

# Recurrence of Maltreatment

## CFSR Round 4 Statewide Data Indicator Series

The Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) are a partnership between federal and state staff. The CFSR process enables the Children's Bureau to ensure conformity with federal child welfare requirements, determine what is happening to children and families receiving child welfare services, and assist states in enhancing their capacity to help children and families achieve positive outcomes related to safety, permanency, and well-being.

Statewide data indicators are used in the CFSR Round 4 process to evaluate state performance on safety and permanency outcomes. Performance on the indicators helps identify strengths and improvement needs. The Statewide Data Indicator Series presents detailed information on each statewide data indicator, including measure definitions, calculation specifications, data requirements, and national performance values for CFSR Round 4.



### CFSR Safety Outcome 1

Performance on this indicator is used to evaluate CFSR Safety Outcome 1—children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect. This indicator measures whether children who were the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment experience subsequent maltreatment.

#### Definition

Of all children who were victims of a substantiated or indicated maltreatment report during a 12-month period, what percentage were victims of another substantiated or indicated maltreatment report within 12 months of the initial victimization?

#### Risk Adjustment

Performance is risk adjusted by age of the child at initial victimization of child maltreatment and by state. Adjusting by age of the child at initial victimization of child maltreatment controls for the fact that children of different ages have different likelihoods of experiencing the outcome, regardless of the quality of care that a state provides. Adjusting by state accounts for the underlying risk of experiencing the outcome in that particular state.

### National Performance



**9.7 PERCENT**

(A lower value is desirable)

#### Numerator

Of the children in the denominator, the number who had another substantiated or indicated maltreatment report within 12 months of their initial report

#### Denominator

The number of children with at least one substantiated or indicated maltreatment report in a 12-month period

#### Examining Equity

The Children's Bureau provides observed performance data disaggregated by age, race/ethnicity, and locality to states in the supplemental context data sent with the CFSR State Data Profile. State teams can use these data to help identify variations in the experiences and outcomes of different populations, including potential evidence of disproportionality and disparity.



## Data Quality Checks Performed

### NCANDS

- ✓ Child IDs for victims match across years (less than 1%)
- ✓ Child IDs for victims match across years, but dates of birth and sex do not match (greater than 5%)
- ✓ Missing age for victims (greater than 5%)

### Data Periods Used to Calculate the National Performance

NCANDS FY 2019 AND FY 2020

### Primary Data Elements Required for Calculation

NCANDS Child File Element #2:	State/territory
NCANDS Child File Element #4:	Child ID
NCANDS Child File Element #6:	Report date
NCANDS Child File Element #27:	Child maltreatment 1 – disposition level
NCANDS Child File Element #29:	Child maltreatment 2 – disposition level
NCANDS Child File Element #31:	Child maltreatment 3 – disposition level
NCANDS Child File Element #33:	Child maltreatment 4 – disposition level
NCANDS Child File Element #34:	Maltreatment death

### Optional Data Elements

NCANDS Child File Element #146:	Incident date
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## Notes

Use of incident dates is limited to determining whether maltreatment reports refer to the same incident, in which case the duplicate record is excluded. The comparison of incident dates is a secondary check done only when incident dates are reported in the NCANDS file for each substantiated or indicated maltreatment report being compared.

## Inclusions

A victim in CFSR Round 4 is a child for whom the state determined that at least one maltreatment report was substantiated or indicated. It does not include children receiving alternative response or unsubstantiated reports. It does include children who died and the death was confirmed to be the result of child abuse and neglect.

Report dates are used to determine when the maltreatment occurred, and only reports occurring in the 12-month period are included. Substantiated or indicated maltreatment reports with report dates in the 12-month period with disposition dates after the 12-month period are included.

## Exclusions

The following are excluded:

- Victims who are 18 or older
- Subsequent victimizations with a report date that occurs within 14 days of the initial report
- Subsequent reports in which the incident date matches the incident date in the initial report, as they are treated as rereports of the same incident
- Substantiated or indicated maltreatment that occurs before a child is born

For more information: [CFSR Statewide Data Indicators webpage \(Center for States\)](#)

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