



CHILD ABUSE/ NEGLECT FACTS

Based on data from the publication *Child Maltreatment 2002*

**During Calendar Year 2002,
more than 50,000 Ohio children
were abused or neglected.**

Ohio had 4% of our nation's children and 5.7% of the nation's child victims.

National victim rate per 1,000 children = 12.3

Ohio victim rate per 1,000 children = 17.4

% of child victims who were	U.S.	Ohio
Neglected	58.5%	54.3%
Physically Abused	18.6%	23.2%
Sexually Abused	9.9%	15.5%
Psychologically Maltreated	6.5%	13.4%

Nationally, 81% of perpetrators were the *child's own parents*.

In Ohio, 74% of perpetrators were the *child's own parents*.

Nationally, *mothers* were involved in 64% of child abuse/neglect.

Nationally, *fathers* were involved in 38% of child abuse/ neglect.

Nationally, 2.9% of perpetrators were *non-marital partners of a parent*.

In Ohio, 5% of perpetrators were *non-marital partners of a parent*.

% of child victims who were	U.S.	Ohio
White	54%	62%
African American	26%	35%
Hispanic/Latino	11%	1%

2002 CHILD DEATHS DUE TO MALTREATMENT

Ohio had 4% of our nation's children, and 5% of the nation's child fatalities due to abuse/neglect (# = 72).

National child fatality rate (per 100,000 children) due to abuse/neglect was 1.98

Ohio child fatality rate (per 100,000 children) due to abuse/neglect was 2.50

NATIONALLY:

- a *parent* is involved in 78.9% of child deaths due to abuse/neglect
- *mothers* are involved in 60.9% of child deaths due to abuse/neglect
- *fathers* are involved in 37.2% of child deaths due to abuse/neglect

TRENDS IN OHIO

When comparing data from calendar year 2001 with data from calendar year 2002:

- *Fewer* children overall were determined to be maltreated (<1% decrease)
- Among children who were victimized:
 - *Fewer* were physically abused (10% decrease)
 - *More* were neglected (<1% increase)
 - *Fewer* were sexually abused (<1% decrease)
 - *More* were psychologically maltreated (17% increase)
- Documented child deaths due to maltreatment were down 10% from 2001 to 2002.