



CHILD ABUSE/ NEGLECT TRENDS IN OHIO

Based on data from the publication *Child Maltreatment 1999-2003*

TABLE 1
OHIO CHILD MALTREATMENT VICTIMS

DATA SET	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Total #	53,311	54,084	51,031	50,141	47,444
# Neglected	28,,467	28,484	27,100	27,229	25,410
# Physically Abused	14,930	14,960	13,081	11,650	10,875
# Sexually Abused	7,548	7,565	7,843	7,749	7,335
# Emotionally Abused	2,252	2,979	5,729	6,730	6,613
# OHIO Fatalities	54	58	80	72	68

# U.S. Fatalities	1,082	1,182	1,092	1,390	1,027
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Analysis

- Total # of child victims steadily declined (by 11%) over 5 years.
- Neglect: decreased 11% over 5 years.
- Physical abuse: slightly increased from 1999-2000, but steadily declined over the subsequent 3 years, for an overall 27.2% decline over 5 years.
- Sexual abuse: up in 2001 & 2002, but 2003 # was lowest in 5 years - 2.8% below 1999 figure.
- Emotional abuse: skyrocketed - up almost 200% over 5 years.
- Child fatalities: peaked in 2001, then, declined 10% from 2001-2002 and another 5% from 2002-2003; however, the 2003 total is 21% higher than 1999.
- U.S. fatalities: peaked in 2002; overall there has been a 5% decline over 5 years.

TABLE 2

DATA SET	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
OHIO-% of nation's children	4.1%	3.9%	4.0%	4.0%	4.8%
OHIO-% of nation's victims	3.1%	6.2%	5.7%	6.0%	6.0%
OHIO-% of nation's fatalities	4.9%	6%	7.3%	5.2%	6.6%

Analysis

- Except for 1999, Ohio's % of child victims & child fatalities has always exceeded its % of the nation's children

TABLE 3
VICTIM & FATALITY RATES

DATA SET	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
U.S. RATE victims per 1,000 children	11.8	12.2	12.4	12.3	12.4
OHIO RATE victims per 1,000 children	18.7	18.7	17.7	17.4	16.9
U.S. RATE fatalities per 100,000 children	1.66	1.71	1.81	1.98	2.00
OHIO RATE fatalities per 100,000 children	1.90	2.01	2.78	2.50	2.42

Analysis

- The Ohio rate of victims per 1,000 children has consistently been 5.1- 6.9 points higher than the national rate .
- The Ohio rate of fatalities per 100,000 children has consistently remained just above the national rate (.24-.97).

TABLE 4
U.S.-OHIO COMPARISON BY TYPE OF MALTREATMENT

% of child victims who were	1999 U.S.	1999 Ohio	2000 U.S.	2000 Ohio	2001 U.S.	2001 Ohio	2002 U.S.	2002 Ohio	2003 U.S.	2003 Ohio
Neglected	56.0%	53.4%	59.8%	52.7%	57.2%	53.1%	58.5%	54.3%	60.9%	53.6%
Physically Abused	21.3%	28%	19.3%	27.7%	18.6%	25.6%	18.6%	23.2%	18.9%	22.9%
Sexually Abused	11.3%	14.2%	10.1%	14.0%	9.6%	15.4%	9.9%	15.5%	9.9%	15.5%
Psychologically Abused	7.7%	4.2%	7.7%	5.5%	6.8%	11.2%	6.5%	13.4%	4.9%	13.9%

Analysis

- The % of Ohio victims who were sexually abused has consistently been above the national % (exceeded national % by more than 5.5 points the past 3 years).
- Although the % of Ohio victims who were physically abused has been consistently above the national figures, the difference has been narrowing, and is at its lowest in 5 years.
- The % of Ohio victims who were neglected has remained below the national figures by 2.6%-7.3%.
- While the % of victims who were emotionally maltreated nationally has been slowly declining during the past 5 years, the % of Ohio victims has shown a marked (70%) & consistent increase during this period.

TABLE 5
CHILD'S OWN PARENTS AS PERPETRATORS

DATA SET	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
U.S. %	78%	80.2%	80.1%	81%	79.7%
OHIO %	77%	N/A	74.3%	74.4%	74.5%

Analysis

- The % of the child's own parents as perpetrators has generally been lower in Ohio than nationally (1% -6.6%).
- At least ¾ of perpetrators nationally & in Ohio have been the parents.

TABLE 6
NON-MARRIED PARTNERS OF PARENT AS PERPETRATORS

DATA SET	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
U.S. %	N/A	3.3%	2.9%	2.9%	4.0%
OHIO %	N/A	N/A	4.9%	5.2%	5.2%

Analysis

- Complete data only available for past 3 years; during this time, Ohio figures have exceeded the national rate by 1%-2.3%.
- Ohio showed a very slight increase (.3%) in non-married partners as perpetrators over the past 3 years.

TABLE 7
CHILD CARE PROVIDERS AS PERPETRATORS

DATA SET	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
U.S. #	5,623	6,024	6,256	5,437	5,251
OHIO #	274	N/A	N/A	325	314

Analysis

- During this time period, Ohio's % of child care providers as perpetrators rose from 4.8% of the national total (1999) to 5.9% of the national total (2002 & 2003).
- There was a 14.6% increase in child care perpetrators in Ohio over 5 years.

TABLE 8
PARENTS & CHILD FATALITIES

(Ohio-specific data not available)

DATA SET*	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
U.S. % PARENTS responsible for child fatalities	80.9%	79.1%	82.8%	78.9%	78.2%
U.S. % MOTHERS* responsible for child fatalities	69.1%	58.8%	67.1%	60.9%	59.1%
U.S. % MOTHERS ALONE responsible for child fatalities	31.5%	30.2%	32.4%	32.6%	30.5%
U.S. % FATHERS** responsible for child fatalities	33.1%	39.9%	38.8%	37.2%	39.5%
U.S. % FATHERS ALONE responsible for child fatalities	10.7%	17.2%	14.2%	16.6%	18.2%

* **MOTHERS** includes: mother only, mother & father, mother & other

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Analysis

- The national % of fathers responsible for child fatalities has remained fairly level over the past 3 years.
- The national % of fathers ALONE responsible for child fatalities has increased by 4% over the past 3 years.
- The national % of mothers responsible for child fatalities has declined over the past 3 years.
- The national % of mothers ALONE responsible for child fatalities has remained fairly level over the past 5 years.

TABLE 9
U.S.-OHIO COMPARISON CHILD MALTREATMENT BY RACE

% of child victims who were	1999 U.S.	1999 Ohio	2000 U.S.	2000 Ohio	2001 U.S.	2001 Ohio	2002 U.S.	2002 Ohio	2003 U.S.	2003 Ohio
White	54.3%	60.9%	50.6%	63.5%	50.2%	60.7%	54.2%	62.1%	53.6%	62.7%
African American	26.4%	30.7%	24.7%	31.2%	25.0%	30.0%	26.1%	29.4%	25.5%	28.3%
Hispanic/Latino	14.1%	1.2%	14.2%	1.1%	14.5%	1.0%	10.9%	1.2%	11.5%	1.5%

Analysis

- The % of White victims in Ohio has consistently exceeded the national average by 6% -12.9%, but remains considerably below the % of Ohioans that are White.
- Although Ohio's % of Latino victims has remained significantly (9.7%- 13.5%) below the national figure, it is fairly representative of the % of Latinos in Ohio.
- Although Ohio's % of African American victims has been above the national %, the difference has been narrowing over the past 4 years (from 6.5% down to 2.8%).