%	304	13.2%	2,304
Morris	633	39.3%	899	55.9%	77	4.8%	1,609
Ocean	496	43.3%	508	44.3%	142	12.4%	1,146
Passaic	1,351	45.3%	1,440	48.3%	192	6.4%	2,983
Salem	211	48.2%	195	44.5%	32	7.3%	438
Somerset	354	38.3%	475	51.4%	96	10.4%	925
Sussex	327	36.4%	535	59.5%	37	4.1%	899
Union	405	21.5%	1,297	69.0%	179	9.5%	1,881
Warren	329	36.1%	525	57.6%	58	6.4%	912
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,749</b>	<b>35.1%</b>	<b>20,233</b>	<b>55.7%</b>	<b>3,363</b>	<b>9.3%</b>	<b>36,345</b>

One child issue and one parent issue coded Out-of-State.

Table 29: Number & Percentage of Family Problems Referred for Service by Categories for 2002

<i>Family Problems: Child-Related Categories</i>	<i>Number Reported</i>	<i>As % of Only Child Related Categories</i>	<i>As % of Total Family Problems</i>
Siblings in Family Referred For Abuse/Neglect	10,747	72.7%	29.6%
Sexual Assault/Activities	1,477	10.0%	4.1%
Emotional/Behavioral Problems	790	5.3%	2.2%
Medical Problems	609	4.1%	1.7%
Psychiatric Problems	529	3.6%	1.5%
Adolescent Parent	234	1.6%	0.6%
Substance Abuse	204	1.4%	0.6%
Alcohol Abuse	67	0.5%	0.2%
Pregnancy	56	0.4%	0.2%
Developmentally Disabled	41	0.3%	0.1%
SIDS	24	0.2%	0.1%
<b>Total Child-Related Referrals<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>14,778</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>40.7%</b>
<i>Family Problems: Parent-Related Categories</i>	<i>Number Reported</i>	<i>As % of Only Parent Related Categories</i>	<i>As % of Total Family Problems</i>
Parenting Issues	12,905	59.8%	35.5%
Domestic Violence	2,100	9.7%	5.8%
Substance Abuse	1,975	9.2%	5.4%
Lack of Supervision <sup>(2)</sup>	1,088	5.0%	3.0%
Alcohol Abuse	1,107	5.1%	3.0%
Homeless	774	3.6%	2.1%
Psychiatric Problems	677	3.1%	1.9%
Family of Perpetrator	291	1.3%	0.8%
Emotional Problems	283	1.3%	0.8%
Financial Problems	200	0.9%	0.6%
Medical Problems	117	0.5%	0.3%
Substance Exposed Newborn <sup>(3)</sup>	51	0.2%	0.1%
<b>Total Parent- Related Referrals</b>	<b>21,568</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>59.3%</b>

(1) Total Child-Related Issues does not include 4 referrals that were coded incorrectly

(2) A child is not receiving adequate supervision from the caregiver, but the incident does not rise to the level of "neglect" under state statute.

(3) DYFS policy stipulates that staff use the family problem code "W" (Newborn - Substance Exposed) to describe this type of referral and also to code and investigate these allegations as neglect cases.

# Institutional Abuse

Institutional abuse (IA) refers to child abuse/neglect that occurs in private day and residential out-of-home facilities that serve children under the age of 18. These include foster homes, childcare programs, schools, detention, correctional facilities, and other congregate care arrangements. This section of the report shows the incidence of institutional abuse by the type of maltreatment and location, as defined by facility type.

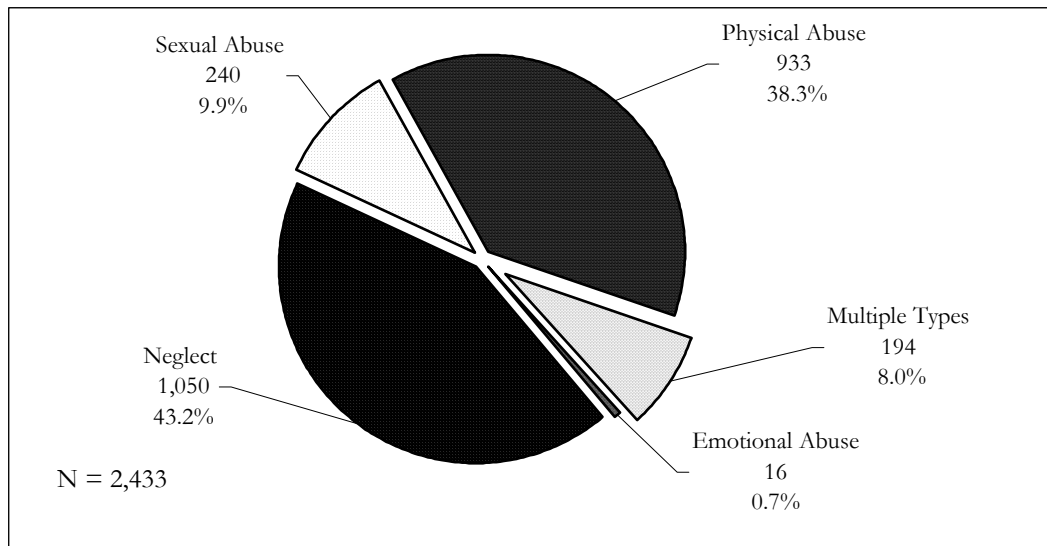
Children who are the subject of a referral for maltreatment that is investigated by Institutional Abuse Investigation Unit staff may or may not have been placed by the Division and may not have been under DYFS supervision when the alleged incident occurred. As shown below, many IA referrals involve allegations of maltreatment that occur in non-treatment settings.

Referrals that the IAIU Centralized Screening Unit receives can be handled in four ways. A case may be: 1) accepted for investigation, 2) referred to another unit or agency, 3) determined inappropriate, or 4) resolved at intake.

## Section Summary:

- DYFS received and investigated 2,438 referrals on children who were the subject of institutional abuse allegations in 2002.
- Most institutional abuse/neglect referrals involved foster homes, public day schools, residential, and child day care centers. Together, these locations accounted for 62.7% of the 2,438 referrals.
- The largest percentage of IA referrals involved neglect (43.2%), followed by physical abuse (38.3%), sexual abuse (9.9%), multiple types (8%), and emotional abuse (0.7%).
- IA staff substantiated 259 (10.6%) of the abuse/neglect referrals they received.
- Neglect predominated the substantiated referrals, accounting for 139 cases (53.7%). There were 102 cases of substantiated neglect among foster homes, residential care programs, registered family day care homes, bus companies, and unregistered family day care homes.

Figure 9: Number and Percent of Referrals by Type Reported to the Institutional Abuse Investigation Units for 2002



Five cases did not indicate the type of abuse.

Table 30: Location of Alleged Institutional Abuse/Neglect Incident for 2002

Facility Type	Number of Referrals	% of All Referrals
Foster Home	469	19.2%
Public Day School	451	18.5%
Residential	318	13.0%
Child Day Care	293	12.0%
Detention	130	5.3%
Contract Foster Home	105	4.3%
Group Home	104	4.3%
Bus Company	101	4.1%
Registered Family Day Care Home	96	3.9%
Private Day School	79	3.2%
Children's Shelter	37	1.5%
Camp	36	1.5%
Juvenile Family-in-Crisis Shelter	34	1.4%
Other Program	31	1.3%
Mental Health Program	29	1.2%
After School Program	28	1.1%
Unregistered Family Day Care Home	25	1.0%
Religious Day School	23	0.9%
Hospital	19	0.8%
Div. of Developmental Disabilities Program.	12	0.5%
Corrections	7	0.3%
Pre-Adoptive Home	6	0.2%
Teaching Family Home	5	0.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Table 31: Type of Substantiated Institutional Abuse/Neglect Cases for 2002

	Referrals	Percent of All Referrals	Substantiated Cases		
			N	% of Type	% of Total
<b>Neglect</b>	1,050	43.2%	139	13.2%	53.7%
<b>Sexual Abuse</b>	240	9.9%	55	22.9%	21.2%
<b>Physical Abuse</b>	933	38.3%	48	5.1%	18.5%
<b>Multiple Types</b>	194	8.0%	17	8.8%	6.6%
<b>Emotional Abuse</b>	16	0.7%	0	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,433*</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>100%</b>

Five (5) cases were missing a substantiation code.

Table 32: Institutional Abuse/Neglect Referrals and Substantial Cases by Facility Type for 2002

	Number of Referrals	Number Substantiated	Percent Substantiated
Unregistered Family Day Care Home	25	10	40.0%
Pre-Adoptive Home	6	2	33.3%
Religious Day School	23	7	30.4%
Registered Family Day Care Home	96	25	26.0%
Other Program	31	6	19.4%
Mental Health Program	29	5	17.2%
Residential	318	47	14.8%
Detention	130	17	13.1%
Foster Home	469	57	12.2%
Private Day School	79	9	11.4%
Bus Company	101	11	10.9%
Public Day School	451	41	9.1%
Juvenile Family-in-Crisis Shelter	34	3	8.8%
Group Home	104	7	6.7%
Hospital	19	1	5.3%
Contract Foster Home	105	3	2.9%
Children's Shelter	37	1	2.7%
Child Day Care	293	7	2.4%
After School Program	28	0	0.0%
Camp	36	0	0.0%
Corrections	7	0	0.0%
Div. of Developmental Disabilities Program	12	0	0.0%
Teaching Family Home	5	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,438</b>	<b>259</b>	<b>10.6%</b>

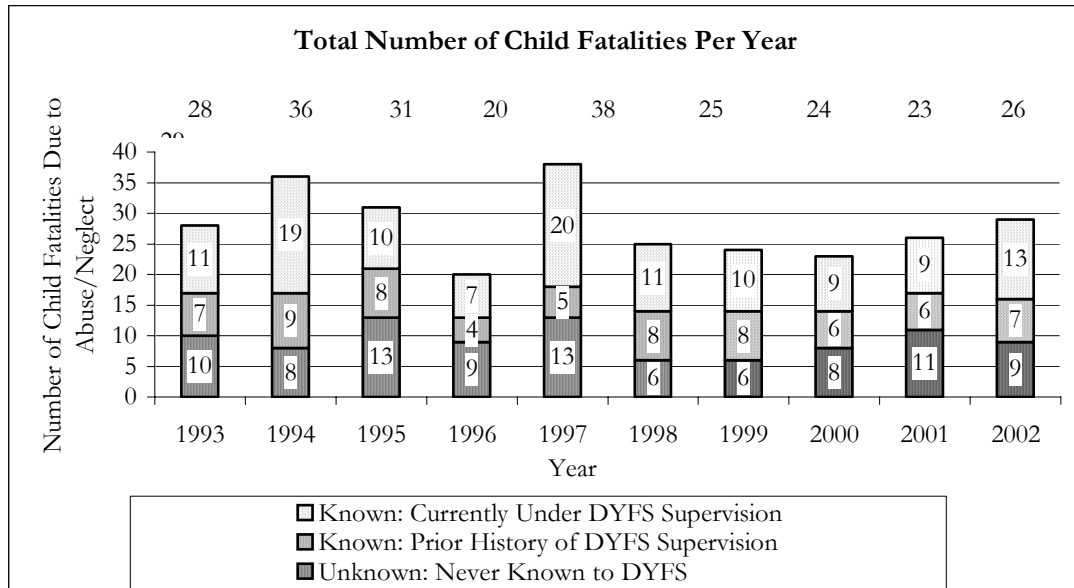
Table 33: Type of Substantiated Abuse/Neglect by Facility Type for 2002

	Neglect	Sexual Abuse	Physical Abuse	Multiple Types	Emotional Abuse	Total
Foster Home	28	7	11	11	0	57
Residential	29	7	10	1	0	47
Public Day School	7	21	10	3	0	41
Registered Family Day Care Home	25	0	0	0	0	25
Detention	7	0	10	0	0	17
Bus Company	10	1	0	0	0	11
Unregistered Family Day Care Home	10	0	0	0	0	10
Private Day School	4	3	1	1	0	9
Child Day Care	6	0	0	1	0	7
Group Home	5	2	0	0	0	7
Religious Day School	0	7	0	0	0	7
Other Program	1	4	1	0	0	6
Mental Health Program	5	0	0	0	0	5
Contract Foster Home	0	0	3	0	0	3
Juvenile Family-in-Crisis Shelter	1	1	1	0	0	3
Pre-Adoptive Home	1	0	1	0	0	2
Children's Shelter	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hospital	0	1	0	0	0	1
After School Program	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corrections	0	0	0	0	0	0
Div. of Developmental Disabilities Pgm	0	0	0	0	0	0
Teaching Family Home	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>259</b>
Percent of Total	53.7%	21.2%	18.5%	6.6%	0.0%	100%

## Child Fatalities 1993 – 2002

In 2002, 29 children died from abuse or neglect in New Jersey. Of the 29 deaths, thirteen children were under DYFS supervision, seven were previously under DYFS supervision, and nine were not known to DYFS. *Figure 10* shows the numbers of child deaths that occurred in New Jersey due to abuse or neglect between 1993 and 2002.

*Figure 10: Comparison of Annual Child Fatalities Due to Abuse/Neglect*



# Prenatal Substance Abuse

In the Executive Summary to its report on substance abuse, the New Jersey Child Family Services Review Substance Review Workgroup noted the devastating impact that substance has on the health and well being of families both during pregnancy and afterward. Infants born of a substance-abusing mother are more likely than other children to have serious medical complications at birth, and continue experiencing behavioral, developmental and medical need throughout their lifetime.<sup>1</sup> Continued substance abuse steals a family's ability to provide basic needs and provide positive care and nurturing to children.

The table in this section of the report shows the incidence by County of prenatal substance abuse as reported to the Division.

## Section Summary:

- DYFS substantiated 969 abuse/neglect reports in which prenatal substance exposure was part of the referral (a referral may have contained more than one abuse/neglect allegation).
- The number of substantiated cases with prenatal substance abuse comprised 12.2% of all substantiated cases statewide in 2002.
- Prenatal substance abuse comprised a significant percentage of the total substantiated cases in several counties; 23.4% of cases in Essex County, 17.3% in Atlantic County, and 14% in Union County.

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<sup>1</sup> Protecting New Jersey's Children and Families from Substance Abuse. Report to Commissioner Gwendolyn L. Harris and the New Jersey State Legislature. Child and Family Services Review Substance Abuse Workgroup. November 2003

Table 34: County Frequency & Percent of Substantiated Cases with Prenatal Substance Exposure for 2002

County	Number of Substantiated Cases with Pre-Natal Substance Abuse	As % of All Types of Substantiated Cases within the County	As % of the Total Substantiated Cases Involving Pre-Natal Substance Abuse
Atlantic	59	17.3%	6.1%
Bergen	22	9.1%	2.3%
Burlington	40	9.5%	4.1%
Camden	60	8.2%	6.2%
Cape May	21	7.5%	2.2%
Cumberland	42	12.2%	4.3%
Essex	286	23.4%	29.5%
Gloucester	18	6.4%	1.9%
Hudson	60	12.8%	6.2%
Hunterdon	4	6.7%	0.4%
Mercer	38	12.8%	3.9%
Middlesex	55	12.8%	5.7%
Monmouth	45	8.0%	4.6%
Morris	12	9.9%	1.2%
Ocean	31	6.6%	3.2%
Passaic	59	10.7%	6.1%
Salem	18	11.4%	1.9%
Somerset	13	7.3%	1.3%
Sussex	3	3.4%	0.3%
Union	77	14.0%	7.9%
Warren	2	2.0%	0.2%
Out -of -State	4	14.3%	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>12.2%</b>	<b>100%</b>

## 2002 County and Municipal Summaries of Abuse/Neglect Referral and Substantiation Figures

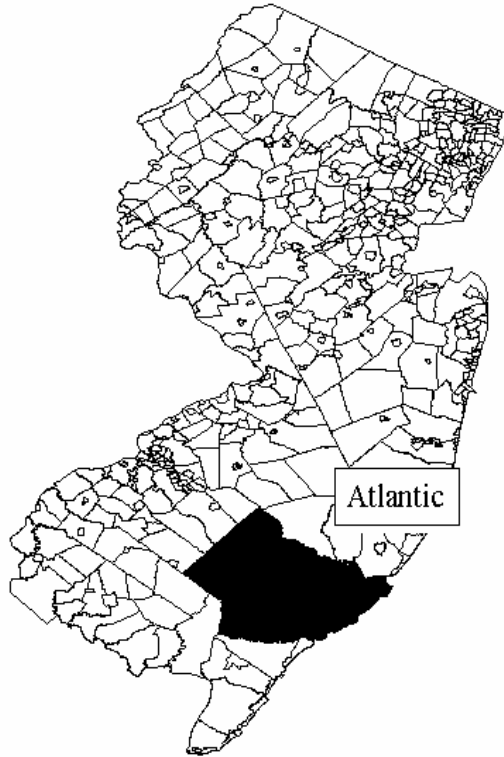
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### Notes:

There are a few cases in several counties where abuse/neglect figures were not reported at the municipality level. These cases are included in the county totals and appear in the tables that follow under "Municipality Not Coded."

In the following maps, county rankings are based solely on absolute values. The largest number in a category received the rank 1, and so on.

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Atlantic

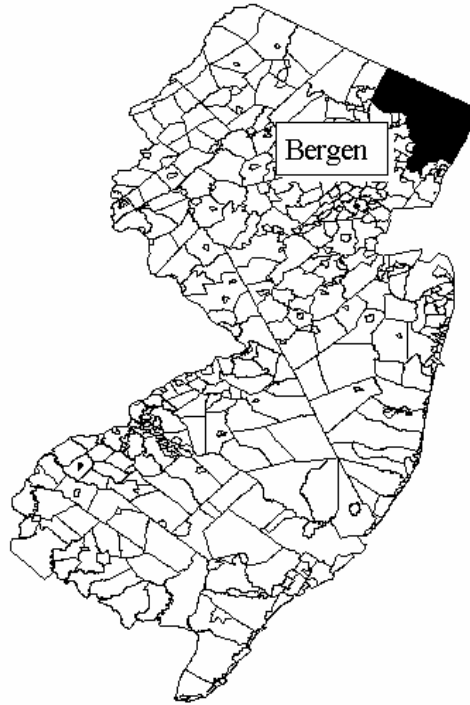


	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>65,253</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>1,716</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>341</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>26.3</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>1,275</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>10</b>

## Atlantic County

	Abuse/Neglect Referrals	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Absecon City	40	8	20.0%
Atlantic City	489	132	27.0%
Brigantine City	69	8	11.6%
Buena Boro	40	8	20.0%
Buena Vista Twp.	59	4	6.8%
Corbin City	6	0	0.0%
Egg Harbor City	69	15	21.7%
Egg Harbor Twp.	212	37	17.5%
Estell Manor City	6	1	16.7%
Folsom Boro	15	0	0.0%
Galloway Twp.	117	27	23.1%
Hamilton Twp.	157	22	14.0%
Hammonton Town	45	10	22.2%
Linwood City	20	1	5.0%
Longport Boro	3	3	100.0%
Margate City	15	6	40.0%
Mullica Twp.	18	1	5.6%
Northfield City	22	2	9.1%
Pleasantville City	180	31	17.2%
Port Republic City	1	0	0.0%
Somers Point City	72	15	20.8%
Ventnor City	47	10	21.3%
Weymouth Twp.	10	0	0.0%
Municipality not Coded*	4	0	0.0%
<b><i>Atlantic County Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,716</i></b>	<b><i>341</i></b>	<b><i>19.9%</i></b>

## Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002 County Summary: Bergen



	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>205,681</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>997</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>242</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>24.3%</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>2,777</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>18</b>

## Bergen County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Allendale Boro	5	3	60.0%
Alpine Boro	0	0	0.0%
Bergenfield Boro	26	4	15.4%
Bogota Boro	12	1	8.3%
Carlstadt Boro	4	2	50.0%
Cliffside Park Boro	23	9	39.1%
Closter Boro	4	1	25.0%
Cresskill Boro	2	1	50.0%
Demarest Boro	3	3	100.0%
Dumont Boro	25	10	40.0%
Elmwood Park Boro	32	9	28.1%
East Rutherford Boro	4	1	25.0%
Edgewater Boro	11	2	18.2%
Emerson Boro	3	1	33.3%
Englewood City	79	20	25.3%
Englewood Cliffs Boro	4	1	25.0%
Fair Lawn Boro	26	3	11.5%
Fairview Boro	24	6	25.0%
Fort Lee Boro	21	2	9.5%
Franklin Lakes Boro	10	1	10.0%
Garfield City	65	16	24.6%
Glen Rock Boro	2	1	50.0%
Hackensack City	125	33	26.4%
Harrington Park Boro	1	0	0.0%
Hasbrouck Heights Boro	7	3	42.9%
Haworth Boro	1	0	0.0%
Hillsdale Boro	6	2	33.3%
Hohokus Boro	4	1	25.0%
Leonia Boro	11	3	27.3%
Little Ferry Boro	8	0	0.0%
Lodi Boro	38	8	21.1%
Lyndhurst Twp.	21	4	19.0%
Mahwah Twp.	24	6	25.0%
Maywood Boro	6	1	16.7%
Midland Park Boro	4	1	25.0%
Montvale Boro	7	2	28.6%
Moonachie Boro	9	2	22.2%
New Milford Boro	14	3	21.4%

## Bergen County (continued)

	Abuse/Neglect	Substantiated	Percent Substantiated
	Reports	Cases	
North Arlington Boro	17	4	23.5%
Northvale Boro	2	1	50.0%
Norwood Boro	3	0	0.0%
Oakland Boro	6	3	50.0%
Old Tappan Boro	4	2	50.0%
Oradell Boro	3	2	66.7%
Palisades Park Boro	19	8	42.1%
Paramus Boro	23	4	17.4%
Park Ridge Boro	2	0	0.0%
Ramsey Boro	15	5	33.3%
Ridgefield Boro	15	2	13.3%
Ridgefield Park Village	11	3	27.3%
Ridgewood Village	28	7	25.0%
River Edge Boro	6	2	33.3%
River Vale Twp.	6	0	0.0%
Rochelle Park Twp.	1	0	0.0%
Rutherford Boro	16	5	31.3%
Saddle Brook Twp.	12	4	33.3%
Saddle River Boro	3	0	0.0%
South Hackensack Twp.	1	0	0.0%
Teaneck Twp.	66	16	24.2%
Tenaflly Boro	10	0	0.0%
Teterboro Boro	1	0	0.0%
Upper Saddle River Boro	3	0	0.0%
Waldwick Boro	8	0	0.0%
Wallington Boro	11	3	27.3%
Washington Twp.	5	1	20.0%
Westwood Boro	13	2	15.4%
Woodcliff Lake Boro	2	0	0.0%
Wood-Ridge Boro	8	0	0.0%
Wyckoff Twp.	6	2	33.3%
<b><i>Bergen County Total</i></b>	<b><i>997</i></b>	<b><i>242</i></b>	<b><i>24.3%</i></b>

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 County Summary: Burlington

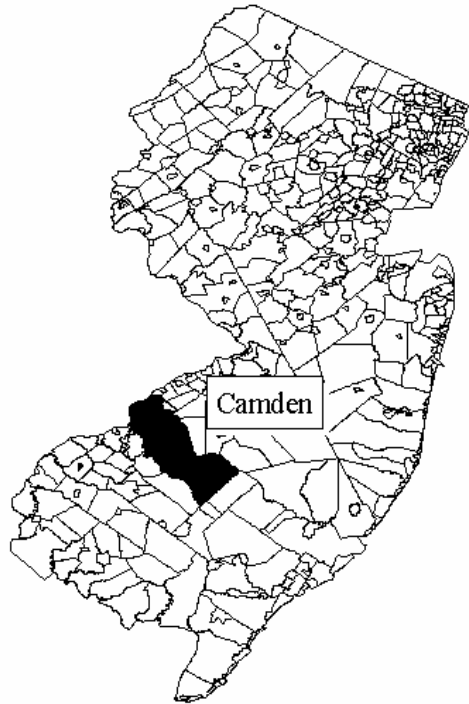


	<b><u>Figure:</u></b>	<b><u>Rank in</u></b>
		<b><u>State</u></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>107,289</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>2,059</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>419</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>20.3%</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>1,455</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>16</b>

## Burlington County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Bass River Twp.	6	3	50.0%
Beverly City	28	4	14.3%
Bordentown City	24	3	12.5%
Bordentown Twp.	36	6	16.7%
Burlington City	133	30	22.6%
Burlington Twp.	72	22	30.6%
Chesterfield Twp.	2	0	0.0%
Cinnaminson Twp.	55	21	38.2%
Delanco Twp.	26	3	11.5%
Delran Twp.	44	16	36.4%
Eastampton Twp.	21	6	28.6%
Edgewater Park Twp.	26	3	11.5%
Evesham Twp.	101	26	25.7%
Fieldsboro Boro	1	0	0.0%
Florence Twp.	74	5	6.8%
Hainesport Twp	29	6	20.7%
Lumberton Twp.	27	5	18.5%
Mansfield Twp.	11	6	54.5%
Maple Shade Twp.	71	14	19.7%
Medford Twp.	39	9	23.1%
Medford Lakes Boro	8	0	0.0%
Moorestown Twp.	38	3	7.9%
Mount Holly Twp.	212	42	19.8%
Mount Laurel Twp.	80	19	23.8%
New Hanover Twp.	21	7	33.3%
North Hanover Twp.	4	0	0.0%
Palmyra Boro	35	6	17.1%
Pemberton Boro	40	10	25.0%
Pemberton Twp.	316	44	13.9%
Riverside Twp.	74	21	28.4%
Riverton Boro	15	5	33.3%
Shamong Twp.	10	1	10.0%
Southampton Twp.	25	6	24.0%
Springfield Twp.	11	0	0.0%
Tabernacle Twp.	8	0	0.0%
Washington Twp.	1	0	0.0%
Westampton Twp.	40	10	25.0%
Willingboro Twp.	232	43	18.5%
Woodland Twp.	26	8	30.8%
Wrightstown Boro	28	5	17.9%
Municipality Not Coded*	9	1	11.1%
<b><i>Burlington County Total</i></b>	<b><i>2,059</i></b>	<b><i>419</i></b>	<b><i>20.3%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Camden

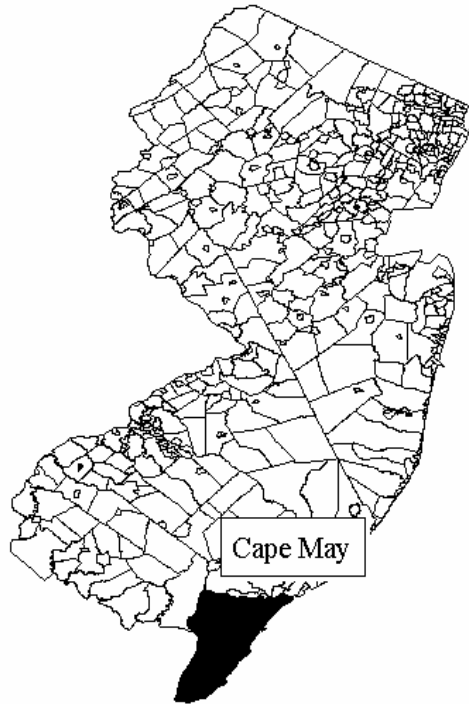


	<b><u>Figure:</u></b>	<b><u>Rank in</u></b> <b><u>State</u></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>135,504</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>3,684</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>733</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>19.9%</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>27.2</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>2,870</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>8</b>

## Camden County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Audubon Boro	24	6	25.0%
Audubon Park Boro	5	0	0.0%
Barrington Boro	19	3	15.8%
Bellmawr Boro	40	8	20.0%
Berlin Boro	45	5	11.1%
Berlin Twp.	18	3	16.7%
Brooklawn Boro	11	4	36.4%
Camden City	1,609	375	23.3%
Cherry Hill Twp.	150	16	10.7%
Chesilhurst Boro	28	12	42.9%
Clementon Boro	99	20	20.2%
Collingswood Boro	85	15	17.6%
Gibbsboro Boro	14	1	7.1%
Gloucester City	202	28	13.9%
Gloucester Twp.	224	46	20.5%
Haddon Twp.	18	3	16.7%
Haddonfield Boro	43	9	20.9%
Haddon Heights Boro	24	1	4.2%
Hi-Nella Boro	2	1	50.0%
Laurel Springs Boro	13	1	7.7%
Lawnside Boro	16	2	12.5%
Lindenwold Boro	166	33	19.9%
Magnolia Boro	33	7	21.2%
Merchantville Boro	3	0	0.0%
Mount Ephraim Boro	38	8	21.1%
Oaklyn Boro	11	1	9.1%
Pennsauken Twp.	163	33	20.2%
Pine Hill Boro	71	20	28.2%
Pine Valley Boro	3	3	100.0%
Runnemede Boro	51	3	5.9%
Somerdale Boro	40	14	35.0%
Stratford Boro	15	1	6.7%
Voorhees Twp.	62	2	3.2%
Waterford Twp.	42	4	9.5%
Winslow Twp.	230	27	11.7%
Woodlynne Boro	49	14	28.6%
Municipality Not Coded*	18	4	22.2%
<b><i>Camden County Total</i></b>	<b><i>3,684</i></b>	<b><i>733</i></b>	<b><i>19.9%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Cape May

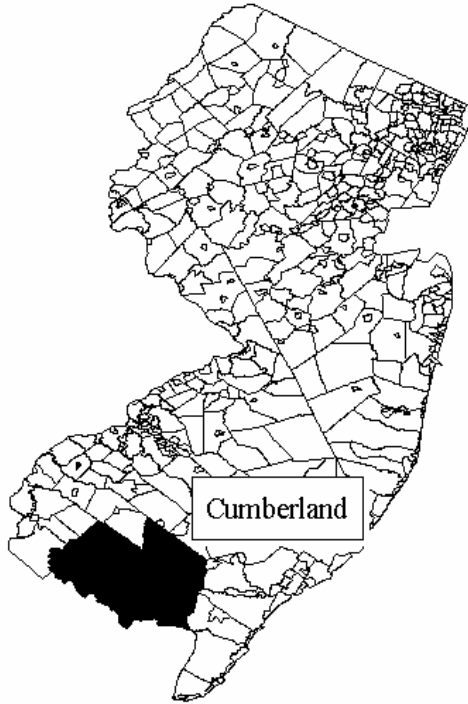


	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>22,386</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>1,052</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>280</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>26.6%</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>47.0</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>466</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>9</b>

## Cape May County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Avalon Boro	4	2	50.0%
Cape May City	19	6	31.6%
Dennis Twp.	24	7	29.2%
Lower Twp.	217	39	18.0%
Middle Twp.	255	83	32.5%
North Wildwood City	65	16	24.6%
Ocean City	75	12	16.0%
Sea Isle City	15	3	20.0%
Stone Harbor Boro	1	0	0.0%
Upper Twp.	36	11	30.6%
West Cape May Boro	7	2	28.6%
West Wildwood Boro	8	1	12.5%
Wildwood City	225	67	29.8%
Wildwood Crest Boro	21	10	47.6%
Woodbine Boro	60	17	28.3%
Municipality Not Coded*	20	4	20.0%
<b><i>Cape May County Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,052</i></b>	<b><i>280</i></b>	<b><i>26.6%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Cumberland

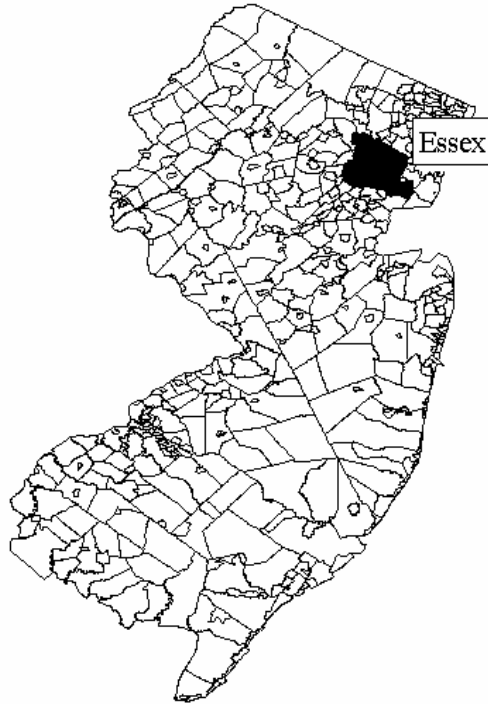


	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>37,146</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>1,763</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>343</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>19.5%</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>1,028</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>2</b>

## Cumberland County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Bridgeton City	501	116	23.2%
Commercial Twp.	37	3	8.1%
Deerfield Twp.	9	0	0.0%
Downe Twp.	13	1	7.7%
Fairfield Twp.	12	0	0.0%
Hopewell Twp.	1	0	0.0%
Lawrence Twp.	8	2	25.0%
Maurice River Twp.	30	5	16.7%
Millville City	499	76	15.2%
Stow Creek Twp.	3	0	0.0%
Upper Deerfield Twp.	54	13	24.1%
Vineland City	589	126	21.4%
Municipality Not Coded*	7	1	14.3%
<b><i>Cumberland County Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,763</i></b>	<b><i>343</i></b>	<b><i>19.5%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Essex

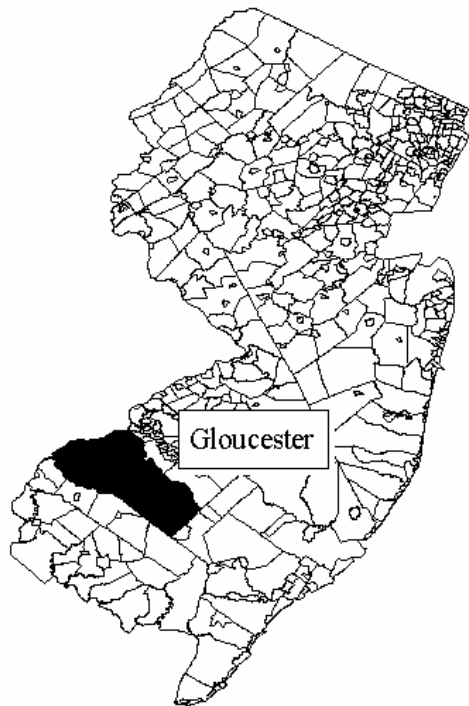


	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>210,900</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>4,550</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>1,220</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>26.8%</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>3,805</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>11</b>

## Essex County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Belleville Twp.	76	11	14.5%
Bloomfield Twp.	105	7	6.7%
Caldwell Boro Twp.	24	1	4.2%
Cedar Grove Twp.	12	5	41.7%
East Orange City	482	171	35.5%
Essex Fells Twp.	0	0	0.0%
Fairfield Twp.	9	0	0.0%
Glen Ridge Boro Twp.	10	0	0.0%
Irvington Twp.	426	114	26.8%
Livingston Twp.	42	11	26.2%
Maplewood Twp.	63	9	14.3%
Millburn Twp.	9	2	22.2%
Montclair Twp.	78	11	14.1%
Newark City	2,904	789	27.2%
North Caldwell Boro	4	1	25.0%
Nutley Twp.	27	5	18.5%
City Of Orange Twp.	165	58	35.2%
Roseland Boro	5	0	0.0%
South Orange Village Twp.	25	9	36.0%
Verona Twp.	11	2	18.2%
West Caldwell Twp.	8	0	0.0%
West Orange Twp.	50	10	20.0%
Municipality Not Coded	15	4	26.7%
<b><i>Essex County Total</i></b>	<b><i>4,550</i></b>	<b><i>1,220</i></b>	<b><i>26.8%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Gloucester

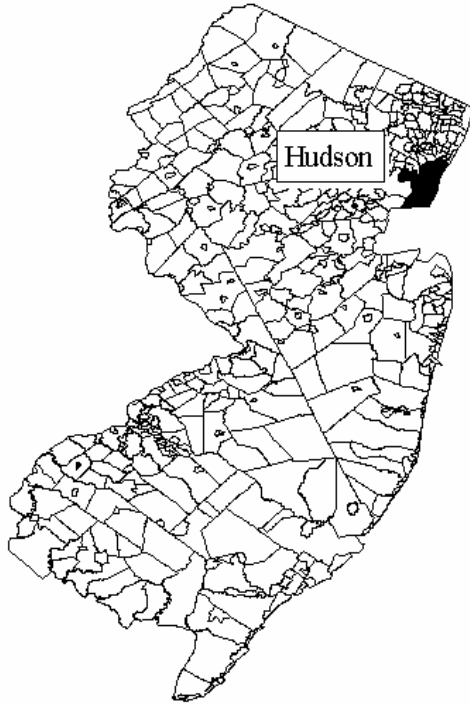


	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>66,312</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>280</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>22.4%</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>979</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>13</b>

## Gloucester County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Clayton Boro	50	10	20.0%
Deptford Twp.	98	20	20.4%
East Greenwich Twp.	6	3	50.0%
Elk Twp.	13	1	7.7%
Franklin Twp.	89	24	27.0%
Glassboro Boro	139	31	22.3%
Harrison Twp.	30	9	30.0%
Logan Twp.	15	7	46.7%
Mantua Twp.	75	16	21.3%
Monroe Twp.	157	32	20.4%
National Park Boro	43	16	37.2%
Newfield Boro	21	4	19.0%
Paulsboro Boro	84	16	19.0%
Pitman Boro	32	8	25.0%
South Harrison Twp.	7	0	0.0%
Swedesboro Boro	48	14	29.2%
Washington Twp.	46	3	6.5%
Wenonah Boro	13	3	23.1%
West Deptford Twp.	68	16	23.5%
Westville Boro	75	19	25.3%
Woodbury City	123	24	19.5%
Woodbury Heights Boro	9	0	0.0%
Woolwich Twp.	6	3	50.0%
Municipality Not Coded*	5	1	20.0%
<b><i>Gloucester County Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,252</i></b>	<b><i>280</i></b>	<b><i>22.4%</i></b>

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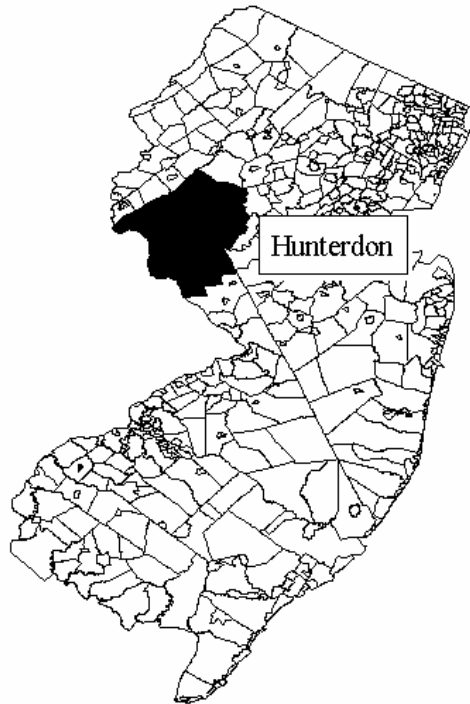


	<b><u>Figure:</u></b>	<b><u>Rank in</u></b> <b><u>State</u></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>139,753</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>2,527</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>468</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>3,284</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>23.5</b>	<b>5</b>

## Hudson County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Bayonne City	142	5	3.5%
East Newark Boro	6	0	0.0%
Guttenberg Town	28	7	25.0%
Harrison Town	17	1	5.9%
Hoboken City	43	11	25.6%
Jersey City	1,573	238	15.1%
Kearny Town	73	4	5.5%
North Bergen Twp.	170	35	20.6%
Secaucus Town	35	14	40.0%
Union City	265	102	38.5%
Weehawken Twp.	18	4	22.2%
West New York Town	155	47	30.3%
Municipality not coded	2	0	0.0%
<b><i>Hudson County Total</i></b>	<b><i>2,527</i></b>	<b><i>468</i></b>	<b><i>18.5%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Hunterdon

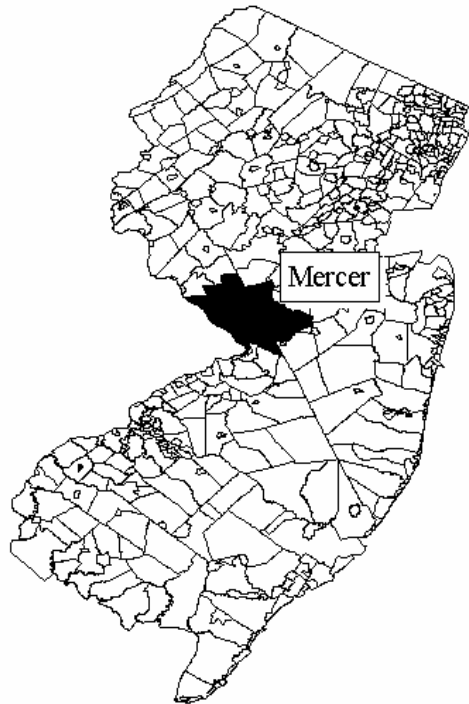


	<i><b>Figure:</b></i>	<i><b>Rank in State</b></i>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>31,446</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>340</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>60</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>17.6%</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>385</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>12.2</b>	<b>19</b>

## Hunterdon County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Alexandria Twp.	7	1	14.3%
Bloomsbury Boro	4	0	0.0%
Califon Boro	8	2	25.0%
Clinton Town	9	1	11.1%
Clinton Twp.	14	2	14.3%
Delaware Twp.	6	0	0.0%
East Amwell Twp.	4	0	0.0%
Flemington Boro	70	11	15.7%
Franklin Twp.	5	1	20.0%
Frenchtown Boro	7	6	85.7%
Glen Gardner Boro	10	0	0.0%
Hampton Boro	33	8	24.2%
High Bridge Boro	27	6	22.2%
Holland Twp.	5	0	0.0%
Kingwood Twp.	6	0	0.0%
Lambertville City	14	5	35.7%
Lebanon Boro	12	1	8.3%
Lebanon Twp.	10	0	0.0%
Milford Boro	7	2	28.6%
Raritan Twp.	26	7	26.9%
Readington Twp.	25	1	4.0%
Stockton Boro	1	0	0.0%
Tewksbury Twp.	10	0	0.0%
Union Twp.	6	1	16.7%
West Amwell Twp.	8	1	12.5%
Municipality Not Coded*	6	4	66.7%
<b><i>Hunterdon County Total</i></b>	<b><i>340</i></b>	<b><i>60</i></b>	<b><i>17.6%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Mercer

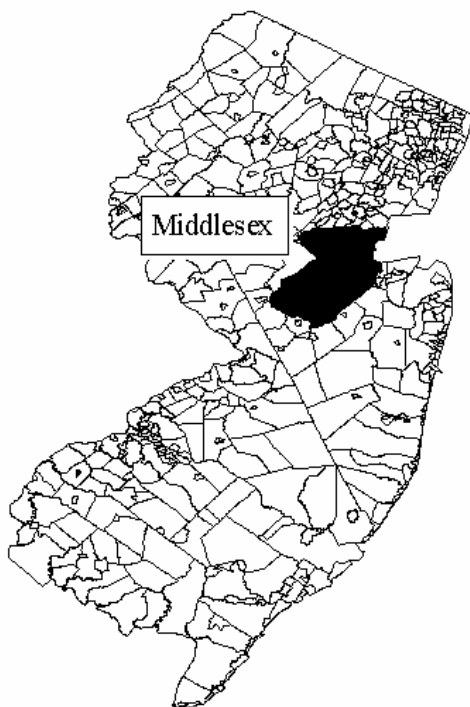


	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>86,602</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>1,621</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>296</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>18.3%</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>2,098</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>24.2</b>	<b>4</b>

## Mercer County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
East Windsor Twp.	22	4	18.2%
Ewing Twp.	80	12	15.0%
Hamilton Twp.	155	24	15.5%
Hightstown Boro	23	7	30.4%
Hopewell Boro	5	0	0.0%
Hopewell Twp.	5	1	20.0%
Lawrence Twp.	44	7	15.9%
Pennington Boro	6	2	33.3%
Princeton Boro	4	0	0.0%
Princeton Twp.	17	3	17.6%
Trenton City	1,233	233	18.9%
Washington Twp.	3	2	66.7%
West Windsor Twp.	11	1	9.1%
Municipality Not Coded*	13	0	0.0%
<b><i>Mercer County Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,621</i></b>	<b><i>296</i></b>	<b><i>18.3%</i></b>

## Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002 County Summary: Middlesex

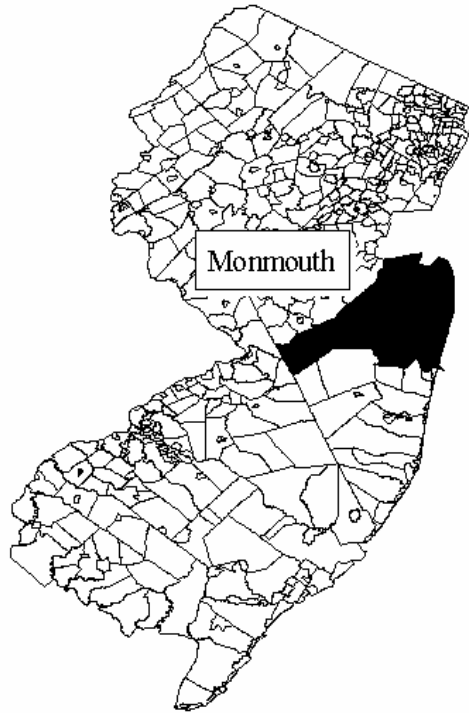


	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>185,286</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>2,338</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>430</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>18.4%</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>2,826</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>12</b>

## Middlesex County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Carteret Boro	136	22	16.2%
Cranbury Twp.	3	0	0.0%
Dunellen Boro	11	3	27.3%
East Brunswick Twp.	55	7	12.7%
Edison Twp.	148	32	21.6%
Helmetta Boro	1	0	0.0%
Highland Park Boro	22	5	22.7%
Jamesburg Boro	34	6	17.6%
Old Bridge Twp.	206	26	12.6%
Metuchen Boro	20	5	25.0%
Middlesex Boro	52	7	13.5%
Milltown Boro	5	1	20.0%
Monroe Twp.	35	4	11.4%
New Brunswick City	281	70	24.9%
North Brunswick Twp.	104	21	20.2%
Perth Amboy City	442	76	17.2%
Piscataway Twp.	88	22	25.0%
Plainsboro Twp.	16	1	6.3%
Sayreville Boro	123	20	16.3%
South Amboy City	90	24	26.7%
South Brunswick Twp.	71	17	23.9%
South Plainfield Boro	50	6	12.0%
South River Boro	60	9	15.0%
Spotswood Boro	16	4	25.0%
Woodbridge Twp.	265	39	14.7%
Municipality Not Coded*	4	3	75.0%
<b><i>Middlesex County Total</i></b>	<b><i>2,338</i></b>	<b><i>430</i></b>	<b><i>18.4%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Monmouth



	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in</i></b> <b><i>State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>162,467</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>3,219</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>562</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>17.5%</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>2,304</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>14</b>

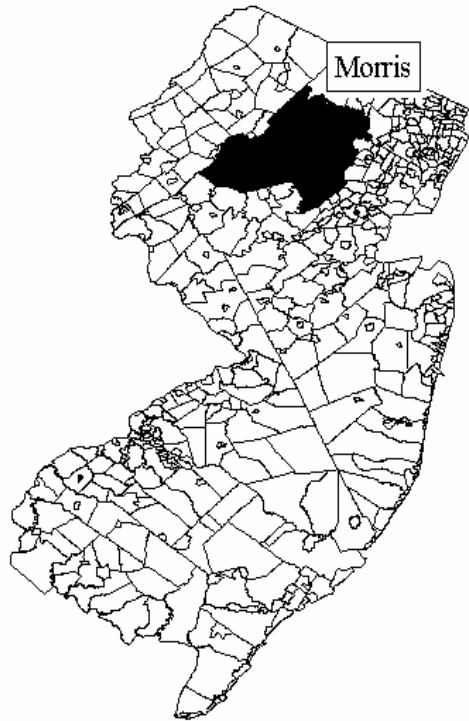
## Monmouth County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Allenhurst Boro	1	0	0.0%
Allentown Boro	20	1	5.0%
Asbury Park City	555	121	21.8%
Atlantic Highlands Boro	26	11	42.3%
Avon-By-The-Sea Boro	4	1	25.0%
Belmar Boro	40	4	10.0%
Bradley Beach Boro	44	16	36.4%
Brielle Boro	22	11	50.0%
Colts Neck Twp.	31	7	22.6%
Deal Boro	7	0	0.0%
Eatontown Boro	81	19	23.5%
Englishtown Boro	12	6	50.0%
Fair Haven Boro	6	0	0.0%
Farmingdale Boro	67	11	16.4%
Freehold Boro	103	13	12.6%
Freehold Twp.	97	21	21.6%
Highlands Boro	38	6	15.8%
Holmdel Twp.	32	8	25.0%
Howell Twp.	163	39	23.9%
Interlaken Boro	2	0	0.0%
Keansburg Boro	249	20	8.0%
Keyport Boro	43	14	32.6%
Little Silver Boro	10	0	0.0%
Loch Arbour Village	2	0	0.0%
Long Branch City	277	42	15.2%
Manalapan Twp.	53	2	3.8%
Manasquan Boro	18	3	16.7%
Marlboro Twp.	61	8	13.1%
Matawan Boro	12	3	25.0%
Matawan/Aberdeen Twp	76	5	6.6%
Middletown Twp.	143	18	12.6%
Millstone Twp.	17	1	5.9%
Monmouth Beach Boro	7	0	0.0%
Neptune Twp.	279	46	16.5%
Neptune City Boro	59	13	22.0%
Tinton Falls Boro	71	16	22.5%

## Monmouth County (continued)

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Ocean Twp.	150	19	12.7%
Oceanport Boro	19	7	36.8%
Hazlet Twp.	67	15	22.4%
Red Bank Boro	72	12	16.7%
Roosevelt Boro	3	0	0.0%
Rumson Boro	5	2	40.0%
Sea Bright Boro	5	1	20.0%
Sea Girt Boro	10	0	0.0%
Shrewsbury Boro	2	0	0.0%
Shrewsbury Twp.	8	0	0.0%
South Belmar Boro	18	4	22.2%
Spring Lake Heights	7	1	14.3%
Spring Lake	5	1	20.0%
Union Beach Boro	55	6	10.9%
Upper Freehold Twp.	4	1	25.0%
Wall Twp.	51	5	9.8%
West Long Branch Boro	8	2	25.0%
Municipality Not Coded*	2	0	0.0%
<b><i>Monmouth County Total</i></b>	<b><i>3,219</i></b>	<b><i>562</i></b>	<b><i>17.5%</i></b>

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 County Summary: Morris

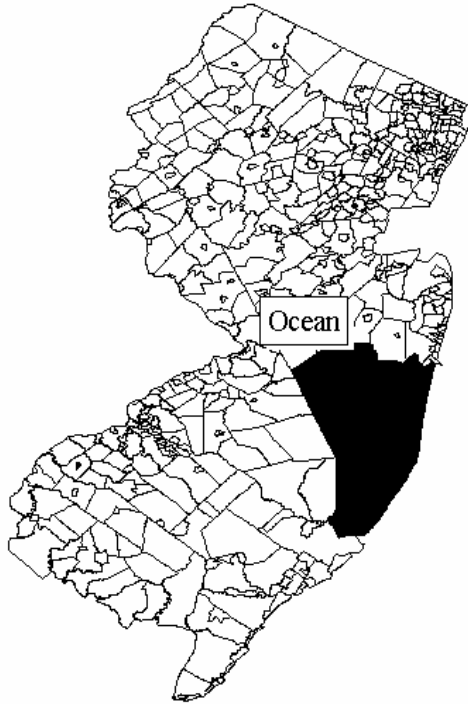


	<b><u>Figure:</u></b>	<b><u>Rank in</u></b> <b><u>State</u></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>119,043</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>1,144</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>121</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>10.6%</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>1,609</b>	<b>10</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>17</b>

## Morris County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Boonton Town	49	1	2.0%
Boonton Twp.	4	0	0.0%
Butler Boro	27	5	18.5%
Chatham Boro	3	1	33.3%
Chatham Twp.	10	1	10.0%
Chester Boro	3	1	33.3%
Chester Twp.	4	0	0.0%
Denville Twp.	24	6	25.0%
Dover Town	92	11	12.0%
East Hanover Twp.	17	0	0.0%
Florham Park Boro	11	0	0.0%
Hanover Twp.	17	2	11.8%
Harding Twp.	3	0	0.0%
Jefferson Twp.	62	8	12.9%
Kinnelon Boro	12	1	8.3%
Lincoln Park Boro	22	4	18.2%
Madison Boro	17	0	0.0%
Mendham Boro	4	0	0.0%
Mendham Twp.	4	1	25.0%
Mine Hill Twp.	10	0	0.0%
Montville Twp.	35	3	8.6%
Morris Twp.	26	4	15.4%
Morris Plains Boro	18	1	5.6%
Morristown Town	102	18	17.6%
Mountain Lakes Boro	11	0	0.0%
Mount Arlington Boro	15	0	0.0%
Mount Olive Twp.	103	12	11.7%
Netcong Boro	21	2	9.5%
Parsippany-Troy Hills Twp.	79	8	10.1%
Long Hill Twp.	9	1	11.1%
Pequannock Twp.	20	4	20.0%
Randolph Twp.	61	3	4.9%
Riverdale Boro	11	1	9.1%
Rockaway Boro	19	3	15.8%
Rockaway Twp.	53	4	7.5%
Roxbury Twp.	69	5	7.2%
Victory Gardens Boro	14	2	14.3%
Washington Twp.	32	1	3.1%
Wharton Boro	49	7	14.3%
Municipality not coded	2	0	0.0%
<b><i>Morris County Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,144</i></b>	<b><i>121</i></b>	<b><i>10.6%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Ocean

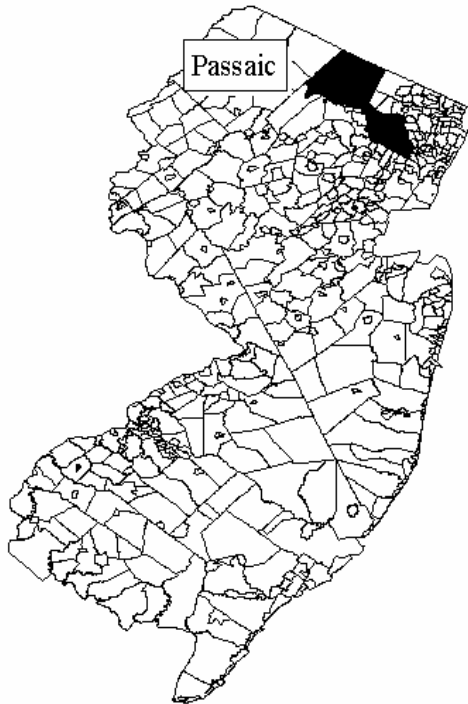


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<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>123,681</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>2,129</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>469</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>22.0%</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>11</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>21</b>

## Ocean County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Barneгат Light Boro	21	10	47.6%
Bay Head Boro	6	4	66.7%
Beach Haven Boro	11	2	18.2%
Beachwood Boro	44	5	11.4%
Berkeley Twp.	72	15	20.8%
Brick Twp.	251	70	27.9%
Dover Twp.	331	85	25.7%
Harvey Cedars Boro	1	0	0.0%
Island Heights Boro	5	0	0.0%
Jackson Twp.	146	24	16.4%
Lacey Twp.	109	23	21.1%
Lakehurst Boro	22	2	9.1%
Lakewood Twp.	295	65	22.0%
Lavallette Boro	12	3	25.0%
Little Egg Harbor Twp.	109	23	21.1%
Long Beach Twp.	9	1	11.1%
Manchester Twp.	63	13	20.6%
Ocean Twp.	35	8	22.9%
Ocean Gate Boro	21	0	0.0%
Pine Beach Boro	9	2	22.2%
Plumsted Twp.	24	6	25.0%
Point Pleasant Boro	80	14	17.5%
Point Pleasant Beach Boro	29	6	20.7%
Seaside Heights Boro	143	30	21.0%
Seaside Park Boro	21	3	14.3%
Ship Bottom Boro	1	1	100.0%
South Toms River Boro	41	4	9.8%
Stafford Twp.	73	13	17.8%
Surf City Boro	6	0	0.0%
Tuckerton Boro	39	7	17.9%
Barneгат Twp.	93	29	31.2%
Municipality Not Coded*	7	1	14.3%
<b><i>Ocean County Total</i></b>	<b><i>2,129</i></b>	<b><i>469</i></b>	<b><i>22.0%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Passaic



	<b><u>Figure:</u></b>	<b><u>Rank in</u></b> <b><u>State</u></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>131,380</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>2,316</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>552</b>	<b>4</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>23.8%</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>8</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>2,983</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>22.7</b>	<b>6</b>

## Passaic County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Bloomingtondale Boro	20	5	25.0%
Clifton City	155	35	22.6%
Haledon Boro	52	6	11.5%
Hawthorne Boro	34	9	26.5%
Little Falls Twp.	11	4	36.4%
North Haledon Boro	5	0	0.0%
Passaic City	419	96	22.9%
Paterson City	1,308	323	24.7%
Pompton Lakes Boro	35	7	20.0%
Prospect Park Boro	23	9	39.1%
Ringwood Boro	19	4	21.1%
Totowa Boro	24	5	20.8%
Wanaque Boro	22	4	18.2%
Wayne Twp.	63	11	17.5%
West Milford Twp.	87	24	27.6%
West Paterson Boro	22	3	13.6%
Municipality Not Coded*	17	7	41.2%
<b><i>Passaic County Total</i></b>	<b><i>2,316</i></b>	<b><i>552</i></b>	<b><i>23.8%</i></b>

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 County Summary: Salem

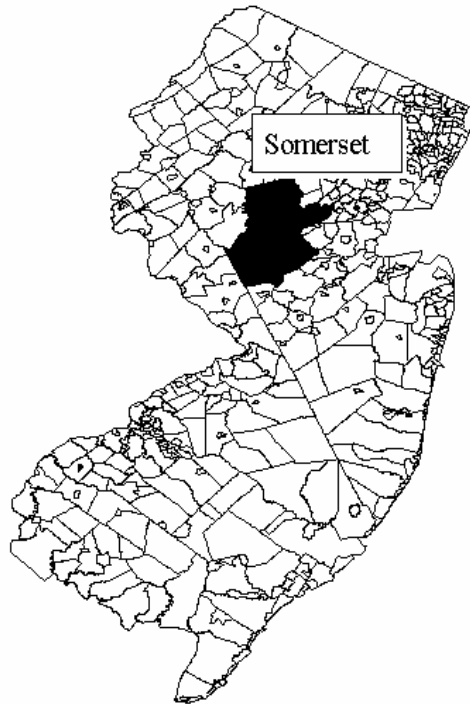


	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>15,965</b>	<b>21</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>508</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>158</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>31.1%</b>	<b>1</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>438</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>3</b>

## Salem County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Alloway Twp.	18	1	5.6%
Elmer Boro	3	0	0.0%
Elsinboro Twp.	1	1	100.0%
Lower Alloways Creek Twp.	5	0	0.0%
Mannington Twp.	4	1	25.0%
Oldmans Twp.	8	2	25.0%
Penns Grove Boro	149	57	38.3%
Pennsville Twp.	61	10	16.4%
Pilesgrove Twp.	6	0	0.0%
Pittsgrove Twp.	36	8	22.2%
Quinton Twp.	13	10	76.9%
Salem City	162	60	37.0%
Carneys Point/U. Penns Neck Twp.	12	5	41.7%
Upper Pittsgrove Twp.	4	1	25.0%
Woodstown Boro	9	0	0.0%
Municipality Not Coded*	17	2	11.8%
<b><i>Salem County Total</i></b>	<b><i>508</i></b>	<b><i>158</i></b>	<b><i>31.1%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Somerset

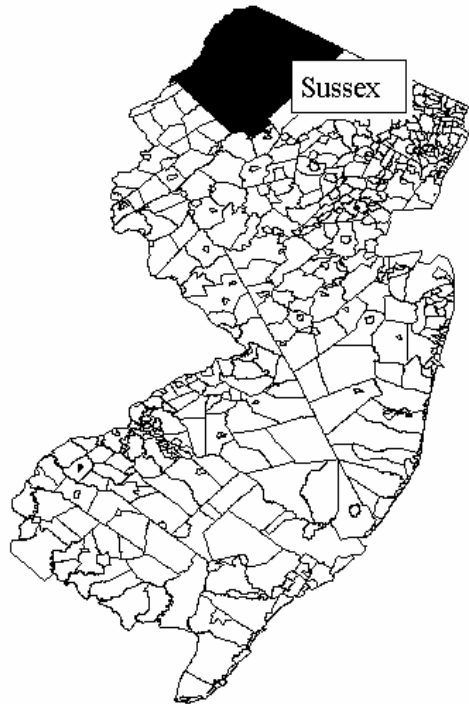


	<b><u>Figure:</u></b>	<b><u>Rank in State</u></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>79,667</b>	<b>13</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>14</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>179</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>14.8%</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>15</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>925</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>20</b>

## Somerset County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Bedminster Twp.	28.0	4	14.3%
Bernards Twp.	46.0	8	17.4%
Bernardsville Boro	8.0	1	12.5%
Bound Brook Boro	62.0	7	11.3%
Branchburg Twp.	19.0	0	0.0%
Bridgewater Twp.	153.0	24	15.7%
Far Hills Boro	2.0	0	0.0%
Franklin Twp.	276.0	37	13.4%
Green Brook Twp.	20.0	3	15.0%
Hillsborough Twp.	149.0	19	12.8%
Manville Boro	80.0	12	15.0%
Montgomery Twp.	25.0	1	4.0%
North Plainfield Boro	112.0	22	19.6%
Peapack Gladstone Boro	6.0	1	16.7%
Raritan Boro	18.0	4	22.2%
Somerville Boro	117.0	22	18.8%
South Bound Brook Boro	32.0	8	25.0%
Warren Twp.	27.0	1	3.7%
Watchung Boro	6.0	0	0.0%
Municipality Not Coded*	21.0	5	23.8%
<b><i>Somerset County Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,207.0</i></b>	<b><i>179</i></b>	<b><i>14.8%</i></b>

Child Abuse and Neglect in New Jersey - 2002  
 County Summary: Sussex

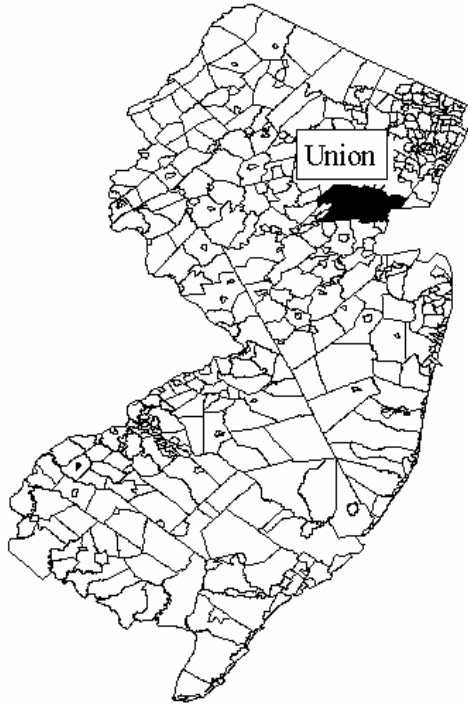


	<b><u>Figure:</u></b>	<b><u>Rank in</u></b> <b><u>State</u></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>40,061</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>387</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>87</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>22.5%</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>20</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>899</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>7</b>

## Sussex County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Andover Boro	2	0	0.0%
Andover Twp.	15	4	26.7%
Branchville Boro	10	0	0.0%
Byram Twp.	3	0	0.0%
Frankford Twp.	4	2	50.0%
Franklin Boro	24	2	8.3%
Fredon Twp.	5	1	20.0%
Green Twp.	4	0	0.0%
Hamburg Boro	21	7	33.3%
Hampton Twp.	3	0	0.0%
Hardyston Twp.	13	1	7.7%
Hopatcong Boro	52	13	25.0%
Lafayette Twp.	5	0	0.0%
Montague Twp.	14	0	0.0%
Newton Town	81	21	25.9%
Ogdensburg Boro	11	6	54.5%
Sandyston Twp.	2	0	0.0%
Sparta Twp.	32	11	34.4%
Stanhope Boro	9	4	44.4%
Stillwater Twp.	7	2	28.6%
Sussex Boro	16	5	31.3%
Vernon Twp.	37	4	10.8%
Walpack Twp.	1	0	0.0%
Wantage Twp.	14	4	28.6%
Municipality not coded	2	0	0.0%
<b><i>Sussex County Total</i></b>	<b><i>387</i></b>	<b><i>87</i></b>	<b><i>22.5%</i></b>

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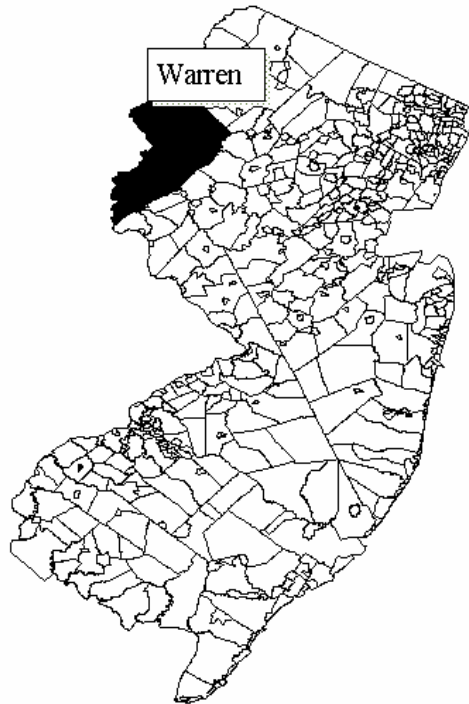


	<b><i>Figure:</i></b>	<b><i>Rank in State</i></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>134,263</b>	<b>7</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>1,884</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>549</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>29.1%</b>	<b>2</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>16</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>1,881</b>	<b>9</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>

## Union County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Berkeley Heights Twp.	4	2	50.0%
Clark Twp.	29	7	24.1%
Cranford Twp.	18	6	33.3%
Elizabeth City	733	259	35.3%
Fanwood Boro	13	5	38.5%
Garwood Boro	5	1	20.0%
Hillside Twp.	91	45	49.5%
Kenilworth Boro	9	0	0.0%
Linden City	134	33	24.6%
Mountainside Boro	1	0	0.0%
New Providence Boro	14	1	7.1%
Plainfield City	378	83	22.0%
Rahway City	152	44	28.9%
Roselle Boro	85	21	24.7%
Roselle Park Boro	25	5	20.0%
Scotch Plains Twp.	17	2	11.8%
Springfield Twp.	25	2	8.0%
Summit City	26	6	23.1%
Union Twp.	88	23	26.1%
Westfield Twp.	29	4	13.8%
Winfield Twp.	6	0	0.0%
Municipality Not Coded*	2	0	0.0%
<b><i>Union County Total</i></b>	<b><i>1,884</i></b>	<b><i>549</i></b>	<b><i>29.1%</i></b>

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	<b><u>Figure:</u></b>	<b><u>Rank in</u></b> <b><u>State</u></b>
<i>Child Population (2002 Estimate):</i>	<b>27,306</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>Abuse Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>627</b>	<b>18</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect Referrals:</i>	<b>101</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>% Abuse/Neglect Referrals Substantiated:</i>	<b>16.1%</b>	<b>19</b>
<i>Abuse/Neglect Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>6</b>
<i>Substantiated Abuse/Neglect per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>12</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals:</i>	<b>912</b>	<b>17</b>
<i>Family Problem Referrals per 1,000 Children:</i>	<b>33.4</b>	<b>1</b>

## Warren County

	Abuse/Neglect Reports	Substantiated Cases	Percent Substantiated
Allamuchy Twp.	5	1	20.0%
Alpha Boro	11	3	27.3%
Belvidere Twp.	24	4	16.7%
Blairstown Twp.	22	0	0.0%
Franklin Twp.	3	1	33.3%
Frelinghuysen Twp.	5	0	0.0%
Greenwich Twp.	10	2	20.0%
Hackettstown Town	42	9	21.4%
Hardwick Twp.	3	0	0.0%
Hope Twp.	2	0	0.0%
Independence Twp.	11	1	9.1%
Knowlton Twp.	12	1	8.3%
Liberty Twp.	9	0	0.0%
Hopatcong Twp.	9	0	0.0%
Mansfield Twp.	29	6	20.7%
Oxford Twp.	39	0	0.0%
Phillipsburg Town	288	53	18.4%
Pohatcong Twp.	8	1	12.5%
Washington Boro	81	15	18.5%
Washington Twp.	11	1	9.1%
White Twp.	3	3	100.0%
<b><i>Warren County Total</i></b>	<b><i>627</i></b>	<b><i>101</i></b>	<b><i>16.1%</i></b>