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**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF
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CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORT – 2006

In calendar year 2006, 92,952 reports of child abuse and neglect were made to county Departments of Family and Children Services. DFCS screened out or referred to other services 14,657 reports (16%) that did not meet the definition of maltreatment. An additional 22,833 reports (25%) were identified as diversions and did not warrant a full investigation. Data for the remaining 55,462 reports (60%) were accepted for service, entered into the Protective Services Data System (PSDS) and used to compile this report.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA SYSTEM

The Georgia General Assembly established a child abuse information system in 1990 to collect data on child maltreatment. Each county Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) enters data into the system. PSDS collects data on all relevant information except names of perpetrators. The Georgia Supreme Court has determined that keeping names is unconstitutional. PSDS provides the information for this annual report and for the reporting required by Federal/State regulations, laws and program expectations.

DISPOSITION OF REPORTS

Reports. Reports of maltreatment are made to county Departments of Family and Children Services. When a report is made the department determines whether it meets the criteria for an investigation: **there is a child under 18 years alleged to be mistreated by the parent or caretaker.** A copy of every report DFCS receives is immediately shared with local law enforcement, as required by O.C.G.A. 19-7-5. In 2006, 92,952 reports were made to county DFCS offices.

Investigated Reports. Reports that meet the criteria for maltreatment are accepted for investigation. In 2006, 55,462 reports were accepted for investigation. After the circumstances are investigated, one of the following dispositions is assigned to the report:

Substantiated, case remains open. A case is substantiated when the preponderance of evidence supports the allegations. Cases rated high risk or moderate risk for recurring maltreatment remain open for ongoing CPS services.

Substantiated, case closed. A preponderance of evidence supports the allegations; however, the case is low risk for further maltreatment. Referrals to community resources are made as available and appropriate.

Unsubstantiated, case closed. There is either not a preponderance of evidence or no evidence to support the allegations, and the case is closed.

Unsubstantiated, case remains open. There is either not a preponderance of evidence or no evidence to support the allegations. The case remains open because of court-ordered CPS involvement.

An investigation may contain more than one alleged incident of maltreatment and may involve more than one child.

Screened-Out Reports. Reports that do not meet the criteria for maltreatment are screened out or referred to other resources. Reports that do not meet these basic criteria for an investigation are frequently referred to local resources (e.g., mental health, court system, early intervention and preventive programs) for assistance. In 2006, 14,657 reports were screened-out.

Diversions. Diversions allow caseworkers to help families find the right services. This is the first complete calendar year with diversion data. Diversions accounted for 22,833 cases in 2006.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

The information in this report refers to several types of counts:

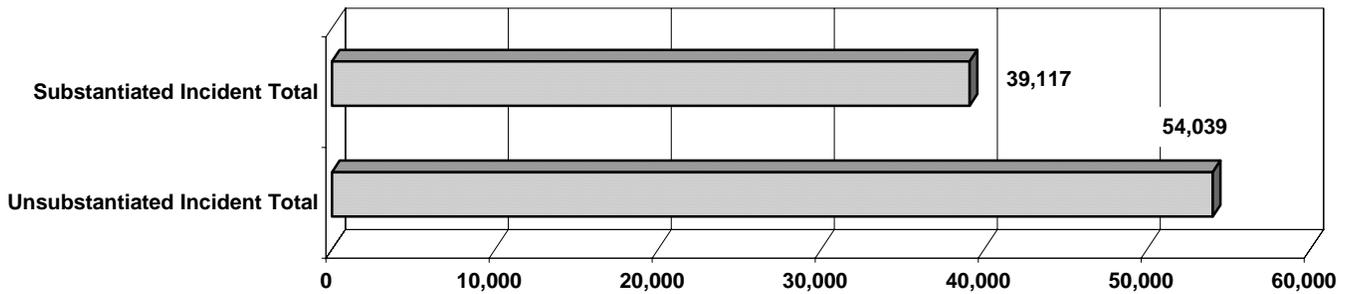
An **investigated report** (case count) represents the number of reports received. One report may contain more than one alleged incident of maltreatment and may involve more than one child.

An **incident count** represents the number of maltreatment types indicated for each child in a report. The maltreatment types include: Neglect, Physical, Sexual, Emotional and Other. The number of incidents in PSDS will be greater than the number of reports/cases. It will equal or exceed the number of children.

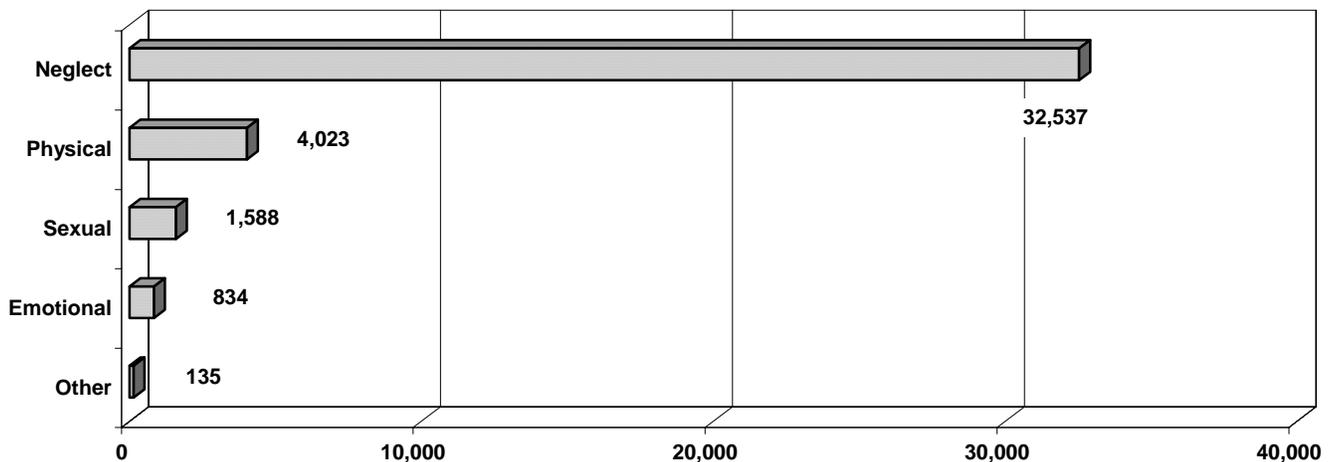
Disposition	Investigations	Incidents
Substantiated	22,779	39,117
Unsubstantiated	32,683	54,039
Total	55,462	93,156

2006 INCIDENT DATA

A total of 93,156 incidents of maltreatment were reported in 2006. The number of **investigations** of alleged child maltreatment is less than the count of the **incidents** of alleged maltreatment, because there may be maltreatment reported on several children in one investigation. Also, for each child in an investigation, more than one type of maltreatment may be reported.



Substantiated Incidents of Maltreatment



REPORTERS

Suspected maltreatment is reported to county DFCS offices. While the agency encourages anyone who suspects maltreatment to report, the law requires certain people to report, by virtue of their profession; they are called “mandated reporters.” This includes teachers, school counselors, physicians, nurses, dentists, law enforcement personnel and Georgia Department of Human Resources staff members.

The table below shows the types of reporters by disposition: Substantiated or Unsubstantiated. Mandated Reporters submitted 67 percent of investigated reports. For Substantiated Dispositions, the five most prevalent sources of investigated reports were Law Enforcement/Court (25%), School Personnel (20%), Hospital/Clinic (10%), Relative (8%) and DHR Staff (8%). For Unsubstantiated Dispositions, the five most prevalent sources of investigated reports were School Personnel (28%), Law Enforcement/Court (12%), Relative (9%), DHR Staff (9%) and Anonymous (9%).

Disposition by Report Source

Disposition by Report Source			
Report Source	Disposition		Total
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	
Mandated Reporters			
School Personnel	4,662	9,202	13,864
Law Enforcement/Court	5,676	3,912	9,588
Hospital/Clinic	2,345	1,713	4,058
Physician, Dentist, Podiatrist, Nurse	533	733	1,266
Professional Counselor, Social Worker	1,316	1,967	3,283
DHR Staff	1,910	2,796	4,706
Day Care Center	143	333	476
TANF *	32	50	82
Total Mandated Reporters	16,617	20,706	37,323
Non-Mandated Reporters			
Custodial Parent/Guardian	899	1,342	2,241
Relative	1,874	2,833	4,707
Neighbor/Friend	1,085	2,193	3,278
Non-Custodial Parent	432	1,293	1,725
Religious Leader/Staff	39	53	92
Lawyer	40	55	95
Other Non-Mandated Person	387	735	1,122
Alleged Perpetrator	18	25	43
Victim	77	99	176
Total Non-Mandated Reporters	4,851	8,628	13,479
Unknown			
Unknown	219	560	779
Anonymous	1,092	2,789	3,881
Total Unknown	1,311	3,349	4,660
Total	22,779	32,683	55,462

*A TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) case manager refers a family when there is a concern about maltreatment of a child resulting from a TANF Sanction.

LOCATION OF MALTREATMENT

The data system collects information about where the alleged maltreatment occurred. The numbers in the accompanying chart are based on incidents. Many children were victims of more than one type of maltreatment and were counted multiple times in each location. For example, a child may have been both neglected and sexually abused in the family home. This child is counted twice at that location.

SUBSTANTIATED - LOCATION AND TYPE OF MALTREATMENT						
Location	Type of Maltreatment Incidents					
	NEGLECT	PHYSICAL	SEXUAL	EMOTIONAL	OTHER	TOTAL
Victim's Home	29,504	3,521	1,102	739	106	34,972
Other Private Home	1,374	279	367	38	4	2,062
Center Based Daycare	62	20	4	1	0	87
Family Based Daycare	17	12	3	0	0	32
Residential Foster Care Home	11	6	3	0	0	20
Group Home Foster Care	29	4	2	1	0	36
Family Foster Home-DFCS	51	16	6	4	0	77
Family Foster Home-Non DFCS	63	12	6	5	0	86
Other Institution	127	50	27	13	0	217
Other	1,299	103	68	33	25	1,528
Total	32,537	4,023	1,588	834	135	39,117
* 'Other' may include such locations as a park, shopping mall, automobile, place of business, etc.						

FOSTER PARENTS AND FOSTER HOMES

In 2006, there were 219 substantiated incidents of maltreatment to foster children in a foster home facility. In 164 of the 219 incidents, the perpetrator was a foster parent or residential/group home staff member. The four types of foster care recorded in the data system are residential facilities, group home facilities, family foster care homes – DFCS and family foster homes – Non DFCS.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DFCS began collecting information on substance abuse in reported cases in 1994. Caretaker substance abuse is a major factor in child abuse and neglect, and the department places strong emphasis on identifying families with this problem and referring them for treatment. This more aggressive approach by Child Protective Services includes:

- Asking the reporter specific questions regarding substance abuse.
- Responding immediately to a report from medical personnel that a mother of a newborn has tested positive for drugs. In this case, the agency refers the mother for a formal substance abuse assessment, checks for the safety of other children in the home, requests custody of the newborn and other children who may be at-risk, and requests court-ordered treatment for the mother, if the need is indicated.
- Assessing the need for treatment in all investigations where drug use was alleged in the original report and where abuse was substantiated.
- Attempting to obtain voluntary drug screens in cases where drug use is alleged and paying for drug screenings and assessments. (Note: If parents or caretakers refuse to have a drug screen, CPS can request the court to order one).
- Requiring repeat negative drug screens for a specified length of time in ongoing cases where drug use was substantiated. As a result of these protective services policies related to drug use (and case managers' increased ability to recognize its signs) drug abuse has been substantiated in increasing numbers of cases.

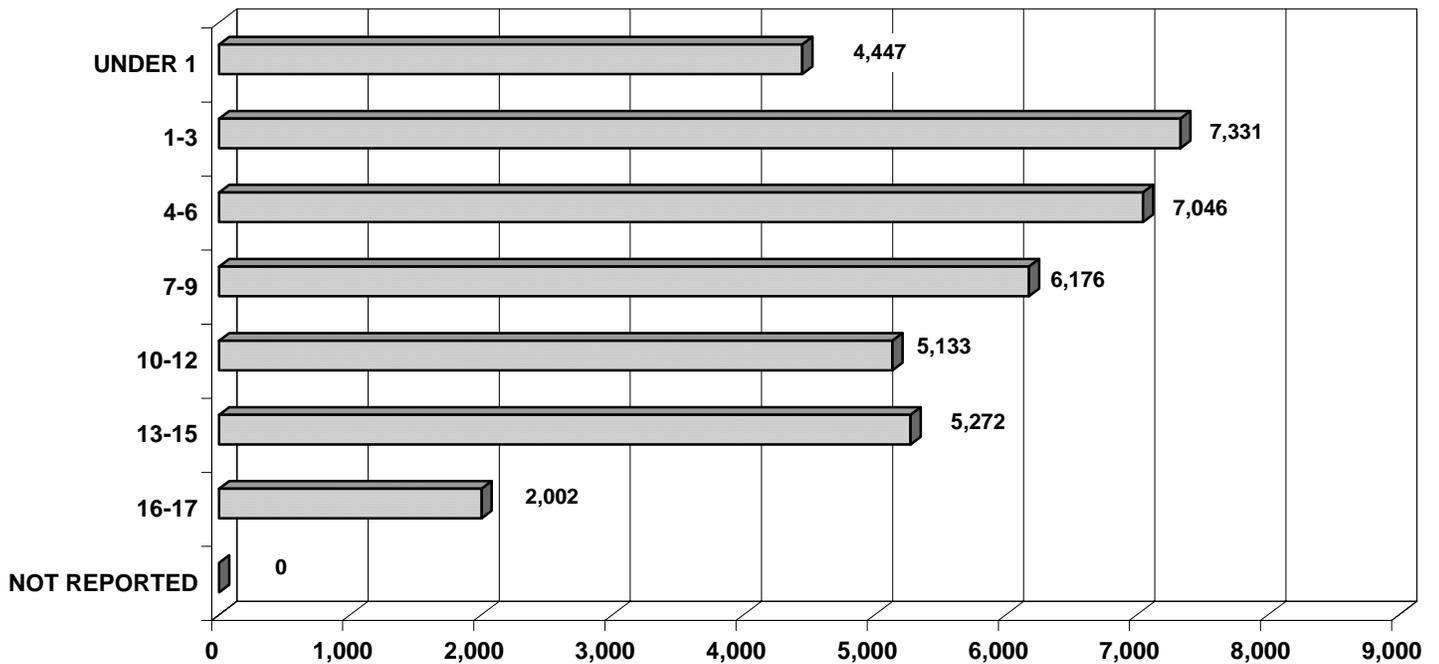
The numbers in the accompanying chart are based on the number of investigated reports.

Adult Substance Abuse By Type				
Type	Alleged Unsubstantiated	Alleged Substantiated	Not Alleged But Substantiated	Total Investigations
Alcohol	969	805	111	1,885
Prescription Medicine	474	251	17	742
Controlled Substance	5,435	4,689	425	10,549
Alcohol and Prescribed Medicine	74	50	10	134
Alcohol and Controlled Substance	427	301	26	754
Prescribed Medicine and Controlled Substance	209	225	15	449
All Types	248	155	13	416
Total	7,836	6,476	617	14,929

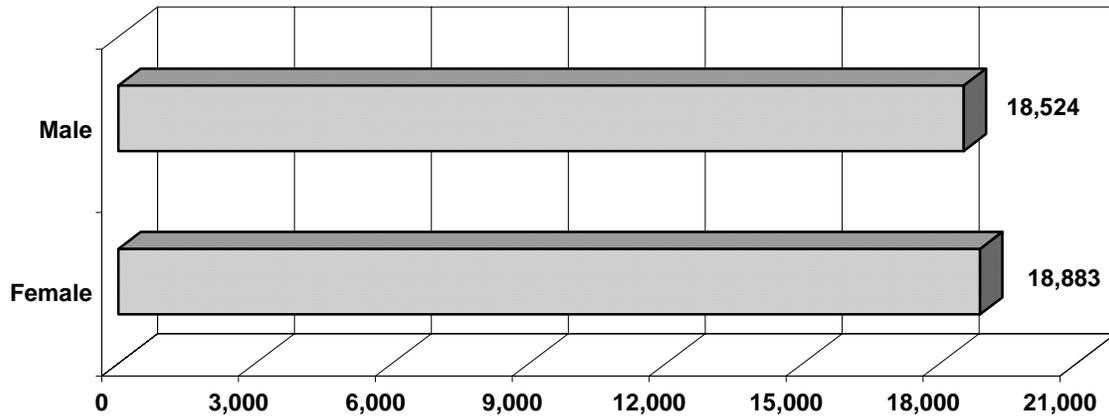
2006 VICTIM DATA

The graphs in this section identify all the children who were entered into the data system as substantiated victims of maltreatment (37,407 children). Children Ages 1- 3 years (20%) and 4-6 years (19%) accounted for the largest percentage of victims. Children who were younger than 1 year accounted for 12% of the victims. This was the largest single age category. The second largest single age category was Age 1 with 7% of the victims. Fifty percent of the victims were under the age of seven. In general, as age increased victimization decreased. More than half of all victims were White (55%) with African American victims accounting for 41%. The ethnicity of 7% of the victims was Hispanic. The percentages of Child victims were divided evenly between Male (50%) and Female (50%).

Age

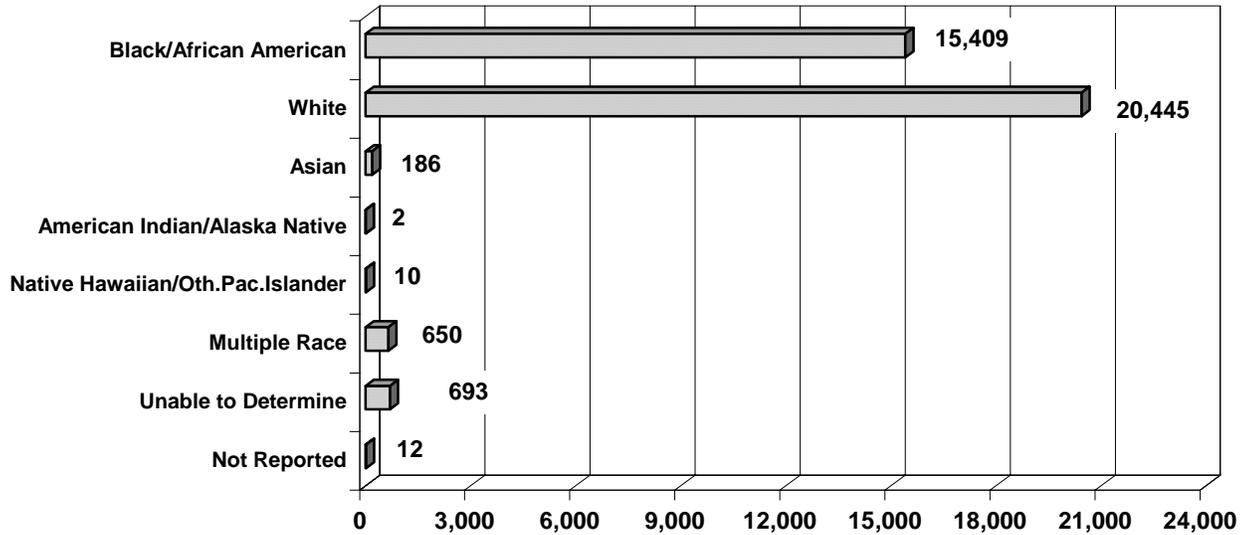


Gender

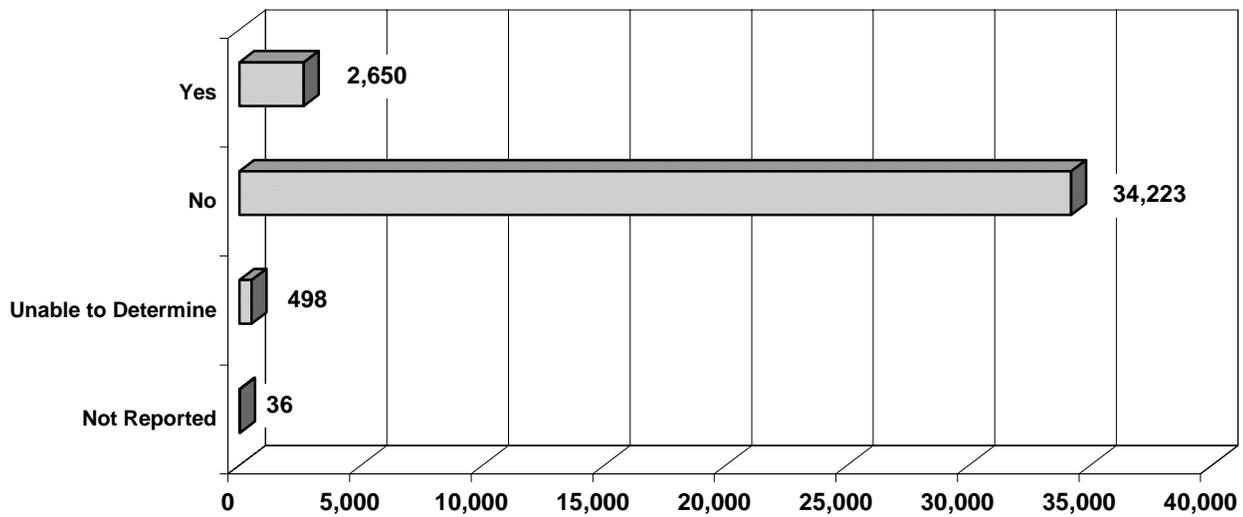


2006 VICTIM DATA

Race



Hispanic / Latino Origin



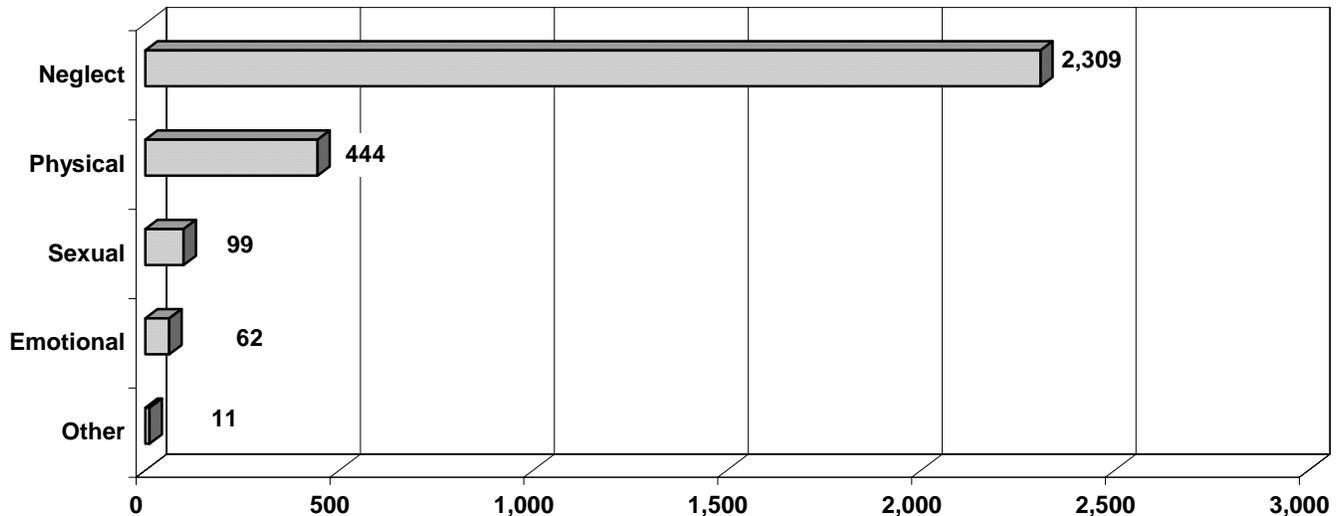
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

The following chart depicts the type of substantiated maltreatment that occurred to children with special characteristics. There were 2,751 children with special characteristics. These children accounted for 2,925 incidents of maltreatment.

Children are considered to have a special characteristic when they have a diagnosis of an emotional disorder, mental retardation, vision or hearing impairment, physical disability, a behavioral disorder, or alcohol/substance abuse.

A child may have more than one special characteristic. Therefore, the total by type (3,365) is greater than the number of incidents.

Substantiated Maltreatment of Children with Special Characteristics



Substantiated Maltreatment of Children by Type of Special Characteristic

Type of Special Characteristic	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Other	Total
Diagnosed Emotionally Disturbed	263	63	18	16	2	362
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Mild	108	25	14	3	1	151
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Moderate	86	30	9	3	0	128
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Severe	40	2	1	0	0	43
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Profound	28	7	0	0	0	35
Diagnosed Vision/Hearing Impaired	59	11	1	0	0	71
Diagnosed Physically Disabled	109	9	1	1	0	120
Other Medically Diagnosed Condition	761	105	18	13	4	901
Behavior	791	252	43	36	6	1,128
Alcohol Abuse - Child	21	3	0	0	0	24
Drugs/Other Sub. Abuse -Child	382	8	7	3	2	402
Total	2,648	515	112	75	15	3,365

2006 PERPETRATOR DATA

Since DFCS is mandated to investigate reports involving children who are maltreated by their caretakers, the majority of the perpetrators for all types of incidents are biological parents. There are 16 relationship categories, but the categories are grouped for readability. Detailed perpetrator information is not always available by age/gender.

Perpetrators	Substantiated
Biological Parents	31,206
Non-Biological Parents	1,743
Other Relatives	2,130
Live-in Boyfriend	668
Live-in Girlfriend	96
Live-in Gender Unknown	1
Other, Non-Relatives	629
Sitter/Child Care	147
School Personnel	81
Residential Facility Staff	71
Unknown	635
Total	37,407

Perpetrators by Age and Gender			
	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Under 20 Years Old	331	1,270	1,601
20 – 29 Years Old	2,271	12,164	14,435
30 – 39 Years Old	3,434	10,040	13,474
40 – 49 Years Old	2,079	3,218	5,297
50 Years Old and Over	702	1,043	1,745
Not Reported	115	90	205
Total	8,932	27,825	36,757

* Note: For 650 children, perpetrators did not have age/gender information reported.

FATALITIES

In 2006, 64 children in Georgia died as a result of substantiated abuse or neglect. Deaths that are entered into the Protective Services Data System (PSDS) are those for which DFCS investigated and substantiated either abuse or neglect. In some situations where a child died at the hands of a caregiver, only law enforcement and the courts may have been involved. These cases are not recorded in PSDS.

Thirty-six children died as a result of inadequate supervision or of other forms of parental neglect. While these deaths were unintentional, the parents or caretakers were determined to be negligent. Twenty-eight children died from physical abuse.

Of the 64 children, 40 had no current or prior history with Child Protective Services; 24 were from families that had been investigated at some time prior to the child's death. Some of the families with previous investigations involved different children and the investigation occurred many years prior to the current involvement.

Georgia law requires a multi-agency Child Fatality Review Sub-Committee to operate in every Georgia County. These sub-committees, which include a representative from DFCS, are required to review the deaths of all children in the county who die unexpectedly. For example, the death of a child in a car accident is reviewed by the sub-committee but probably is not investigated by DFCS or entered in the data system unless neglect or abuse was indicated.

Fatalities Resulting from Neglect

Child Fatalities		Fatalities by Perpetrator Relationship to Child							
Co-Sleeping	8								
Drowning	8								
Inadequate Medical Care	4								
SIDS/SUIDS/Suffocation	3								
Undetermined	3								
Birth Exposed/Birth Addiction	2								
Drug Exposure	2								
Fire	2								
Vehicular Accident - Hit By Car	2								
Gunshot	1								
Strangulation	1								
Total	36								
Criminal Charges Filed	7								
		Mother	Father	Boyfriend	Mother and Father	Mother and Boyfriend	Other Relative	Other	
Co-Sleeping		6	0	0	2	0	0	0	
Drowning		2	0	0	1	1	2	2	
Inadequate Medical Care		1	0	0	3	0	0	0	
SIDS/SUIDS/Suffocation		1	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Undetermined		0	1	1	0	0	0	1	
Birth Exposed/Birth Addiction		2	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Drug Exposure		1	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Fire		1	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Vehicular Accident		1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Gunshot		1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Strangulation		0	0	0	0	0	0	1	

Fatalities Resulting from Abuse

Child Fatalities	
Blunt Force Trauma -Head	6
Shaken Baby Syndrome	6
Fire	4
Beatings/Multiple Abuse	3
Birth Exposed/Birth Addiction	3
Blunt Force Trauma - Internal	3
Blunt Force -Head/Internal	1
Suffocation	1
Undetermined	1
Total	28
Criminal Charges Filed	17

Fatalities by Perpetrator Relationship to Child								
	Mother	Father	Boyfriend	Mother and Father	Mother and Boyfriend	Other Relative	Other	
Blunt Force Trauma -Head	1	0	1	1	2	0	1	
Shaken Baby Syndrome	1	1	1	0	2	1	0	
Fire	1	0	0	0	0	3	0	
Beatings/Multiple Abuse	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Birth Exposed/Birth Addiction	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Blunt Force Trauma - Internal	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	
Blunt Force -Head/Internal	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Suffocation	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Undetermined	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	

Victim Data

The following numbers identify the children who died from confirmed maltreatment by the categories of race, age and gender.

Race	
Black	30
White	31
Multiple Race.....	2
Unable to Determine.....	1
<i>Hispanic/Latino Origin</i>	<i>8</i>

Age	
Under Age One	27
One to Three Years	25
Four to Five Years.....	5
Six to Thirteen Years	3
Fourteen to Seventeen.....	4

Gender	
Male.....	34
Female.....	30

NEGLECT

This and the following sections of this report give a breakdown of incidents by type of maltreatment. Neglect is the most commonly reported and most often substantiated type of maltreatment. Neglect occurs if a parent or caretaker, either deliberately or by chronic disregard, permits a child to suffer and/or fails to provide one or more of the elements necessary for the child's physical, intellectual, social and emotional development.

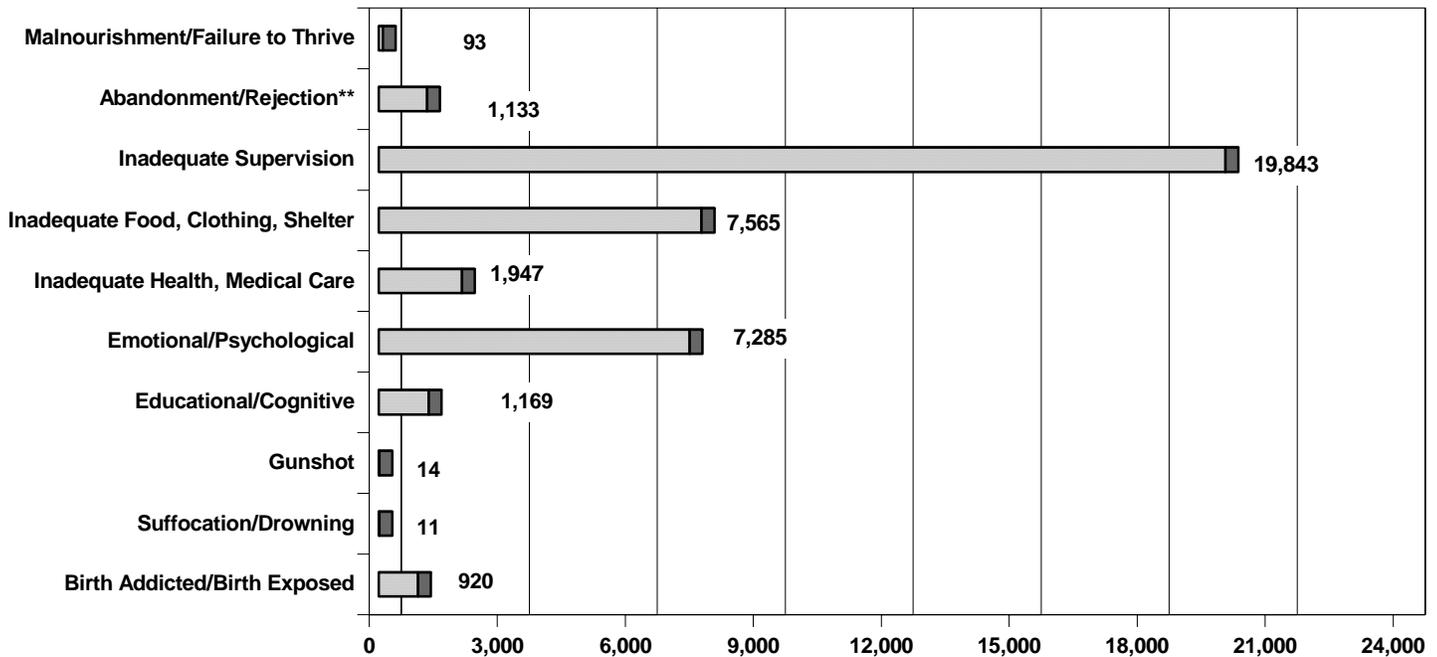
Incidents of neglect are frequently reported with other types of maltreatment, because it is often assumed that the child who is physically or sexually abused was also not adequately supervised or was neglected in some way that contributed to the other reported maltreatment.

In 2006, 71,981 incidents of neglect were reported. Of these, 32,537 were substantiated. The most common type of substantiated neglect is inadequate supervision. This ranges from a child staying home alone after school to children locked overnight in an apartment without adult supervision. Inadequate supervision is also frequently cited in sexual abuse cases, as it is commonly believed that the perpetrator might not have had access to the child if the child had been adequately supervised by a responsible parent.

When families do not have adequate food, clothing or shelter, DFCS may provide services or refer them to a more appropriate community resource. Some families, where neglect is a result of poverty, may be eligible for DFCS Prevention of Unnecessary Placement (PUP) services to help alleviate the problems causing the neglect without removing the children from the home.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	32,537
Unsubstantiated	39,444
Total	71,981

Substantiated Neglect Categories*



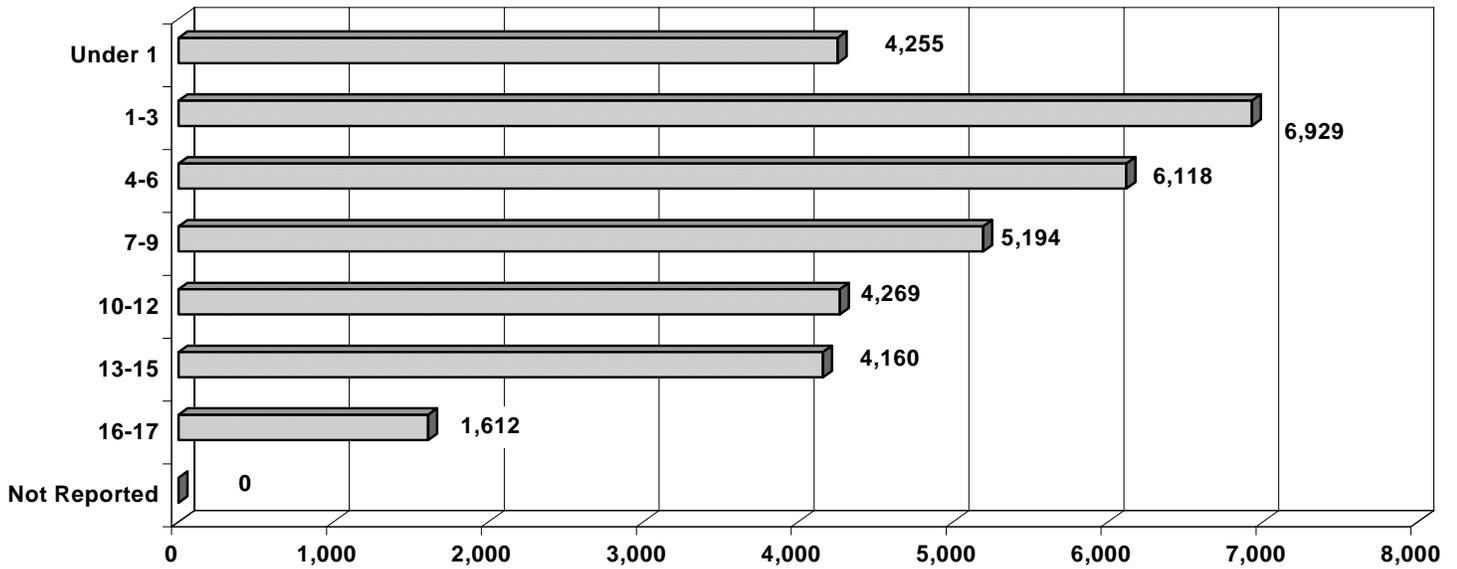
* The total of all categories of neglect will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of neglect.

** The abandonment/rejection category includes not only children for whom a parent no longer wants responsibility; it also includes children who may not be picked up as scheduled from school, children left with a babysitter beyond planned pick-up times, etc.

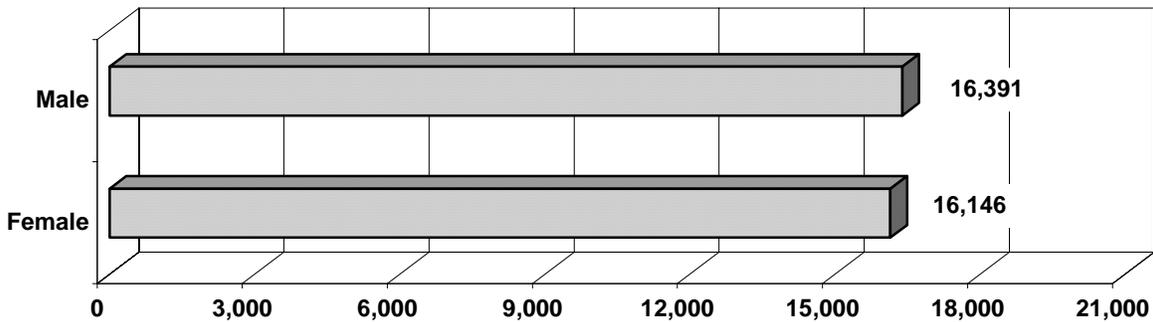
NEGLECT – VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify characteristics of children who were victims of substantiated neglect. Children Ages 1-3 years accounted for the largest percentage of victims (21%). Children who were younger than 1 year accounted for 13% of the victims. In general, as age increased victimization decreased. More than half of all victims were White (56%) with African American victims accounting for 40%. The ethnicity of 7% of the victims was Hispanic. Percentages of victims were divided evenly between Male (50%) and Female (50%).

Age of Victims

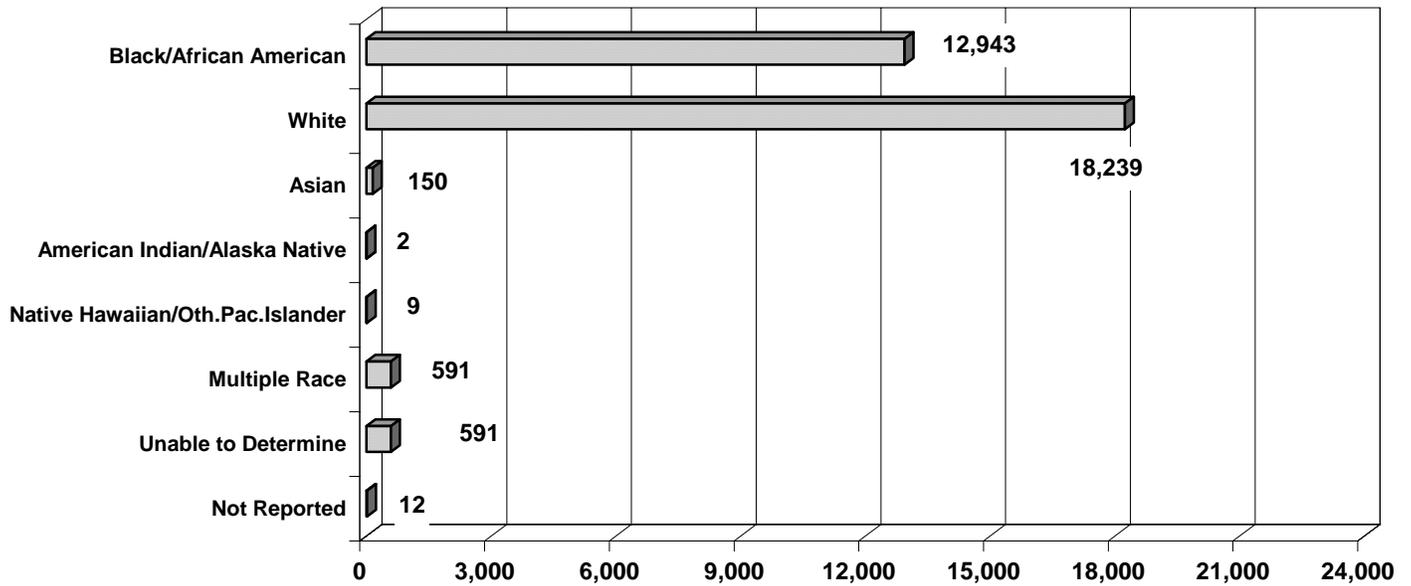


Gender of Victims

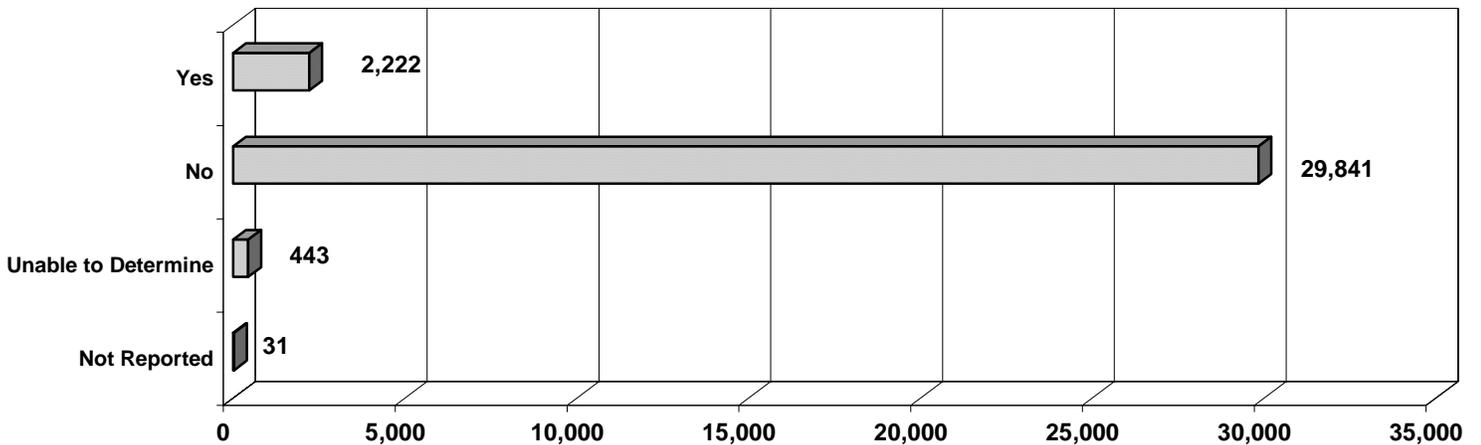


NEGLECT – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims



Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

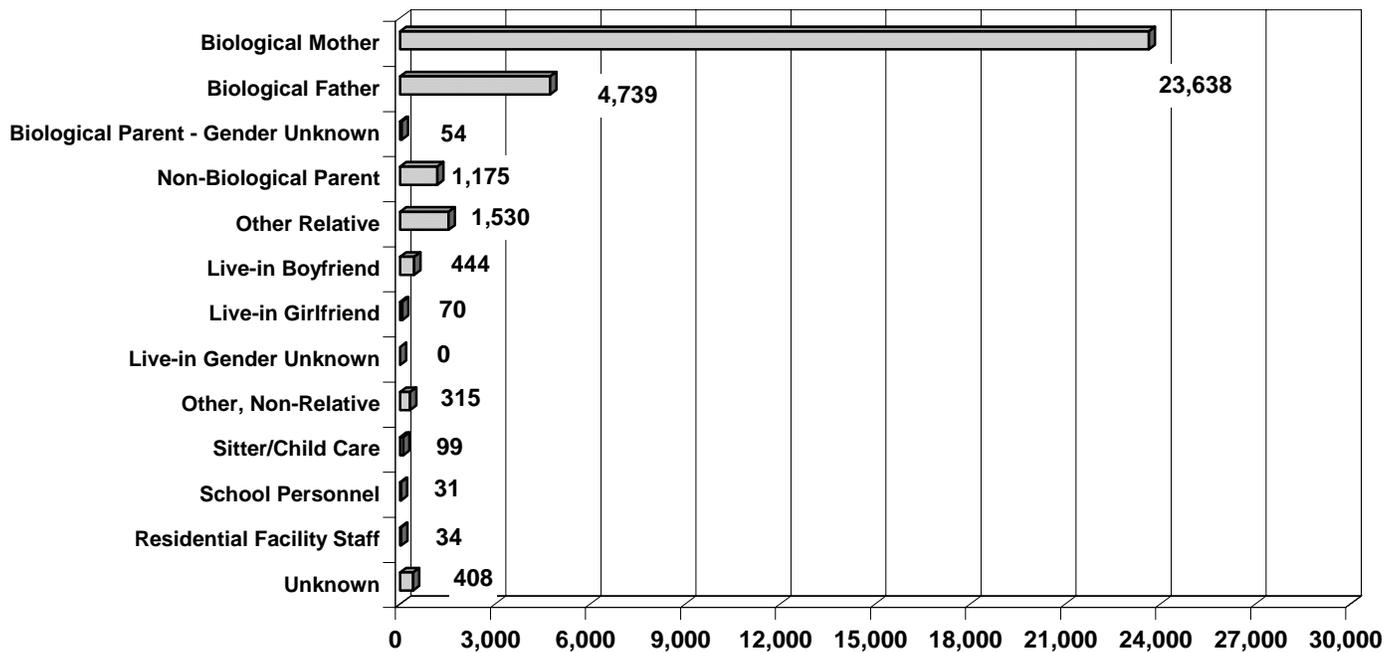


NEGLECT – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2006, there were 32,537 substantiated incidents of neglect. The biological mother was the perpetrator in seventy-three percent of the incidents.

The table shows the perpetrator's relationship to the child at the time the neglect occurred. A perpetrator who was involved in more than one incident of neglect is counted more than once.

Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Neglect – Characteristics of Perpetrators

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	2,026	10,792	12,818
White	4,184	14,379	18,563
Asian	51	111	162
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	25	28
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1	14	15
Multiple Race	6	34	40
Unable to Determine	162	316	478
Total	6,433	25,671	32,104
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	467	1,003	<i>1,470</i>

*433 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

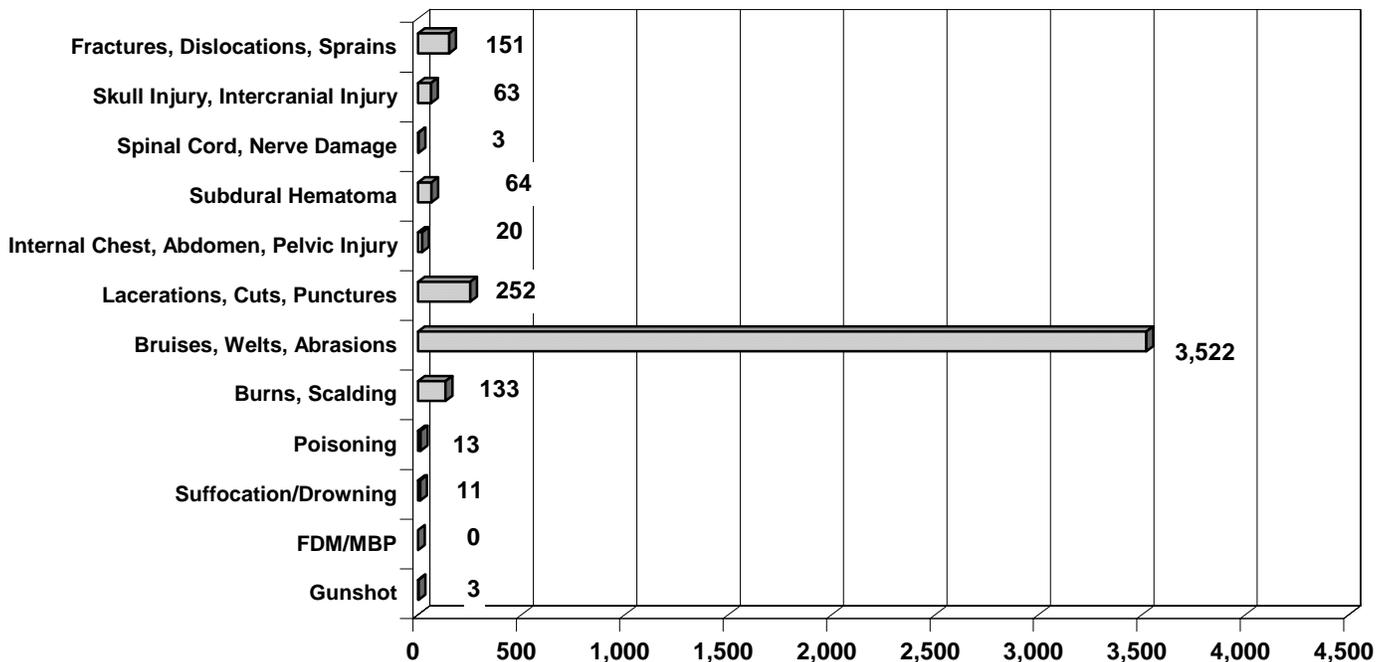
PHYSICAL ABUSE

Physical abuse is injury to a child under the age of 18 by other than accidental means by a parent or caretaker which results in bruises, welts, fractures, burns, cuts, internal injuries, etc. Physical abuse often occurs in the name of discipline or punishment and may involve the use of the hand or the use of objects. Physical injury is defined as bodily harm or hurt, excluding mental distress, fright or emotional disturbance.

In 2006, 13,497 incidents of physical abuse were reported; 4,023 were substantiated. Bruises, welts and abrasions, which often results from inappropriate discipline, is the most common type of physical abuse.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	4,023
Unsubstantiated	9,474
Total	13,497

Substantiated Physical Abuse Categories*

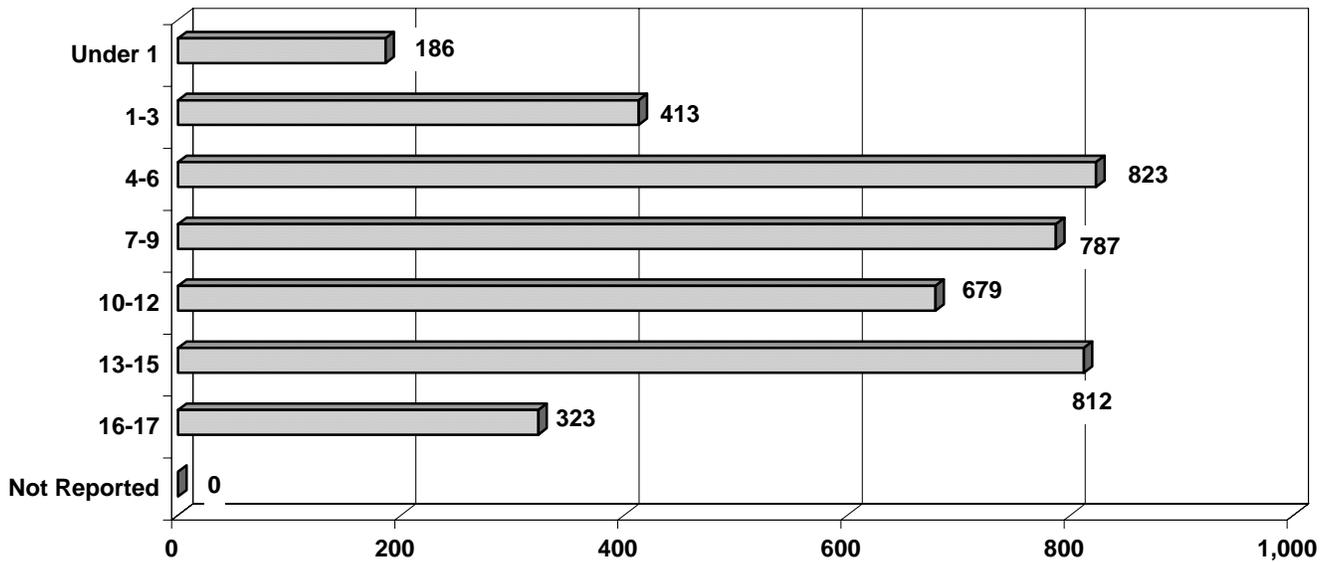


* The total of all categories of abuse will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of physical abuse.

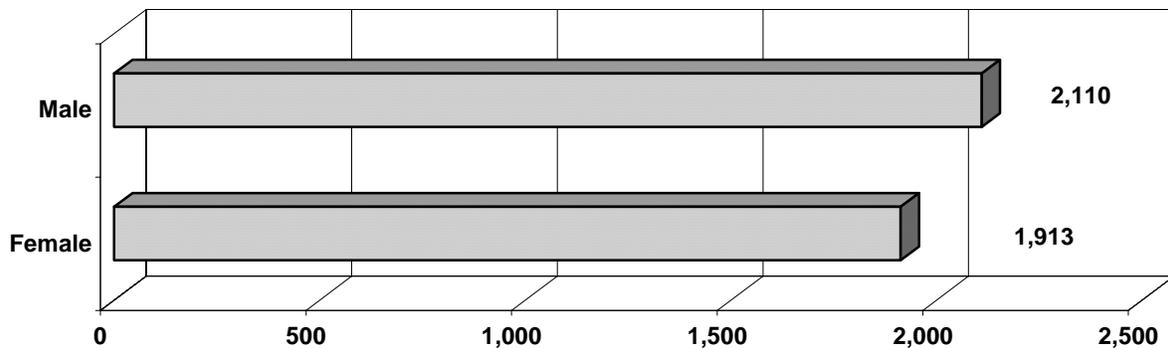
PHYSICAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify characteristics of children who were victims of physical abuse. In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of physical abuse: Ages 4-6 (20%), Ages 7-9 (20%), Ages 10-12 (17%) and Ages 13-15 (20%). For physical abuse, 55% were African-American while 41% were White. The ethnicity of 8% of the victims was Hispanic. Males accounted for 52% of the victims.

Age of Victims

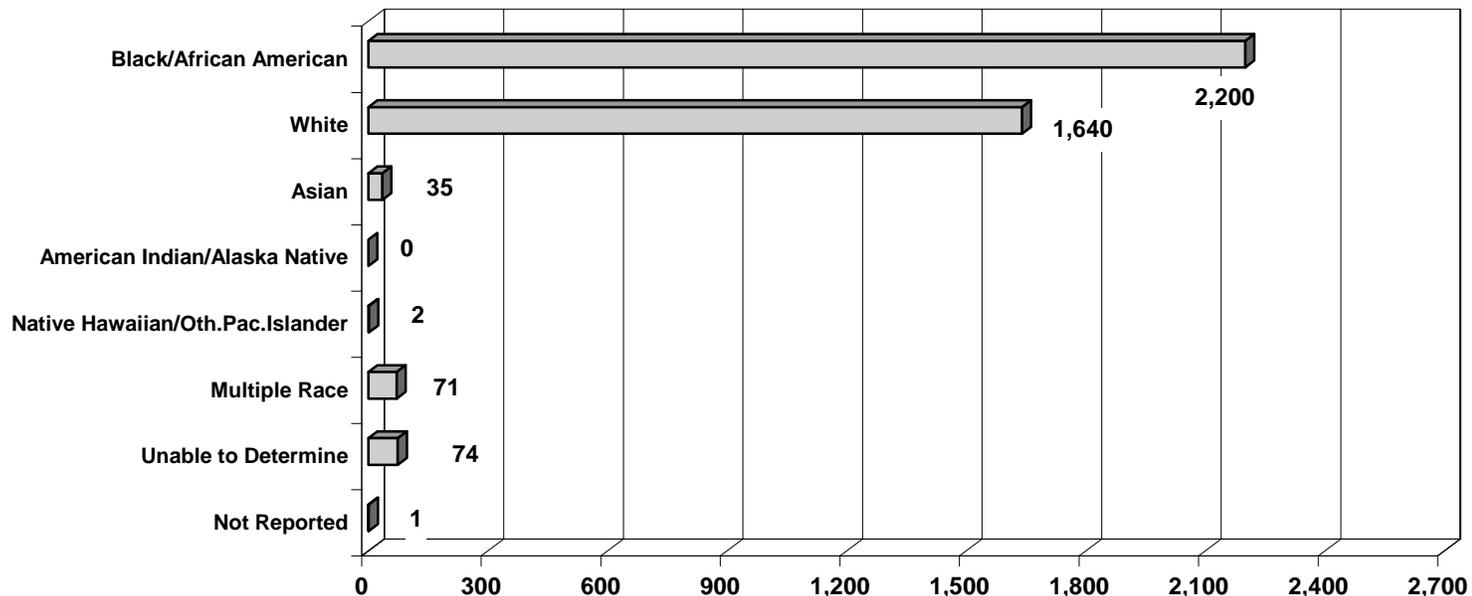


Gender of Victims

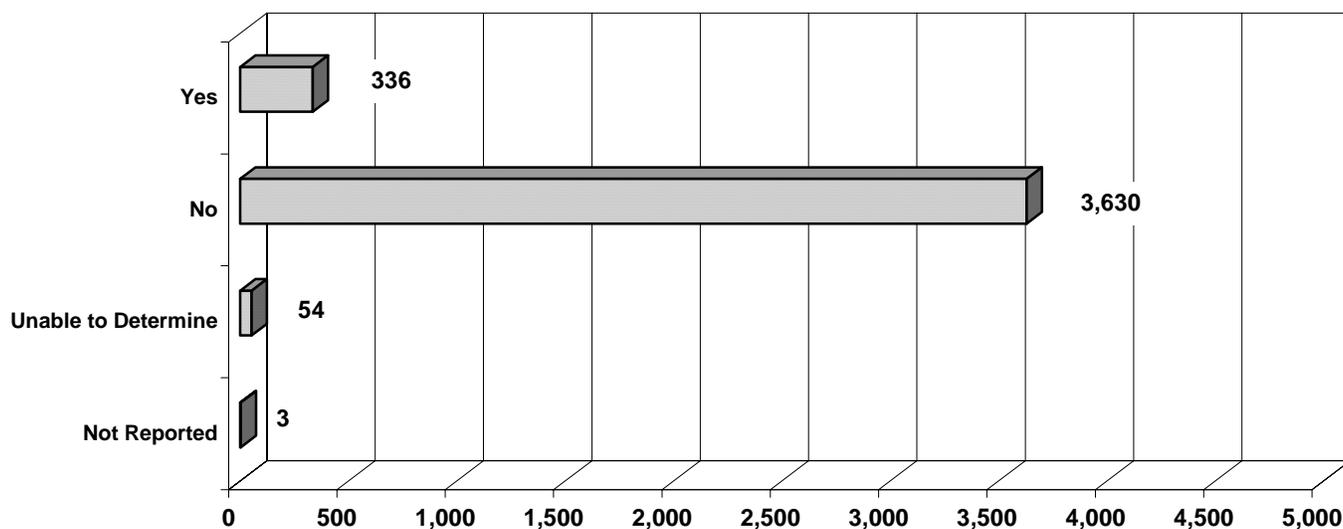


PHYSICAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims



Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

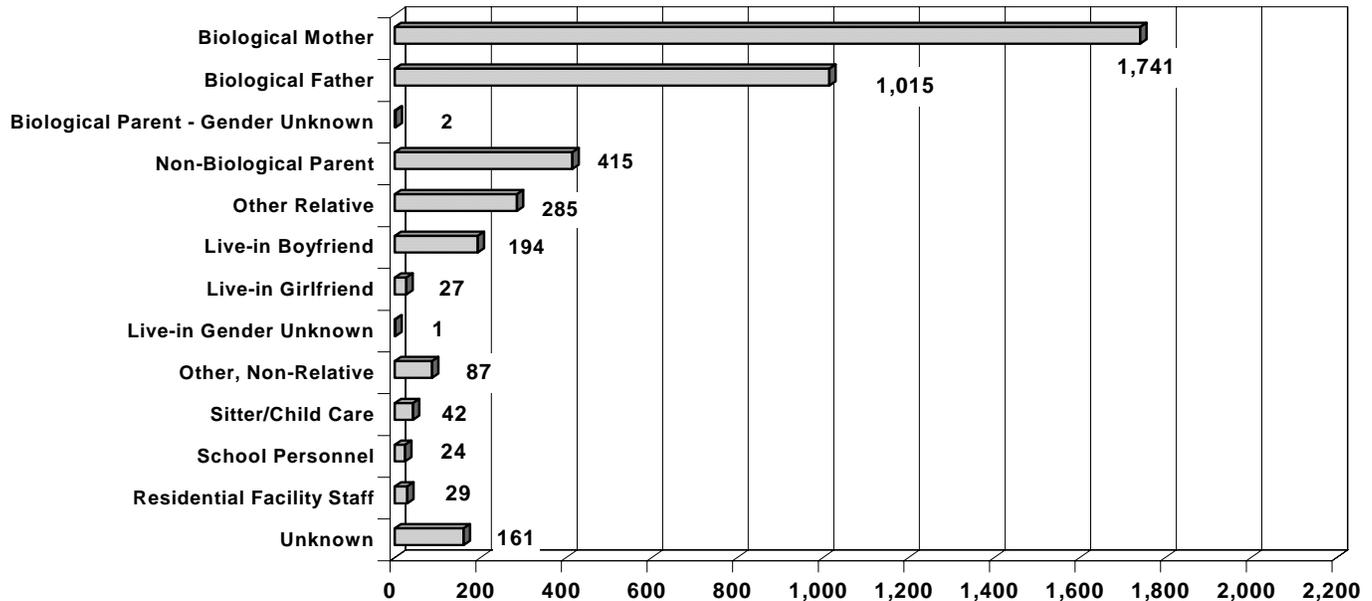


PHYSICAL ABUSE – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2006, there were 4,023 substantiated incidents of physical abuse. The biological mother was the perpetrator in forty-three percent of the incidents. The biological father was the perpetrator in twenty-five percent of the incidents.

The following chart shows the perpetrator's relationship to the child at the time the physical abuse occurred. A perpetrator who was involved in more than one incident of physical abuse is counted more than once.

Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Physical Abuse – Characteristics of Perpetrators

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	802	1,338	2,140
White	800	783	1583
Asian	16	21	37
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	2	2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	3	3
Multiple Race	6	7	13
Unable to Determine	41	46	87
Total	1,665	2,200	3,865
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	99	140	239

* 158 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse is a form of child maltreatment in which contacts or interactions (such as fondling, sodomy, penetration) occur between a child under 18 and the parent or caretaker, during which the child is being used for the sexual stimulation of that adult or another person.

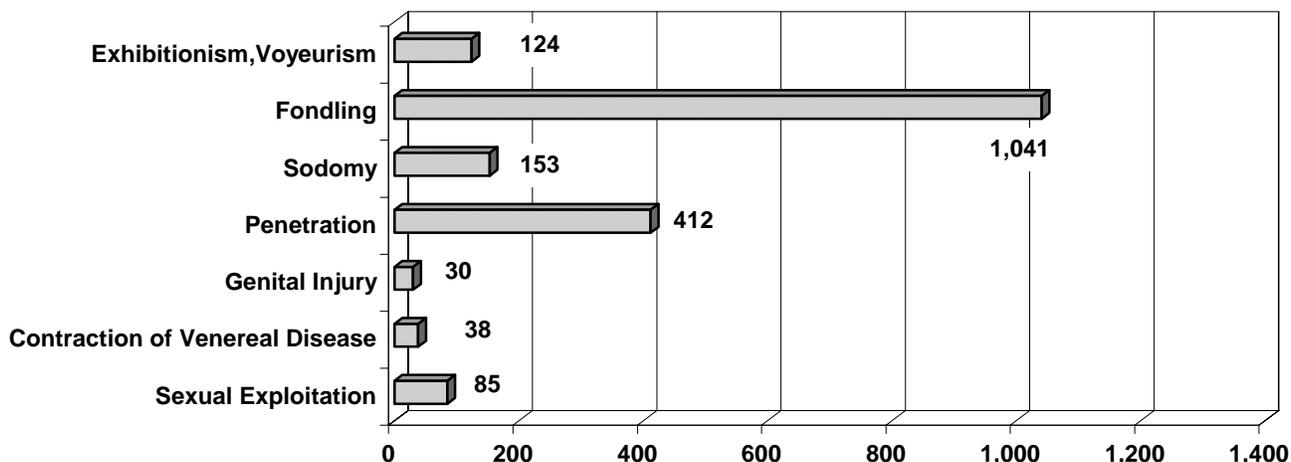
Sexual abuse may also be committed by a person under the age of 18 when that person is either significantly older than the victim or when the abuser is in a position of power or control over another child. When someone outside the child's family abuses a child, CPS must evaluate whether the parents permitted this to happen or neglected to supervise the child adequately.

Sexual exploitation is a form of maltreatment in which a child's parent or caretaker allows, permits, encourages or requires a child under the age of 18 to engage in sexual acts for the stimulation and/or gratification of adults or in prostitution as defined in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA, Section 16-6-9); allows, permits, encourages or requires such child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purposes of producing any visual or print medium (OCGA, Section 16-1-100).

In 2006, 4,602 incidents of sexual abuse were reported and 1,588 incidents substantiated. Fondling is the most often substantiated form of sexual abuse.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	1,588
Unsubstantiated	3,014
Total	4,602

Substantiated Sexual Abuse Categories*

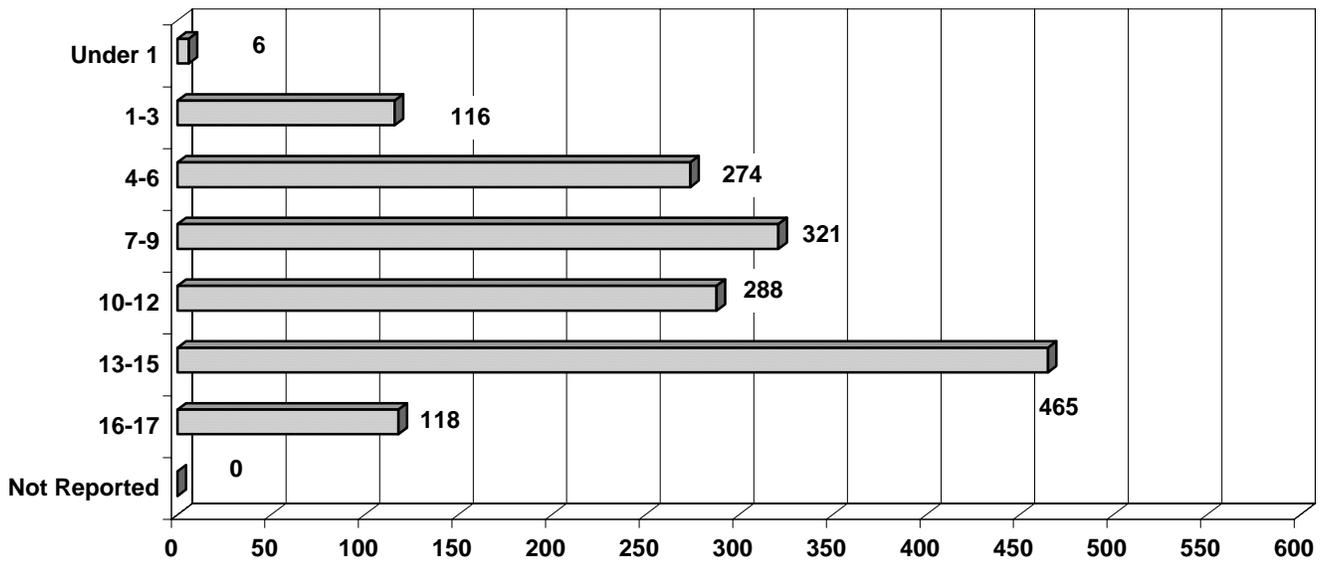


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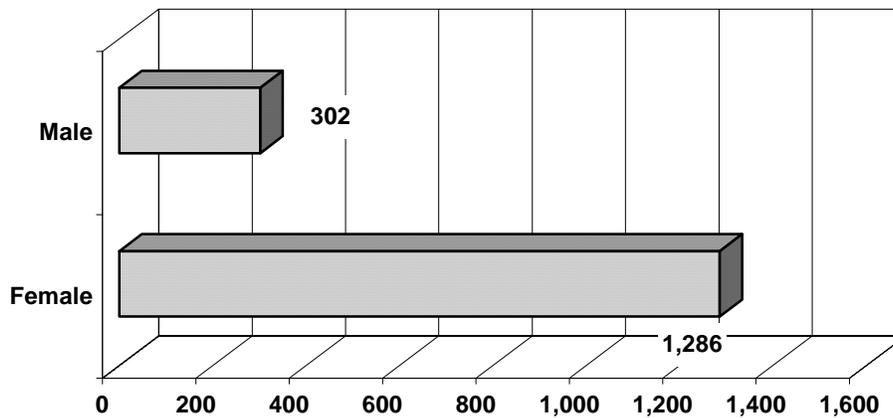
SEXUAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify characteristics of children who were victims of sexual abuse. In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of sexual abuse: Ages 4-6 (17%), Ages 7-9 (20%), Ages 10-12 (18%) and Ages 13-15 (29%). More than half of all victims were White (59%) with African-American victims accounting for 37%. The ethnicity of 10% of the victims was Hispanic. For sexual abuse, 81% of the victims were Females while only 19% were Males.

Age of Victims

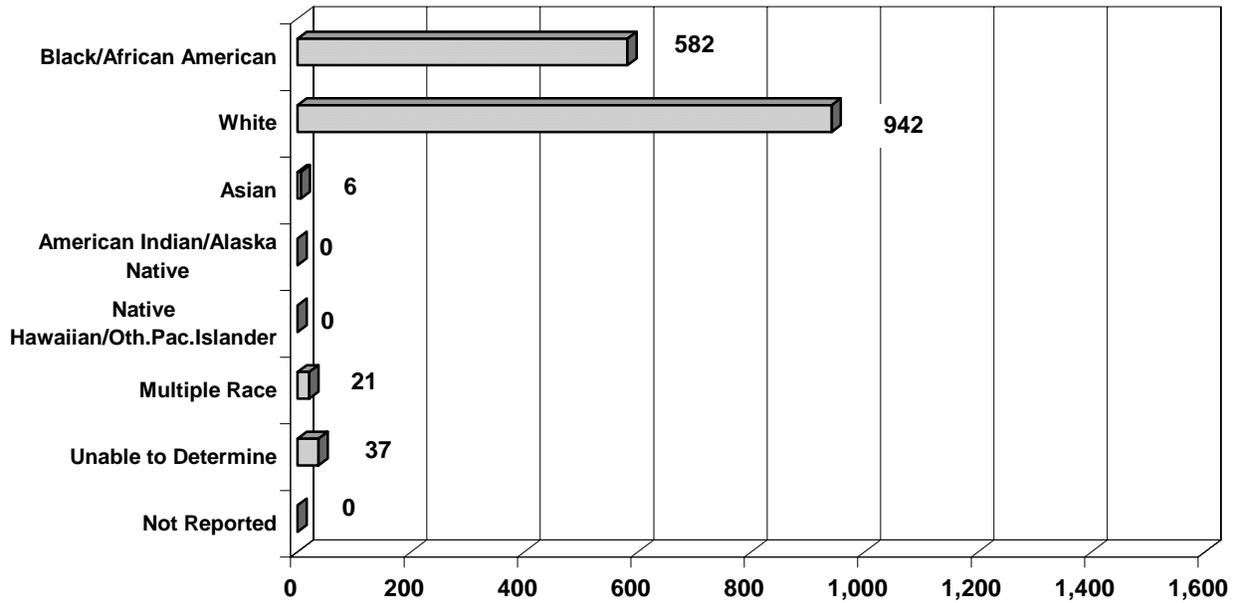


Gender of Victims

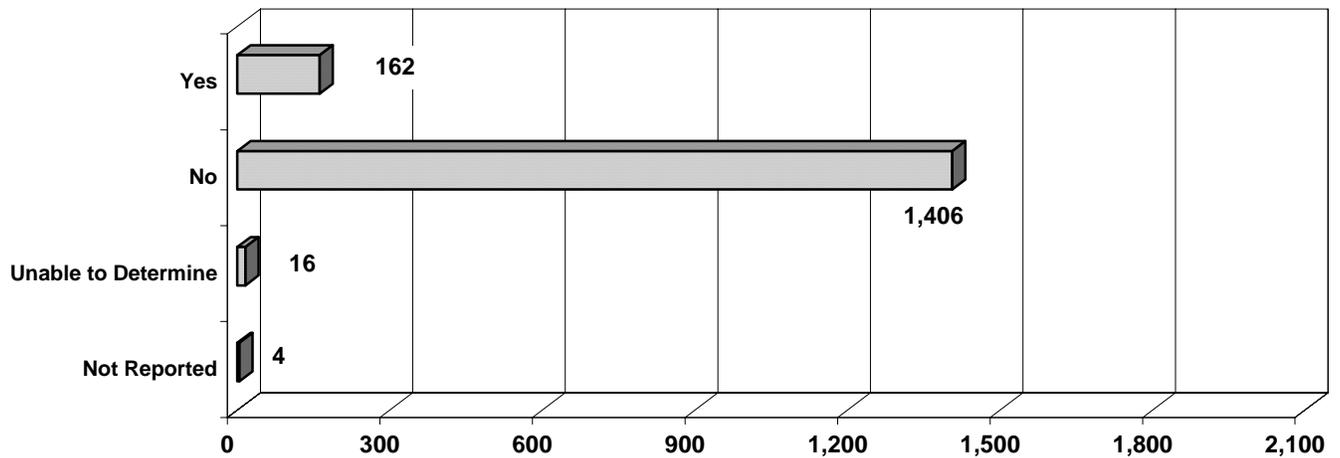


SEXUAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims

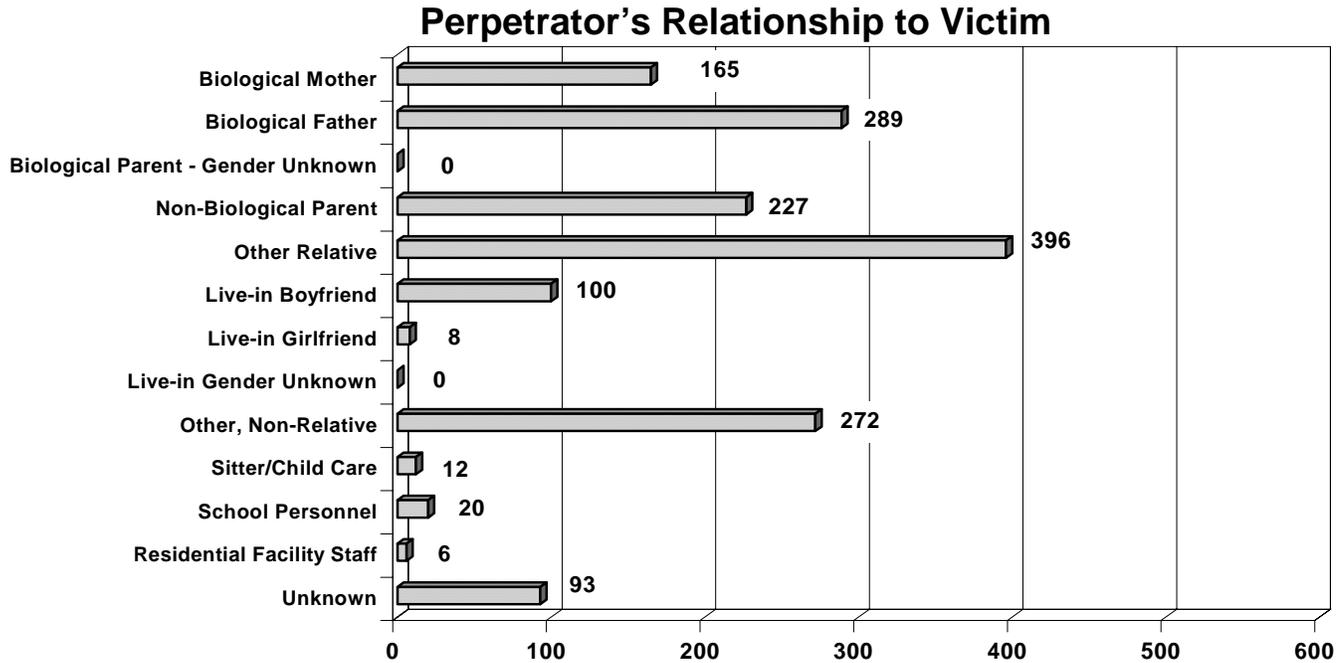


Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims



SEXUAL ABUSE – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2006, there were 1,588 substantiated incidents of sexual abuse. The three most prevalent perpetrators were: Other Relative (25%), Other Non-Relative (17%), and Biological Father (18%). The following chart shows the perpetrator's relationship to the child at the time the sexual abuse occurred. A perpetrator who was involved in more than one incident of sexual abuse is counted more than once.



Substantiated Sexual Abuse – Characteristics of Perpetrator			
	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	436	126	562
White	726	155	881
Asian	5	0	5
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Multiple Race	3	0	3
Unable to Determine	43	8	51
Total	1,213	289	1,502
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	128	14	142

* 86 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

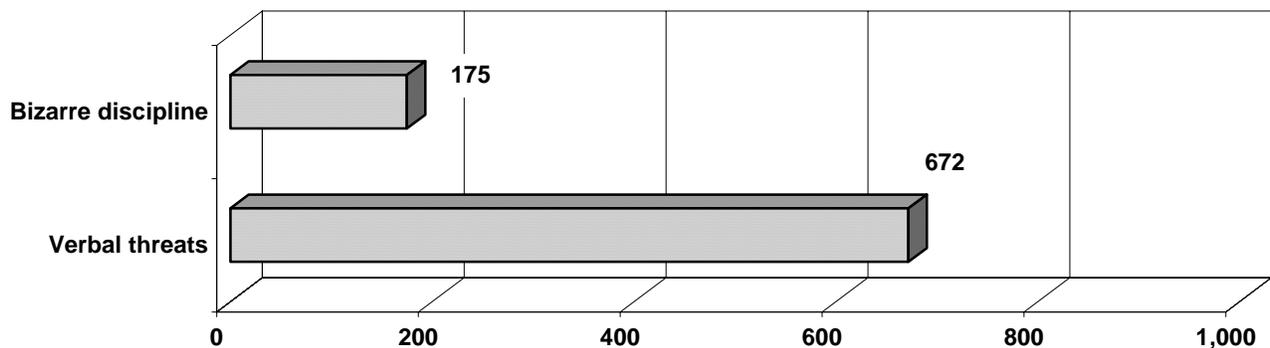
Psychological or emotional abuse is a form of maltreatment that results in impaired psychological growth and development. It frequently occurs as verbal abuse or excessive demands on a child's performance and may cause the child to have a negative self-image and disturbed behavior. It can occur with or without other forms of maltreatment. Emotional maltreatment is not recognized and defined by Georgia law as a form of child abuse.

Verbal threats/humiliation was the most commonly reported type of emotional abuse. Emotional Abuse is difficult to substantiate, as there are no physical indicators. In a substantiated emotional abuse case the parent has usually admitted to verbally abusing the child; the child was old enough to give a precise, detailed account of the abuse incidents; or there were others, such as family members or neighbors, who could substantiate the report.

In 2006, 2,308 incidents of emotional abuse were reported. Of these, 834 incidents were substantiated.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	834
Unsubstantiated	1,474
Total	2,308

Substantiated Emotional Abuse Categories*

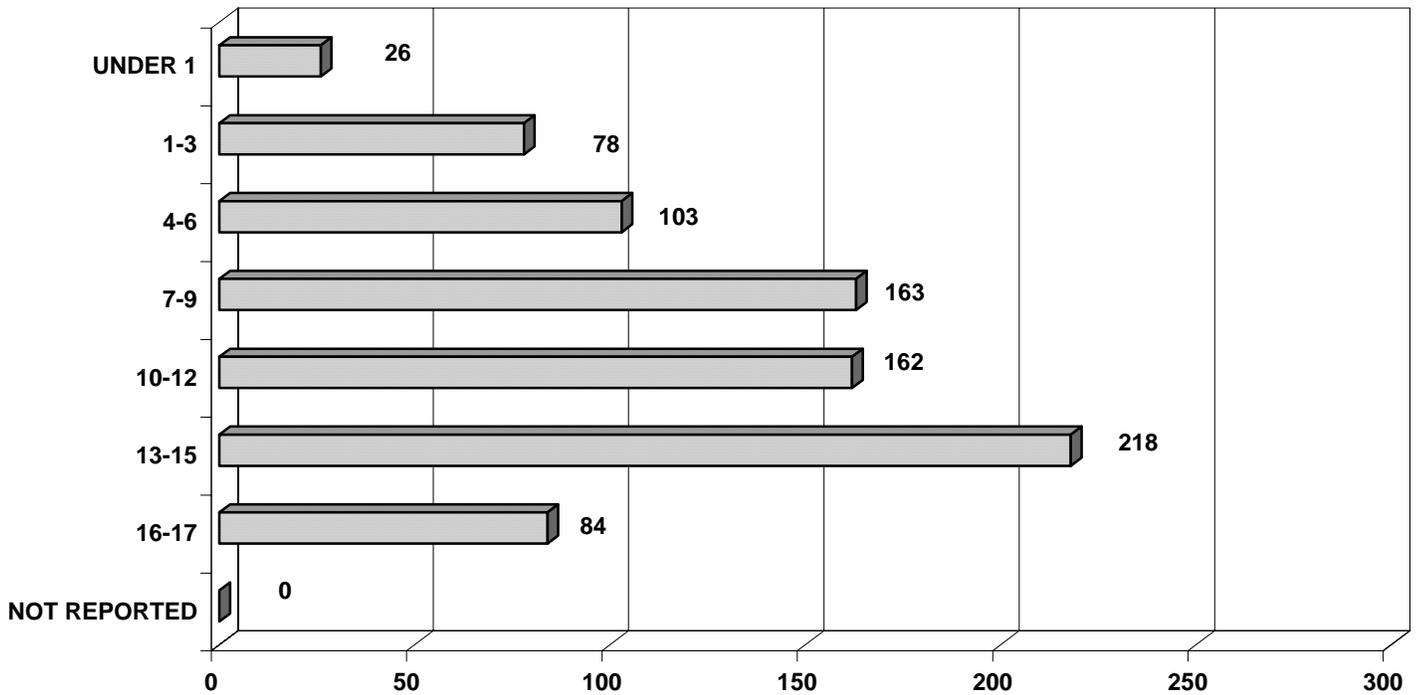


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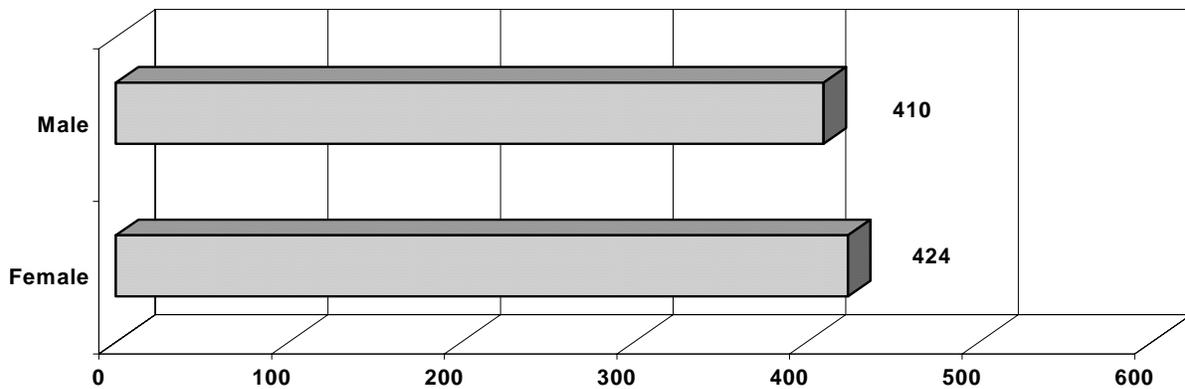
EMOTIONAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of emotional abuse: Ages 4-6 (12%), Ages 7-9 (20%), Ages 10-12 (19%) and Ages 13-15 (26%). The majority of victims were White (63%). The ethnicity of 6% of the victims was Hispanic. For emotional abuse, 51% of the victims were Females and 49% were Males.

Age of Victims

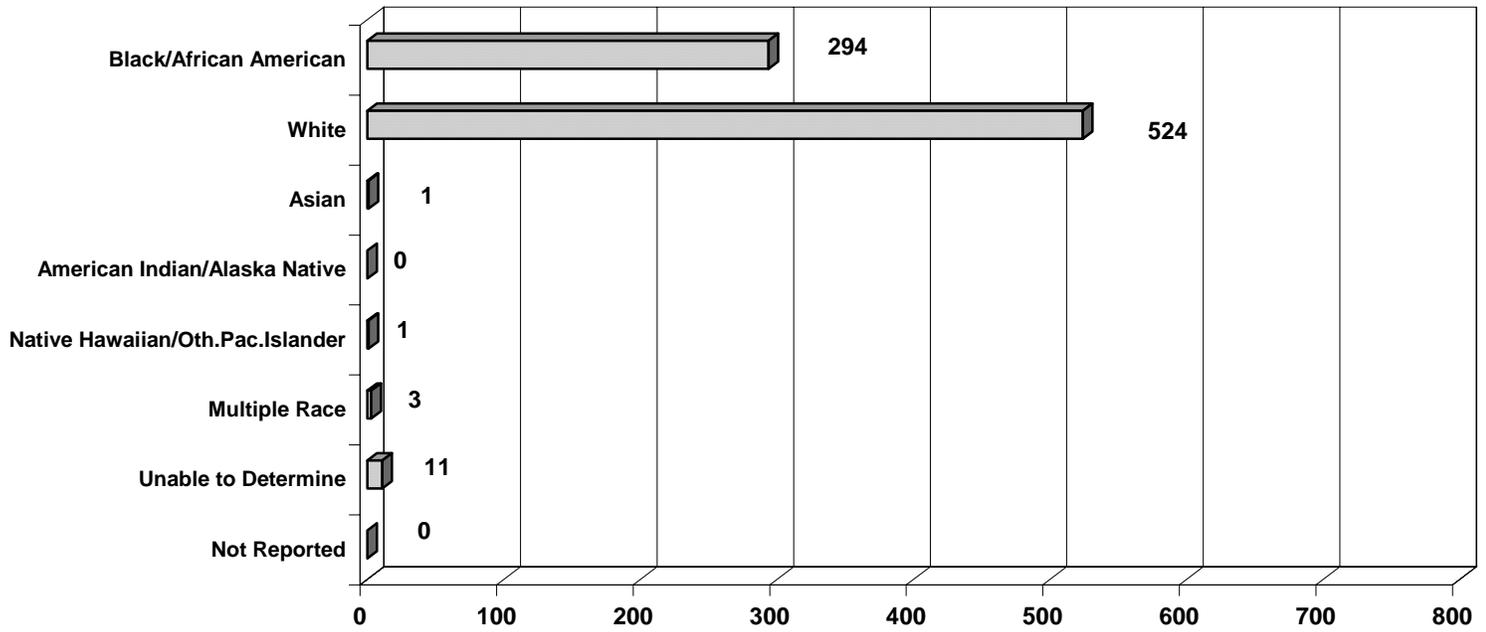


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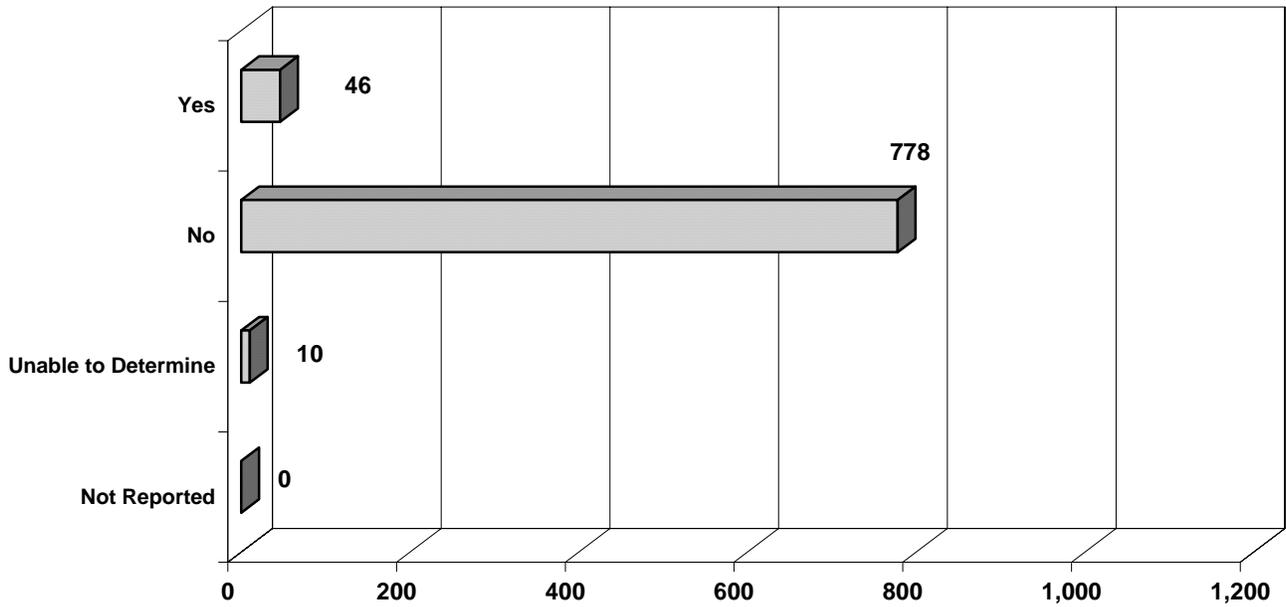


EMOTIONAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims



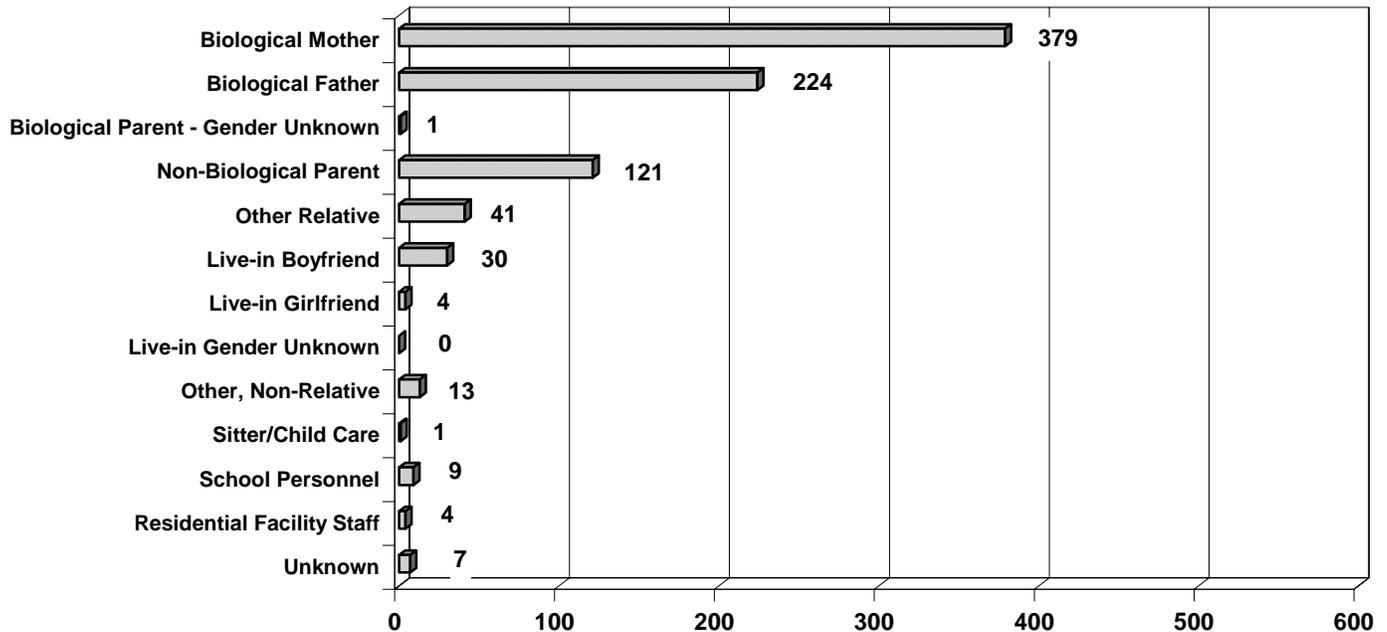
Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims



EMOTIONAL ABUSE – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2006, there were 834 substantiated incidents of emotional abuse. The following chart shows the perpetrator's relationship to the child at the time the emotional abuse occurred. A perpetrator who was involved in more than one incident of emotional abuse is counted more than once. The Biological Mother (45%) and the Biological Father (27%) were the perpetrators in 72% of the incidents.

Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Emotional Abuse – Characteristics of Perpetrators

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	99	203	302
White	251	254	505
Asian	0	2	2
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	1	1
Multiple Race	0	0	0
Unable to Determine	6	10	16
Total	356	470	826
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	29	12	41

*8 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

OTHER ABUSE

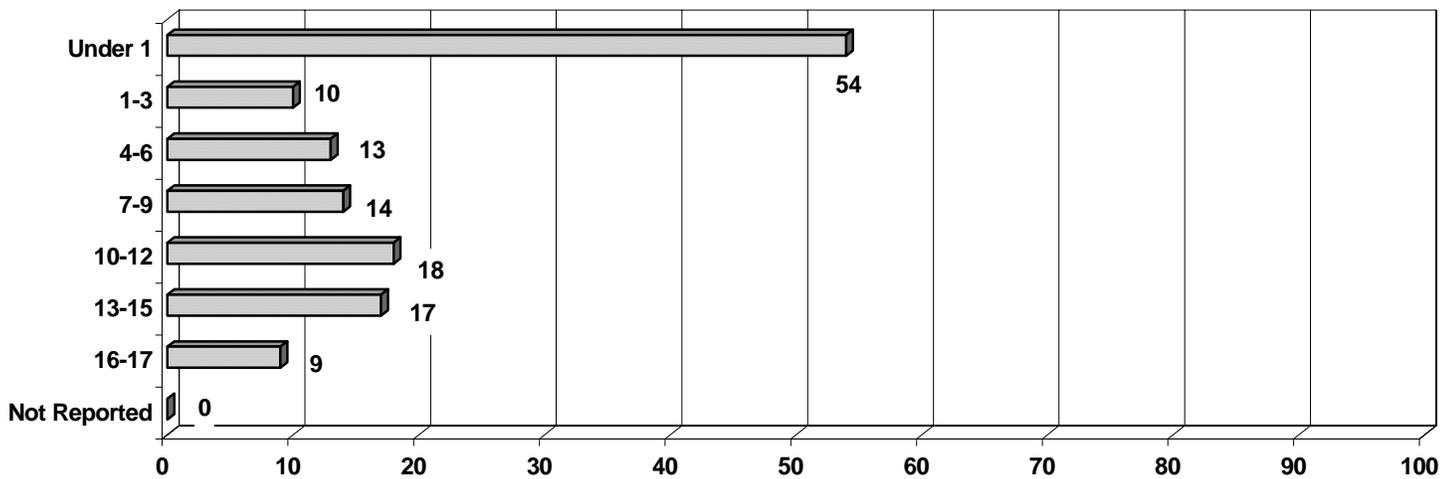
When a report is received that does not fit clearly in any other category, the report is classified as “other.” In 2006, 768 incidents were reported under this category, and 135 incidents were substantiated.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	135
Unsubstantiated	633
Total	768

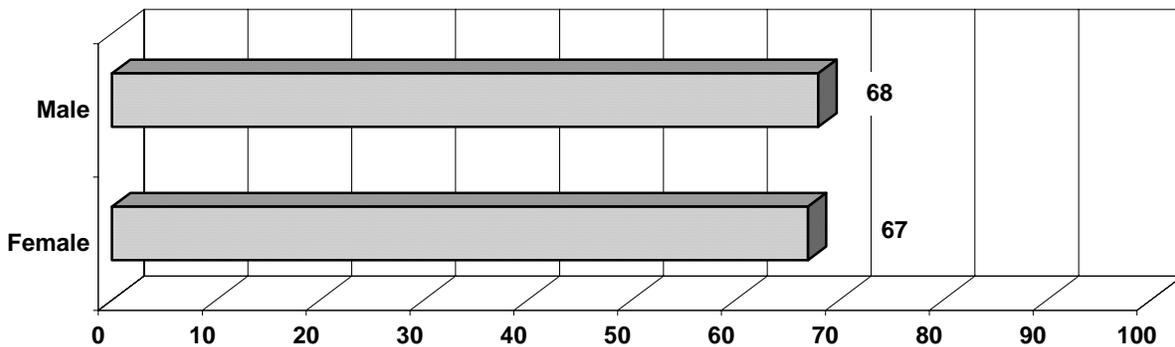
OTHER ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

The following graphs identify the children who were victims of substantiated other maltreatment. The children most at risk of other maltreatment are under the age of one.

Age of Victims

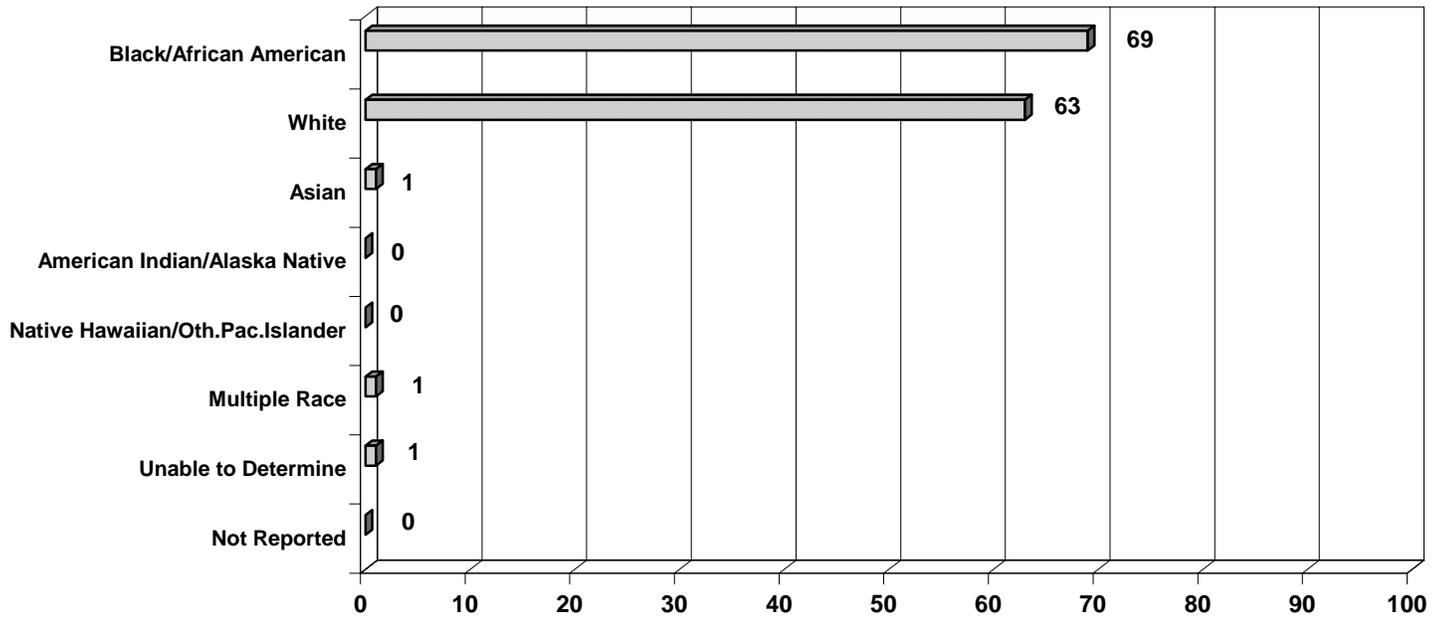


Gender of Victims

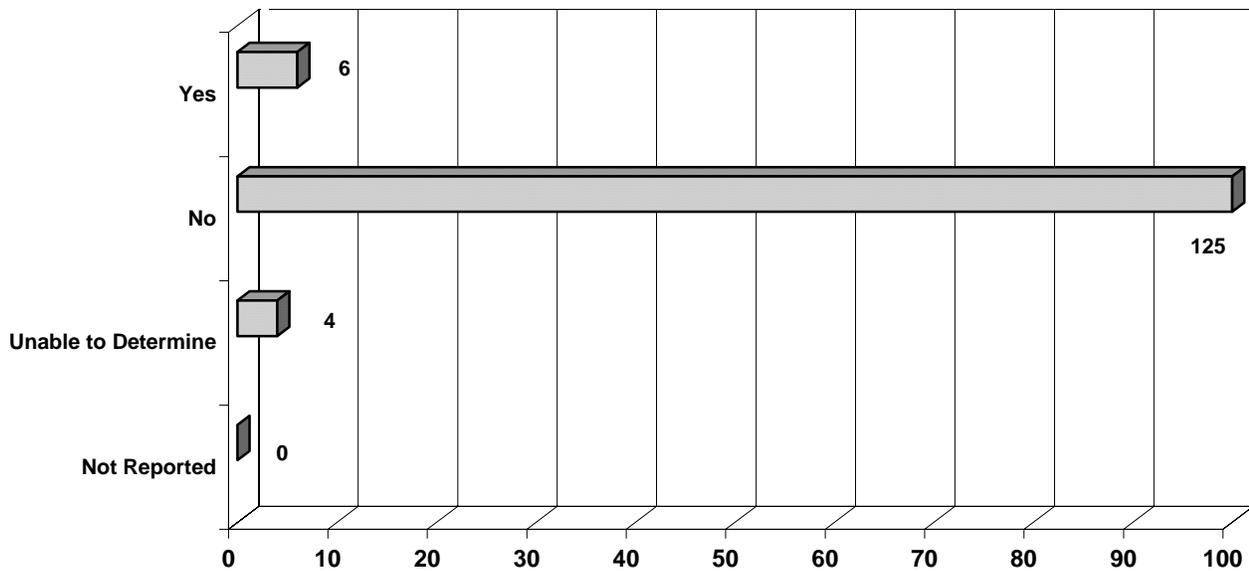


OTHER ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims



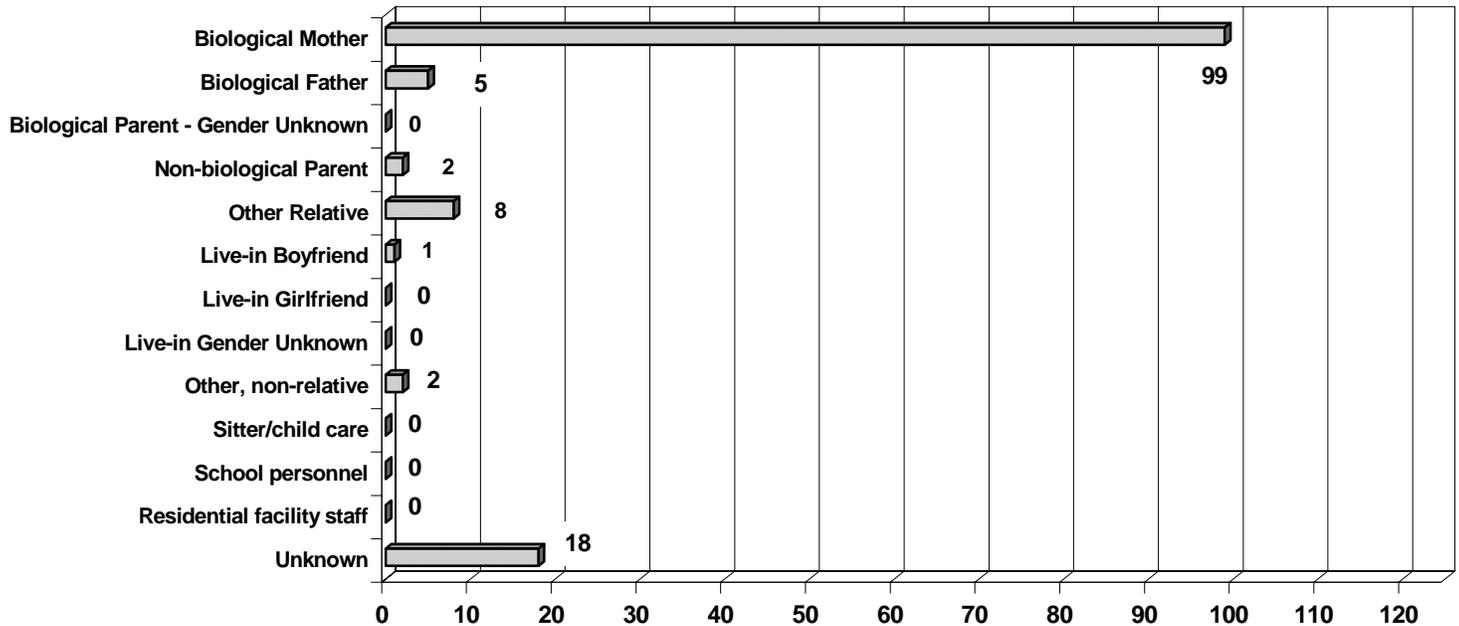
Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims



OTHER ABUSE – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2006, there were 135 substantiated incidents of “other” maltreatment. The biological mother is the most frequently reported perpetrator. The chart shows the perpetrator’s relationship to the child when the incident of other maltreatment occurred.

Perpetrator’s Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Other Abuse – Characteristics of Perpetrators

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	6	53	59
White	8	50	58
Asian	0	1	1
American Indian/Alaska Native	0	0	0
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Multiple Race	0	0	0
Unable to Determine	0	0	0
Total	14	104	118
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	0	2	2

* 17 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA SYSTEM

TABLES

2006 COUNTY DATA

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	TOTAL REPORTS	Screened-Out Reports		Diversions		Reports Accepted for Service (Investigations)		Investigations by Disposition							
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		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Open	Closed	Total	% Inv.	Open	Closed	Total	% Inv.
STATE TOTAL	92,952	14,657	16%	22,833	25%	55,462	60%	12,595	10,184	22,779	41%	1,381	31,302	32,683	59%
Appling	305	40	13%	60	20%	205	67%	88	21	109	53%	5	91	96	47%
Atkinson	95	10	11%	0	0%	85	89%	22	22	44	52%	0	41	41	48%
Bacon	125	12	10%	8	6%	105	84%	30	8	38	36%	0	67	67	64%
Baker	64	11	17%	11	17%	42	66%	11	12	23	55%	0	19	19	45%
Baldwin	527	99	19%	34	6%	394	75%	136	62	198	50%	10	186	196	50%
Banks	299	51	17%	105	35%	143	48%	33	6	39	27%	2	102	104	73%
Barrow	1,401	277	20%	699	50%	425	30%	135	97	232	55%	25	168	193	45%
Bartow	973	143	15%	187	19%	643	66%	202	75	277	43%	47	319	366	57%
Ben Hill	410	43	10%	44	11%	323	79%	56	34	90	28%	13	220	233	72%
Berrien	332	28	8%	13	4%	291	88%	46	69	115	40%	5	171	176	60%
Bibb	2,275	42	2%	432	19%	1,801	79%	446	212	658	37%	119	1,024	1,143	63%
Bleckley	167	39	23%	25	15%	103	62%	43	12	55	53%	5	43	48	47%
Brantley	343	29	8%	35	10%	279	81%	88	66	154	55%	4	121	125	45%
Brooks	166	11	7%	57	34%	98	59%	37	20	57	58%	0	41	41	42%
Bryan	256	24	9%	60	23%	172	67%	36	25	61	35%	6	105	111	65%
Bulloch	344	10	3%	165	48%	169	49%	40	18	58	34%	5	106	111	66%
Burke	252	24	10%	74	29%	154	61%	19	27	46	30%	0	108	108	70%
Butts	343	44	13%	47	14%	252	73%	56	34	90	36%	2	160	162	64%
Calhoun	78	14	18%	17	22%	47	60%	12	6	18	38%	3	26	29	62%
Camden	479	110	23%	109	23%	260	54%	20	47	67	26%	6	187	193	74%
Candler	127	21	17%	23	18%	83	65%	11	12	23	28%	1	59	60	72%
Carroll	1,411	404	29%	411	29%	596	42%	146	112	258	43%	5	333	338	57%
Catoosa	1,127	294	26%	98	9%	735	65%	123	112	235	32%	42	458	500	68%
Charlton	228	28	12%	42	18%	158	69%	14	40	54	34%	3	101	104	66%
Chatham	1,526	60	4%	375	25%	1,091	71%	175	250	425	39%	11	655	666	61%
Chattahoochee	43	2	5%	11	26%	30	70%	6	9	15	50%	1	14	15	50%
Chattooga	553	149	27%	99	18%	305	55%	96	51	147	48%	3	155	158	52%
Cherokee	1,984	386	19%	622	31%	976	49%	205	191	396	41%	37	543	580	59%
Clarke	993	88	9%	327	33%	578	58%	86	153	239	41%	8	331	339	59%
Clay	23	0	0%	11	48%	12	52%	8	0	8	67%	2	2	4	33%
Clayton	1,722	279	16%	594	34%	849	49%	277	182	459	54%	12	378	390	46%
Clinch	82	3	4%	14	17%	65	79%	9	16	25	38%	1	39	40	62%
Cobb	4,200	628	15%	1,761	42%	1,811	43%	419	564	983	54%	23	805	828	46%
Coffee	658	69	10%	53	8%	536	81%	162	91	253	47%	4	279	283	53%
Colquitt	718	111	15%	108	15%	499	69%	153	80	233	47%	14	252	266	53%
Columbia	850	138	16%	241	28%	471	55%	102	97	199	42%	2	270	272	58%
Cook	302	34	11%	16	5%	252	83%	78	23	101	40%	3	148	151	60%
Coweta	504	29	6%	103	20%	372	74%	109	63	172	46%	11	189	200	54%
Crawford	254	68	27%	60	24%	126	50%	43	16	59	47%	9	58	67	53%

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Crisp	369	42	11%	38	10%	289	78%	41	60	101	35%	2	186	188	65%
Dade	199	59	30%	40	20%	100	50%	31	16	47	47%	3	50	53	53%
Dawson	331	56	17%	178	54%	97	29%	22	28	50	52%	2	45	47	48%
Decatur	527	53	10%	115	22%	359	68%	80	33	113	31%	17	229	246	69%
Dekalb	3,178	265	8%	600	19%	2,313	73%	346	609	955	41%	55	1,303	1,358	59%
Dodge	425	91	21%	78	18%	256	60%	85	13	98	38%	12	146	158	62%
Dooly	110	14	13%	33	30%	63	57%	12	17	29	46%	1	33	34	54%
Dougherty	1,206	215	18%	209	17%	782	65%	192	109	301	38%	24	457	481	62%
Douglas	1,367	309	23%	434	32%	624	46%	118	130	248	40%	19	357	376	60%
Early	159	22	14%	33	21%	104	65%	19	22	41	39%	6	57	63	61%
Echols	79	16	20%	20	25%	43	54%	20	3	23	53%	2	18	20	47%
Effingham	412	21	5%	140	34%	251	61%	45	52	97	39%	0	154	154	61%
Elbert	324	71	22%	104	32%	149	46%	9	14	23	15%	5	121	126	85%
Emanuel	318	52	16%	140	44%	126	40%	27	23	50	40%	0	76	76	60%
Evans	189	69	37%	17	9%	103	54%	34	10	44	43%	4	55	59	57%
Fannin	294	64	22%	17	6%	213	72%	88	28	116	54%	1	96	97	46%
Fayette	644	46	7%	301	47%	297	46%	96	41	137	46%	3	157	160	54%
Floyd	1,843	366	20%	337	18%	1,140	62%	199	137	336	29%	66	738	804	71%
Forsyth	1,242	244	20%	220	18%	778	63%	53	95	148	19%	4	626	630	81%
Franklin	296	66	22%	90	30%	140	47%	38	21	59	42%	0	81	81	58%
Fulton	5,633	538	10%	1,685	30%	3,410	61%	763	896	1,659	49%	94	1,657	1,751	51%
Gilmer	526	170	32%	60	11%	296	56%	50	25	75	25%	16	205	221	75%
Glascocock	38	5	13%	7	18%	26	68%	6	2	8	31%	4	14	18	69%
Glynn	762	83	11%	213	28%	466	61%	55	87	142	30%	11	313	324	70%
Gordon	780	147	19%	223	29%	410	53%	112	82	194	47%	11	205	216	53%
Grady	324	47	15%	42	13%	235	73%	86	38	124	53%	9	102	111	47%
Greene	192	29	15%	89	46%	74	39%	28	11	39	53%	1	34	35	47%
Gwinnett	4,135	794	19%	1,078	26%	2,263	55%	467	380	847	37%	60	1,356	1,416	63%
Habersham	445	53	12%	87	20%	305	69%	48	42	90	30%	5	210	215	70%
Hall	2,020	196	10%	681	34%	1,143	57%	189	233	422	37%	3	718	721	63%
Hancock	92	11	12%	38	41%	43	47%	10	6	16	37%	3	24	27	63%
Haralson	584	130	22%	35	6%	419	72%	105	29	134	32%	13	272	285	68%
Harris	194	32	16%	28	14%	134	69%	58	29	87	65%	1	46	47	35%
Hart	337	54	16%	73	22%	210	62%	101	26	127	60%	12	71	83	40%
Heard	259	61	24%	92	36%	106	41%	37	11	48	45%	7	51	58	55%
Henry	2,067	119	6%	444	21%	1,504	73%	376	249	625	42%	43	836	879	58%
Houston	1,062	120	11%	303	29%	639	60%	137	191	328	51%	6	305	311	49%
Irwin	220	65	30%	17	8%	138	63%	16	24	40	29%	0	98	98	71%
Jackson	903	223	25%	293	32%	387	43%	66	70	136	35%	5	246	251	65%
Jasper	114	4	4%	45	39%	65	57%	9	14	23	35%	1	41	42	65%

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Jeff Davis	281	47	17%	86	31%	148	53%	59	16	75	51%	1	72	73	49%
Jefferson	200	32	16%	44	22%	124	62%	36	13	49	40%	1	74	75	60%
Jenkins	167	12	7%	48	29%	107	64%	29	16	45	42%	3	59	62	58%
Johnson	134	37	28%	31	23%	66	49%	18	5	23	35%	1	42	43	65%
Jones	277	28	10%	6	2%	243	88%	84	22	106	44%	3	134	137	56%
Lamar	210	46	22%	42	20%	122	58%	43	27	70	57%	2	50	52	43%
Lanier	192	27	14%	9	5%	156	81%	53	19	72	46%	2	82	84	54%
Laurens	564	51	9%	139	25%	374	66%	75	71	146	39%	11	217	228	61%
Lee	323	72	22%	33	10%	218	67%	54	32	86	39%	4	128	132	61%
Liberty	917	105	11%	197	21%	615	67%	67	165	232	38%	13	370	383	62%
Lincoln	108	10	9%	59	55%	39	36%	7	6	13	33%	3	23	26	67%
Long	198	8	4%	51	26%	139	70%	12	29	41	29%	1	97	98	71%
Lowndes	1,108	83	7%	329	30%	696	63%	225	135	360	52%	14	322	336	48%
Lumpkin	447	83	19%	149	33%	215	48%	77	52	129	60%	0	86	86	40%
Macon	236	45	19%	54	23%	137	58%	31	25	56	41%	2	79	81	59%
Madison	433	68	16%	137	32%	228	53%	48	23	71	31%	10	147	157	69%
Marion	73	7	10%	13	18%	53	73%	11	15	26	49%	1	26	27	51%
McDuffie	340	36	11%	98	29%	206	61%	62	19	81	39%	10	115	125	61%
McIntosh	143	5	3%	12	8%	126	88%	17	36	53	42%	6	67	73	58%
Meriwether	325	63	19%	53	16%	209	64%	62	19	81	39%	0	128	128	61%
Miller	78	15	19%	20	26%	43	55%	8	0	8	19%	0	35	35	81%
Mitchell	319	70	22%	32	10%	217	68%	53	29	82	38%	4	131	135	62%
Monroe	337	41	12%	22	7%	274	81%	68	31	99	36%	0	175	175	64%
Montgomery	155	30	19%	26	17%	99	64%	37	30	67	68%	0	32	32	32%
Morgan	234	49	21%	77	33%	108	46%	11	17	28	26%	2	78	80	74%
Murray	506	87	17%	60	12%	359	71%	75	45	120	33%	6	233	239	67%
Muscogee	1,242	47	4%	164	13%	1,031	83%	91	319	410	40%	4	617	621	60%
Newton	1,296	207	16%	582	45%	507	39%	88	109	197	39%	17	293	310	61%
Oconee	276	58	21%	86	31%	132	48%	35	20	55	42%	3	74	77	58%
Oglethorpe	181	43	24%	93	51%	45	25%	10	6	16	36%	1	28	29	64%
Paulding	1,518	362	24%	210	14%	946	62%	139	147	286	30%	17	643	660	70%
Peach	190	17	9%	15	8%	158	83%	39	17	56	35%	9	93	102	65%
Pickens	479	151	32%	41	9%	287	60%	84	69	153	53%	8	126	134	47%
Pierce	239	40	17%	13	5%	186	78%	41	35	76	41%	0	110	110	59%
Pike	227	51	22%	45	20%	131	58%	23	43	66	50%	4	61	65	50%
Polk	710	104	15%	106	15%	500	70%	182	52	234	47%	13	253	266	53%
Pulaski	155	14	9%	17	11%	124	80%	56	9	65	52%	1	58	59	48%
Putnam	266	29	11%	80	30%	157	59%	48	15	63	40%	3	91	94	60%
Quitman	22	2	9%	2	9%	18	82%	7	5	12	67%	0	6	6	33%
Rabun	318	39	12%	78	25%	201	63%	68	27	95	47%	1	105	106	53%

**Table 1: Child Abuse and Neglect Annual Report
Reports by County
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	TOTAL REPORTS	Screened-Out Reports		Diversions		Reports Accepted for Service (Investigations)		Investigations by Disposition							
						Substantiated				Unsubstantiated					
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Open	Closed	Total	% Inv.	Open	Closed	Total	% Inv.
Randolph	79	3	4%	27	34%	49	62%	20	6	26	53%	5	18	23	47%
Richmond	2,050	632	31%	292	14%	1,126	55%	172	241	413	37%	5	708	713	63%
Rockdale	954	186	19%	312	33%	456	48%	113	62	175	38%	11	270	281	62%
Schley	69	15	22%	8	12%	46	67%	12	6	18	39%	1	27	28	61%
Screven	154	26	17%	22	14%	106	69%	34	14	48	45%	1	57	58	55%
Seminole	112	24	21%	32	29%	56	50%	16	4	20	36%	2	34	36	64%
Spalding	1,212	157	13%	298	25%	757	62%	241	111	352	46%	5	400	405	54%
Stephens	524	68	13%	174	33%	282	54%	65	48	113	40%	5	164	169	60%
Stewart	44	7	16%	4	9%	33	75%	9	6	15	45%	1	17	18	55%
Sumter	250	62	25%	23	9%	165	66%	28	31	59	36%	0	106	106	64%
Talbot	59	7	12%	5	8%	47	80%	16	5	21	45%	1	25	26	55%
Taliaferro	31	4	13%	12	39%	15	48%	3	1	4	27%	2	9	11	73%
Tattnall	328	83	25%	51	16%	194	59%	54	37	91	47%	2	101	103	53%
Taylor	115	26	23%	8	7%	81	70%	16	9	25	31%	3	53	56	69%
Telfair	182	22	12%	44	24%	116	64%	42	21	63	54%	0	53	53	46%
Terrell	143	23	16%	34	24%	86	60%	19	8	27	31%	4	55	59	69%
Thomas	354	12	3%	72	20%	270	76%	52	35	87	32%	11	172	183	68%
Tift	673	91	14%	40	6%	542	81%	206	92	298	55%	9	235	244	45%
Toombs	611	72	12%	128	21%	411	67%	108	56	164	40%	10	237	247	60%
Towns	113	10	9%	22	19%	81	72%	8	14	22	27%	0	59	59	73%
Treutlen	90	12	13%	31	34%	47	52%	13	7	20	43%	1	26	27	57%
Troup	944	128	14%	175	19%	641	68%	133	133	266	41%	6	369	375	59%
Turner	135	17	13%	20	15%	98	73%	22	14	36	37%	4	58	62	63%
Twiggs	106	12	11%	4	4%	90	85%	18	10	28	31%	1	61	62	69%
Union	299	40	13%	54	18%	205	69%	37	47	84	41%	8	113	121	59%
Upson	513	84	16%	143	28%	286	56%	73	27	100	35%	6	180	186	65%
Walker	1,044	240	23%	142	14%	662	63%	175	89	264	40%	31	367	398	60%
Walton	1,151	352	31%	476	41%	323	28%	95	37	132	41%	11	180	191	59%
Ware	623	115	18%	94	15%	414	66%	99	88	187	45%	7	220	227	55%
Warren	105	23	22%	25	24%	57	54%	12	8	20	35%	3	34	37	65%
Washington	313	50	16%	95	30%	168	54%	44	39	83	49%	2	83	85	51%
Wayne	480	73	15%	226	47%	181	38%	59	38	97	54%	4	80	84	46%
Webster	23	8	35%	2	9%	13	57%	1	1	2	15%	1	10	11	85%
Wheeler	113	23	20%	23	20%	67	59%	16	12	28	42%	1	38	39	58%
White	442	71	16%	144	33%	227	51%	80	12	92	41%	0	135	135	59%
Whitfield	1,605	498	31%	261	16%	846	53%	119	150	269	32%	47	530	577	68%
Wilcox	157	56	36%	41	26%	60	38%	17	7	24	40%	1	35	36	60%
Wilkes	122	10	8%	53	43%	59	48%	9	6	15	25%	5	39	44	75%
Wilkinson	92	7	8%	14	15%	71	77%	19	8	27	38%	0	44	44	62%
Worth	376	113	30%	15	4%	248	66%	35	33	68	27%	3	177	180	73%

**Table 2: Child Abuse and Neglect Annual Report
Substantiated Child Maltreatment Victims and Incidents By County
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	Population Under 18 Years of Age	Substantiated Child Maltreatment Victims*		Substantiated Incidents of Maltreatment					
		Victims	Rate Per 1,000 Children	Neglect	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Other	Total
STATE TOTAL	2,362,722	37,407	15.8	32,537	4,023	1,588	834	135	39,117
Appling	4,648	183	39.4	170	11	7	1	0	189
Atkinson	2,469	76	30.8	66	11	3	4	0	84
Bacon	2,620	78	29.8	68	5	3	5	0	81
Baker	1,008	38	37.7	32	4	0	6	0	42
Baldwin	9,186	346	37.7	301	35	12	2	2	352
Banks	3,935	70	17.8	67	3	1	3	0	74
Barrow	16,380	382	23.3	359	20	8	18	0	405
Bartow	24,331	457	18.8	409	45	12	10	3	479
Ben Hill	4,709	156	33.1	144	10	11	1	1	167
Berrien	4,262	192	45.0	170	12	14	11	1	208
Bibb	41,620	1,197	28.8	1,082	75	60	24	2	1,243
Bleckley	2,995	81	27.0	63	4	7	9	0	83
Brantley	3,841	260	67.7	257	12	3	4	0	276
Brooks	4,136	98	23.7	89	10	1	1	0	101
Bryan	7,739	90	11.6	74	11	4	0	1	90
Bulloch	13,072	95	7.3	81	11	4	0	0	96
Burke	7,070	79	11.2	66	9	5	2	0	82
Butts	5,307	150	28.3	126	9	10	7	4	156
Calhoun	1,352	36	26.6	33	3	2	0	0	38
Camden	14,179	101	7.1	81	17	6	1	0	105
Candler	2,735	33	12.1	31	0	2	0	0	33
Carroll	26,435	424	16.0	374	59	9	9	3	454
Catoosa	14,806	374	25.3	344	34	22	6	0	406
Charlton	2,622	91	34.7	89	9	4	0	0	102
Chatham	59,900	662	11.1	542	114	26	12	0	694
Chattahoochee	4,065	17	4.2	8	8	1	0	0	17
Chattooga	5,975	225	37.7	210	13	12	2	0	237
Cherokee	49,963	672	13.4	615	59	24	15	0	713
Clarke	18,079	392	21.7	358	37	10	3	0	408
Clay	800	17	21.3	14	3	0	0	0	17
Clayton	79,988	763	9.5	655	102	31	18	4	810
Clinch	1,959	37	18.9	28	7	2	0	0	37
Cobb	172,958	1,578	9.1	1,296	244	68	16	4	1,628
Coffee	10,949	428	39.1	371	42	22	16	0	451
Colquitt	11,750	435	37.0	395	23	22	6	3	449
Columbia	27,550	312	11.3	278	26	8	11	0	323
Cook	4,415	192	43.5	191	8	3	2	0	204
Coweta	29,655	288	9.7	265	12	10	0	2	289
Crawford	3,216	98	30.5	92	6	1	4	2	105

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Crisp	6,120	169	27.6	151	10	10	3	0	174
Dade	3,557	77	21.6	71	10	2	7	0	90
Dawson	4,673	80	17.1	65	9	5	0	2	81
Decatur	7,810	193	24.7	161	26	14	1	0	202
Dekalb	169,656	1,363	8.0	1,049	272	59	36	12	1,428
Dodge	4,860	194	39.9	176	17	7	2	0	202
Dooly	2,923	51	17.4	35	3	6	17	0	61
Dougherty	26,143	499	19.1	439	47	21	9	0	516
Douglas	30,750	369	12.0	309	59	7	11	0	386
Early	3,386	67	19.8	48	10	11	1	0	70
Echols	1,125	38	33.8	33	4	0	0	3	40
Effingham	12,514	169	13.5	143	11	17	1	0	172
Elbert	4,965	36	7.3	32	2	1	0	1	36
Emanuel	5,796	98	16.9	96	2	5	0	0	103
Evans	3,040	78	25.7	67	6	3	4	0	80
Fannin	4,424	195	44.1	174	21	6	7	0	208
Fayette	25,370	244	9.6	218	22	11	7	0	258
Floyd	23,266	551	23.7	483	51	28	13	0	575
Forsyth	38,337	238	6.2	204	14	24	4	0	246
Franklin	4,994	94	18.8	84	8	2	0	0	94
Fulton	228,319	2,463	10.8	2,048	386	103	40	25	2,602
Gilmer	6,393	124	19.4	117	6	6	2	0	131
Glascock	607	11	18.1	11	0	2	0	0	13
Glynn	17,754	204	11.5	176	27	5	1	1	210
Gordon	12,948	345	26.6	314	21	15	6	2	358
Grady	6,430	205	31.9	172	25	5	14	0	216
Greene	3,651	65	17.8	53	4	5	0	3	65
Gwinnett	203,160	1,305	6.4	1,083	226	47	18	3	1,377
Habersham	9,215	131	14.2	110	8	14	1	2	135
Hall	45,511	658	14.5	522	94	51	17	0	684
Hancock	2,161	23	10.6	18	6	1	0	0	25
Haralson	7,023	220	31.3	201	21	7	3	0	232
Harris	6,383	124	19.4	93	21	13	9	0	136
Hart	5,488	192	35.0	169	15	2	16	0	202
Heard	3,041	88	28.9	81	2	8	7	2	100
Henry	46,626	1,095	23.5	988	88	17	33	4	1,130
Houston	33,634	481	14.3	377	75	30	14	3	499
Irwin	2,681	54	20.1	37	4	5	10	0	56
Jackson	13,204	204	15.4	178	14	13	4	0	209
Jasper	3,360	35	10.4	31	7	2	1	0	41

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		Victims	Rate Per 1,000 Children	Neglect	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Other	Total
Jeff Davis	3,529	131	37.1	121	11	3	5	0	140
Jefferson	4,710	86	18.3	80	7	2	2	0	91
Jenkins	2,331	81	34.7	64	13	3	0	1	81
Johnson	2,480	34	13.7	27	2	4	3	1	37
Jones	6,568	162	24.7	135	16	8	11	0	170
Lamar	3,900	119	30.5	110	6	9	3	0	128
Lanier	1,950	135	69.2	132	2	6	0	0	140
Laurens	12,082	256	21.2	218	25	19	3	0	265
Lee	8,110	141	17.4	114	18	3	9	0	144
Liberty	20,063	372	18.5	314	49	19	2	0	384
Lincoln	1,779	21	11.8	17	3	1	0	0	21
Long	3,395	57	16.8	39	11	6	5	0	61
Lowndes	24,819	617	24.9	537	72	27	14	6	656
Lumpkin	5,596	225	40.2	207	13	7	8	0	235
Macon	3,570	94	26.3	82	10	3	0	0	95
Madison	6,747	111	16.5	98	10	0	5	0	113
Marion	1,944	35	18.0	20	3	11	1	0	35
McDuffie	5,747	153	26.6	139	11	4	0	0	154
McIntosh	2,849	98	34.4	93	8	5	2	0	108
Meriwether	5,821	149	25.6	134	7	5	5	3	154
Miller	1,526	11	7.2	11	0	0	0	0	11
Mitchell	6,088	125	20.5	106	14	9	1	1	131
Monroe	5,647	172	30.5	165	8	1	0	0	174
Montgomery	2,127	113	53.1	107	6	1	0	0	114
Morgan	4,277	51	11.9	47	5	3	0	0	55
Murray	10,948	208	19.0	181	17	9	11	0	218
Muscogee	50,541	576	11.4	459	127	14	5	1	606
Newton	23,746	358	15.1	299	27	30	10	3	369
Oconee	7,877	79	10.0	70	8	3	1	0	82
Oglethorpe	3,329	25	7.5	14	8	0	3	3	28
Paulding	33,056	469	14.2	410	66	25	8	1	510
Peach	5,987	99	16.5	91	8	2	1	0	102
Pickens	6,387	263	41.2	251	15	7	5	0	278
Pierce	4,225	144	34.1	132	6	5	3	0	146
Pike	4,004	104	26.0	84	10	11	3	0	108
Polk	10,650	403	37.8	383	22	15	14	0	434
Pulaski	2,147	120	55.9	117	3	1	1	0	122
Putnam	4,415	105	23.8	95	11	3	1	0	110
Quitman	586	20	34.1	15	4	1	0	0	20
Rabun	3,438	150	43.6	146	8	1	4	0	159

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Randolph	1,908	37	19.4	34	4	2	0	0	40
Richmond	52,924	698	13.2	578	103	11	14	0	706
Rockdale	20,843	292	14.0	249	40	5	3	0	297
Schley	1,116	37	33.2	36	1	0	0	0	37
Screven	4,067	88	21.6	78	8	2	1	0	89
Seminole	2,292	33	14.4	32	2	0	3	0	37
Spalding	16,586	631	38.0	573	37	32	4	0	646
Stephens	5,813	182	31.3	169	16	8	0	0	193
Stewart	1,155	22	19.0	16	3	2	1	0	22
Sumter	8,997	100	11.1	79	18	4	0	0	101
Talbot	1,565	29	18.5	22	4	4	1	0	31
Taliaferro	400	5	12.5	5	0	0	0	0	5
Tattnall	5,324	147	27.6	122	9	18	0	0	149
Taylor	2,336	45	19.3	42	3	1	3	0	49
Telfair	2,635	110	41.7	96	12	2	3	1	114
Terrell	2,949	52	17.6	40	6	6	0	0	52
Thomas	11,239	126	11.2	92	18	17	3	2	132
Tift	10,952	569	52.0	547	19	11	15	1	593
Toombs	7,526	277	36.8	246	19	15	6	0	286
Towns	1,676	36	21.5	35	0	1	0	0	36
Treutlen	1,667	35	21.0	27	2	6	1	0	36
Troup	16,655	495	29.7	445	45	21	2	8	521
Turner	2,678	57	21.3	51	2	6	2	0	61
Twiggs	2,507	35	14.0	25	6	6	2	0	39
Union	3,731	121	32.4	102	10	6	6	0	124
Upson	6,786	167	24.6	153	11	1	2	2	169
Walker	14,844	465	31.3	443	15	13	10	0	481
Walton	20,009	222	11.1	204	19	10	0	0	233
Ware	8,676	335	38.6	290	49	7	25	1	372
Warren	1,555	36	23.2	30	4	1	3	0	38
Washington	5,138	161	31.3	143	19	4	4	2	172
Wayne	7,098	178	25.1	164	4	9	4	0	181
Webster	529	3	5.7	3	0	0	0	0	3
Wheeler	1,320	44	33.3	32	5	6	1	0	44
White	5,348	172	32.2	163	12	1	2	0	178
Whitfield	26,455	438	16.6	396	33	13	9	2	453
Wilcox	1,839	42	22.8	42	1	0	0	0	43
Wilkes	2,338	22	9.4	16	5	1	1	0	23
Wilkinson	2,592	39	15.0	33	1	5	0	0	39
Worth	5,686	119	20.9	109	11	5	6	1	132

The number of victims represents a duplicated count of children since a child may be in more than one investigation during the year. Rates are based on 2005 Census Estimates for the child population under 18 years of age.