

Child Abuse Statistics: Michigan & National

Michigan¹ (FY2015)**:

- There was an increase of the complaints that were investigated: 2001, 70,784; 2009, 71,780; 2010, 78,893; 2011, 83,627; 2012, 91,159; 2013, 87,980, 2014 80,117, 2015 92,729.
- In 2015 26% of investigations resulted in evidence of abuse or neglect.¹
- Of the 92,729 confirmed investigations in 2015, a total of 23,813 complaints were confirmed representing 34,697 identified victims.¹
- 39% of victims were under the age of four.¹
- In approximately 83.5 percent of all cases, the perpetrator is the parent (biological, adoptive, putative or step-parent).¹
- Since the first year that the Five Category Disposition data became available (FY2002), the distribution of investigation dispositions has remained consistent. Twenty-two to twenty-seven percent are category I, II, or III (confirmed - preponderance of evidence), and 72 to 78 percent are category IV or V (no preponderance of evidence). In FY 2014 those percentages were 26 and 74, respectively.¹
- In a study by Caldwell & Noor (2005), costs of child abuse in Michigan were estimated at \$1,827,694,855. The costs of prevention are a fraction of the costs of abuse. Cost savings ranged from 96% to 98% depending on the prevention model tested.²

Nationally³: (FY2014)

- An estimated 702,208 children were victims of maltreatment.³
- An estimated 3.6 million CPS referrals representing 6.6 million children were received resulting in approximately 1.9 million investigations or assessments.³
- An estimated 1,546 in 2014 (1,520 children in 2013) died from abuse or neglect.³
- Of the 702,208 confirmed cases of abuse in 2014, 75 percent of victims experienced neglect, 17 percent were physically abused, 8.3 percent were sexually abused, and 6.8 percent of victims experienced various forms of psychological maltreatment, such as threatened abuse, parent's drug/alcohol abuse, etc. Because a victim may have suffered from more than one type of maltreatment, every maltreatment type was counted, which is why the percentages total to more than 100.0.³
- During 2013, approximately 91.6 percent of victims were maltreated by a parent(s), and 12.6 percent were non-parents.
- The consequences of child abuse cost the country at least \$124 billion annually, costing the average American family approximately \$1,400 each year.⁴

¹ MI Department of Health and Human Services' "Children's Protective Services 2015 Trends Report Summary." Please see the report (included in the CAP Month Toolkit) for additional statewide and historical data.

² Caldwell, R. & Noor, I. (2005). "The Costs of Child Abuse vs. Child Abuse Prevention: A Multi-year Follow-up in Michigan."

³ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' "Child Maltreatment 2014." The report can be accessed at the following URL: <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2014>

⁴ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Child Welfare Information Gateway. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/long_term_consequences.cfm>

* Child Help, <http://www.childhelp.org/pages/statistics>