

Child Abuse Statistics: Michigan & National

Michigan¹ (FY2018)**:

- This data represents the number of Child Protective Services investigations for the past ten years. They are: 2009, 71,780; 2010, 78,893; 2011, 83,627; 2012, 91,159; 2013, 87,980, 2014 80,117, 2015 92,729, 2016: 90,356, 2017:90,760, 2018: 100,123 (96,084 assigned for investigation and 4,039 accepted and linked investigations) .
- In 2018 27% of investigations resulted in evidence of abuse or neglect.¹
- Of all disposed of investigations in 2018, a total of 25,654 complaints were confirmed representing 37,738 identified victims.¹
- 38% of victims were under the age of four.¹
- In approximately 65 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 2018 those percentages were 27 and 73, 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: (FY2016)

- An estimated 676,000 children were victims of maltreatment.⁵
- An estimated 4.1 million CPS referrals representing 7.4 million children were received resulting in approximately 3.5 million investigations or assessments. ⁵
- An estimated 1,700 in 2016 (1,589 children in 2015) died from abuse or neglect.⁵
- Of the 702,208 confirmed cases of abuse in 2016, 74.8 percent of victims experienced neglect, 18.2 percent were physically abused, 8.2 percent were sexually abused, and 6.9 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 100.0.⁴
- During 2016, approximately 77.6 percent of victims were maltreated by a parent(s), and 22.3 percent were non-parents.⁴
- The consequences of child abuse cost the country at least \$124 billion annually, costing the average American family approximately \$1,400 each year.⁴(this should be changed to footnote 3)

¹ MI Department of Health and Human Services' "Children's Protective Services 2016 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 Welfare Information Gateway. <https://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/long_term_consequences.cfm>

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

⁴ U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau, Child Maltreatment 2016. * <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/resource/child-maltreatment-2016>

⁵ Administration for Children and Families <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/research-data-technology/statistics-research/child-maltreatment>.