Child Maltreatment in Central/Southeast Medicaid MC Region

Child maltreatment is when a family member or caretaker neglects a child's basic needs or inflicts physical, sexual and/or emotional abuse. Neglect is the most common type, followed by physical and then sexual and emotional abuse. To illustrate the scope and consequences of child maltreatment, we present the most accurate and recent available data. Nonetheless, they omit many cases that never come to the attention of the authorities.

Each year, among the 711,721 children in our area…

21,645	reports of child abuse or neglect are filed with children's services
8,056	children are victims of abuse or neglect
3,811	reports of child neglect are substantiated or indicated
3,233	reports of child physical abuse are substantiated or indicated
1,463	reports of child sexual abuse are substantiated or indicated
272	reports of child emotional abuse are substantiated or indicated
3,664	children are placed in custody
> 12,800	children live in homes where intimate partner violence is occuring*
980	children take shelter in a local domestic violence shelter**

Some quick notes about these figures

Victim and report figures are for cases that are substantiated or indicated. Sometimes a single victim has multiple reports. Many reports remain unsubstantiated for lack of evidence.

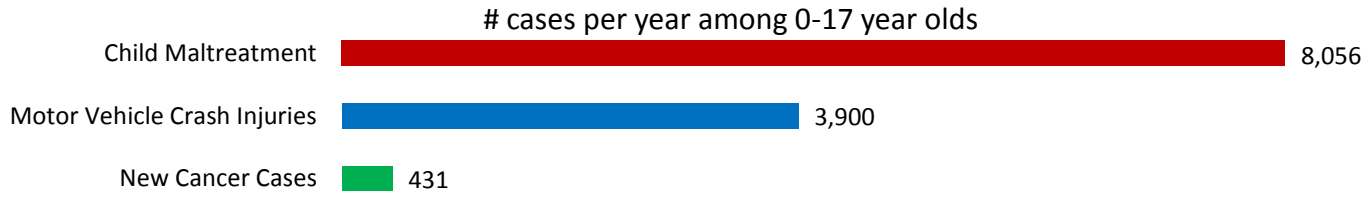
Do not compare data from county to county, because local agencies often use different procedures for entering data.

Do not compare figures to data published previously: the methods and definitions have changed.

* Rounded conservative estimate based on the 95% lower confidence limit of survey data

**Figure only includes shelters in this area. "n/a" indicates there are no shelters in this area.

Comparing Child Maltreatment to Other Children's Health Issues in Central/Southeast Medicaid MC Region



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For more information and a description of how we calculated these figures, please visit: grc.osu.edu/familyviolenceprevention

To talk with someone about child maltreatment in Ohio, call 855-642-4453 (855-OH-CHILD)

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