

CFSR Round 3 Statewide Data Indicator Series

The Children's Bureau conducts Child and Family Services Reviews (CFSRs) in partnership with child welfare systems in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. CFSRs enable the Children's Bureau to assess conformity with federal child welfare requirements, determine the experiences of children and families receiving state child welfare services, and help states identify agency and program strengths and areas for improvement. Statewide data indicators provide important context in the evaluation and improvement of child outcomes related to safety and permanency by comparing national performance to a state's own performance over time. CFSRs also focus on child and family well-being as well as systemic requirements.



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CFSR Safety Outcome 1

Children are, first and foremost, protected from abuse and neglect.

Recurrence of Maltreatment

This indicator measures whether the agency was successful in preventing subsequent maltreatment of a child if the child was the subject of a substantiated or indicated report of maltreatment.



Definition

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

National Performance

9.5 PERCENT

(A lower value is desirable.)

Risk is adjusted on age of the child at initial victimization of child maltreatment, as well as by state.

Adjusting on 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.

Additionally, every indicator is adjusted based on the particular state. Risk adjustment by state is part of the multilevel statistical modeling approach that accounts for the underlying risk of experiencing the outcome in a state after accounting for a child's specific risk.

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

Data Quality Checks Performed

NCANDS

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

Data Periods Used to Calculate the National Performance

NCANDS FY 2012 and FY 2013

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

Data Elements Required for Risk-Adjusted Analysis

NCANDS Child File Element #12: Child age at report

Notes

INCLUSIONS

A victim in CFSR Round 3 is a child for whom the state determined at least one report of maltreatment was substantiated or indicated and a disposition of substantiated or indicated was assigned for a child in a specific report. 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 as the primary data element 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.

Use of incident dates is limited to determining whether maltreatment reports refer to 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.

EXCLUSIONS

Subsequent victimizations with a report date that occurs within 14 days of the initial report are excluded.

Subsequent reports in which the incident date matches the incident date in the initial report are excluded as they are treated as rereports of the same incident.

Substantiated maltreatment that occurs before a child is born is not counted as maltreatment for this measure.

Victims age 18 or older are also excluded from this indicator.

For more information: <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/monitoring/child-family-services-reviews/round3>

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