

National Child Abuse Statistics

Child protective services across the country **estimate 896,000 children** to be victims of neglect or abuse. **Fifty-two percent** of child maltreatment victims **are girls** and **48 percent** are **boys**.

Sixty-one percent of child maltreatment victims suffer neglect; **19 percent** are physically abused; **10 percent** are sexually abused; and **7 percent** are emotionally or psychologically maltreated. In addition, **18.9 percent** of victims experience "other" types of maltreatment such as "abandonment," "threats of harm to the child," and "congenital drug addiction."

More than one-half of all child victims are **white (54 percent)**; one-quarter (**26 percent**) are **African-American**; and one-tenth (**11 percent**) are **Hispanic**. **American Indians or Alaska Natives** account for **2 percent** of victims, and **Asian-Pacific Islanders** account for **1 percent** of victims.

Source: <http://www.ncvc.org/ncvc/main.aspx?dbName=DocumentViewer&DocumentID=38709>
Accessed: March 18, 2009

State Child Abuse Statistics

South Carolina ranks 46th in the nation for the overall well-being of children, according to the 2007 Kids Count State Profiles of Child Well-Being.

Based on the latest statistic sheet from the Children's Trust of South Carolina, there were **16,898 reports** of child abuse or neglect in South Carolina (this number is estimated to be three times higher making it closer to 50,694).

The Children's Trust Fund also reports that there are **4,894 children** in foster care and **53,881 children** being raised by their grandparents.

Source: http://www.kidscount.org/datacenter/profile_results.jsp?d=1&r=42
Accessed: March 18, 2009

County Child Abuse Statistics

There were a total of **1,544 child victims** in the Pee Dee Region. The chart below shows cases of child abuse and neglect that were founded in the Pee Dee from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008, by county.

Chesterfield	Darlington	Dillon	Florence	Marion	Marlboro	Williamsburg
52	290	107	523	231	278	63

Source: DSS Chart "Maltreatment Categories for Founded Determinations July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008."
Accessed: March 18, 2009