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**PROTECTIVE SERVICES**

**DATA SYSTEM**

**ANNUAL REPORT 2005**

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**GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF  
HUMAN RESOURCES**  
Division of Family & Children Services



# CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORT – 2005

In calendar year 2005, 98,896 reports of child abuse and neglect were made to county Departments of Family and Children Services. DFCS screened out or referred to other services 15,686 reports (16%) that did not meet the definition of maltreatment. An additional 15,951 reports (16%) were identified as diversions and did not warrant a full investigation. Data for the remaining 67,259 reports (68%) were accepted for service, entered into the Protective Services Data System (PSDS) and used to compile this report.

## CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA SYSTEM

The Georgia General Assembly established a child abuse information system in 1990 to collect data on child maltreatment. Each county Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) enters data into the system. PSDS collects data on all relevant information except names of perpetrators. The Georgia Supreme Court has determined that keeping names is unconstitutional. PSDS provides the information for this annual report and for the reporting required by Federal/State regulations, laws and program expectations.

## DISPOSITION OF REPORTS

**Reports.** Reports of maltreatment are made to county Departments of Family and Children Services. When a report is made the department determines whether it meets the criteria for an investigation: **there is a child under 18 years alleged to be mistreated by the parent or caretaker.** A copy of every report DFCS receives is immediately shared with local law enforcement, as required by O.C.G.A. 19-7-5. In 2005, 98,896 reports were made to county DFCS offices.

**Investigated Reports.** Reports that meet the criteria for maltreatment are accepted for investigation. In 2005, 67,259 reports were accepted for investigation. After the circumstances are investigated, one of the following dispositions are assigned to the report:

**Substantiated, case remains open.** A case is substantiated when the preponderance of evidence supports the allegations. Cases rated high risk or moderate risk for recurring maltreatment remain open for ongoing CPS services.

**Substantiated, case closed.** A preponderance of evidence supports the allegations; however, the case is low risk for further maltreatment. Referrals to community resources are made as available and appropriate.

**Unsubstantiated, case closed.** There is either not a preponderance of evidence or no evidence to support the allegations, and the case is closed.

**Unsubstantiated, case remains open.** There is either not a preponderance of evidence or no evidence to support the allegations. The case remains open because of court-ordered CPS involvement.

An investigation may contain more than one alleged incident of maltreatment and may involve more than one child.

**Screened-Out Reports.** Reports that do not meet the criteria for maltreatment are screened out or referred to other resources. Reports that do not meet these basic criteria for an investigation are frequently referred to local resources (e.g., mental health, court system, early intervention and preventive programs) for assistance. In 2005, 15,686 reports were screened-out.

**Diversions.** Diversions allow caseworkers to help families find the right services. This is the first complete calendar year with diversion data. Diversions accounted for 15,951 cases in 2005.

# DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

The information in this report refers to several types of counts:

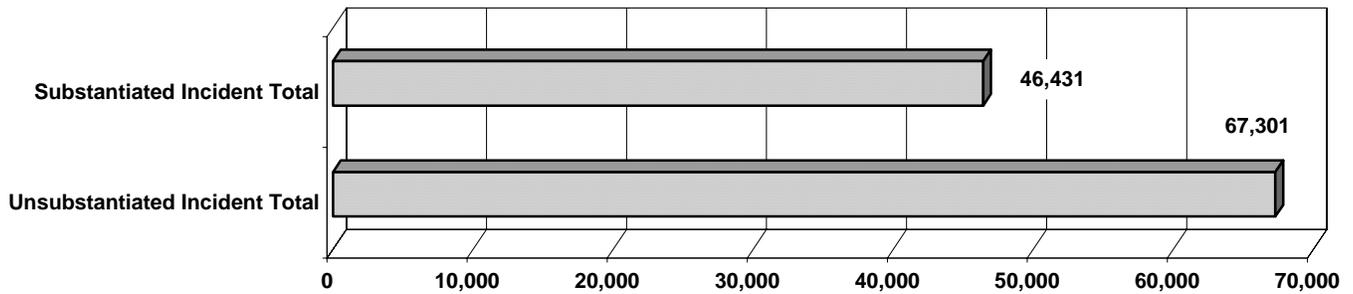
An **investigated report** (case count) represents the number of reports received. One report may contain more than one alleged incident of maltreatment and may involve more than one child.

An **incident count** represents the number of maltreatment types indicated for each child in a report. The maltreatment types include: Neglect, Physical, Sexual, Emotional and Other. The number of incidents in PSDS will be greater than the number of reports/cases. It will equal or exceed the number of children.

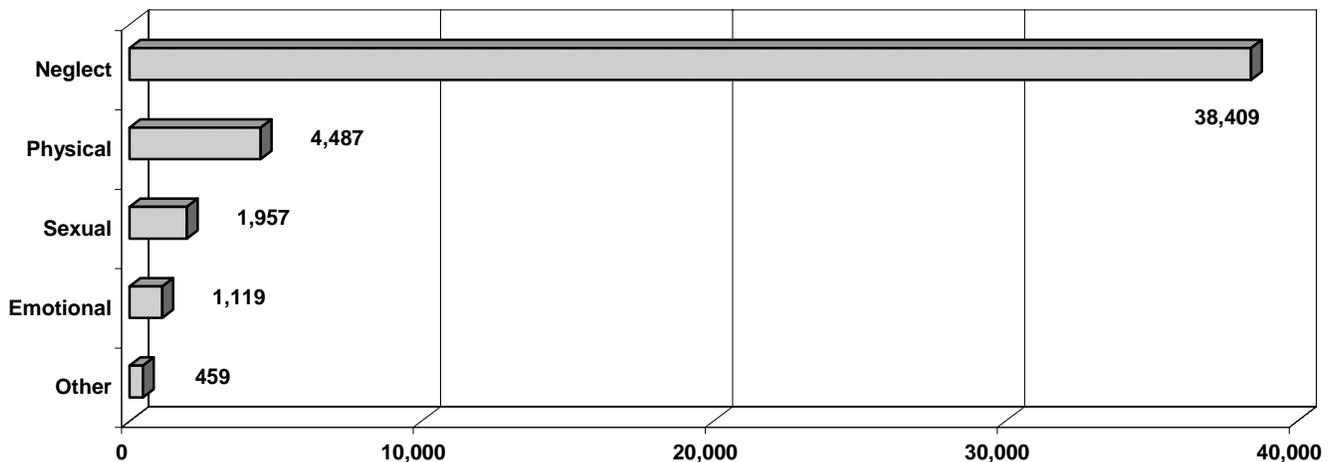
Disposition	Investigations	Incidents
Substantiated	26,646	46,431
Unsubstantiated	40,613	67,301
<b>Total</b>	<b>67,259</b>	<b>113,732</b>

## 2005 INCIDENT DATA

A total of 113,732 incidents of maltreatment were reported in 2005. The number of **cases** of alleged child maltreatment is lower than a count of the **incidents** of alleged maltreatment, because there may be maltreatment reported on several children in one case. Also, for each child in a case, more than one type of maltreatment may be reported.



### Substantiated Incidents of Maltreatment



# REPORTERS

Suspected maltreatment is reported to county DFCS offices. While the agency encourages anyone who suspects maltreatment to report, the law requires certain people to report, by virtue of their profession; they are called “mandated reporters.” This includes teachers, school counselors, physicians, nurses, dentists, law enforcement personnel and Georgia Department of Human Resources staff members.

The table below shows the types of reporters by disposition: Substantiated or Unsubstantiated. Mandated Reporters submitted 65 percent of investigated reports. For Substantiated Dispositions, the five most prevalent sources of investigated reports were Law Enforcement/Court (23%), School Personnel (20%), Hospital/Clinic (9%), Relative (9%) and DHR Staff (8%). For Unsubstantiated Dispositions, the five most prevalent sources of investigated reports were School Personnel (27%), Law Enforcement/Court (11%), Anonymous (9%), Relative (9%) and DHR Staff (8%).

## Disposition by Report Source

Disposition by Report Source			
Report Source	Disposition		Total
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	
<b>Mandated Reporters</b>			
School Personnel	5,351	10,998	16,349
Law Enforcement/Court	6,186	4,572	10,758
Hospital/Clinic	2,434	2,084	4,518
Physician, Dentist, Podiatrist, Nurse	596	915	1,511
Professional Counselor, Social Worker	1,675	2,514	4,189
DHR Staff	2,183	3,305	5,488
Day Care Center	167	399	566
TANF *	36	68	104
<b>Total Mandated Reporters</b>	<b>18,628</b>	<b>24,855</b>	<b>43,483</b>
<b>Non-Mandated Reporters</b>			
Custodial Parent/Guardian	1,188	1,808	2,996
Relative	2,492	3,680	6,172
Neighbor/Friend	1,440	2,905	4,345
Non-Custodial Parent	537	1,715	2,252
Religious Leader/Staff	59	104	163
Lawyer	45	62	107
Other Non-Mandated Person	476	950	1,426
Alleged Perpetrator	21	22	43
Victim	91	125	216
<b>Total Non-Mandated Reporters</b>	<b>6,349</b>	<b>11,371</b>	<b>17,720</b>
<b>Unknown</b>			
Unknown	274	741	1,015
Anonymous	1,395	3,646	5,041
<b>Total Unknown</b>	<b>1,669</b>	<b>4,387</b>	<b>6,056</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,646</b>	<b>40,613</b>	<b>67,259</b>

\*A TANF (Temporary Assistance to Needy Families) case manager refers a family when there is a concern about maltreatment of a child resulting from a TANF Sanction.

# LOCATION OF MALTREATMENT

The data system collects information about where the alleged maltreatment occurred. The numbers in the accompanying chart are based on incidents. Many children were victims of more than one type of maltreatment and were counted multiple times in each location. For example, a child may have been both neglected and sexually abused in the family home. This child is counted twice at that location.

<b>SUBSTANTIATED - LOCATION AND TYPE OF MALTREATMENT</b>						
<b>Location</b>	<b>Type of Maltreatment Incidents</b>					
	<b>NEGLECT</b>	<b>PHYSICAL</b>	<b>SEXUAL</b>	<b>EMOTIONAL</b>	<b>OTHER</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Victim's Home	34,927	3,974	1,360	1,036	374	41,671
Other Private Home	1,595	303	472	36	19	2,425
Center Based Daycare	64	11	6	1	2	84
Family Based Daycare	43	15	6	1	0	65
Residential Foster Care Home	26	5	5	1	1	38
Group Home Foster Care	19	10	2	0	0	31
Family Foster Home-DFCS	62	15	10	2	0	89
Family Foster Home-Non DFCS	28	5	8	3	0	44
Other Institution	159	37	24	13	1	234
Other	1,486	112	64	26	62	1,750
<b>Total</b>	<b>38,409</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>46,431</b>

\* 'Other' may include such locations as a park, shopping mall, automobile, place of business, etc.

## FOSTER PARENTS AND FOSTER HOMES

In 2005, there were 202 substantiated incidents of maltreatment to foster children in a foster home facility. In 142 of the 202 incidents, the perpetrator was a foster parent or residential/group home staff member. The four types of foster care recorded in the data system are residential facilities, group home facilities, family foster care homes – DFCS and family foster homes – Non DFCS.

# SUBSTANCE ABUSE

DFCS began collecting information on substance abuse in reported cases in 1994. Caretaker substance abuse is a major factor in child abuse and neglect, and the department places strong emphasis on identifying families with this problem and referring them for treatment. This more aggressive approach by Child Protective Services includes:

- Asking the reporter specific questions regarding substance abuse.
- Responding immediately to a report from medical personnel that a mother of a newborn has tested positive for drugs. In this case, the agency refers the mother for a formal substance abuse assessment, checks for the safety of other children in the home, requests custody of the newborn and other children who may be at-risk, and requests court-ordered treatment for the mother, if the need is indicated.
- Assessing the need for treatment in all investigations where drug use was alleged in the original report and where abuse was substantiated.
- Attempting to obtain voluntary drug screens in cases where drug use is alleged and paying for drug screenings and assessments. (Note: If parents or caretakers refuse to have a drug screen, CPS can request the court to order one).
- Requiring repeat negative drug screens for a specified length of time in ongoing cases where drug use was substantiated. As a result of these protective services policies related to drug use (and case managers' increased ability to recognize its signs) drug abuse has been substantiated in increasing numbers of cases.

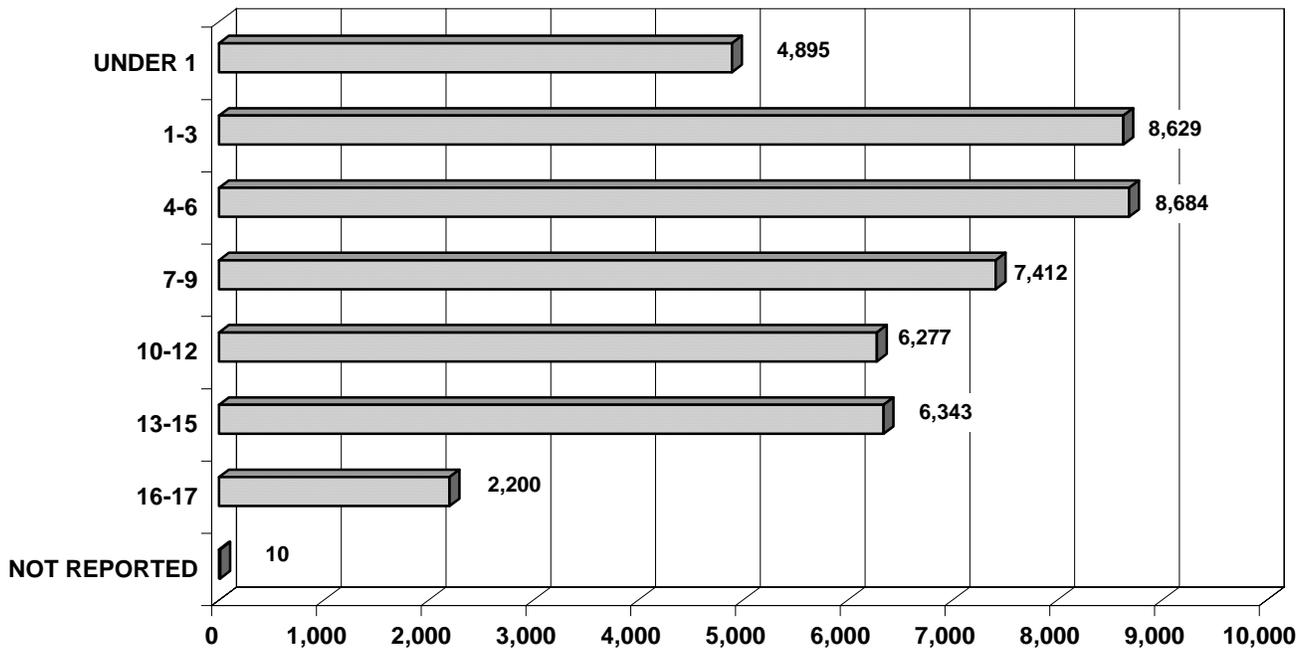
The numbers in the accompanying chart are based on the number of investigated reports.

<b>Adult Substance Abuse By Type</b>				
<b>Type</b>	<b>Alleged Unsubstantiated</b>	<b>Alleged Substantiated</b>	<b>Not Alleged But Substantiated</b>	<b>Total</b>
Alcohol	1,260	835	106	2,201
Prescription Medicine	447	233	19	699
Controlled Substance	6,891	5,537	474	12,902
Alcohol and Prescribed Medicine	72	56	3	131
Alcohol and Controlled Substance	552	369	34	955
Prescribed Medicine and Controlled Substance	243	269	17	529
All Types	312	204	10	526
<b>Total</b>	<b>9,777</b>	<b>7,503</b>	<b>663</b>	<b>17,943</b>

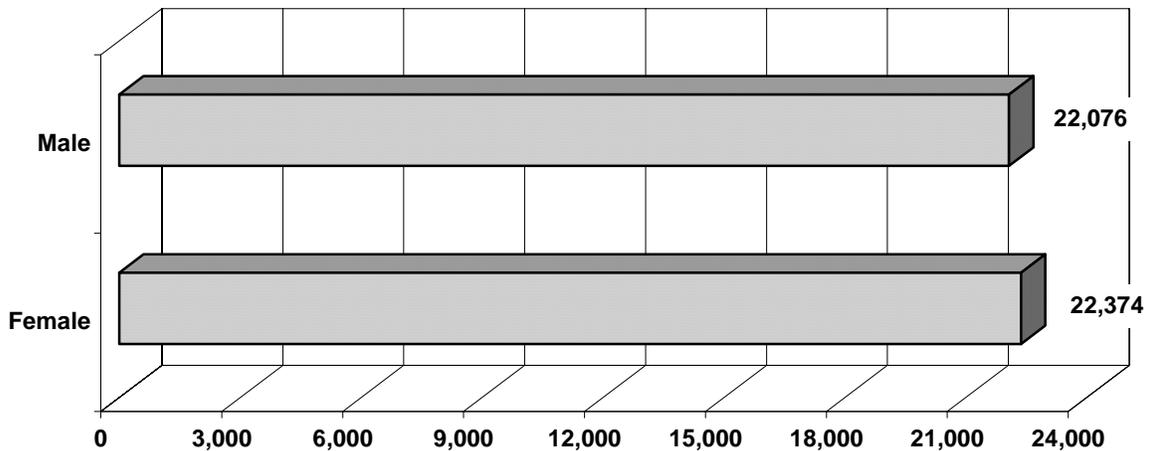
# 2005 VICTIM DATA

The graphs in this section identify all the children who were entered into the data system as substantiated victims of maltreatment (44,450 children). Children Ages 1-3 years (19%) and 4-6 years (20%) accounted for the largest percentage of victims. Children who were younger than 1 year accounted for 11% of the victims. This was the largest single age category. The second largest single age category was Age 1 with 7% of the victims. Fifty percent of the victims were under the age of seven. In general, as age increased victimization decreased. More than half of all victims were White (56%) with African American victims accounting for 40%. The ethnicity of 6% of the victims was Hispanic. Child victims were divided evenly between Male (50%) and Female (50%).

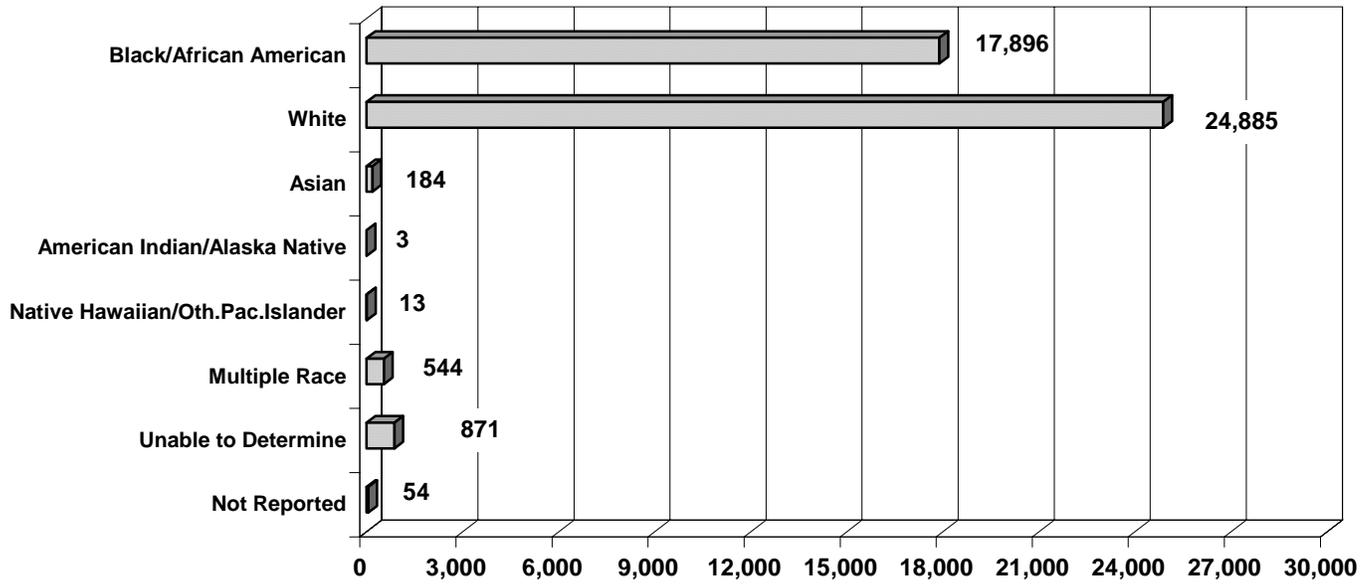
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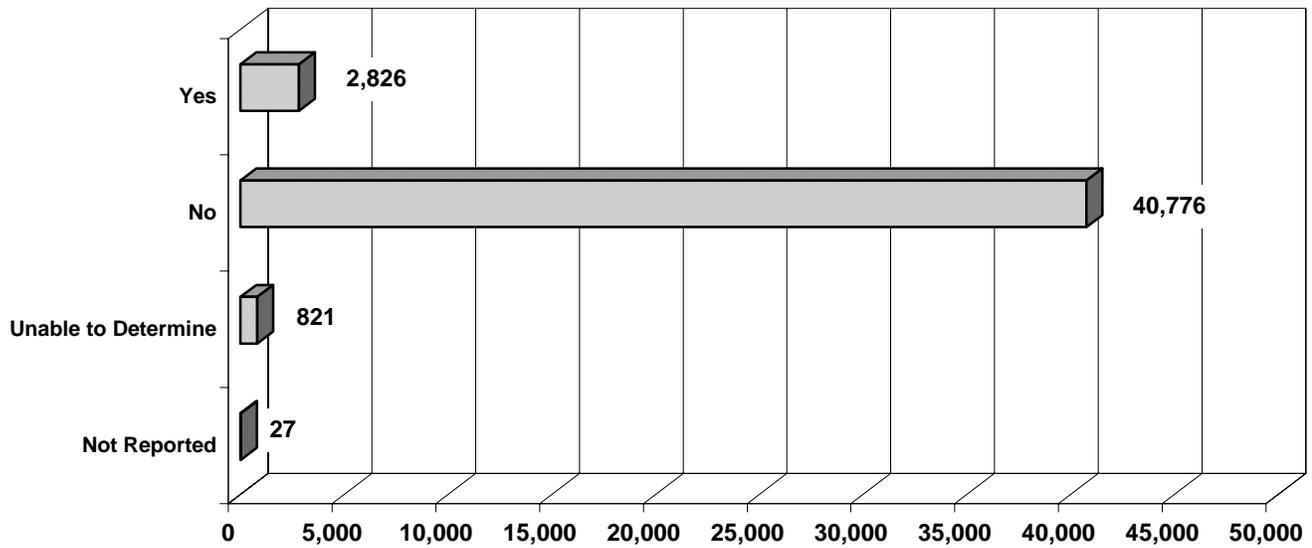
### Gender



## Race



## Hispanic / Latino Origin



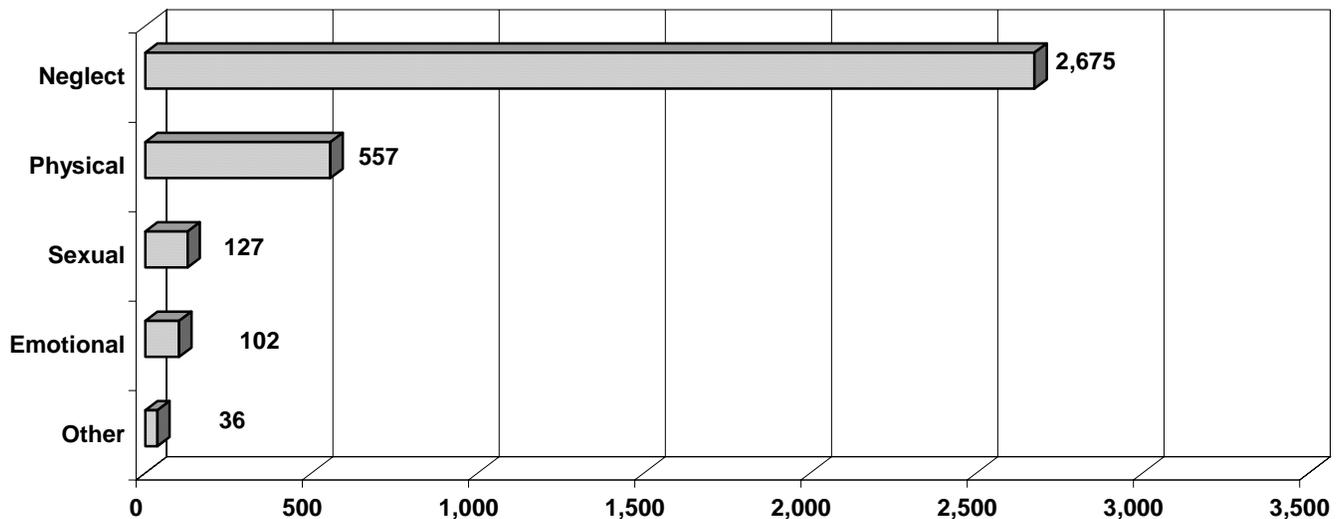
# CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

The following chart depicts the type of substantiated maltreatment that occurred to children with special characteristics. There were 3,301 children with special characteristics. These children accounted for 3,497 incidents of maltreatment.

Children are considered to have a special characteristic when they have a diagnosis of an emotional disorder, mental retardation, vision or hearing impairment, physical disability, a behavioral disorder, or alcohol/substance abuse.

A child may have more than one special characteristic. Therefore, the total by type (4,078) is greater than the number of incidents.

## Substantiated Maltreatment of Children with Special Characteristics



## Substantiated Maltreatment of Children by Type of Special Characteristic

Type Of Special Characteristic	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Other	Total
Diagnosed Emotionally Disturbed	326	91	19	27	5	468
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Mild	159	42	17	4	0	222
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Moderate	102	18	10	6	2	138
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Severe	27	5	0	1	0	33
Diagnosed Mental Retardation Profound	29	6	0	1	1	37
Diagnosed Vision/Hearing Impaired	66	9	1	3	0	79
Diagnosed Physically Disabled	104	13	5	2	1	125
Other Medically Diagnosed Condition	892	110	31	26	13	1,072
Behavior	1,075	346	65	55	9	1,550
Alcohol Abuse - Child	18	1	2	3	1	25
Drugs/Other Sub. Abuse -Child	302	10	3	3	11	329
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,100</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>131</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>4,078</b>

## 2005 PERPETRATOR DATA

Since DFCS is mandated to investigate reports involving children who are maltreated by their caretakers, the majority of the perpetrators for all types of incidents are biological parents. There are 16 relationship categories, but the categories are grouped for readability. Detailed perpetrator information is not always available by age/gender.

<b>Perpetrators</b>	<b>Substantiated</b>
Biological Parents	37,039
Non-biological parents	1,938
Other Relatives	2,673
Live-in boyfriend	713
Live-in girlfriend	143
Other, non-relatives	722
Sitter/child care	182
School personnel	64
Residential Facility Staff	70
Unknown	906
<b>Total</b>	<b>44,450</b>

<b>Perpetrators by Age and Gender</b>			
	<b>Gender Male</b>	<b>Gender Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Under 20 Years Old</b>	482	1,338	1,820
<b>20 – 29 Years Old</b>	2,670	14,619	17,289
<b>30 – 39 Years Old</b>	4,301	11,864	16,165
<b>40 – 49 Years Old</b>	2,306	3,612	5,918
<b>50 Years Old and Over</b>	782	1,200	1,982
<b>Not Reported</b>	173	136	309
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,714</b>	<b>32,769</b>	<b>43,483</b>

\* Note: For 967 children, perpetrators did not have age/gender information reported.

# FATALITIES

In 2005, 56 children in Georgia died as a result of substantiated abuse or neglect. Deaths that are entered into the Protective Services Data System (PSDS) are those for which DFCS investigated and substantiated either abuse or neglect. In some situations where a child died at the hands of a caregiver, only law enforcement and the courts may have been involved. These cases are not recorded in PSDS.

Thirty-eight children died as a result of inadequate supervision or of other forms of parental neglect. While these deaths were unintentional, the parents or caretakers were determined to be negligent. Eighteen children died from physical abuse.

Of the 56 children, 23 had no current or prior history with Child Protective Services; 33 were from families that had been investigated at some time prior to the child's death. Some of the families with previous investigations involved different children and the investigation occurred many years prior to the current involvement.

Georgia law requires a multi-agency Child Fatality Review Sub-Committee to operate in every Georgia county. These sub-committees, which include a representative from DFCS, are required to review the deaths of all children in the county who die unexpectedly. For example, the death of a child in a car accident is reviewed by the sub-committee but probably is not investigated by DFCS or entered in the data system unless neglect or abuse was indicated.

## Fatalities Resulting from Neglect

<b>Child Fatalities</b>		<b>Fatalities By Perpetrator Relationship to Child</b>						
		Mother	Father	Boyfriend	Mother and Boyfriend	Mother and Father	Other	
Drowning	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	
Co-Sleeping	7	3	1	0	0	3	0	
Medical Neglect	5	4	0	0	0	0	1	
Suffocation/SIDS/SUIDS	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	
Miscellaneous Accidents	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	
Fire	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	
Birth Exposed/Birth Addiction	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Vehicular Accident	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	
Blunt Force Trauma Internal	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Poison/Medication	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Undetermined	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>							
<b>Criminal Charges Filed</b>	<b>9</b>							

## Fatalities Resulting from Abuse

<b>Child Fatalities</b>	
Blunt Force Trauma Head	5
Blunt Force Trauma Internal	3
Beatings/Multiple Abuse	2
Birth Exposed/Birth Addiction	2
Stabbing	2
Burns/Scalding	1
Co-sleeping	1
Shaken Baby Syndrome	1
Suffocation	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Criminal Charges Filed</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>Fatalities By Perpetrator Relationship to Child</b>							
	Mother	Father	Boyfriend	Mother and Boyfriend	Mother and Father	Other	
Blunt Force Trauma Head	0	2	1	0	0	2	
Blunt Force Trauma Internal	0	0	2	0	1	0	
Beatings/Multiple Abuse	0	0	1	0	1	0	
Birth Exposed/Birth Addict.	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Stabbing	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Burns/Scalding	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Co-sleeping	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Shaken Baby Syndrome	0	0	0	1	0	0	
Suffocation	0	0	0	0	0	1	

## Victim Data

The following numbers identify the children who died from confirmed maltreatment by the categories of race, age and gender.

<b>Race</b>	
Black.....	23
White .....	30
Multiple Race.....	1
Unable to Determine.....	2
<i>Hispanic/Latino Origin .....</i>	<i>3</i>

<b>Age</b>	
Under Age One .....	26
One to Three Years .....	23
Four to Five Years.....	3
Six to Thirteen Years.....	4
Fourteen to Seventeen.....	0

<b>Gender</b>	
Male.....	33
Female.....	23

# NEGLECT

This and the following sections of this report give a breakdown of incidents by type of maltreatment. Neglect is the most commonly reported and most often substantiated type of maltreatment. Neglect occurs if a parent or caretaker, either deliberately or by chronic disregard, permits a child to suffer and/or fails to provide one or more of the elements necessary for the child's physical, intellectual, social and emotional development.

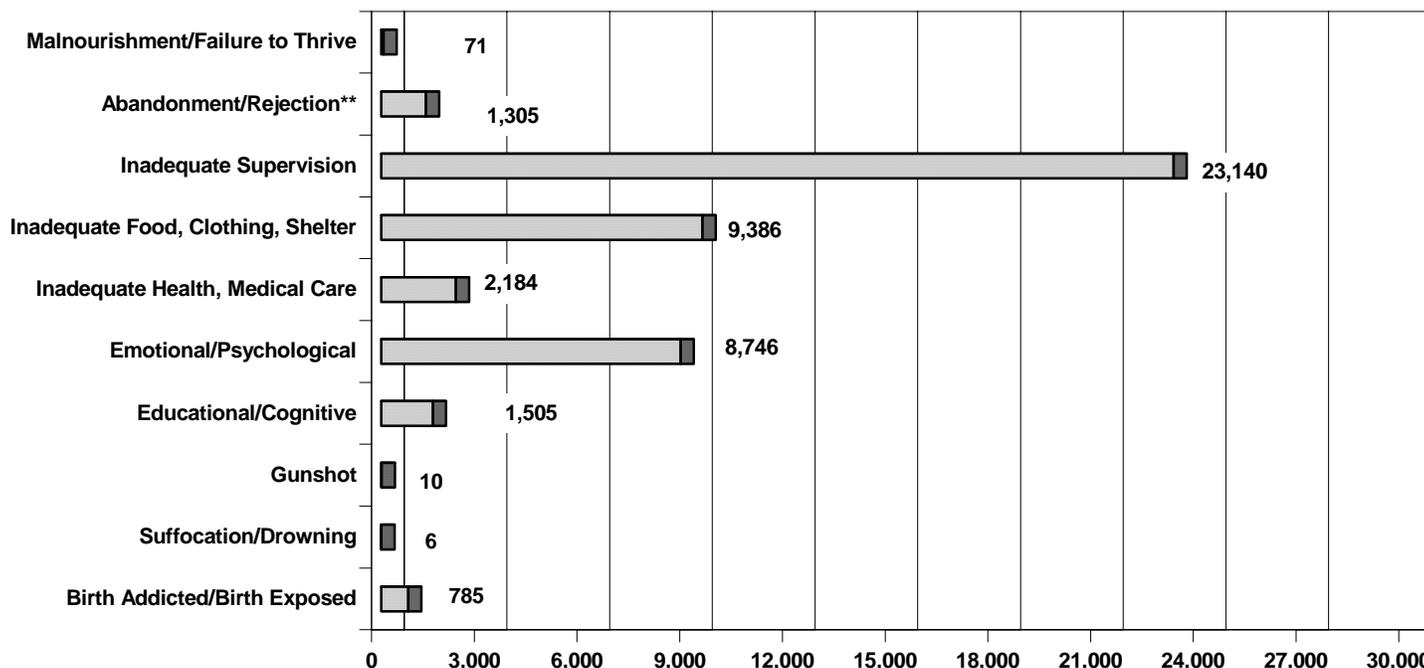
Incidents of neglect are frequently reported with other types of maltreatment, because it is often assumed that the child who is physically or sexually abused was also not adequately supervised or was neglected in some way that contributed to the other reported maltreatment.

In 2005, 86,842 incidents of neglect were reported. Of these, 38,409 were substantiated. The most common type of substantiated neglect is inadequate supervision. This ranges from a child staying home alone after school to children locked overnight in an apartment without adult supervision. Inadequate supervision is also frequently cited in sexual abuse cases, as it is commonly believed that the perpetrator might not have had access to the child if the child had been adequately supervised by a responsible parent.

When families do not have adequate food, clothing or shelter, DFCS may provide services or refer them to a more appropriate community resource. Some families, where neglect is a result of poverty, may be eligible for DFCS Prevention of Unnecessary Placement (PUP) services to help alleviate the problems causing the neglect without removing the children from the home.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	38,409
Unsubstantiated	48,433
<b>Total</b>	<b>86,842</b>

## Substantiated Neglect Categories\*



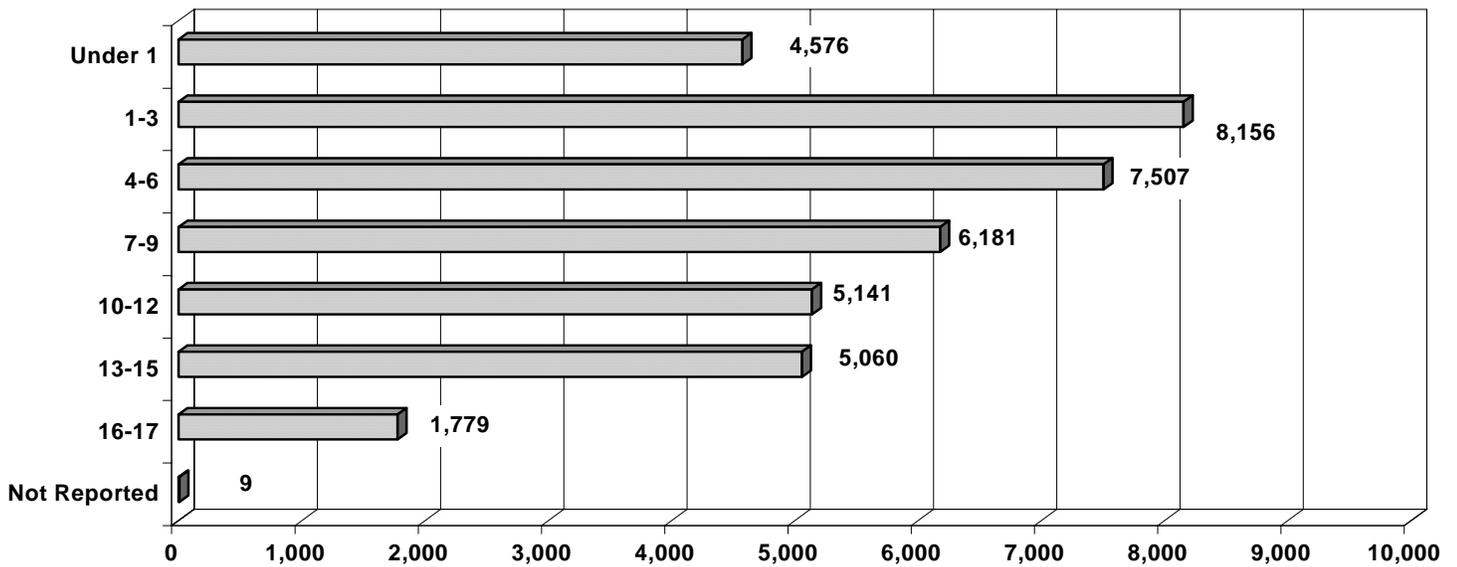
\* The total of all categories of neglect will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of neglect.

\*\* The abandonment/rejection category includes not only children for whom a parent no longer wants responsibility; it also includes children who may not be picked up as scheduled from school, children left with a babysitter beyond planned pick-up times, etc.

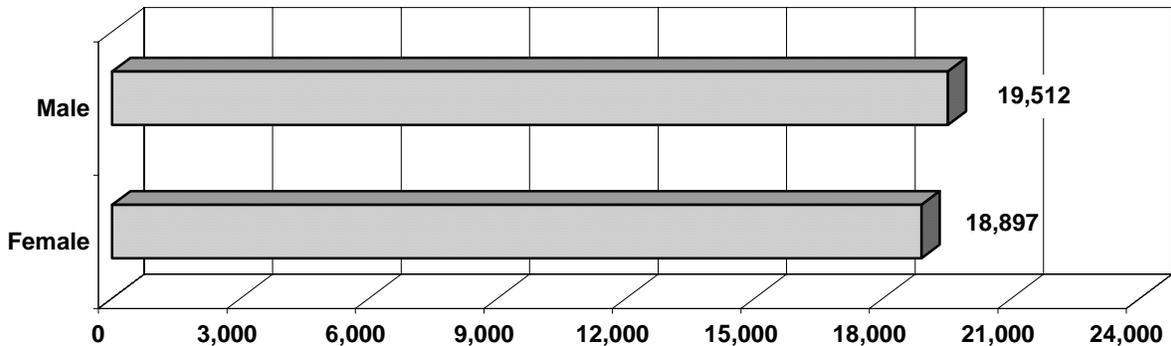
# NEGLECT – VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify characteristics of children who were victims of substantiated neglect. Children Ages 1- 3 years accounted for the largest percentage of victims (21%). Children who were younger than 1 year accounted for 12% of the victims. In general, as age increased victimization decreased. More than half of all victims were White (58%) with African American victims accounting for 39%. The ethnicity of 6% of the victims was Hispanic. Percentages of victims were similar for Males (51%) and Females (49%).

### Age of Victims

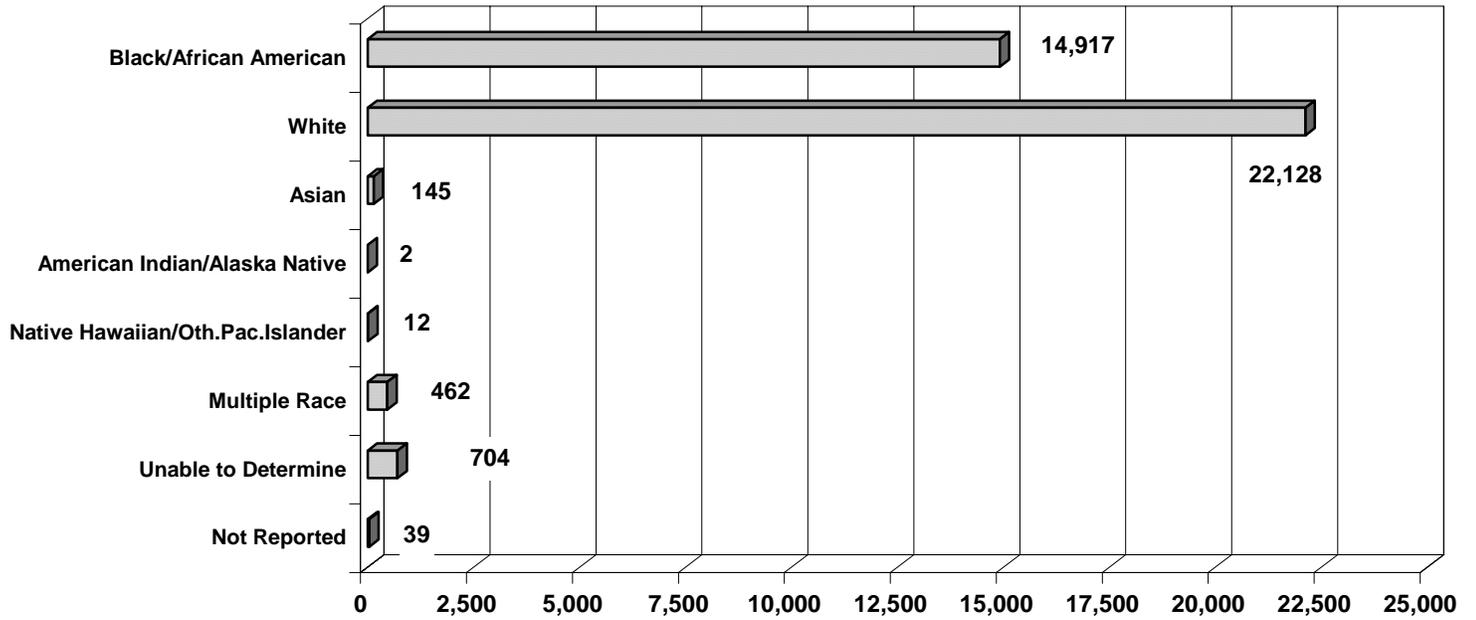


### Gender of Victims

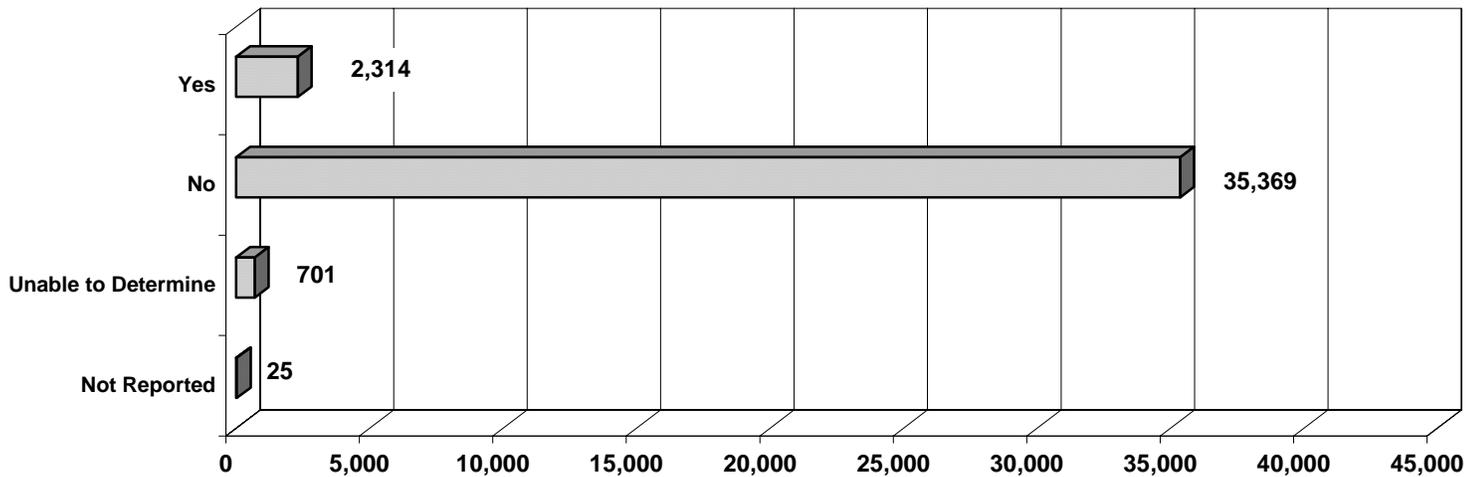


# NEGLECT – VICTIM DATA

## Race of Victims



## Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

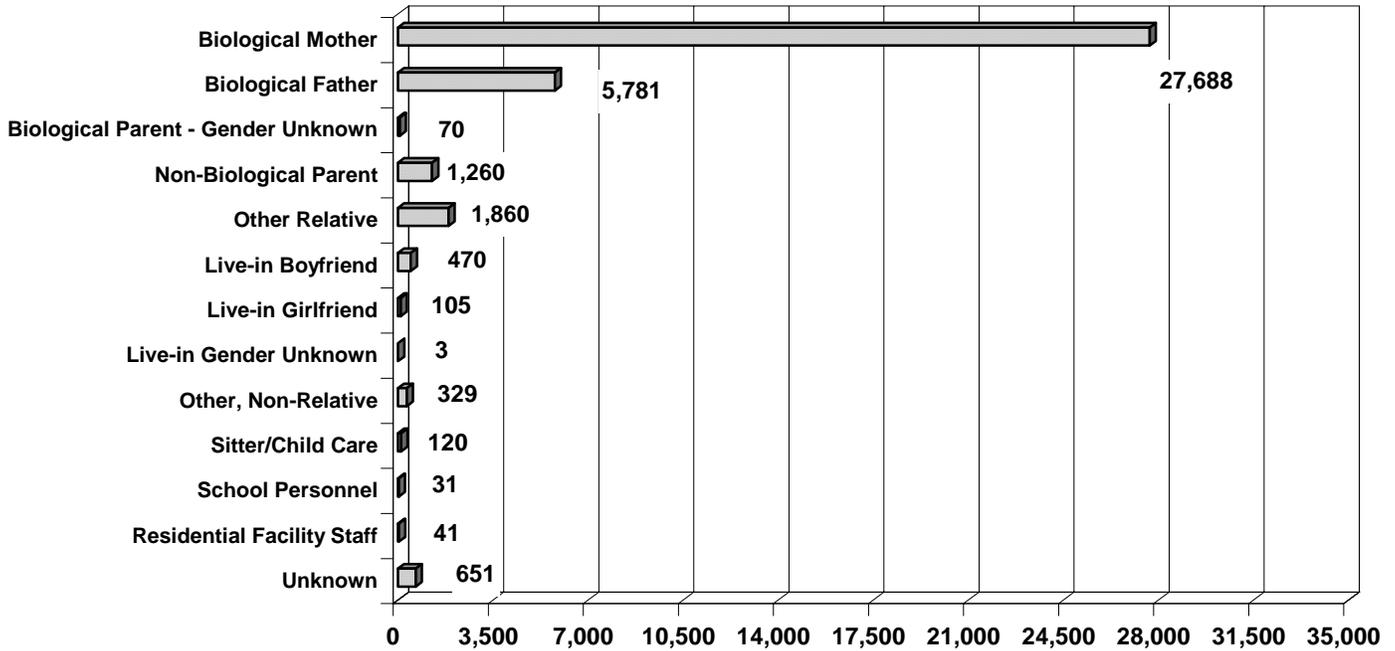


# NEGLECT – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2005, there were 38,409 substantiated incidents of neglect. The biological mother was the perpetrator in seventy-two percent of the incidents.

The table shows the perpetrator’s relationship to the child at the time the neglect occurred. A perpetrator who was involved in more than one incident of neglect is counted more than once.

**Perpetrator’s Relationship to Victim**



**Substantiated Neglect – Characteristics of Perpetrators**

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
<b>Black/African American</b>	2,154	12,377	14,531
<b>White</b>	5,306	17,186	22,492
<b>Asian</b>	43	104	147
<b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	6	28	34
<b>Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander</b>	8	19	27
<b>Multiple Race</b>	3	40	43
<b>Unable to Determine</b>	154	276	430
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,674</b>	<b>30,030</b>	<b>37,704</b>
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	564	933	1,497

\*705 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

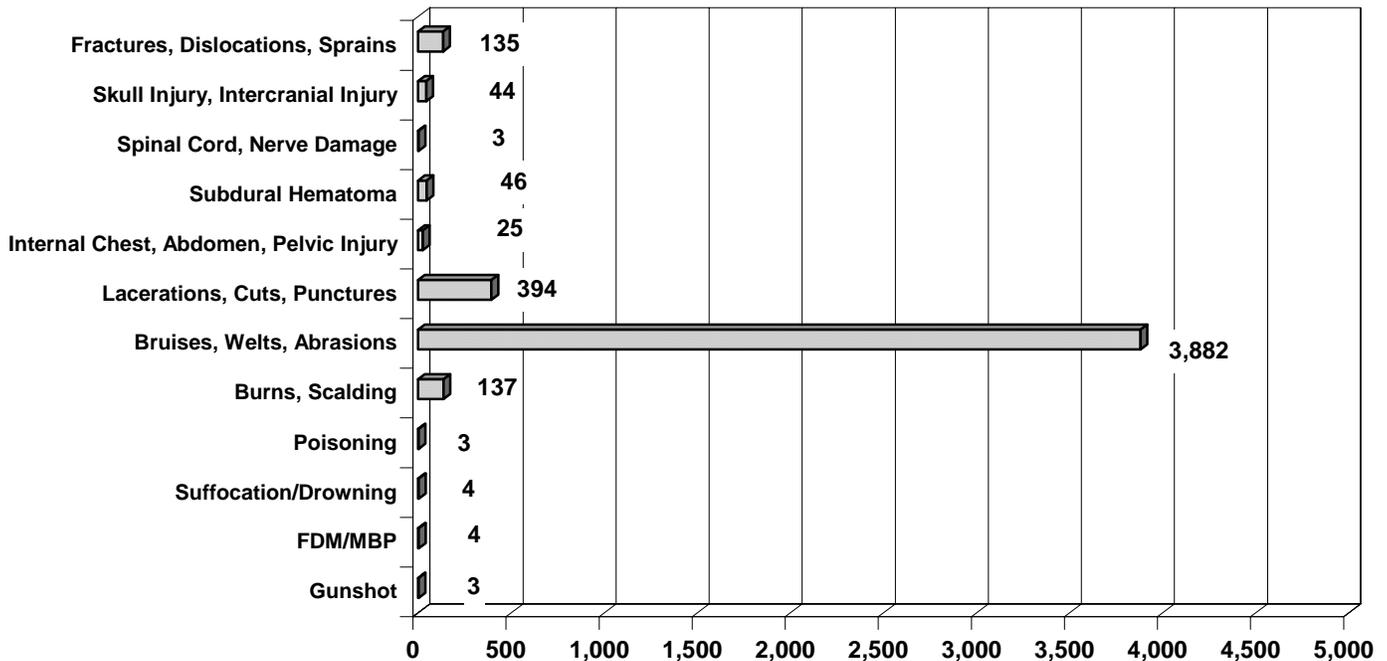
# PHYSICAL ABUSE

Physical abuse is injury to a child under the age of 18 by other than accidental means by a parent or caretaker which results in bruises, welts, fractures, burns, cuts, internal injuries, etc. Physical abuse often occurs in the name of discipline or punishment and may involve the use of the hand or the use of objects. Physical injury is defined as bodily harm or hurt, excluding mental distress, fright or emotional disturbance.

In 2005, 16,378 incidents of physical abuse were reported; 4,487 were substantiated. Bruises, welts and abrasions, which often results from inappropriate discipline, is the most common type of physical abuse.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	4,487
Unsubstantiated	11,891
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,378</b>

## Substantiated Physical Abuse Categories\*

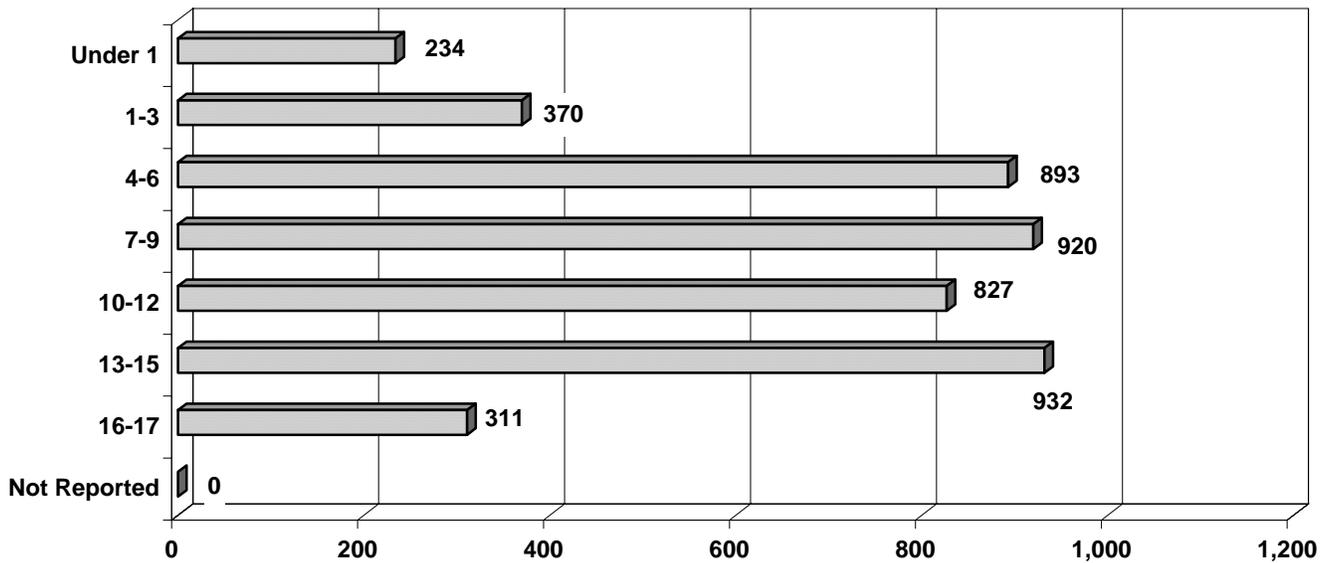


\* The total of all categories of abuse will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of physical abuse.

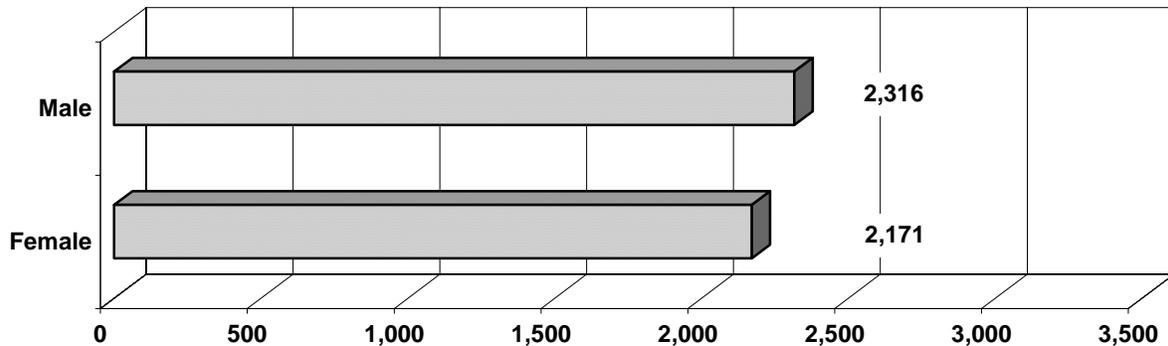
# PHYSICAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify characteristics of children who were victims of physical abuse. In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of physical abuse: Ages 4-6 (20%), Ages 7-9 (21%), Ages 10-12 (18%) and Ages 13-15 (21%). For physical abuse, 54% were African-American while 41% were White. The ethnicity of 8% of the victims was Hispanic. Males accounted for 52% of the victims.

### Age of Victims

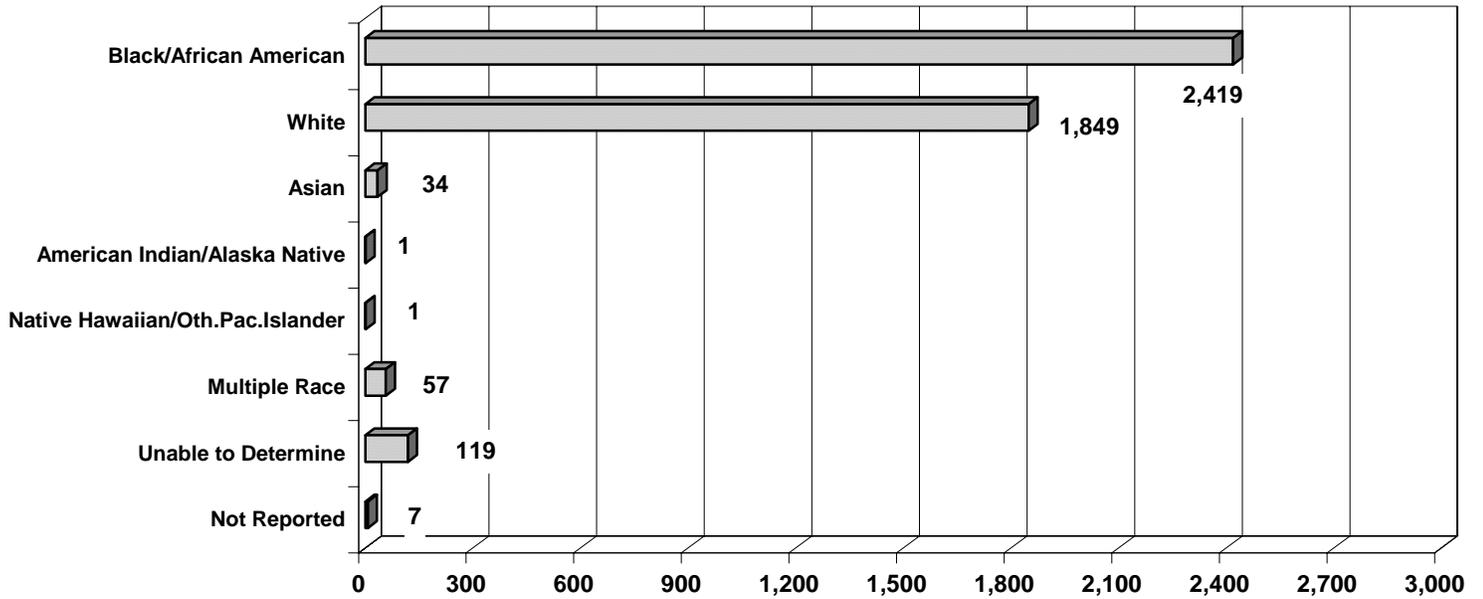


### Gender of Victims

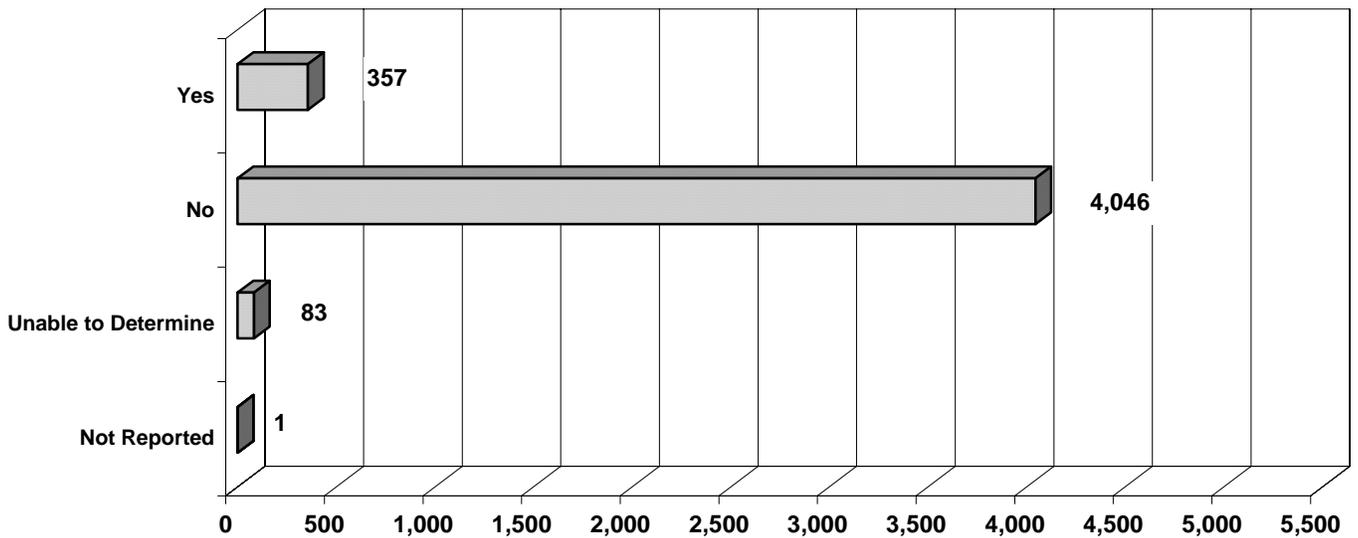


# PHYSICAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

## Race of Victims



## Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

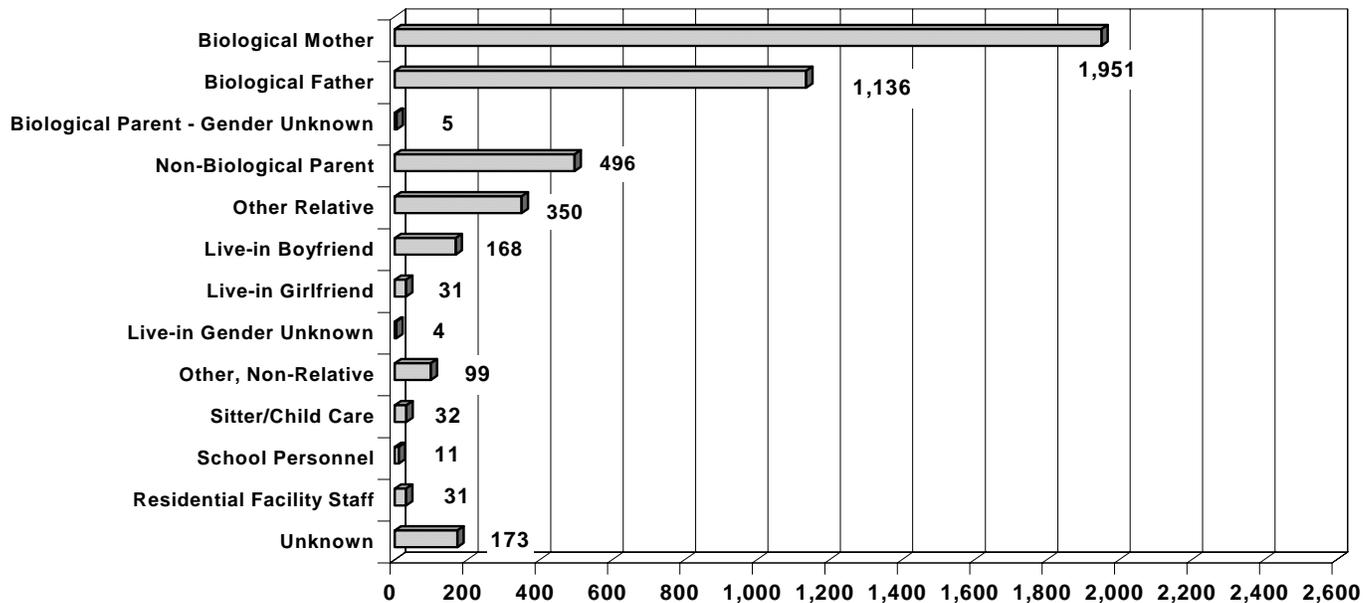


## PHYSICAL ABUSE – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2005 there were 4,487 substantiated incidents of physical abuse. The biological mother was the perpetrator in forty-three percent of the incidents. The biological father was the perpetrator in twenty-five percent of the incidents.

The following chart shows the perpetrator's relationship to the child at the time the physical abuse occurred. A perpetrator who was involved in more than one incident of physical abuse is counted more than once.

**Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim**



**Substantiated Physical Abuse – Characteristics of Perpetrators**

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	851	1,513	2,364
White	931	871	1,802
Asian	16	13	29
American Indian/Alaska Native	3	3	6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1	8	9
Multiple Race	2	2	4
Unable to Determine	52	41	93
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,856</b>	<b>2,451</b>	<b>4,307</b>
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	120	131	251

\* 180 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

# SEXUAL ABUSE

Sexual abuse is a form of child maltreatment in which contacts or interactions (such as fondling, sodomy, penetration) occur between a child under 18 and the parent or caretaker, during which the child is being used for the sexual stimulation of that adult or another person.

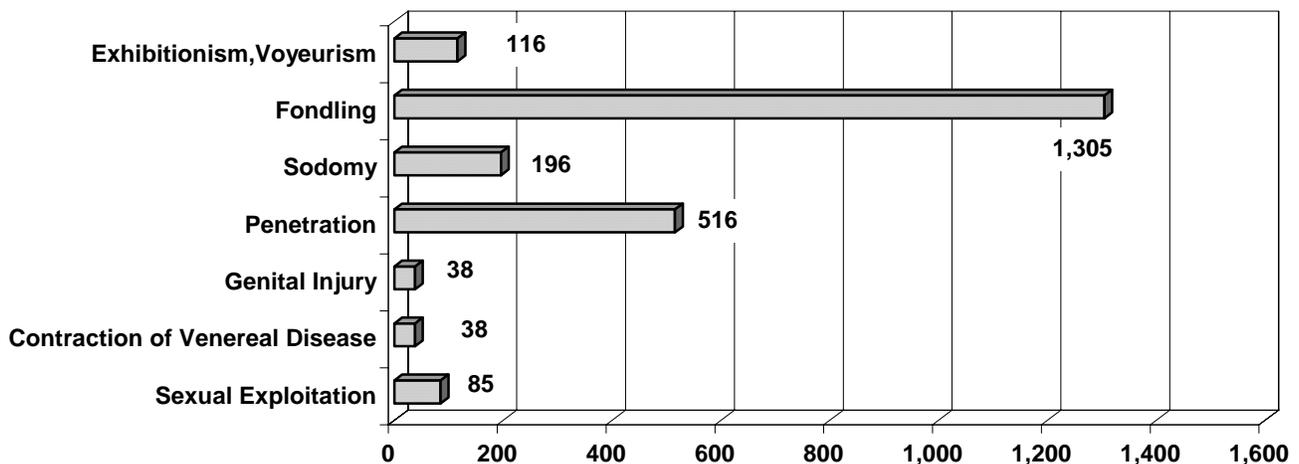
Sexual abuse may also be committed by a person under the age of 18 when that person is either significantly older than the victim or when the abuser is in a position of power or control over another child. When someone outside the child's family abuses a child, CPS must evaluate whether the parents permitted this to happen or neglected to supervise the child adequately.

Sexual exploitation is a form of maltreatment in which a child's parent or caretaker allows, permits, encourages or requires a child under the age of 18 to engage in sexual acts for the stimulation and/or gratification of adults or in prostitution as defined in the Official Code of Georgia Annotated (OCGA, Section 16-6-9); allows, permits, encourages or requires such child to engage in sexually explicit conduct for the purposes of producing any visual or print medium (OCGA, Section 16-1-100).

In 2005, 5,537 incidents of sexual abuse were reported and 1,957 incidents substantiated. Fondling is the most often substantiated form of sexual abuse.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	1,957
Unsubstantiated	3,580
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,537</b>

## Substantiated Sexual Abuse Categories\*

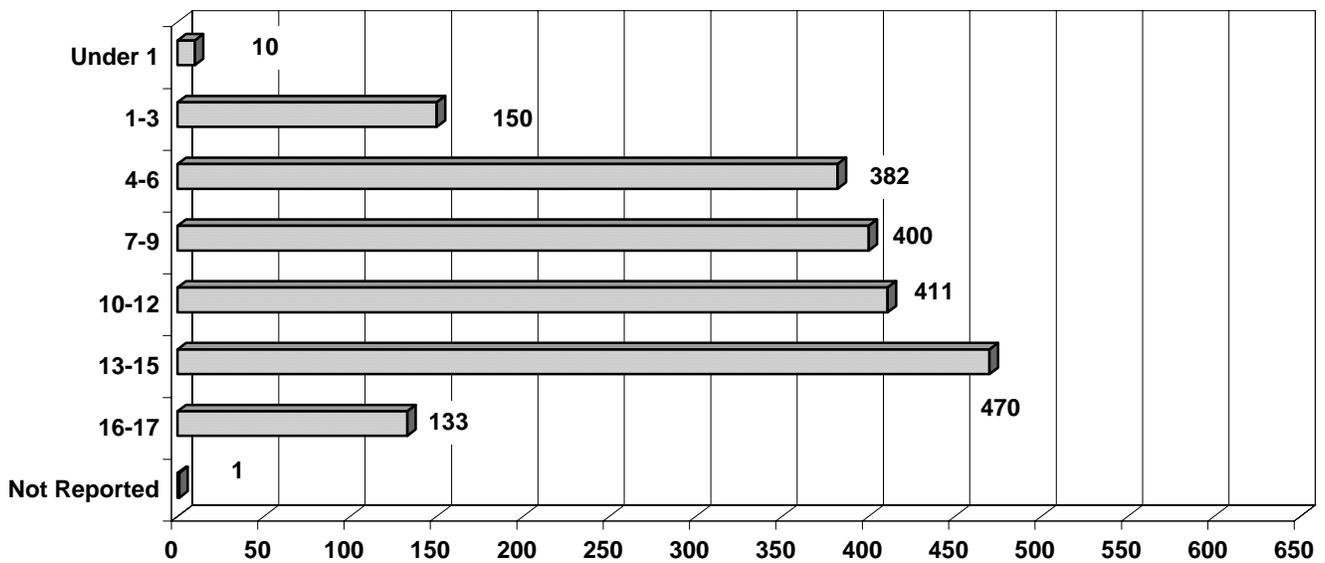


\* The total of all categories of abuse will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of sexual abuse.

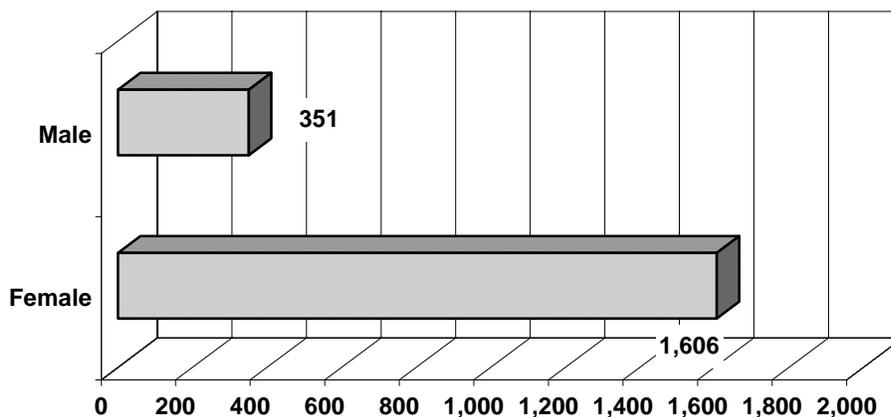
# SEXUAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify characteristics of children who were victims of sexual abuse. In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of sexual abuse: Ages 4-6 (20%), Ages 7-9 (20%), Ages 10-12 (21%) and Ages 13-15 (24%). More than half of all victims were White (55%) with African-American victims accounting for 40%. The ethnicity of 8% of the victims was Hispanic. For sexual abuse, 82% of the victims were Females while only 18% were Males.

## Age of Victims

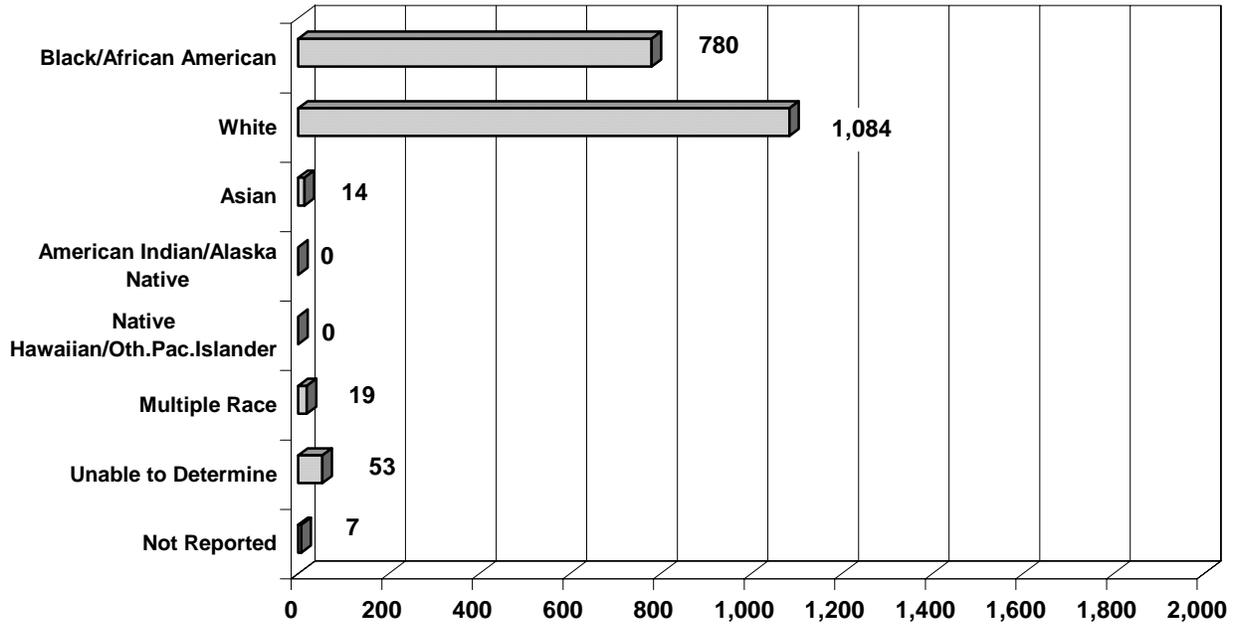


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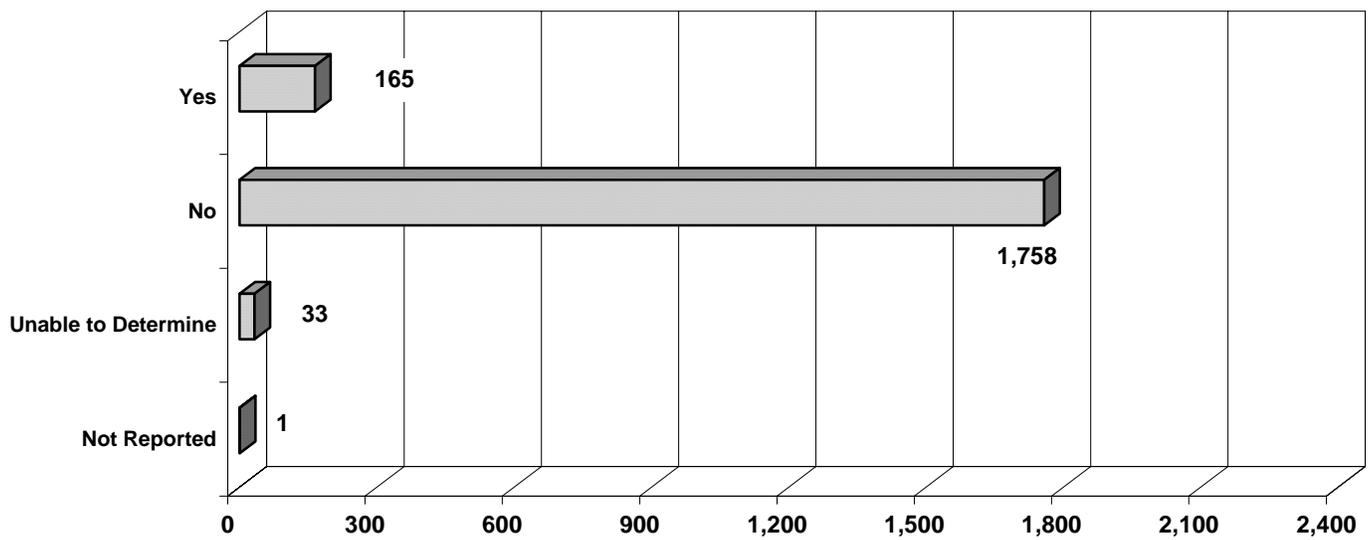


# SEXUAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

## Race of Victims

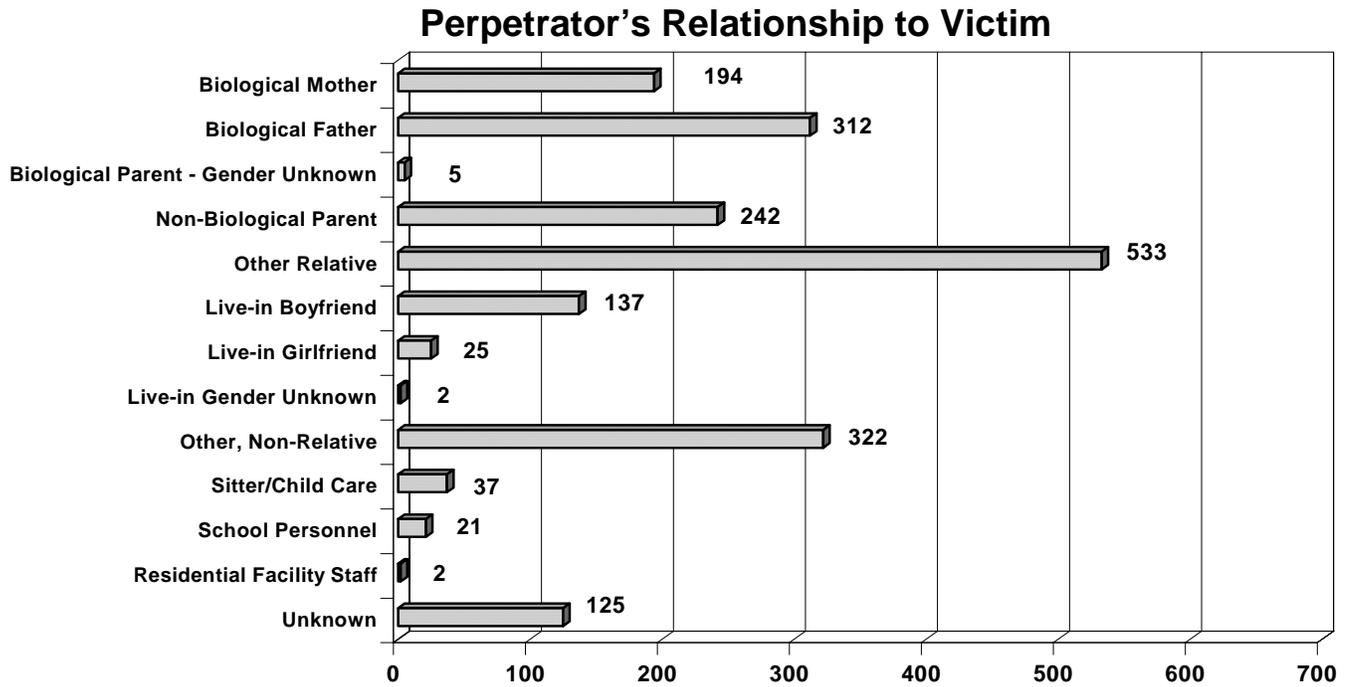


## Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims



# SEXUAL ABUSE – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2005, there were 1,957 substantiated incidents of sexual abuse. The three most prevalent perpetrators were: Other Relative (27%), Other Non-Relative (16%), and Biological Father (16%). The following chart shows the perpetrator's relationship to the child at the time the sexual abuse occurred. A perpetrator who was involved in more than one incident of sexual abuse is counted more than once.



<b>Substantiated Sexual Abuse – Characteristics of Perpetrator</b>			
	<b>Gender Male</b>	<b>Gender Female</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Black/African American</b>	551	178	<b>729</b>
<b>White</b>	850	181	<b>1,031</b>
<b>Asian</b>	7	5	<b>12</b>
<b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	4	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander</b>	0	1	<b>1</b>
<b>Multiple Race</b>	1	1	<b>2</b>
<b>Unable to Determine</b>	45	6	<b>51</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,458</b>	<b>372</b>	<b>1,830</b>
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	125	16	141

\* 127 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

# EMOTIONAL ABUSE

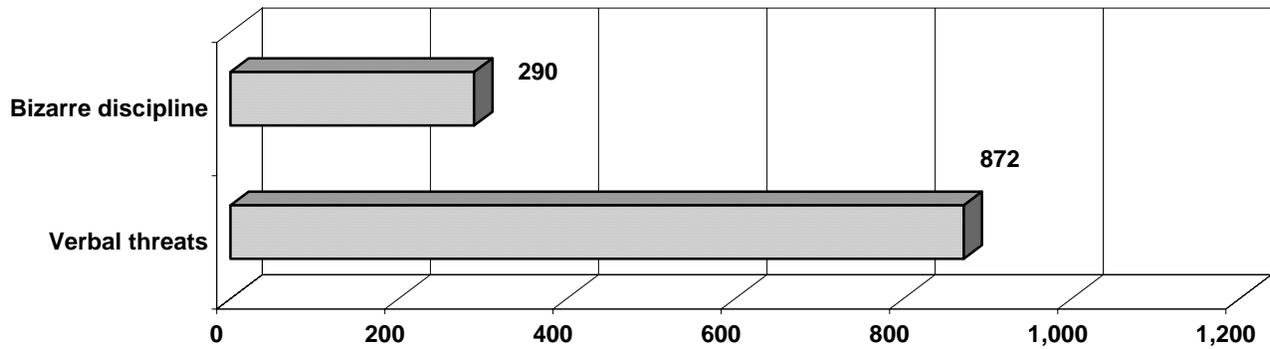
Psychological or emotional abuse is a form of maltreatment that results in impaired psychological growth and development. It frequently occurs as verbal abuse or excessive demands on a child's performance and may cause the child to have a negative self-image and disturbed behavior. It can occur with or without other forms of maltreatment. Emotional maltreatment is not recognized and defined by Georgia law as a form of child abuse.

Verbal threats/humiliation was the most commonly reported type of emotional abuse. Emotional Abuse is difficult to substantiate, as there are no physical indicators. In a substantiated emotional abuse case the parent has usually admitted to verbally abusing the child; the child was old enough to give a precise, detailed account of the abuse incidents; or there were others, such as family members or neighbors, who could substantiate the report.

In 2005, 3,268 incidents of emotional abuse were reported. Of these, 1,119 incidents were substantiated.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	1,119
Unsubstantiated	2,149
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,268</b>

## Substantiated Emotional Abuse Categories\*

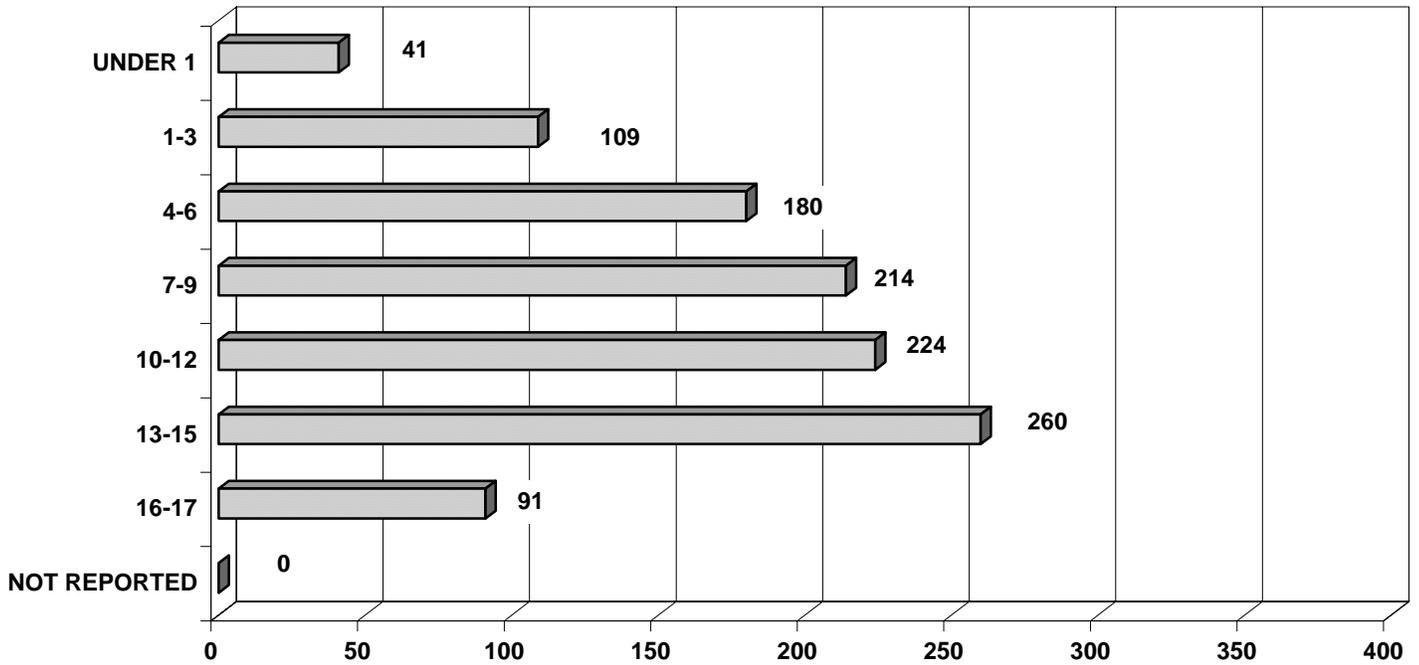


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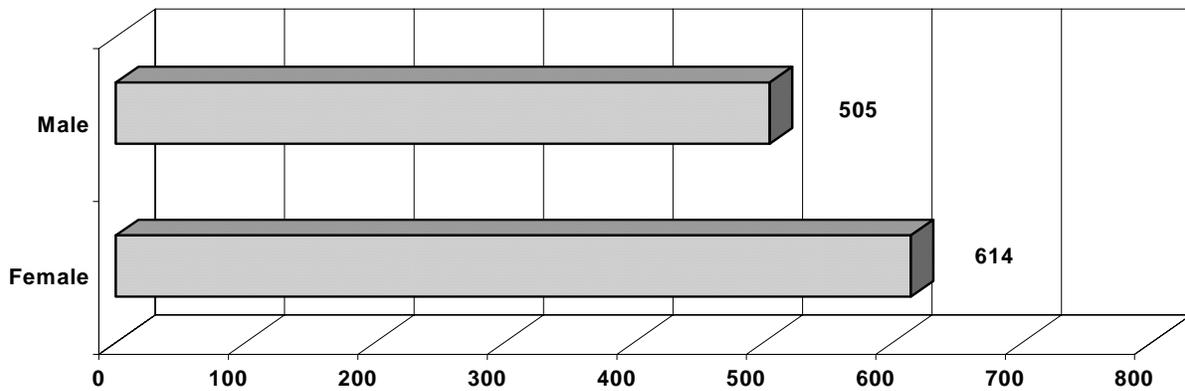
# EMOTIONAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of emotional abuse: Ages 4-6 (16%), Ages 7-9 (19%), Ages 10-12 (20%) and Ages 13-15 (23%). The majority of victims were White (64%). The ethnicity of 8% of the victims was Hispanic. For emotional abuse, 55% of the victims were Females while only 45% were Males.

### Age of Victims

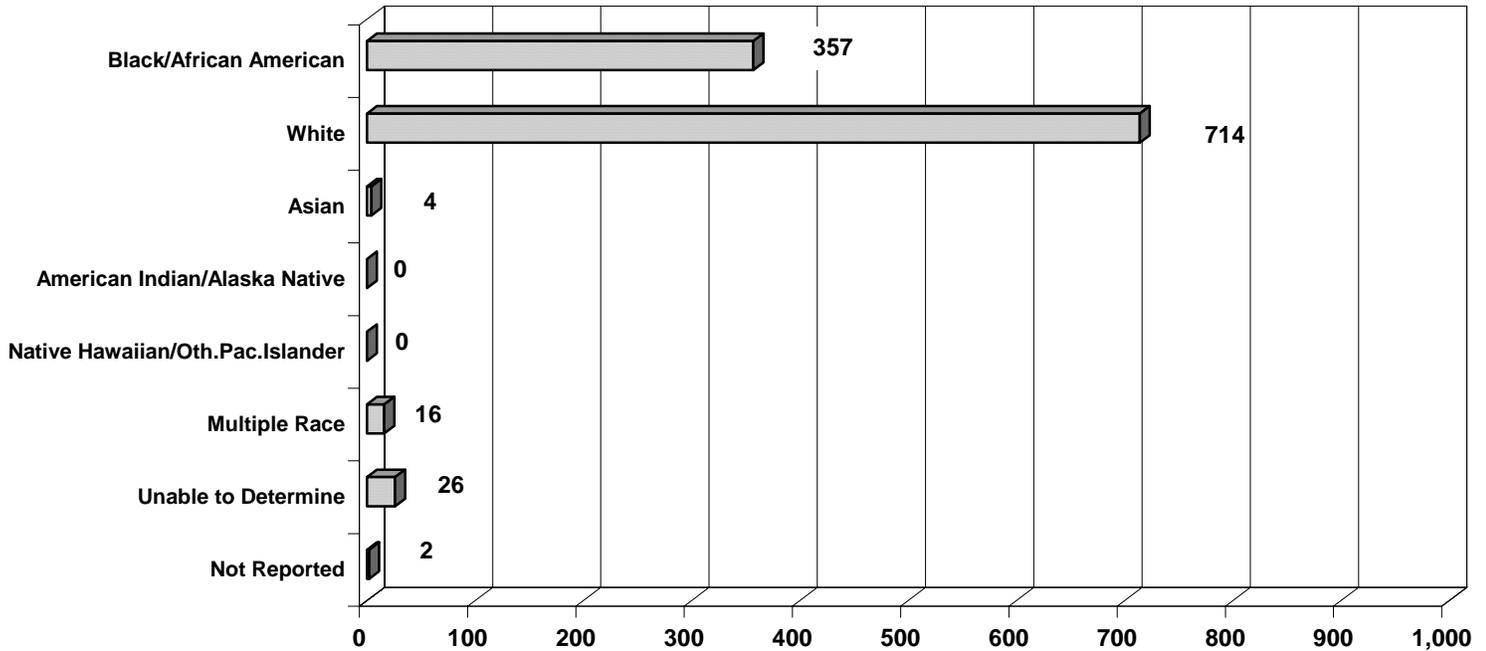


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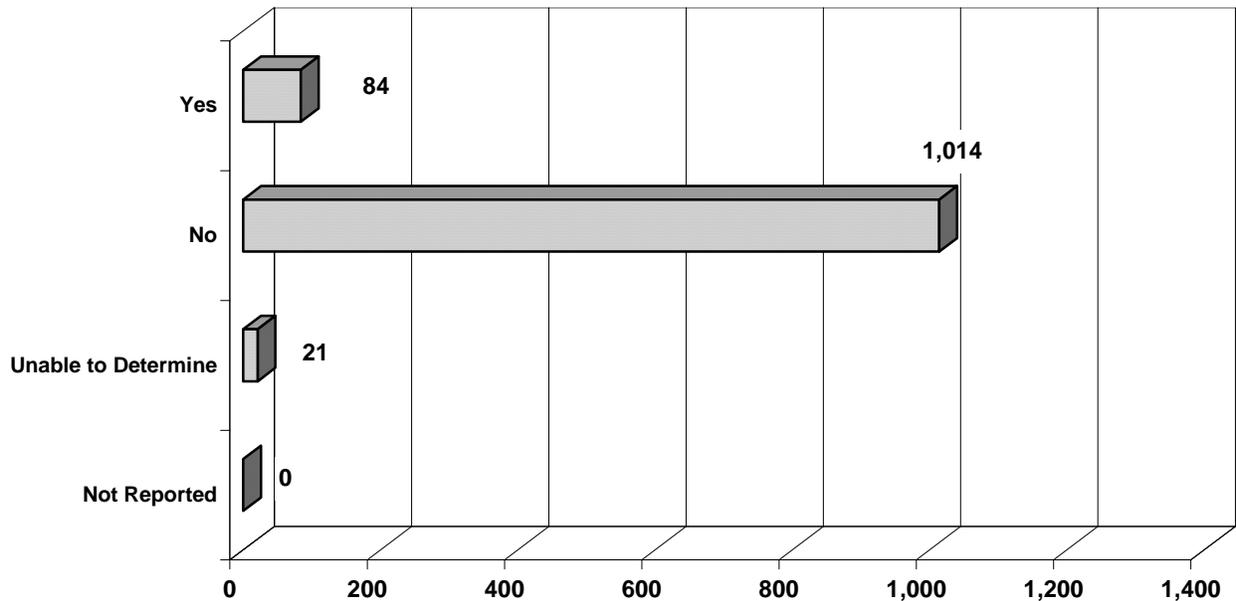


# EMOTIONAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

## Race of Victims



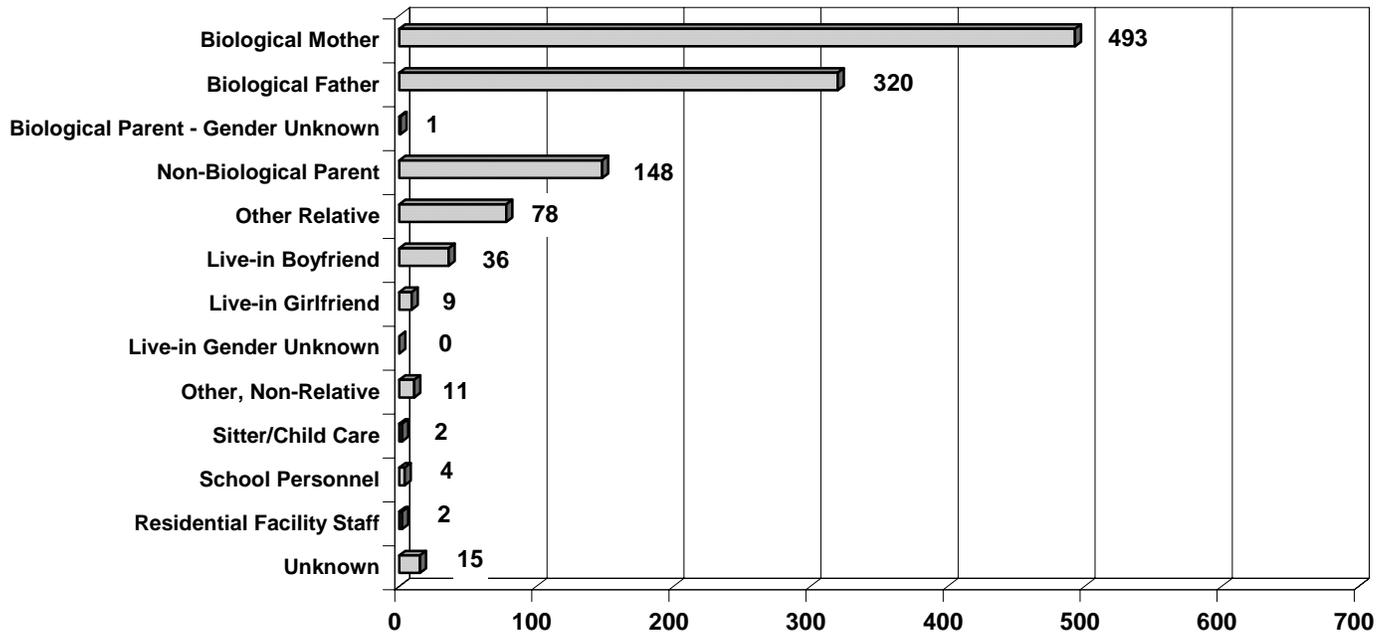
## Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims



# EMOTIONAL ABUSE – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2005, there were 1,119 substantiated incidents of emotional abuse. The following chart shows the perpetrator's relationship to the child at the time the emotional abuse occurred. A perpetrator who was involved in more than one incident of emotional abuse is counted more than once. The Biological Mother (44%) and the Biological Father (29%) were the perpetrators in 73% of the incidents.

**Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim**



**Substantiated Emotional Abuse – Characteristics of Perpetrators**

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	115	249	364
White	368	347	715
Asian	0	6	6
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	4	6
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	0	0	0
Multiple Race	1	0	1
Unable to Determine	5	7	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>1,104</b>
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	40	25	65

\* 15 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

# OTHER ABUSE

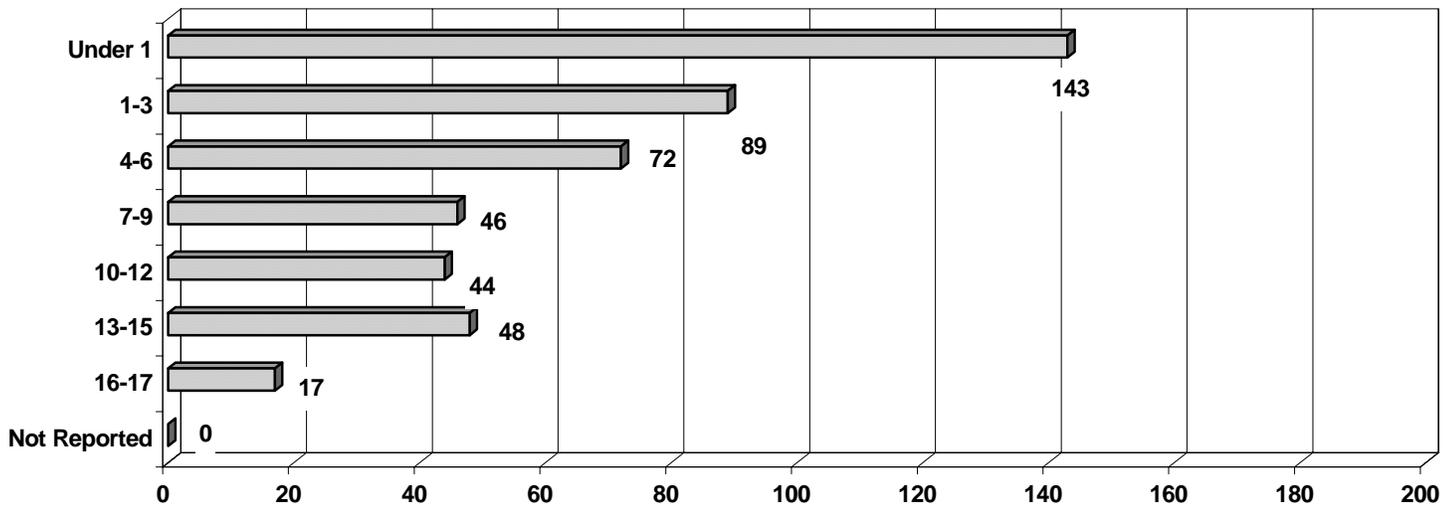
When a report is received that does not fit clearly in any other category, the report is classified as "other." In 2005, 1,707 incidents were reported under this category, and 459 incidents were substantiated.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	459
Unsubstantiated	1,248
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,707</b>

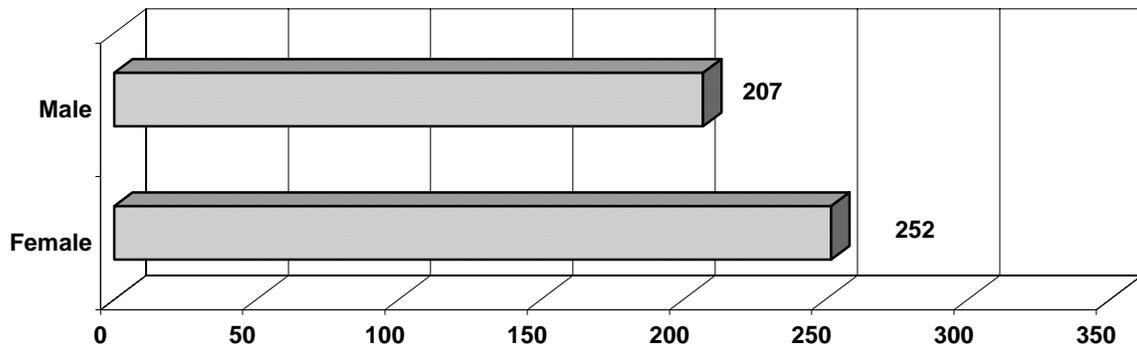
## OTHER ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

The following graphs identify the children who were victims of substantiated other maltreatment. The children most at risk of other maltreatment are between the ages of birth and three years old.

### Age of Victims

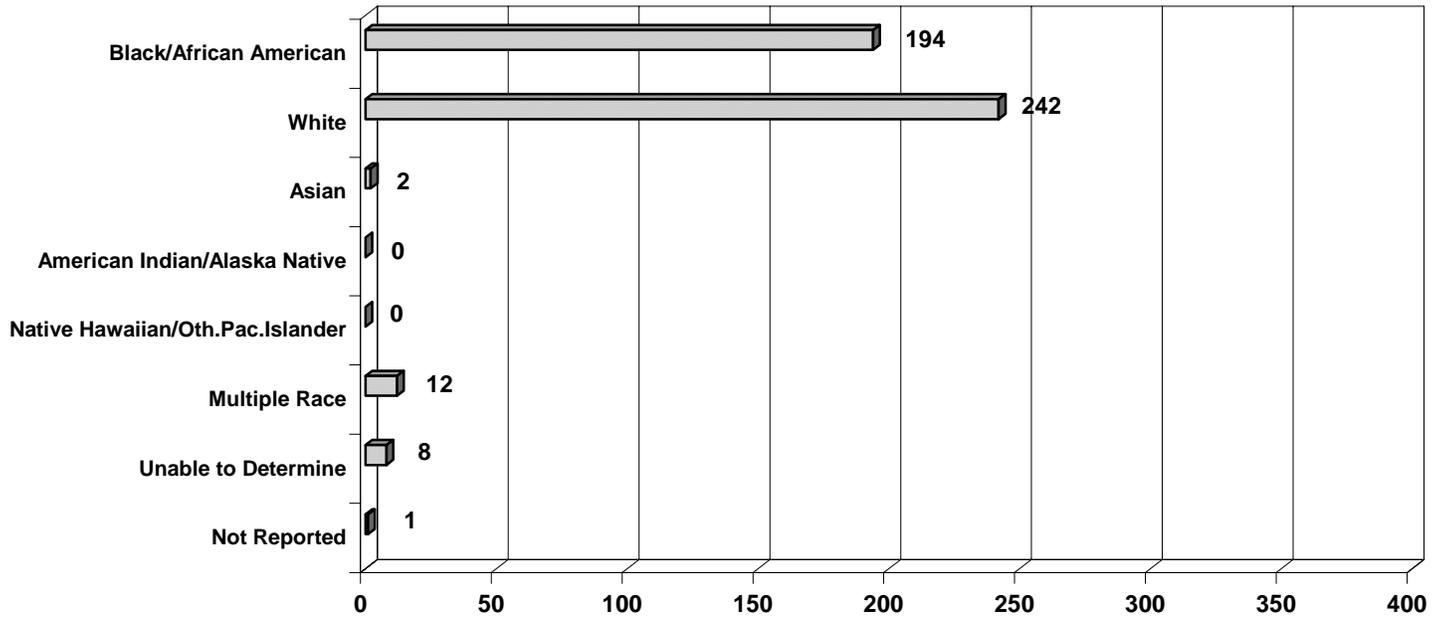


### Gender of Victims

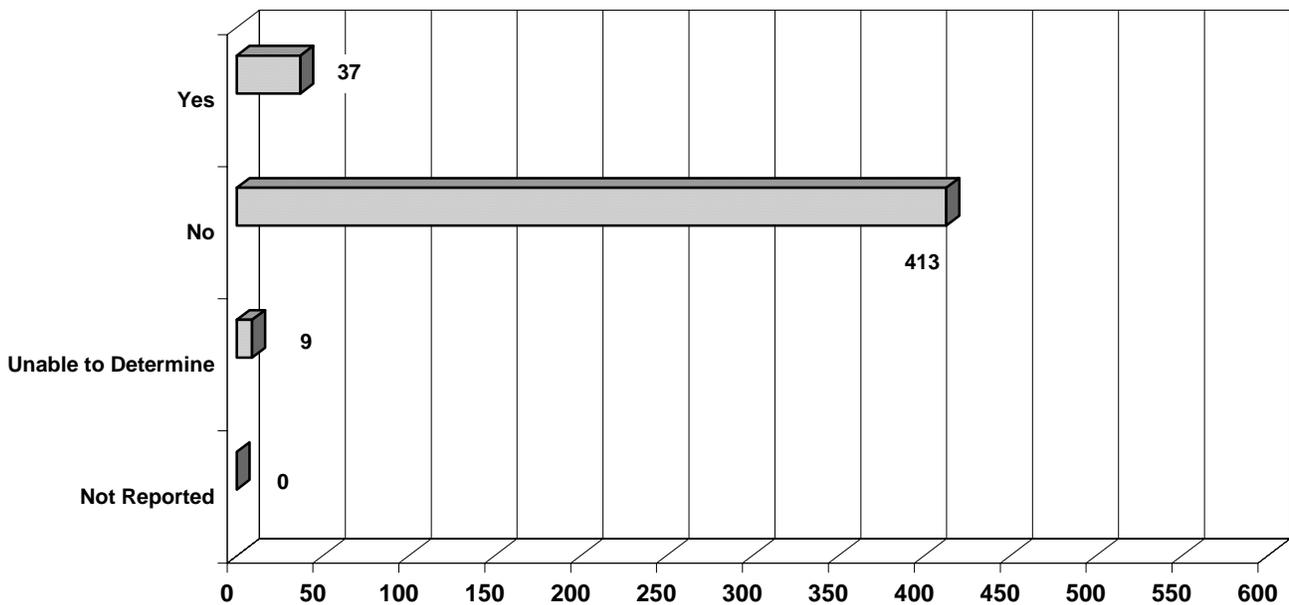


# OTHER ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

## Race of Victims



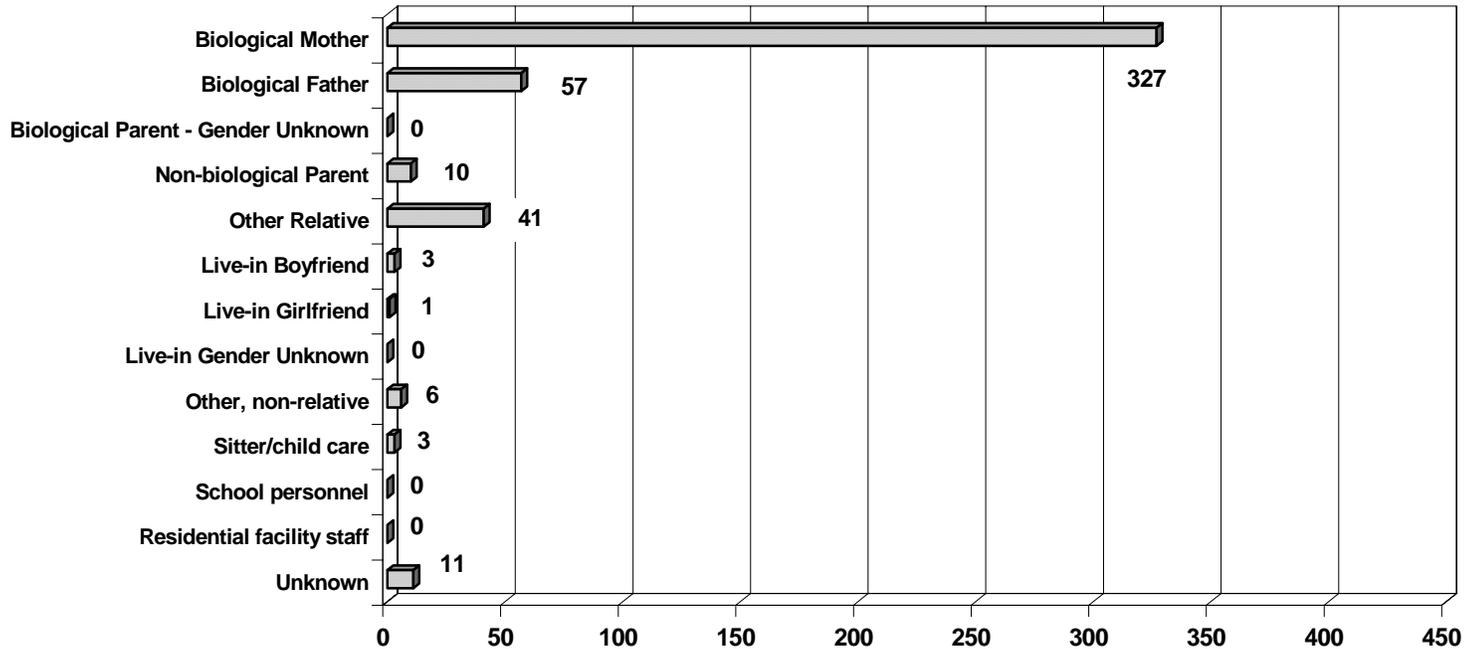
## Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims



## OTHER ABUSE – PERPETRATOR DATA

In 2005, there were 459 substantiated incidents of “other” maltreatment. The biological mother is the most frequently reported perpetrator. The chart shows the perpetrator’s relationship to the child when the incident of other maltreatment occurred.

### Perpetrator’s Relationship to Victim



### Substantiated Other Abuse – Characteristics of Perpetrators

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
<b>Black/African American</b>	24	157	181
<b>White</b>	52	203	255
<b>Asian</b>	0	1	1
<b>American Indian/Alaska Native</b>	1	0	1
<b>Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander</b>	0	0	0
<b>Multiple Race</b>	0	2	2
<b>Unable to Determine</b>	4	4	8
<b>Total</b>	81	367	448
<i>Perpetrator Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	7	13	20

\* 11 incidents did not have perpetrator race/gender reported.

**PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA SYSTEM**

**TABLES**

**2005 COUNTY DATA**

**January 2005 – December 2005**

**Table 1: Child Abuse and Neglect Annual Report  
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	TOTAL REPORTS	Screened-Out Reports		Diversions		Reports Accepted for Service (Investigations)		Investigations by Disposition							
								Substantiated				Unsubstantiated			
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Open	Closed	Total	% Inv.	Open	Closed	Total	% Inv.
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>98,896</b>	<b>15,686</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>15,951</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>67,259</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>15,476</b>	<b>11,170</b>	<b>26,646</b>	<b>40%</b>	<b>1,296</b>	<b>39,317</b>	<b>40,613</b>	<b>60%</b>
Appling	355	47	13%	27	8%	281	79%	115	39	154	55%	2	125	127	45%
Atkinson	108	16	15%	3	3%	89	82%	23	13	36	40%	0	53	53	60%
Bacon	121	18	15%	1	1%	102	84%	21	7	28	27%	0	74	74	73%
Baker	69	10	14%	15	22%	44	64%	12	5	17	39%	3	24	27	61%
Baldwin	708	147	21%	37	5%	524	74%	187	80	267	51%	27	230	257	49%
Banks	315	64	20%	103	33%	148	47%	34	11	45	30%	1	102	103	70%
Barrow	1,396	494	35%	231	17%	671	48%	150	149	299	45%	10	362	372	55%
Bartow	845	98	12%	65	8%	682	81%	248	81	329	48%	14	339	353	52%
Ben Hill	436	56	13%	27	6%	353	81%	81	60	141	40%	6	206	212	60%
Berrien	289	37	13%	45	16%	207	72%	61	33	94	45%	2	111	113	55%
Bibb	2,732	236	9%	522	19%	1,974	72%	469	151	620	31%	179	1,175	1,354	69%
Bleckley	158	21	13%	17	11%	120	76%	41	17	58	48%	0	62	62	52%
Brantley	408	36	9%	34	8%	338	83%	74	84	158	47%	8	172	180	53%
Brooks	174	11	6%	33	19%	130	75%	49	18	67	52%	0	63	63	48%
Bryan	282	29	10%	53	19%	200	71%	36	33	69	35%	2	129	131	66%
Bulloch	340	20	6%	80	24%	240	71%	76	22	98	41%	1	141	142	59%
Burke	305	26	9%	50	16%	229	75%	43	19	62	27%	1	166	167	73%
Butts	336	47	14%	49	15%	240	71%	62	42	104	43%	2	134	136	57%
Calhoun	93	15	16%	11	12%	67	72%	22	7	29	43%	2	36	38	57%
Camden	532	111	21%	76	14%	345	65%	31	64	95	28%	2	248	250	72%
Candler	145	23	16%	30	21%	92	63%	22	12	34	37%	5	53	58	63%
Carroll	1,137	171	15%	162	14%	804	71%	233	171	404	50%	12	388	400	50%
Catoosa	1,228	296	24%	156	13%	776	63%	113	131	244	31%	22	510	532	69%
Charlton	184	21	11%	11	6%	152	83%	25	40	65	43%	5	82	87	57%
Chatham	1,546	53	3%	359	23%	1,134	73%	182	237	419	37%	11	704	715	63%
Chattahoochee	73	3	4%	3	4%	67	92%	12	13	25	37%	0	42	42	63%
Chattooga	603	192	32%	62	10%	349	58%	84	81	165	47%	7	177	184	53%
Cherokee	2,202	716	33%	277	13%	1,209	55%	287	195	482	40%	40	687	727	60%
Clarke	973	119	12%	136	14%	718	74%	105	153	258	36%	1	459	460	64%
Clay	22	1	5%	2	9%	19	86%	7	2	9	47%	0	10	10	53%
Clayton	2,180	423	19%	491	23%	1,266	58%	410	140	550	43%	17	699	716	57%
Clinch	91	13	14%	5	5%	73	80%	10	19	29	40%	4	40	44	60%
Cobb	4,349	558	13%	1,664	38%	2,127	49%	506	494	1,000	47%	47	1,080	1,127	53%
Coffee	632	75	12%	61	10%	496	78%	114	109	223	45%	2	271	273	55%
Colquitt	674	85	13%	25	4%	564	84%	168	98	266	47%	15	283	298	53%
Columbia	903	163	18%	210	23%	530	59%	102	71	173	33%	2	355	357	67%
Cook	334	41	12%	19	6%	274	82%	75	38	113	41%	3	158	161	59%
Coweta	658	37	6%	93	14%	528	80%	131	80	211	40%	8	309	317	60%
Crawford	179	26	15%	27	15%	126	70%	55	7	62	49%	8	56	64	51%

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Crisp	380	27	7%	22	6%	331	87%	83	43	126	38%	11	194	205	62%
Dade	230	73	32%	25	11%	132	57%	31	24	55	42%	3	74	77	58%
Dawson	443	107	24%	194	44%	142	32%	31	32	63	44%	0	79	79	56%
Decatur	537	101	19%	62	12%	374	70%	72	47	119	32%	31	224	255	68%
Dekalb	3,573	537	15%	365	10%	2,671	75%	355	711	1,066	40%	33	1,572	1,605	60%
Dodge	455	133	29%	36	8%	286	63%	97	14	111	39%	10	165	175	61%
Dooly	144	17	12%	27	19%	100	69%	25	16	41	41%	1	58	59	59%
Dougherty	1,285	260	20%	153	12%	872	68%	202	114	316	36%	4	552	556	64%
Douglas	1,534	447	29%	330	22%	757	49%	151	117	268	35%	24	465	489	65%
Early	166	28	17%	33	20%	105	63%	19	19	38	36%	6	61	67	64%
Echols	106	12	11%	31	29%	63	59%	11	14	25	40%	4	34	38	60%
Effingham	391	28	7%	49	13%	314	80%	46	45	91	29%	0	223	223	71%
Elbert	266	59	22%	51	19%	156	59%	19	17	36	23%	2	118	120	77%
Emanuel	377	71	19%	128	34%	178	47%	31	27	58	33%	1	119	120	67%
Evans	207	54	26%	15	7%	138	67%	46	14	60	43%	1	77	78	57%
Fannin	410	109	27%	41	10%	260	63%	79	44	123	47%	6	131	137	53%
Fayette	560	92	16%	35	6%	433	77%	133	74	207	48%	2	224	226	52%
Floyd	2,091	581	28%	263	13%	1,247	60%	218	228	446	36%	22	779	801	64%
Forsyth	1,130	174	15%	285	25%	671	59%	83	116	199	30%	6	466	472	70%
Franklin	342	62	18%	68	20%	212	62%	56	30	86	41%	1	125	126	59%
Fulton	6,063	755	12%	762	13%	4,546	75%	1,298	924	2,222	49%	94	2,230	2,324	51%
Gilmer	487	120	25%	36	7%	331	68%	80	41	121	37%	2	208	210	63%
Glascocock	60	12	20%	11	18%	37	62%	17	2	19	51%	0	18	18	49%
Glynn	826	86	10%	66	8%	674	82%	64	130	194	29%	4	476	480	71%
Gordon	838	155	18%	117	14%	566	68%	136	82	218	39%	3	345	348	61%
Grady	291	43	15%	51	18%	197	68%	39	37	76	39%	5	116	121	61%
Greene	154	16	10%	53	34%	85	55%	22	8	30	35%	3	52	55	65%
Gwinnett	4,243	502	12%	669	16%	3,072	72%	566	382	948	31%	41	2,083	2,124	69%
Habersham	644	70	11%	114	18%	460	71%	55	38	93	20%	1	366	367	80%
Hall	2,117	254	12%	670	32%	1,193	56%	295	205	500	42%	4	689	693	58%
Hancock	102	11	11%	25	25%	66	65%	29	15	44	67%	0	22	22	33%
Haralson	596	168	28%	24	4%	404	68%	99	22	121	30%	7	276	283	70%
Harris	225	30	13%	23	10%	172	76%	65	26	91	53%	7	74	81	47%
Hart	349	44	13%	21	6%	284	81%	107	41	148	52%	8	128	136	48%
Heard	328	61	19%	92	28%	175	53%	50	17	67	38%	1	107	108	62%
Henry	2,150	118	5%	316	15%	1,716	80%	347	265	612	36%	24	1,080	1,104	64%
Houston	1,022	99	10%	160	16%	763	75%	176	214	390	51%	13	360	373	49%
Irwin	202	27	13%	21	10%	154	76%	33	20	53	34%	8	93	101	66%
Jackson	607	106	17%	125	21%	376	62%	94	43	137	36%	6	233	239	64%
Jasper	134	16	12%	24	18%	94	70%	18	11	29	31%	0	65	65	69%

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Jeff Davis	313	60	19%	52	17%	201	64%	54	18	72	36%	0	129	129	64%
Jefferson	262	59	23%	72	27%	131	50%	46	12	58	44%	5	68	73	56%
Jenkins	158	10	6%	41	26%	107	68%	46	12	58	54%	0	49	49	46%
Johnson	135	38	28%	26	19%	71	53%	23	8	31	44%	1	39	40	56%
Jones	324	39	12%	18	6%	267	82%	86	36	122	46%	10	135	145	54%
Lamar	248	67	27%	20	8%	161	65%	58	28	86	53%	1	74	75	47%
Lanier	170	14	8%	6	4%	150	88%	32	41	73	49%	4	73	77	51%
Laurens	596	46	8%	95	16%	455	76%	129	56	185	41%	20	250	270	59%
Lee	284	62	22%	19	7%	203	71%	42	16	58	29%	1	144	145	71%
Liberty	963	135	14%	84	9%	744	77%	115	185	300	40%	16	428	444	60%
Lincoln	122	15	12%	29	24%	78	64%	20	11	31	40%	1	46	47	60%
Long	147	18	12%	29	20%	100	68%	15	13	28	28%	0	72	72	72%
Lowndes	1,097	60	5%	228	21%	809	74%	246	148	394	49%	34	381	415	51%
Lumpkin	445	75	17%	121	27%	249	56%	76	36	112	45%	19	118	137	55%
Macon	262	54	21%	45	17%	163	62%	40	19	59	36%	6	98	104	64%
Madison	407	52	13%	66	16%	289	71%	75	39	114	39%	2	173	175	61%
Marion	89	10	11%	4	4%	75	84%	12	18	30	40%	1	44	45	60%
McDuffie	377	46	12%	55	15%	276	73%	87	30	117	42%	2	157	159	58%
McIntosh	197	11	6%	9	5%	177	90%	23	44	67	38%	1	109	110	62%
Meriwether	335	76	23%	61	18%	198	59%	54	28	82	41%	4	112	116	59%
Miller	108	16	15%	22	20%	70	65%	14	11	25	36%	0	45	45	64%
Mitchell	279	39	14%	17	6%	223	80%	70	37	107	48%	3	113	116	52%
Monroe	411	49	12%	36	9%	326	79%	82	34	116	36%	1	209	210	64%
Montgomery	145	25	17%	15	10%	105	72%	26	21	47	45%	0	58	58	55%
Morgan	249	24	10%	55	22%	170	68%	39	21	60	35%	3	107	110	65%
Murray	766	136	18%	71	9%	559	73%	95	107	202	36%	10	347	357	64%
Muscogee	1,627	195	12%	201	12%	1,231	76%	139	307	446	36%	5	780	785	64%
Newton	1,094	181	17%	256	23%	657	60%	105	110	215	33%	7	435	442	67%
Oconee	291	37	13%	71	24%	183	63%	53	10	63	34%	2	118	120	66%
Oglethorpe	188	51	27%	66	35%	71	38%	11	5	16	23%	2	53	55	77%
Paulding	1,558	311	20%	231	15%	1,016	65%	157	230	387	38%	21	608	629	62%
Peach	211	19	9%	7	3%	185	88%	49	29	78	42%	5	102	107	58%
Pickens	522	97	19%	45	9%	380	73%	54	58	112	29%	12	256	268	71%
Pierce	295	67	23%	34	12%	194	66%	38	18	56	29%	3	135	138	71%
Pike	203	55	27%	38	19%	110	54%	21	30	51	46%	0	59	59	54%
Polk	715	50	7%	42	6%	623	87%	242	67	309	50%	13	301	314	50%
Pulaski	151	20	13%	19	13%	112	74%	36	9	45	40%	2	65	67	60%
Putnam	289	41	14%	43	15%	205	71%	54	33	87	42%	4	114	118	58%
Quitman	28	4	14%	2	7%	22	79%	10	4	14	64%	0	8	8	36%
Rabun	373	18	5%	37	10%	318	85%	92	70	162	51%	1	155	156	49%

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Reports by County  
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	TOTAL REPORTS	Screened-Out Reports		Diversions		Reports Accepted for Service (Investigations)		Investigations by Disposition							
						Substantiated				Unsubstantiated					
		Number	%	Number	%	Number	%	Open	Closed	Total	% Inv.	Open	Closed	Total	% Inv.
Randolph	86	5	6%	22	26%	59	69%	20	8	28	47%	0	31	31	53%
Richmond	2,620	289	11%	402	15%	1,929	74%	377	333	710	37%	22	1,197	1,219	63%
Rockdale	873	165	19%	182	21%	526	60%	138	60	198	38%	4	324	328	62%
Schley	73	13	18%	9	12%	51	70%	9	5	14	27%	2	35	37	73%
Screven	185	14	8%	5	3%	166	90%	41	16	57	34%	3	106	109	66%
Seminole	129	19	15%	20	16%	90	70%	24	23	47	52%	4	39	43	48%
Spalding	1,232	215	17%	227	18%	790	64%	259	155	414	52%	8	368	376	48%
Stephens	663	105	16%	154	23%	404	61%	143	56	199	49%	3	202	205	51%
Stewart	63	15	24%	6	10%	42	67%	9	5	14	33%	0	28	28	67%
Sumter	327	24	7%	1	0%	302	92%	75	30	105	35%	3	194	197	65%
Talbot	41	2	5%	2	5%	37	90%	5	3	8	22%	2	27	29	78%
Taliaferro	26	3	12%	5	19%	18	69%	8	1	9	50%	1	8	9	50%
Tattnall	371	77	21%	37	10%	257	69%	103	40	143	56%	1	113	114	44%
Taylor	84	14	17%	1	1%	69	82%	22	12	34	49%	2	33	35	51%
Telfair	211	26	12%	39	18%	146	69%	36	12	48	33%	2	96	98	67%
Terrell	191	38	20%	29	15%	124	65%	34	17	51	41%	0	73	73	59%
Thomas	420	16	4%	19	5%	385	92%	52	52	104	27%	5	276	281	73%
Tift	647	69	11%	25	4%	553	85%	178	83	261	47%	11	281	292	53%
Toombs	608	83	14%	116	19%	409	67%	90	33	123	30%	2	284	286	70%
Towns	138	17	12%	38	28%	83	60%	19	8	27	33%	0	56	56	67%
Treutlen	94	15	16%	10	11%	69	73%	21	4	25	36%	4	40	44	64%
Troup	995	80	8%	113	11%	802	81%	199	143	342	43%	13	447	460	57%
Turner	163	20	12%	21	13%	122	75%	35	15	50	41%	5	67	72	59%
Twiggs	107	22	21%	13	12%	72	67%	18	11	29	40%	0	43	43	60%
Union	302	47	16%	43	14%	212	70%	42	23	65	31%	8	139	147	69%
Upton	561	90	16%	211	38%	260	46%	67	39	106	41%	8	146	154	59%
Walker	1,081	255	24%	122	11%	704	65%	185	104	289	41%	36	379	415	59%
Walton	1,112	278	25%	195	18%	639	57%	109	52	161	25%	11	467	478	75%
Ware	692	120	17%	60	9%	512	74%	91	104	195	38%	6	311	317	62%
Warren	115	23	20%	27	23%	65	57%	22	13	35	54%	2	28	30	46%
Washington	369	94	25%	88	24%	187	51%	45	41	86	46%	0	101	101	54%
Wayne	442	47	11%	102	23%	293	66%	62	40	102	35%	3	188	191	65%
Webster	19	10	53%	3	16%	6	32%	1	1	2	33%	0	4	4	67%
Wheeler	131	30	23%	24	18%	77	59%	18	8	26	34%	1	50	51	66%
White	557	81	15%	124	22%	352	63%	112	44	156	44%	0	196	196	56%
Whitfield	1,788	526	29%	91	5%	1,171	65%	159	180	339	29%	29	803	832	71%
Wilcox	136	39	29%	22	16%	75	55%	20	9	29	39%	0	46	46	61%
Wilkes	133	9	7%	25	19%	99	74%	28	14	42	42%	1	56	57	58%
Wilkinson	112	16	14%	30	27%	66	59%	19	7	26	39%	0	40	40	61%
Worth	385	73	19%	35	9%	277	72%	61	62	123	44%	2	152	154	56%

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	Population Under 18 Years of Age	Substantiated Child Maltreatment Victims*		Substantiated Incidents of Maltreatment					
		Victims	Rate Per 1,000 Children	Neglect	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Other	Total
<b>STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>2,332,567</b>	<b>44,450</b>	<b>19.1</b>	<b>38,409</b>	<b>4,487</b>	<b>1,957</b>	<b>1,119</b>	<b>459</b>	<b>46,431</b>
Appling	4,704	234	49.7	205	16	15	19	1	256
Atkinson	2,511	74	29.5	62	7	6	0	0	75
Bacon	2,638	46	17.4	43	2	1	2	0	48
Baker	1,089	27	24.8	24	1	2	0	1	28
Baldwin	9,370	465	49.6	417	43	10	1	9	480
Banks	3,987	79	19.8	65	5	3	9	1	83
Barrow	15,654	501	32.0	461	28	18	3	8	518
Bartow	24,117	581	24.1	517	37	26	11	19	610
Ben Hill	4,774	263	55.1	232	18	11	9	0	270
Berrien	4,364	161	36.9	139	14	9	4	0	166
Bibb	42,122	1,141	27.1	1,003	87	72	36	2	1,200
Bleckley	3,135	98	31.3	94	5	5	5	0	109
Brantley	4,002	302	75.5	297	2	3	9	0	311
Brooks	4,199	125	29.8	120	8	5	2	0	135
Bryan	7,691	115	15.0	100	14	3	2	0	119
Bulloch	12,761	170	13.3	146	20	5	2	0	173
Burke	7,118	126	17.7	117	7	4	0	0	128
Butts	5,305	172	32.4	152	14	7	1	1	175
Calhoun	1,416	57	40.3	51	3	4	0	0	58
Camden	14,378	141	9.8	115	22	9	0	0	146
Candler	2,793	48	17.2	38	4	3	3	0	48
Carroll	25,959	700	27.0	619	80	20	12	2	733
Catoosa	14,916	389	26.1	365	26	7	6	0	404
Charlton	2,704	126	46.6	122	6	2	0	0	130
Chatham	60,544	638	10.5	516	104	25	26	10	681
Chattahoochee	4,715	57	12.1	52	3	4	0	0	59
Chattooga	6,044	293	48.5	280	11	4	15	0	310
Cherokee	48,248	874	18.1	805	58	30	38	1	932
Clarke	19,047	420	22.1	372	50	13	5	0	440
Clay	801	18	22.5	17	1	0	2	0	20
Clayton	79,805	882	11.1	744	101	56	40	1	942
Clinch	1,948	47	24.1	42	5	0	0	1	48
Cobb	171,909	1,555	9.0	1,238	274	61	23	5	1,601
Coffee	11,032	337	30.5	293	36	13	6	0	348
Colquitt	11,826	490	41.4	452	18	35	2	5	512
Columbia	27,443	289	10.5	257	27	10	16	2	312
Cook	4,469	218	48.8	209	6	5	1	0	221
Coweta	29,154	372	12.8	335	16	15	4	12	382
Crawford	3,307	98	29.6	74	7	5	15	1	102

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Crisp	6,267	202	32.2	179	14	10	1	1	205
Dade	3,598	109	30.3	102	21	2	16	0	141
Dawson	4,578	97	21.2	81	7	9	0	0	97
Decatur	7,992	187	23.4	125	29	12	12	16	194
Dekalb	170,351	1,503	8.8	1,050	358	119	31	23	1,581
Dodge	4,966	166	33.4	145	13	6	4	0	168
Dooly	2,927	73	24.9	50	6	9	17	1	83
Dougherty	26,555	577	21.7	542	29	14	2	3	590
Douglas	29,423	459	15.6	423	37	10	8	1	479
Early	3,428	59	17.2	49	2	8	2	0	61
Echols	1,095	39	35.6	35	5	1	2	0	43
Effingham	12,298	152	12.4	129	10	15	1	3	158
Elbert	5,087	52	10.2	45	7	0	0	0	52
Emanuel	5,947	98	16.5	92	5	2	3	0	102
Evans	3,063	107	34.9	104	1	2	1	0	108
Fannin	4,450	236	53.0	215	10	3	13	1	242
Fayette	25,566	341	13.3	278	60	11	29	3	381
Floyd	23,297	689	29.6	584	65	48	8	2	707
Forsyth	36,464	341	9.4	299	21	23	3	6	352
Franklin	5,057	154	30.5	151	8	1	0	1	161
Fulton	206,588	3,490	16.9	2,960	455	152	53	52	3,672
Gilmer	6,347	181	28.5	157	10	17	7	1	192
Glascock	573	36	62.8	35	1	1	1	0	38
Glynn	17,762	304	17.1	267	35	9	1	4	316
Gordon	12,784	401	31.4	374	21	13	2	0	410
Grady	6,499	118	18.2	96	14	6	2	0	118
Greene	3,790	54	14.2	50	1	1	4	1	57
Gwinnett	196,411	1,558	7.9	1,275	220	55	60	22	1,632
Habersham	9,039	157	17.4	146	8	5	2	0	161
Hall	44,399	749	16.9	609	81	54	5	6	755
Hancock	2,241	87	38.8	82	2	3	0	0	87
Haralson	7,149	211	29.5	197	7	2	7	0	213
Harris	6,342	133	21.0	102	21	16	6	0	145
Hart	5,473	213	38.9	163	18	9	14	19	223
Heard	3,144	121	38.5	111	6	5	2	0	124
Henry	44,727	1,075	24.0	956	101	31	19	1	1,108
Houston	33,317	571	17.1	367	101	61	10	51	590
Irwin	2,711	86	31.7	74	5	4	9	1	93
Jackson	12,855	217	16.9	183	17	11	5	4	220
Jasper	3,381	52	15.4	43	6	0	0	5	54

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Jeff Davis	3,516	132	37.5	106	21	2	8	0	137
Jefferson	4,691	103	22.0	93	5	6	1	0	105
Jenkins	2,388	97	40.6	83	10	5	2	0	100
Johnson	2,539	54	21.3	45	4	4	6	0	59
Jones	6,577	202	30.7	158	19	21	13	0	211
Lamar	3,995	159	39.8	147	10	7	3	2	169
Lanier	1,943	131	67.4	101	23	1	17	0	142
Laurens	12,239	326	26.6	285	23	22	0	2	332
Lee	8,084	90	11.1	73	16	4	3	0	96
Liberty	21,560	524	24.3	455	58	21	5	0	539
Lincoln	1,862	52	27.9	44	10	0	0	0	54
Long	3,434	55	16.0	51	3	10	1	0	65
Lowndes	24,969	670	26.8	575	76	31	32	0	714
Lumpkin	5,643	203	36.0	192	9	6	4	0	211
Macon	3,676	105	28.6	97	8	0	0	0	105
Madison	6,989	219	31.3	214	7	2	5	0	228
Marion	1,923	47	24.4	34	7	5	3	0	49
McDuffie	5,721	212	37.1	192	19	4	0	0	215
McIntosh	2,997	124	41.4	109	6	2	4	4	125
Meriwether	5,937	129	21.7	104	12	13	4	0	133
Miller	1,541	45	29.2	38	8	0	2	0	48
Mitchell	6,320	167	26.4	157	8	6	0	0	171
Monroe	5,700	204	35.8	186	17	4	4	0	211
Montgomery	2,120	79	37.3	65	7	4	0	4	80
Morgan	4,366	103	23.6	93	6	4	3	2	108
Murray	11,185	341	30.5	278	22	24	36	15	375
Muscogee	51,007	688	13.5	585	93	43	2	6	729
Newton	22,669	377	16.6	340	26	15	5	1	387
Oconee	7,841	130	16.6	123	6	0	8	0	137
Oglethorpe	3,383	27	8.0	20	3	0	3	1	27
Paulding	31,694	644	20.3	555	73	20	39	3	690
Peach	6,128	133	21.7	103	18	9	1	6	137
Pickens	6,426	191	29.7	185	15	2	2	0	204
Pierce	4,238	100	23.6	92	4	5	6	0	107
Pike	4,050	88	21.7	68	8	6	5	3	90
Polk	10,666	506	47.4	458	43	19	12	10	542
Pulaski	2,252	78	34.6	69	6	1	3	2	81
Putnam	4,458	156	35.0	139	13	10	6	0	168
Quitman	607	20	32.9	16	3	1	0	0	20
Rabun	3,451	263	76.2	244	26	5	4	0	279

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Randolph	1,907	41	21.5	38	3	1	0	0	42
Richmond	53,544	1,263	23.6	1,136	127	29	13	8	1,313
Rockdale	20,615	360	17.5	311	50	3	2	0	366
Schley	1,120	24	21.4	24	0	0	0	0	24
Screven	4,115	80	19.4	57	20	8	1	0	86
Seminole	2,328	93	39.9	90	4	4	0	0	98
Spalding	16,638	691	41.5	587	76	35	6	5	709
Stephens	5,890	318	54.0	288	17	14	12	2	333
Stewart	1,202	18	15.0	11	6	0	0	1	18
Sumter	9,207	193	21.0	172	16	3	1	6	198
Talbot	1,609	13	8.1	7	4	1	0	1	13
Taliaferro	419	11	26.3	9	3	0	0	0	12
Tattnall	5,311	254	47.8	231	14	7	6	3	261
Taylor	2,377	68	28.6	60	8	0	0	1	69
Telfair	2,700	96	35.6	85	4	12	1	0	102
Terrell	3,018	94	31.1	83	6	4	4	0	97
Thomas	11,326	159	14.0	122	23	11	7	5	168
Tift	10,882	501	46.0	466	31	13	5	3	518
Toombs	7,473	214	28.6	190	11	13	4	0	218
Towns	1,695	45	26.5	38	2	5	4	0	49
Treutlen	1,751	40	22.8	31	1	8	1	0	41
Troup	16,757	609	36.3	560	45	28	3	1	637
Turner	2,681	77	28.7	73	7	1	1	0	82
Twiggs	2,633	47	17.9	32	5	9	0	5	51
Union	3,774	106	28.1	95	8	2	2	1	108
Upson	7,024	192	27.3	160	16	5	3	12	196
Walker	15,213	484	31.8	444	27	29	3	3	506
Walton	19,637	274	14.0	249	13	12	4	4	282
Ware	8,838	312	35.3	248	39	8	47	0	342
Warren	1,654	57	34.5	51	5	1	2	0	59
Washington	5,320	162	30.5	146	6	9	0	3	164
Wayne	7,103	153	21.5	125	17	8	5	5	160
Webster	562	3	5.3	2	1	0	0	0	3
Wheeler	1,316	42	31.9	33	6	0	0	4	43
White	5,342	246	46.1	215	23	7	7	0	252
Whitfield	26,141	577	22.1	516	37	23	15	9	600
Wilcox	1,862	42	22.6	38	5	0	0	0	43
Wilkes	2,389	71	29.7	56	8	1	5	5	75
Wilkinson	2,590	46	17.8	42	1	2	0	1	46
Worth	5,879	216	36.7	201	17	11	12	0	241

*The number of victims represents a duplicated count of children since a child may be in more than one investigation during the year. Rates are based on 2004 Census Estimates for the child population under 18 years of age.*

