
PROTECTIVE SERVICES

DATA SYSTEM

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CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS – 2003

In calendar year 2003, 92,612 reports of child abuse and neglect were made to county Departments of Family and Children Services. DFCS screened out or referred to other services 18,460 reports that did not meet the definition of maltreatment. Data for the remaining 74,152 reports were entered into the Protective Services Data System (PSDS) and used to compile this report.

CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA SYSTEM

OVERVIEW

The Georgia General Assembly established a child abuse information system in 1990 to collect data on child maltreatment. The Protective Services Data System (PSDS) collects data on all relevant information except names of maltreaters. The Georgia Supreme Court has determined that keeping names is unconstitutional.

The data from PSDS provide the information for this annual report and for the reporting required by the Federal government. The data are:

- used by child abuse investigators to determine if families being investigated for reports of child maltreatment have a prior history with Child Protective Services (CPS) in Georgia.
 - a means of measuring changes in the number and type of reported and investigated maltreatment incidents.
- Each county Department of Family and Children Services (DFCS) enters data into the system.

DISPOSITION OF CASES

In 2003, 92,612 reports of maltreatment were 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**. 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. 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 2003, 18,460 reports that did not meet the criteria for maltreatment were screened out or referred to other resources. An investigated report is **substantiated** or **unsubstantiated**.

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.

DEFINITIONS OF TERMS USED IN THIS REPORT

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

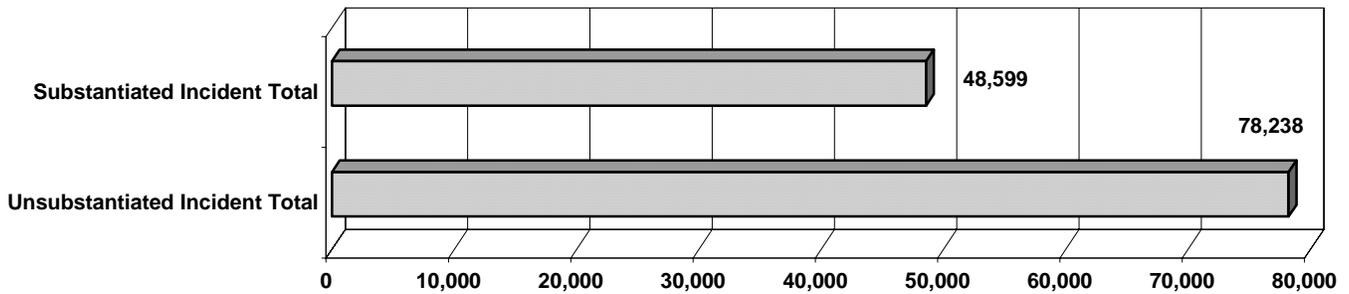
A **report/case count** represents the number of reports received. One report may contain more than one alleged incident of maltreatment and may involve more than one child.

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.

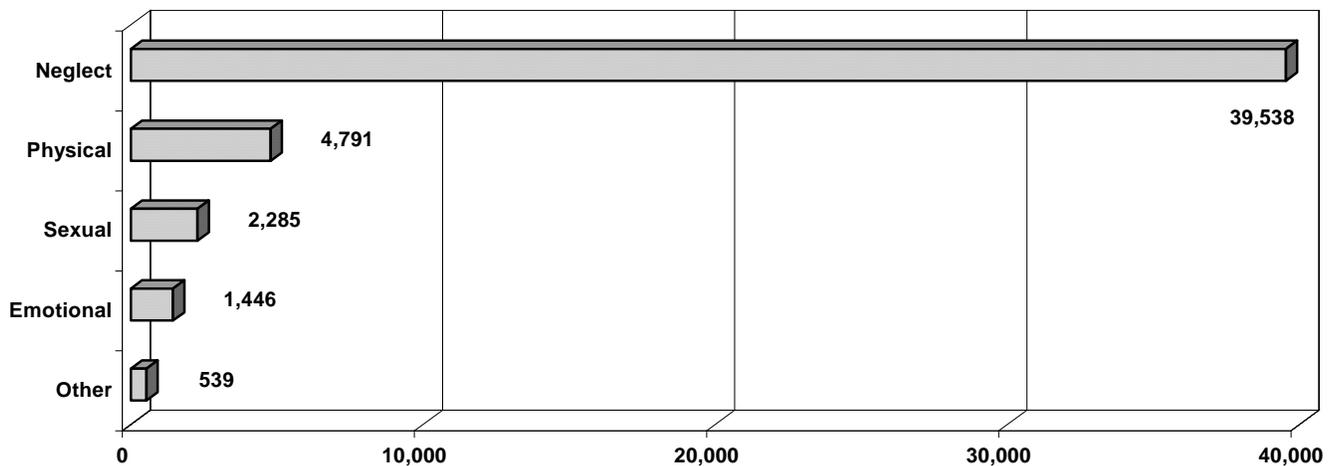
Status	Cases	Incidents
Substantiated	27,911	48,599
Unsubstantiated	46,241	78,238
Total	74,152	126,837

2003 INCIDENT DATA

A total of 126,837 incidents of maltreatment were reported in 2003. 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 61 percent of these reports. For Substantiated Dispositions, the five most prevalent sources of reports were Law Enforcement/Court (23%), School Personnel (17%), DHR Staff (10%), Relative (9%) and Hospital/Clinic (8%). For Unsubstantiated Dispositions, the five most prevalent sources of reports were School Personnel (21%), DHR Staff (11%), Law Enforcement/Court (11%), Anonymous (10%) and Relative (9%).

Disposition by Report Source

Report Source	Disposition		Total
	Substantiated	Unsubstantiated	
Mandated Reporters			
School Personnel	4,859	9,503	14,362
Law Enforcement/Court	6,395	4,947	11,342
Hospital/Clinic	2,249	2,579	4,828
Physician, Dentist, Podiatrist, Nurse	620	1,081	1,701
Professional Counselor, Social Worker	1,758	2,551	4,309
DHR Staff	2,665	4,992	7,657
Day Care Center	182	463	645
TANF *	71	112	183
Total Mandated Reporters	18,799	26,228	45,027
Non-Mandated Reporters			
Custodial Parent/Guardian	1,583	2,626	4,209
Relative	2,626	4,342	6,968
Neighbor/Friend	1,585	3,633	5,218
Non-Custodial Parent	611	2,211	2,822
Religious Leader/Staff	57	99	156
Lawyer	53	71	124
Other Non-Mandated Person	581	1,301	1,882
Alleged Maltreater	39	29	68
Victim	119	178	297
Total Non-Mandated Reporters	7,254	14,490	21,744
Unknown			
Unknown	352	950	1,302
Anonymous	1,506	4,573	6,079
Total Unknown	1,858	5,523	7,381
Total Reporters	27,911	46,241	74,152

*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 base 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.

Substantiated – Location and Type of Maltreatment						
Location	Type of Maltreatment Incidents					
	Neglect	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Other	Total
Victim's Home	34,801	4,112	1,415	1,281	453	42,062
Other Private Home	2,176	386	698	63	31	3,354
Center-Based Day Care	78	22	4	8	0	112
Family-Based Day Care	25	18	6	2	0	51
Residential Foster Care	31	12	6	5	0	54
Group Home Foster Care	16	2	2	1	0	21
Family Foster Care - DFCS	117	24	23	13	0	177
Family Foster Care – Non DFCS	12	9	5	0	0	26
Other institution	210	58	19	19	4	310
Other*	2,072	148	107	54	51	2,432
Total	39,538	4,791	2,285	1,446	539	48,599

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

FOSTER PARENTS AND FOSTER HOMES

In 2003, there were 278 substantiated incidents of maltreatment to foster children in a foster home facility. In 214 of the 278 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.

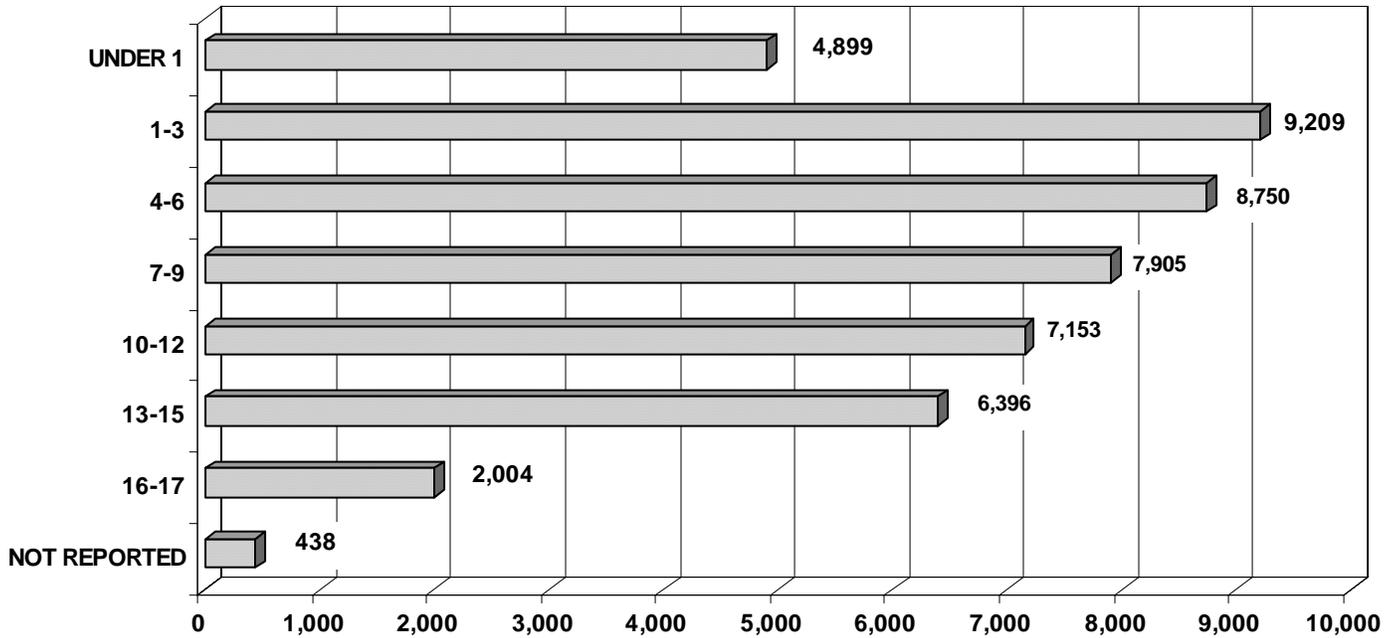
The numbers in the accompanying chart are not duplicated. One report is entered for each family.

Adult Substance Abuse By Type				
Type	Alleged Unsubstantiated	Alleged Substantiated	Not Alleged But Substantiated	Total
Alcohol	1,654	1,190	143	2,987
Prescription Medicine	485	269	29	783
Controlled Substance	6,279	4,534	467	11,280
Alcohol and Prescribed Medicine	101	62	9	172
Alcohol and Controlled Substance	788	483	60	1,331
Prescribed Medicine and Controlled Substance	242	289	21	552
All Types	352	188	16	556
Total	9,901	7,015	745	17,661

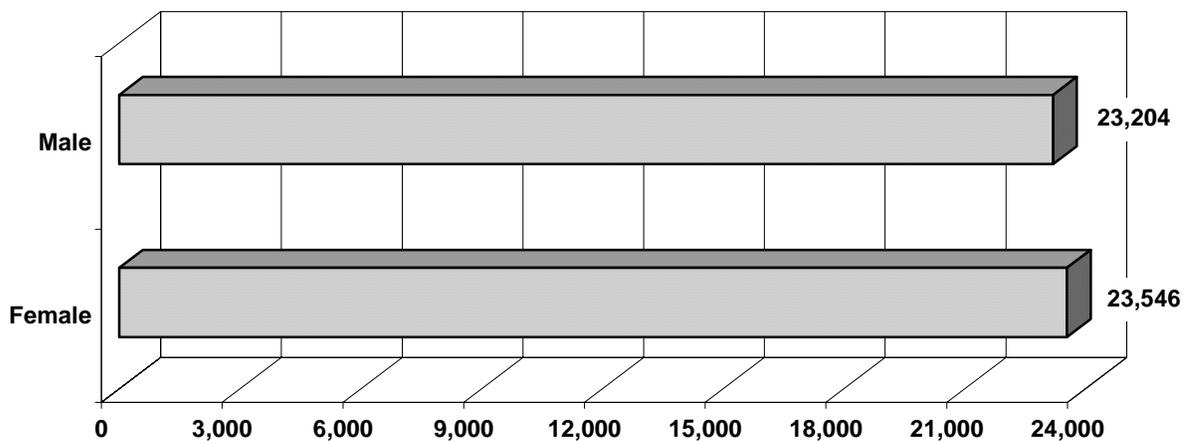
2003 VICTIM DATA

The graphs in this section identify all the children who were entered into the data system as substantiated victims of maltreatment. Children Ages 1- 3 years accounted for the largest percentage of victims (20%). Children who were younger than 1 year accounted for 10% of the victims. In general, as age increased victimization decreased. More than half of all victims were White (54%) with African American victims accounting for 41%. The ethnicity of 7% of the victims was Hispanic. Child victims were divided evenly between Male (50%) and Female (50%).

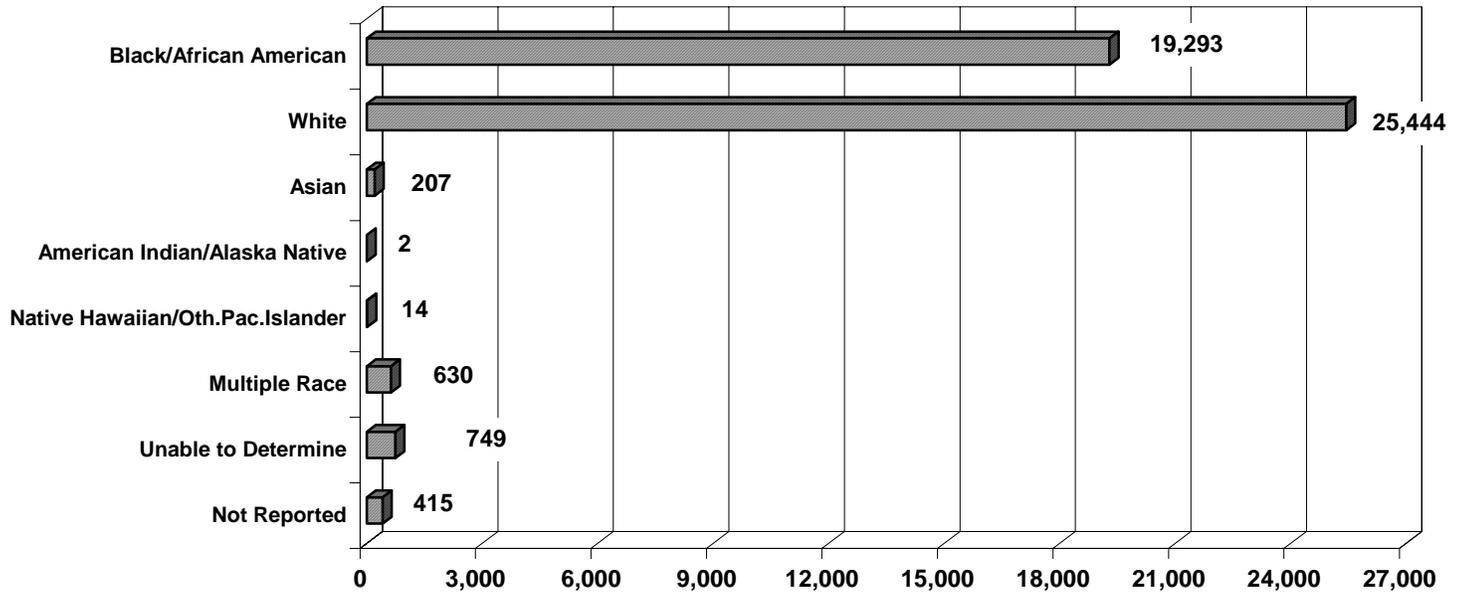
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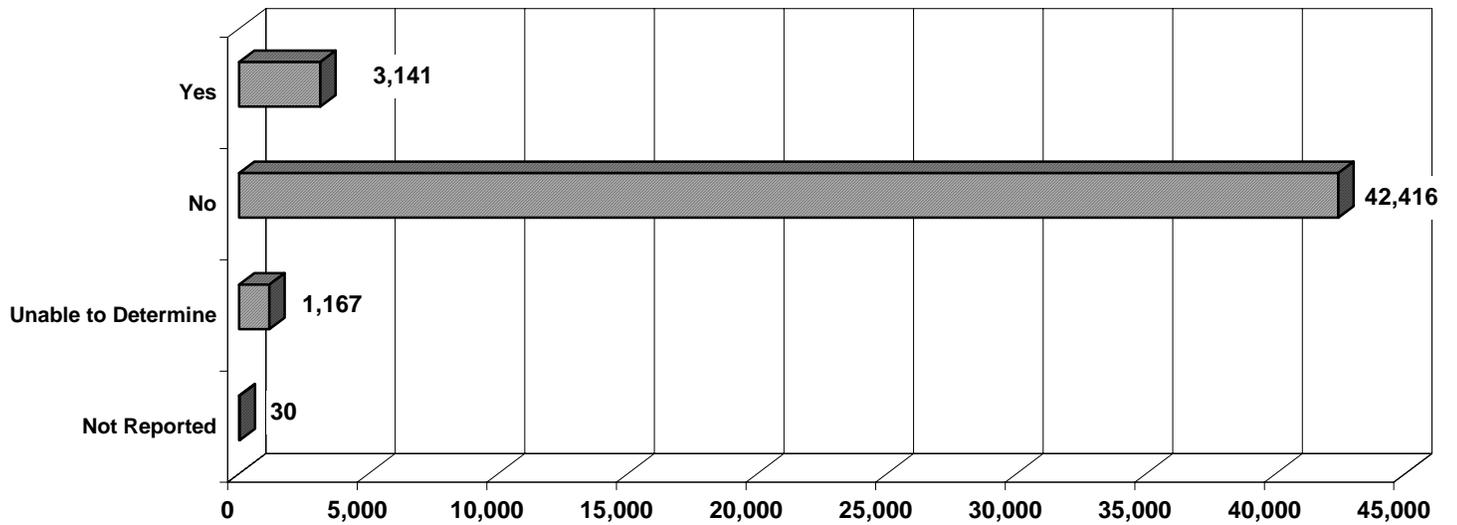
Gender



Race



Hispanic / Latino Origin



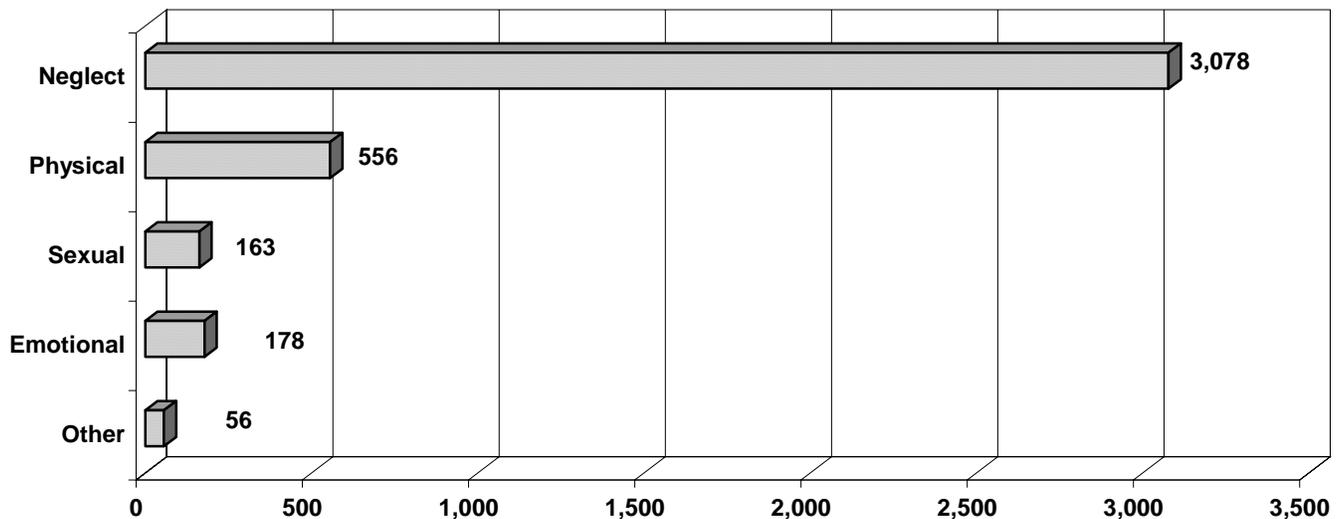
CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL CHARACTERISTICS

The following chart depicts the type of substantiated maltreatment that occurred to children with special characteristics. There were 3,791 children with special characteristics. These children accounted for 4,031 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 (4,725) 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	416	85	43	38	4	586
Diagnosed Mental Retardation - Mild	222	41	26	14	3	306
Diagnosed Mental Retardation - Moderate	206	39	14	8	6	273
Diagnosed Mental Retardation - Severe	49	6	3	0	2	60
Diagnosed Mental Retardation - Profound	39	6	2	0	0	47
Diagnosed Vision / Hearing Impaired	102	26	4	2	3	137
Diagnosed Physically Disabled	193	11	4	6	5	219
Other Medically Diagnosed Condition	814	103	35	24	18	994
Behavior	1,043	303	64	106	14	1,530
Alcohol Abuse - Child	35	4	2	1	1	43
Drugs / Other Substance Abuse - Child	487	15	7	7	14	530
Total	3,606	639	204	206	70	4,725

2003 MALTREATER DATA

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

Maltreaters	Substantiated
Biological parent	38,853
Non-biological parent	2,316
Other relative	2,790
Live-in boyfriend	799
Other, non-relative	1,147
Sitter/child care	203
School personnel	68
Residential facility staff	57
Unknown	521
Total	46,754

Maltreaters by Age and Gender			
	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Under 20 Years Old	636	1,695	2,331
20 – 29 Years Old	2,914	15,030	17,944
30 – 39 Years Old	4,712	12,750	17,462
40 – 49 Years Old	2,298	3,760	6,058
50 Years Old and Over	765	1,202	1,967
Not Reported	154	116	270
Total	11,479	34,553	46,032

* Note: For 722 children, maltreaters did not have age/gender information reported.

Fatalities Resulting from Abuse

Fatalities by Maltreatment Type	Maltreaters by Relationship						
Blunt Force Trauma 11							
Drowning 1							
Beatings / Multiple Abuses..... 5							
Inadequate Medical Care/ Supervision..... 2							
Gunshot..... 2							
Suffocation..... 3							
Vehicular Accident..... 1							
Total..... 25							
Criminal Charges Filed..... 18							
	Mother	Father	Boyfriend	Mother and Boyfriend	Mother and Father	Other	
Blunt Force Trauma	1	1	2	1	4	2	
Drowning	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Beatings/Multiple Abuses	0	2	0	0	2	1	
Inad. Med. Care/Supervision	2	0	0	0	0	0	
Gunshot	0	2	0	0	0	0	
Suffocation	0	1	2	0	0	0	
Vehicular Accident	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.

Race	
Black.....	37
White	27
Asian.....	1
Multiple Race.....	1
Unable to Determine.....	4
<i>Hispanic/Latino Origin</i>	6

Age	
Under Age One	26
One to Three Years	25
Four to Five Years.....	9
Six to Thirteen Years.....	8
Fourteen to Seventeen.....	2

Gender	
Male.....	36
Female.....	34

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.

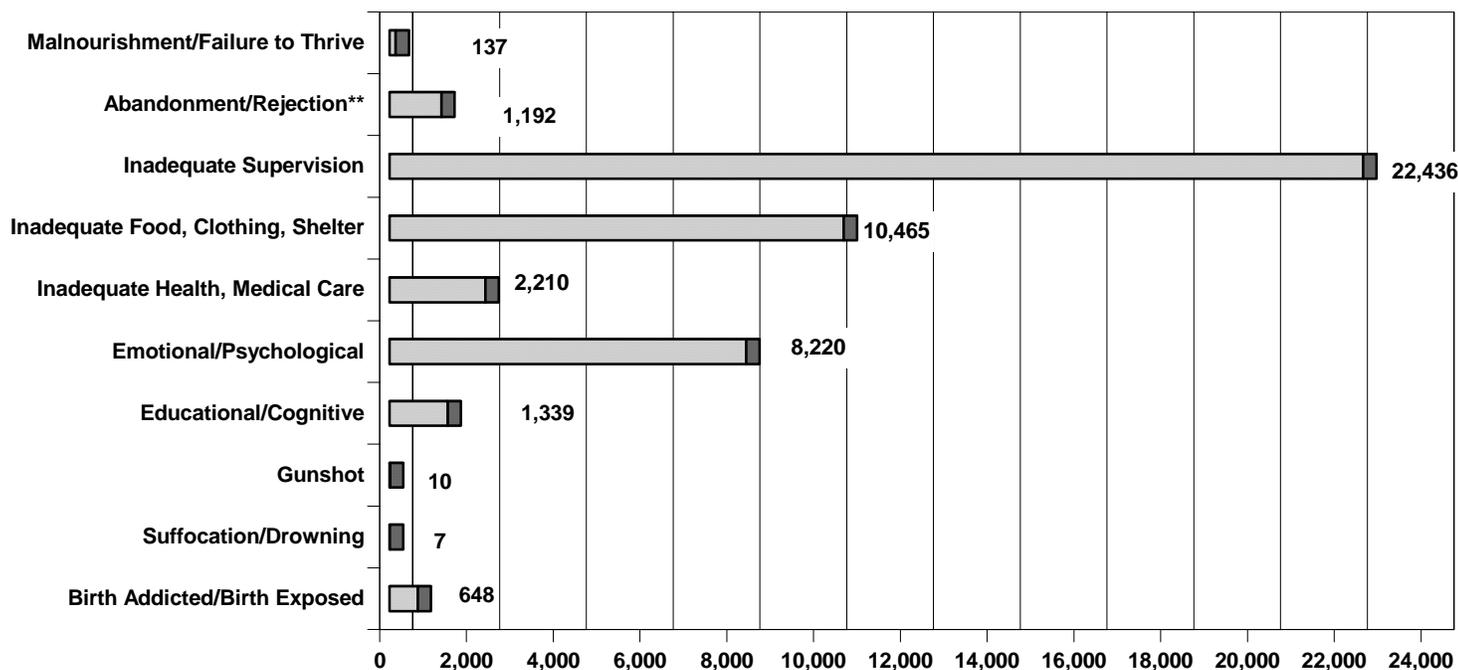
Incidents of neglect are frequently reported with other types of maltreatment, because it is often assumed that the child who is physically or sexually abused was also not adequately supervised or was neglected in some way that contributed to the other reported maltreatment.

In 2003, 97,263 incidents of neglect were reported. Of these, 39,538 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 maltreater 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	39,538
Unsubstantiated	57,725
Total	97,263

Substantiated Neglect Categories*



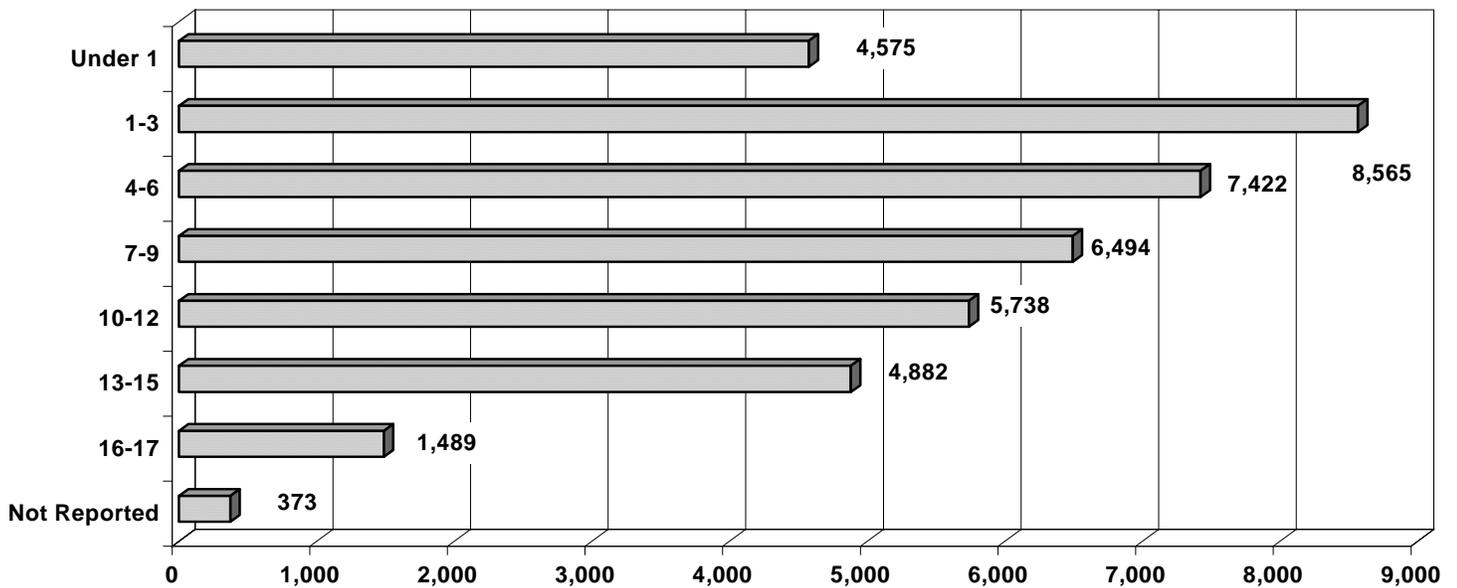
* The total of all categories of neglect will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of neglect.

** 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.

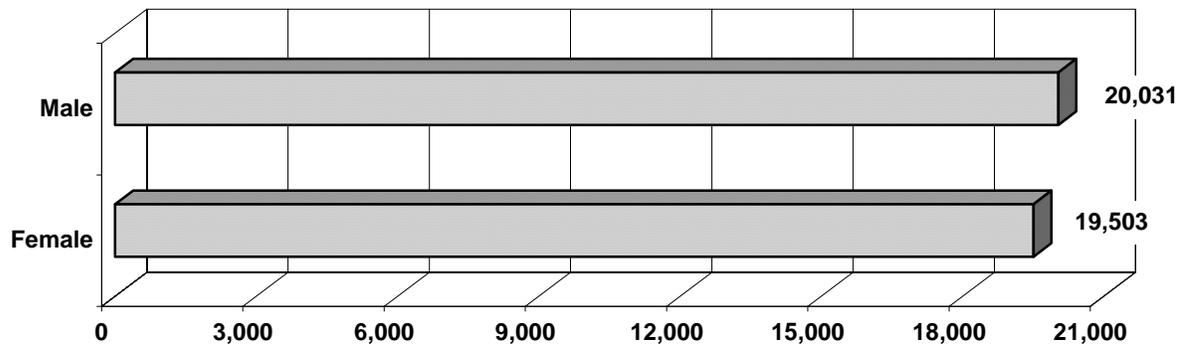
NEGLECT – VICTIM DATA

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 (22%). 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 (55%) with African American victims accounting for 41%. The ethnicity of 7% of the victims was Hispanic. Percentages of victims were similar for Males (51%) and Females (49%).

Age of Victims

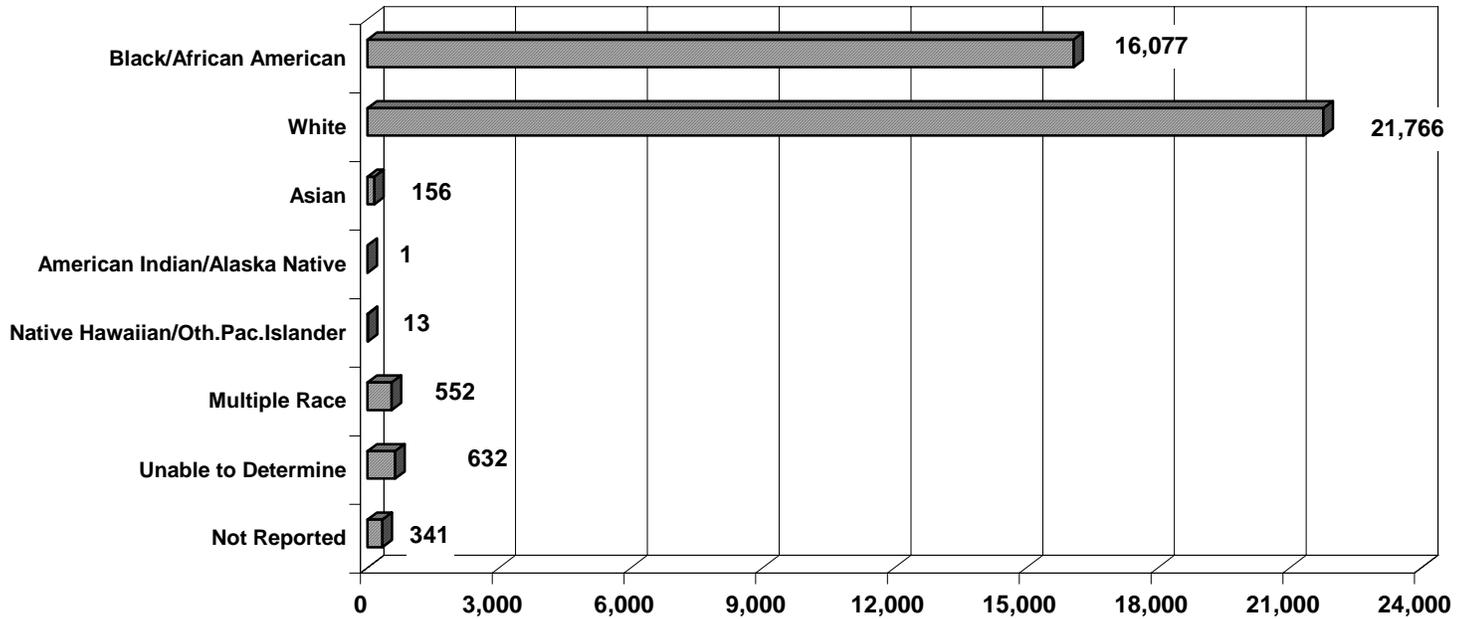


Gender of Victims

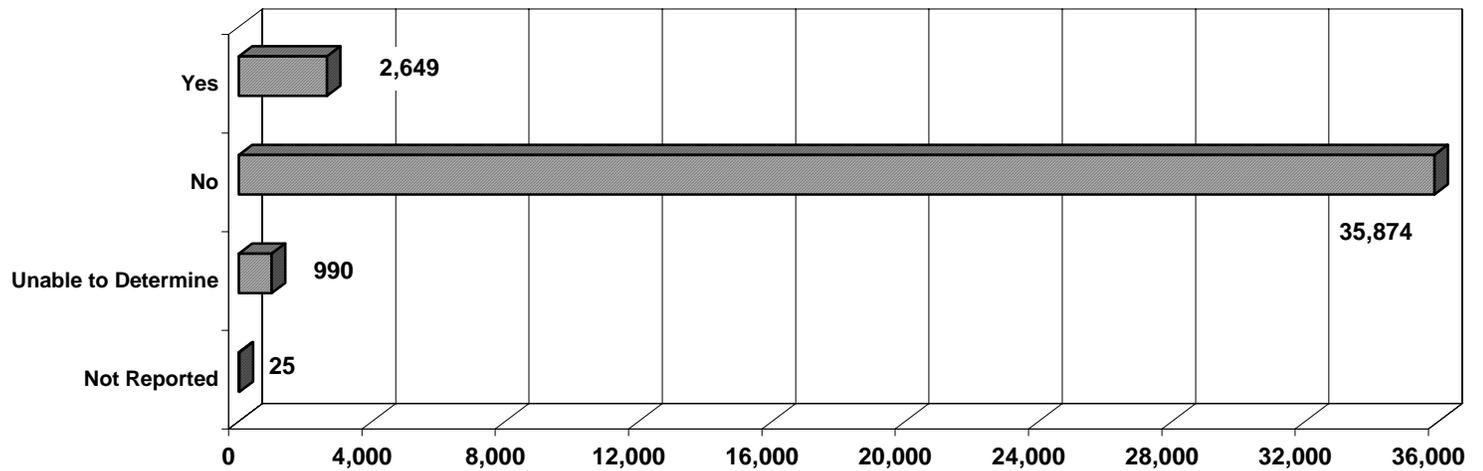


NEGLECT – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims



Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

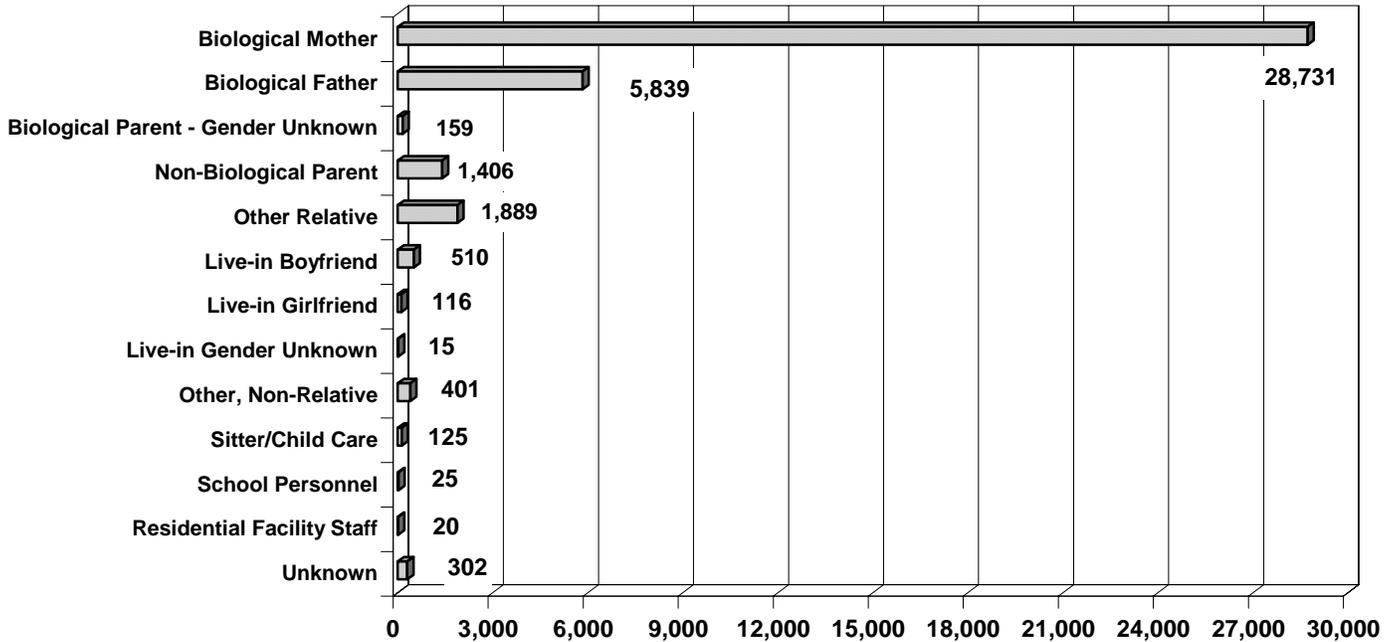


NEGLECT – MALTREATER DATA

In 2003, there were 39,538 substantiated incidents of neglect. The biological mother was the perpetrator in seventy-three percent of the incidents.

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

Maltreater’s Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Neglect – Characteristics of Maltreaters

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	1,993	13,791	15,784
White	5,452	16,863	22,315
Asian	53	100	153
American Indian/Alaska Native	2	32	34
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	7	17	24
Multiple Race	8	27	35
Unable to Determine	225	511	736
Total	7,740	31,341	39,081
<i>Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	419	893	1,312

* 457 incidents did not have maltreater race/gender reported.

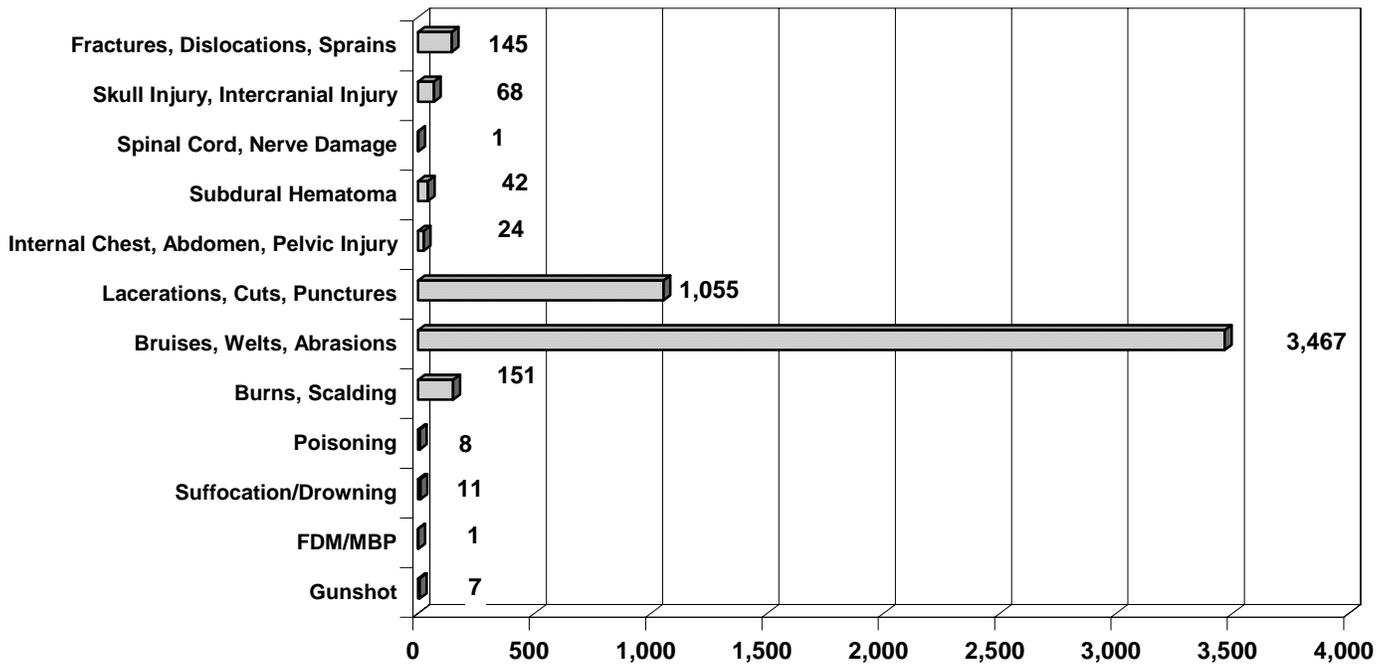
PHYSICAL ABUSE

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 2003, 17,102 incidents of physical abuse were reported; 4,791 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	4,791
Unsubstantiated	12,311
Total	17,102

Substantiated Physical Abuse Categories*

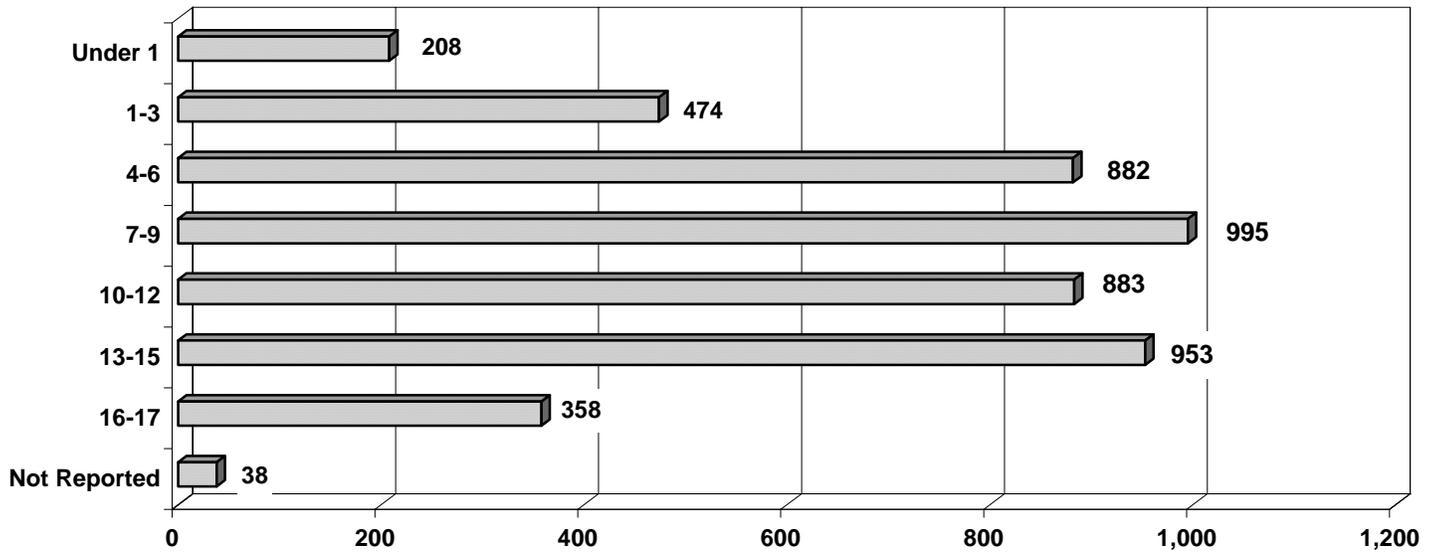


* The total of all categories of abuse will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of physical abuse.

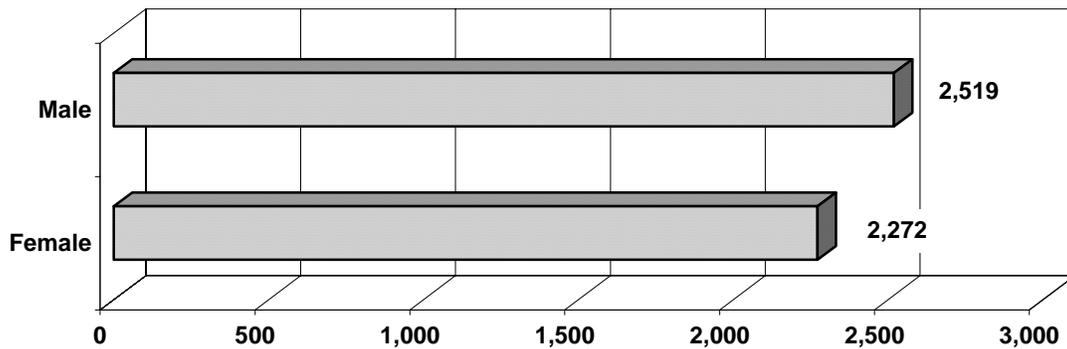
PHYSICAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

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 (18%), Ages 7-9 (21%), Ages 10-12 (18%) and Ages 13-15 (20%). For physical abuse, 50% were African-American while 45% were White. The ethnicity of 8% of the victims was Hispanic. Males accounted for 53% of the victims.

Age of Victims

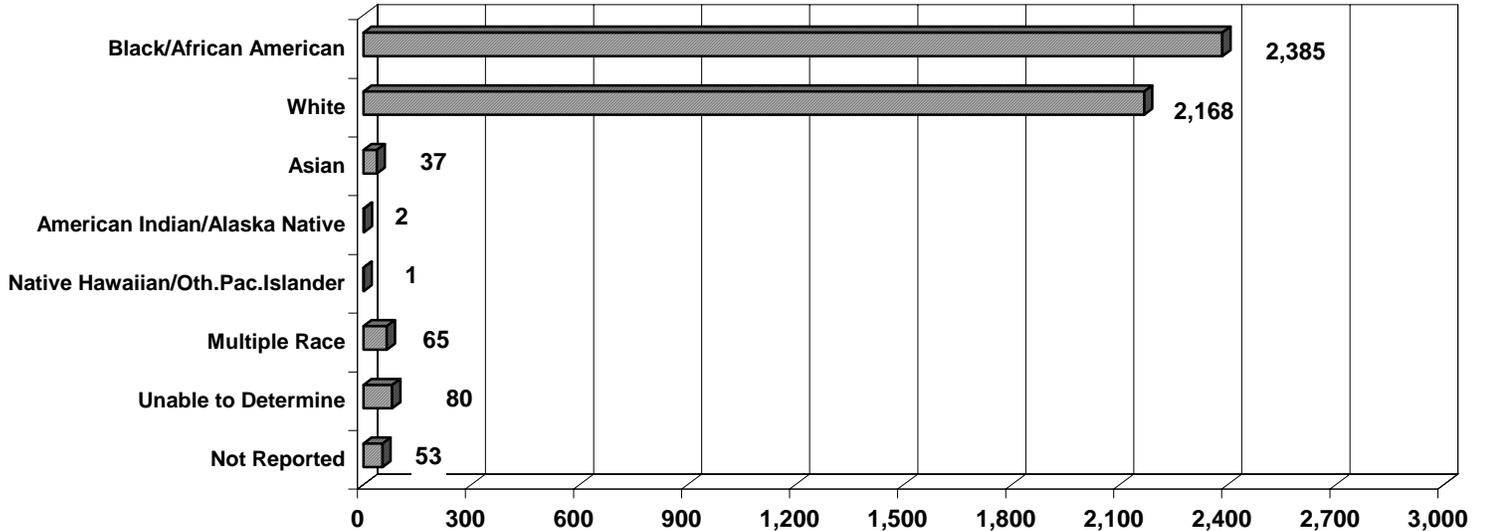


Gender of Victims

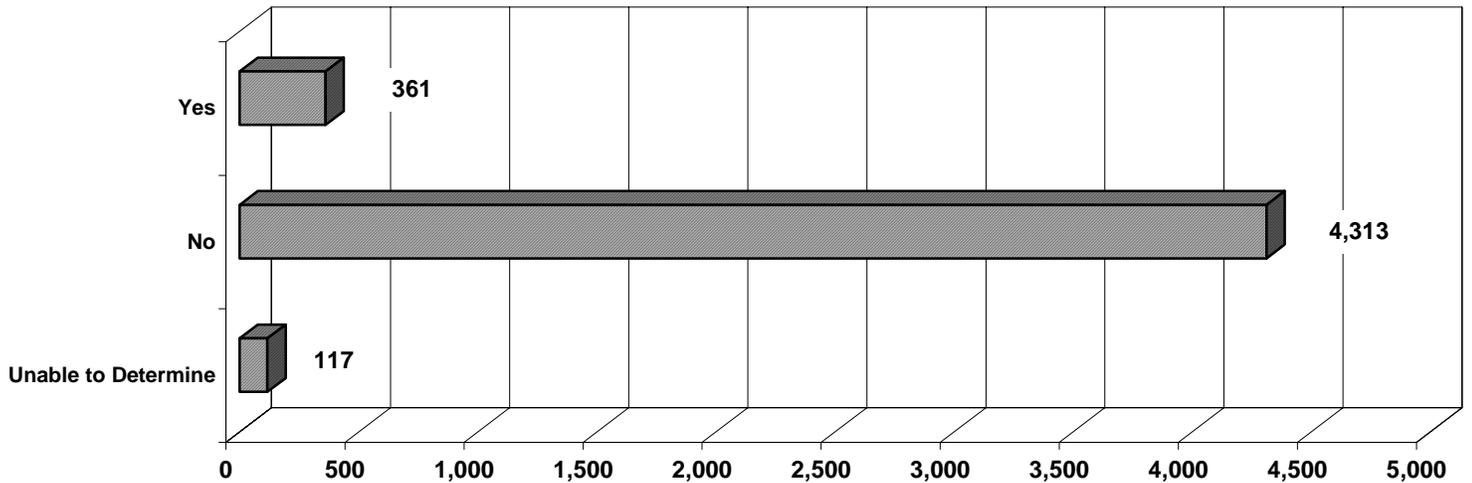


PHYSICAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims



Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims

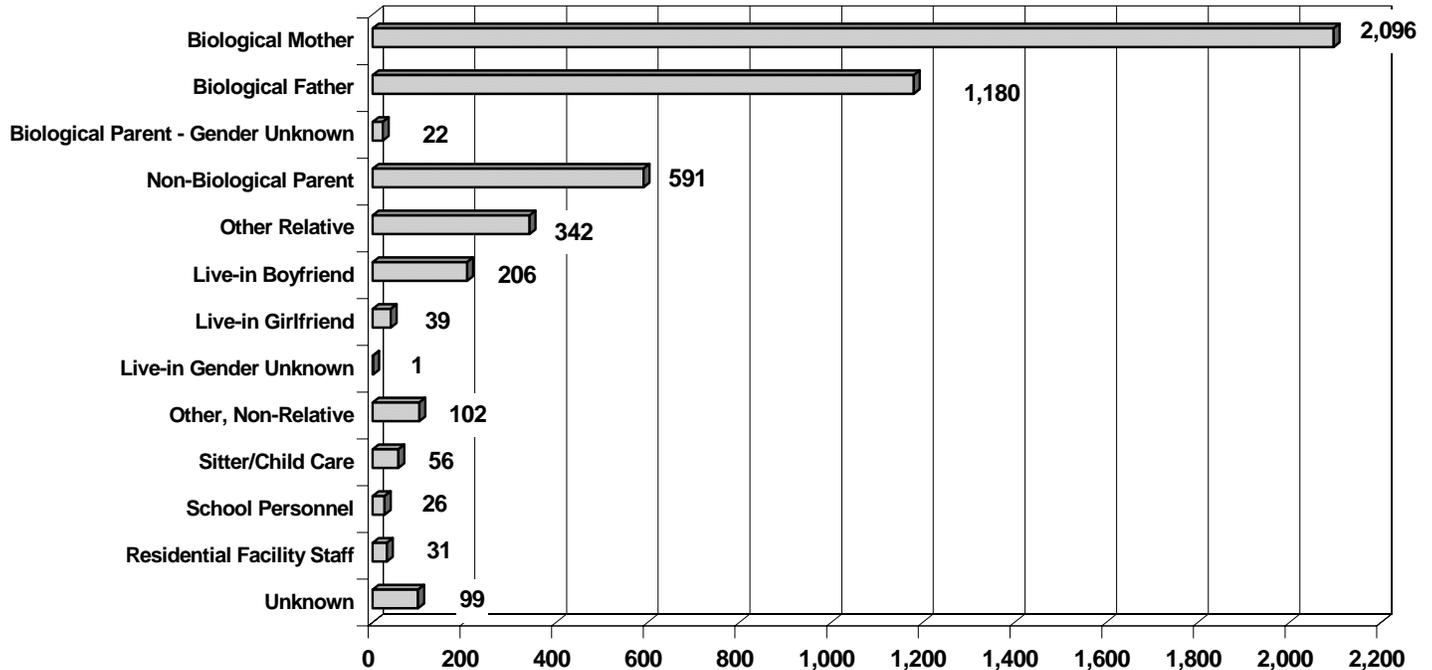


PHYSICAL ABUSE – MALTREATER DATA

In 2003 there were 4,791 substantiated incidents of physical abuse. The biological mother was the perpetrator in forty-four percent of the incidents. The biological father was the perpetrator in twenty-five percent of the incidents.

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

Maltreater’s Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Physical Abuse – Characteristics of Maltreaters

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	832	1,555	2,387
White	1,089	1,041	2,130
Asian	18	15	33
American Indian/Alaska Native	1	1	2
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	3	1	4
Multiple Race	3	3	6
Unable to Determine	60	53	113
Total	2,006	2,669	4,675
<i>Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	114	102	216

* 116 incidents did not have maltreater 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.

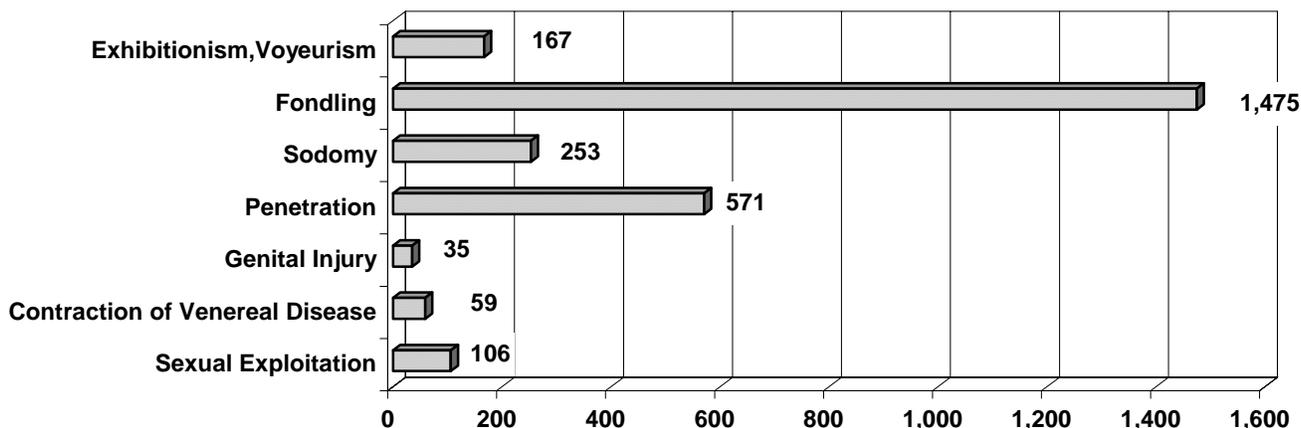
Sexual abuse may also be committed by a person under the age of 18 when that person is either significantly older than the victim or when the abuser is in a position of power or control over another child. When someone outside the child's family abuses a child, CPS must evaluate whether the parents permitted 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 2003, 6,374 incidents of sexual abuse were reported and 4,089 incidents substantiated. Fondling is the most often substantiated form of sexual abuse.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	2,285
Unsubstantiated	4,089
Total	6,374

Substantiated Sexual Abuse Categories*

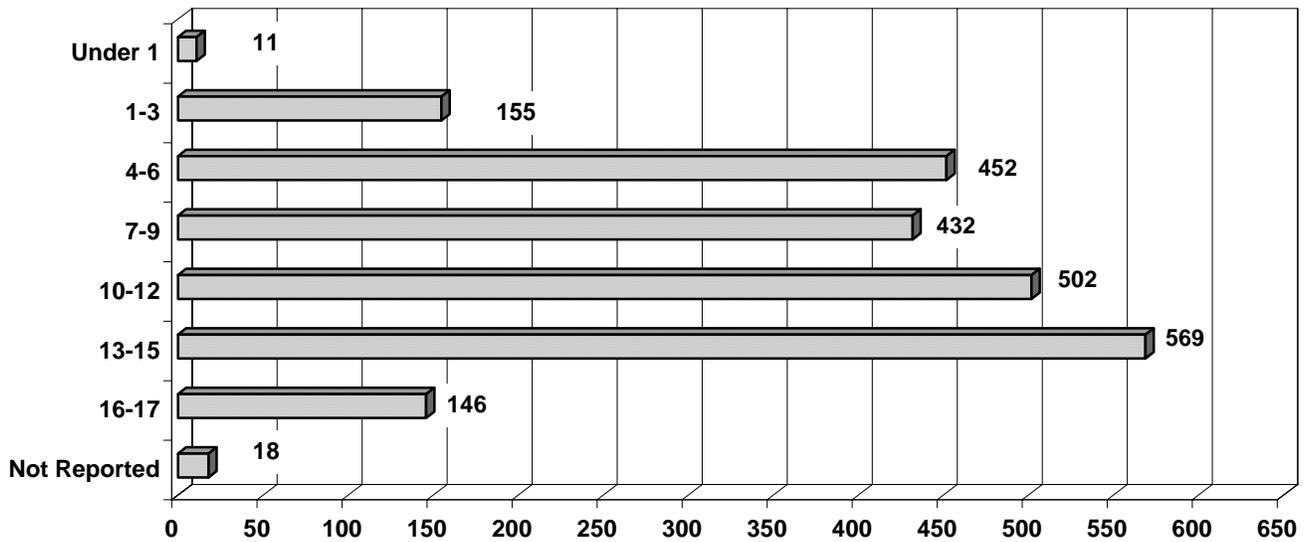


* The total of all categories of abuse will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of sexual abuse.

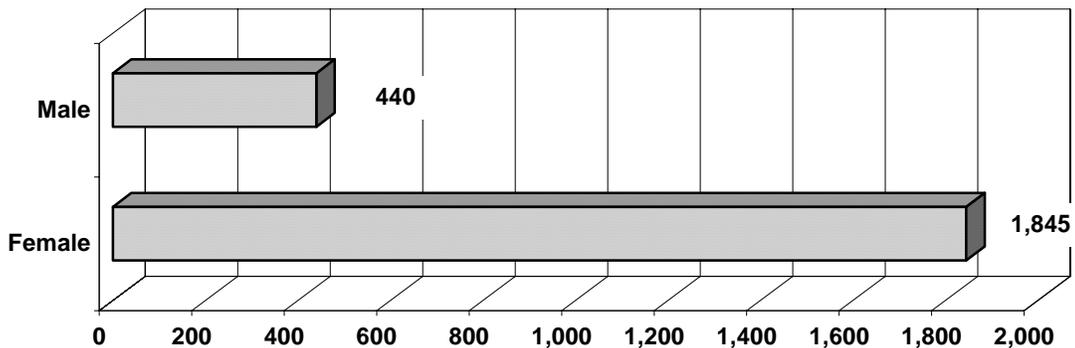
SEXUAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

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 (19%), Ages 10-12 (22%) and Ages 13-15 (25%). Most victims were White (59%) with African-American victims accounting for 37%. The ethnicity of 7% of the victims was Hispanic. For sexual abuse, 81% of the victims were Females while only 19% were Males.

Age of Victims

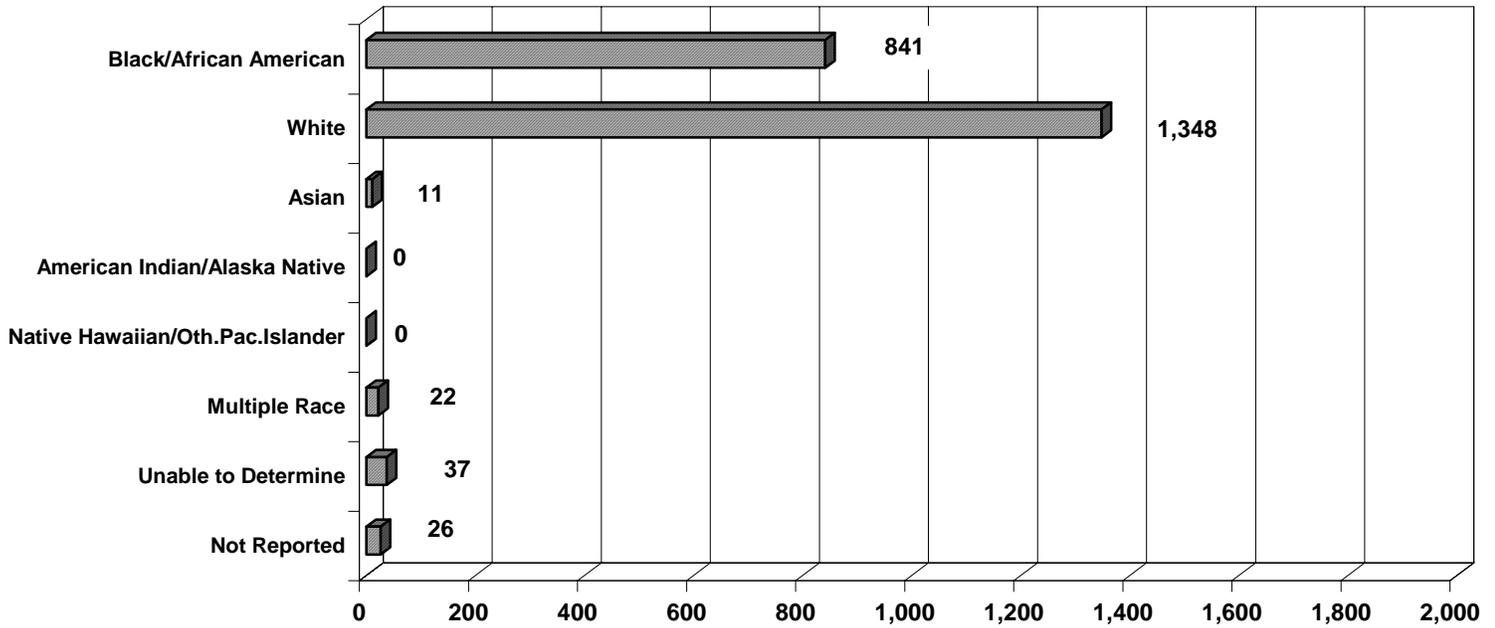


Gender of Victims

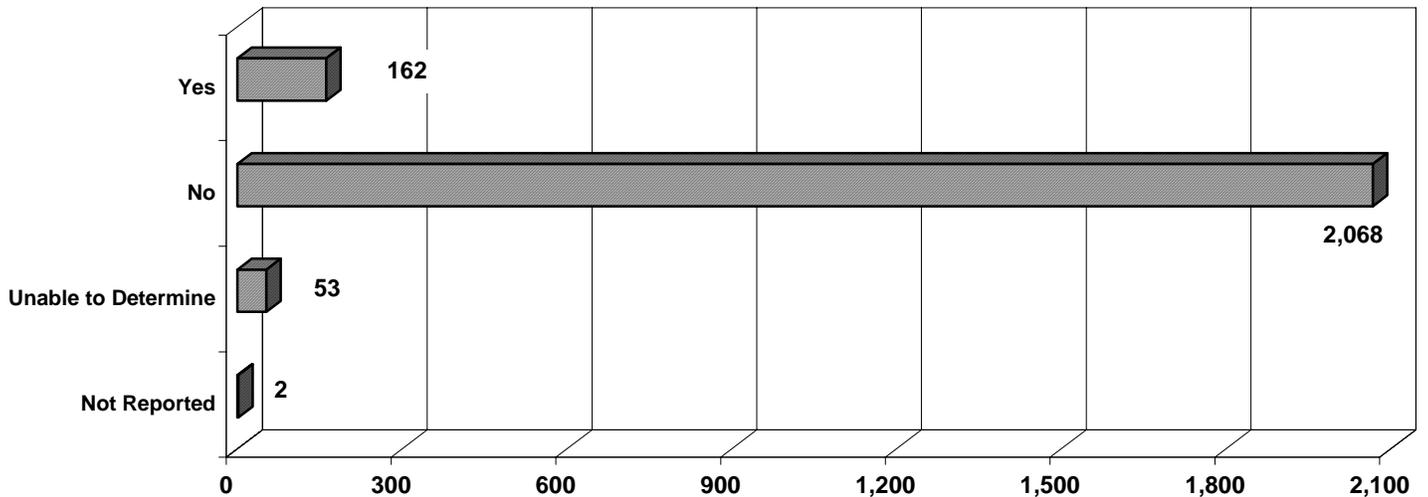


SEXUAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims



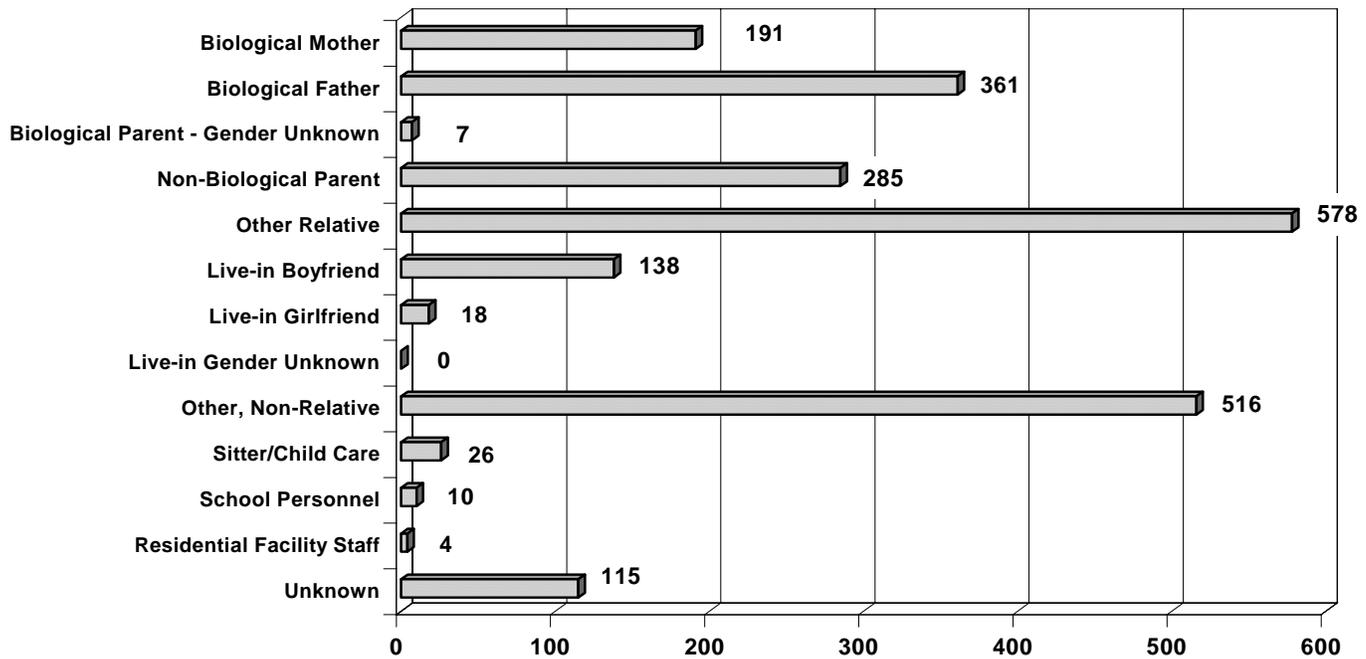
Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims



SEXUAL ABUSE – MALTREATER DATA

In 2003, there were 2,285 substantiated incidents of sexual abuse. The three most prevalent perpetrators were: Other Relative (25%), Other Non-Relative (23%), and Biological Father (16%). The following chart shows the maltreater's relationship to the child at the time the sexual abuse occurred. A maltreater who was involved in more than one incident of sexual abuse is counted more than once.

Maltreater's Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Sexual Abuse – Characteristics of Maltreaters

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	568	187	755
White	1,053	202	1,255
Asian	11	1	12
American Indian/Alaska Native	5		5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	1		1
Multiple Race	1		1
Unable to Determine	74	8	82
Total	1,713	398	2,111
<i>Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	114	14	128

* 174 incidents did not have maltreater race/gender reported.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

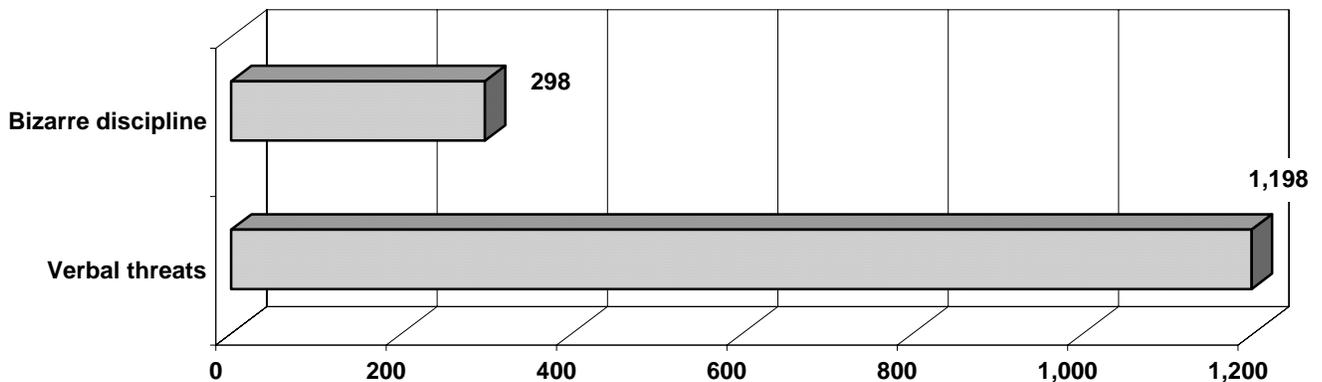
Psychological or emotional abuse is a form of maltreatment that results in impaired psychological growth and development. It frequently occurs as verbal abuse or excessive demands on a child's performance and may cause the child to have a negative self-image and disturbed behavior. It can occur with 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 2003, 4,360 incidents of emotional abuse were reported. Of these, 1,446 incidents were substantiated.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	1,446
Unsubstantiated	2,914
Total	4,360

Substantiated Emotional Abuse Categories*

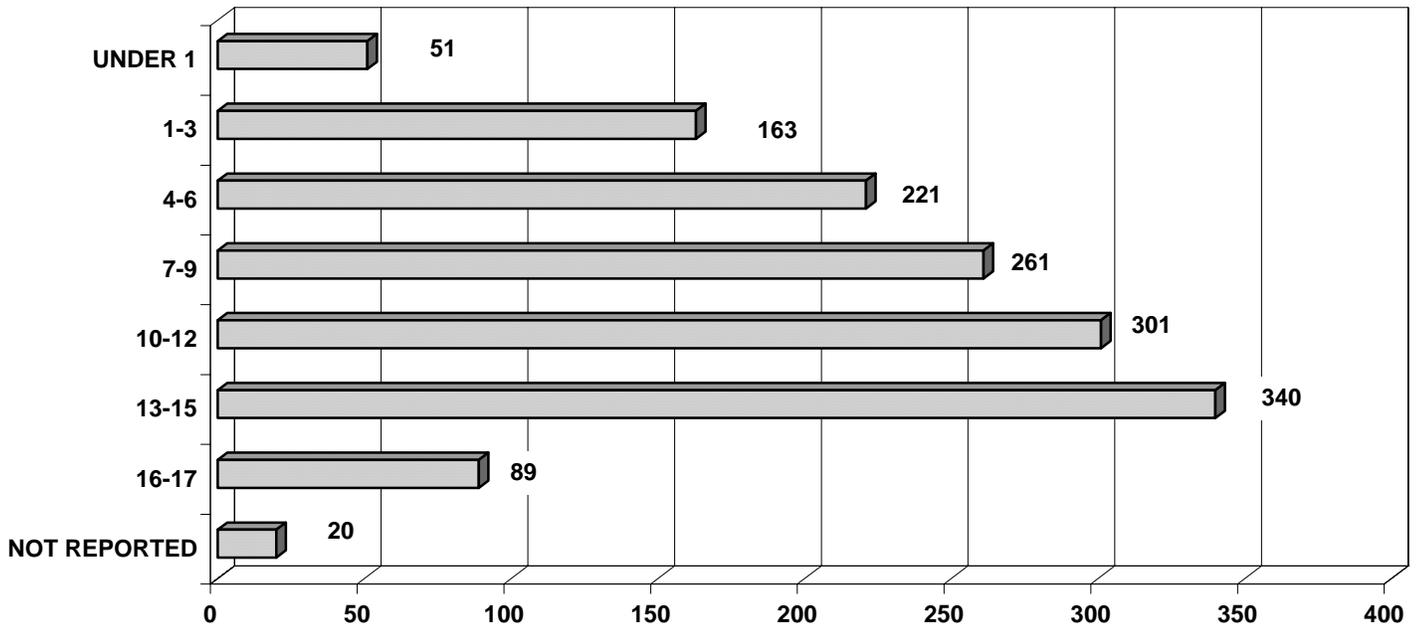


* The total of all categories of abuse will be greater than the total number of substantiated incidents because a child may be indicated in more than one category of emotional abuse.

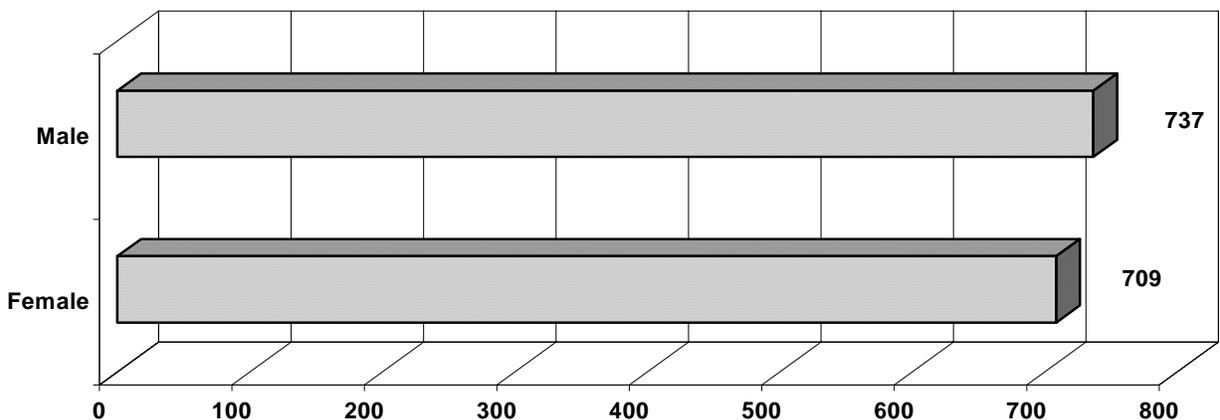
EMOTIONAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

In general, school-aged children were predominantly the victims of emotional abuse: Ages 4-6 (15%), Ages 7-9 (18%), Ages 10-12 (21%) and Ages 13-15 (24%). The majority of victims were White (62%). The ethnicity of 4% of the victims was Hispanic. The percentage of victims was similar for Males (51%) and Females (49%).

Age of Victims

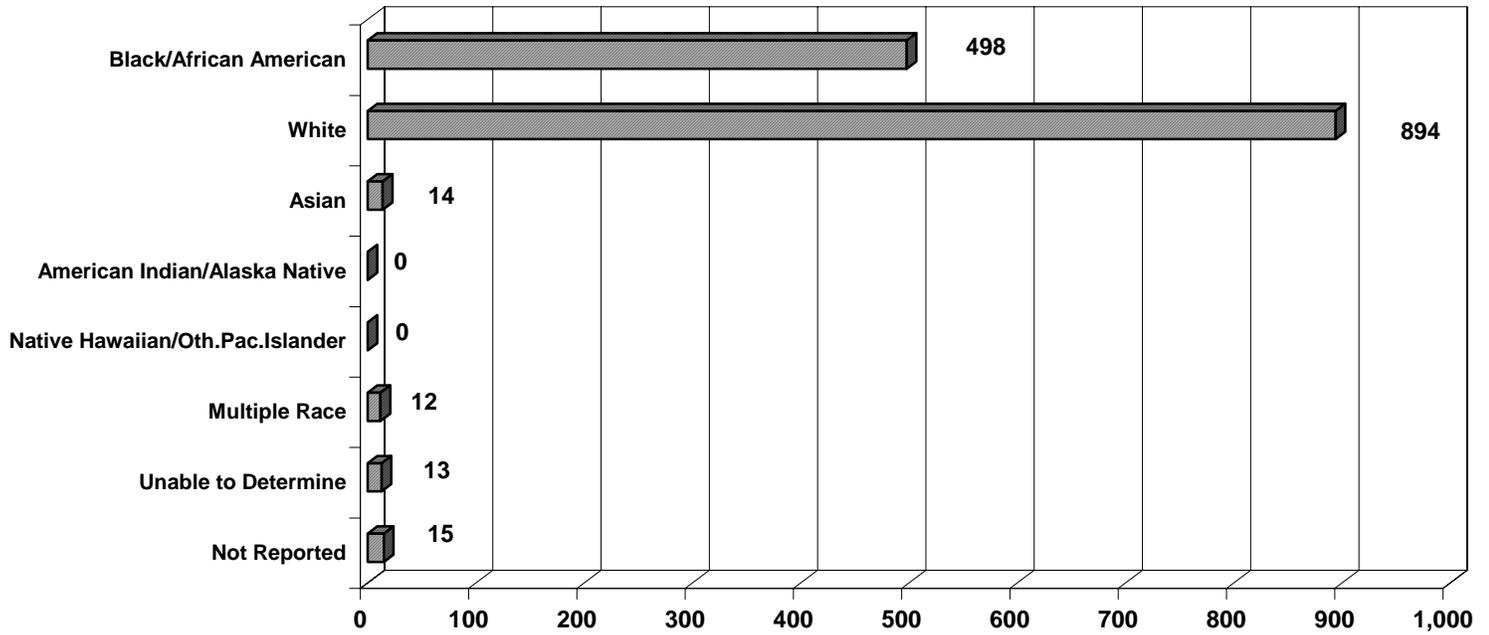


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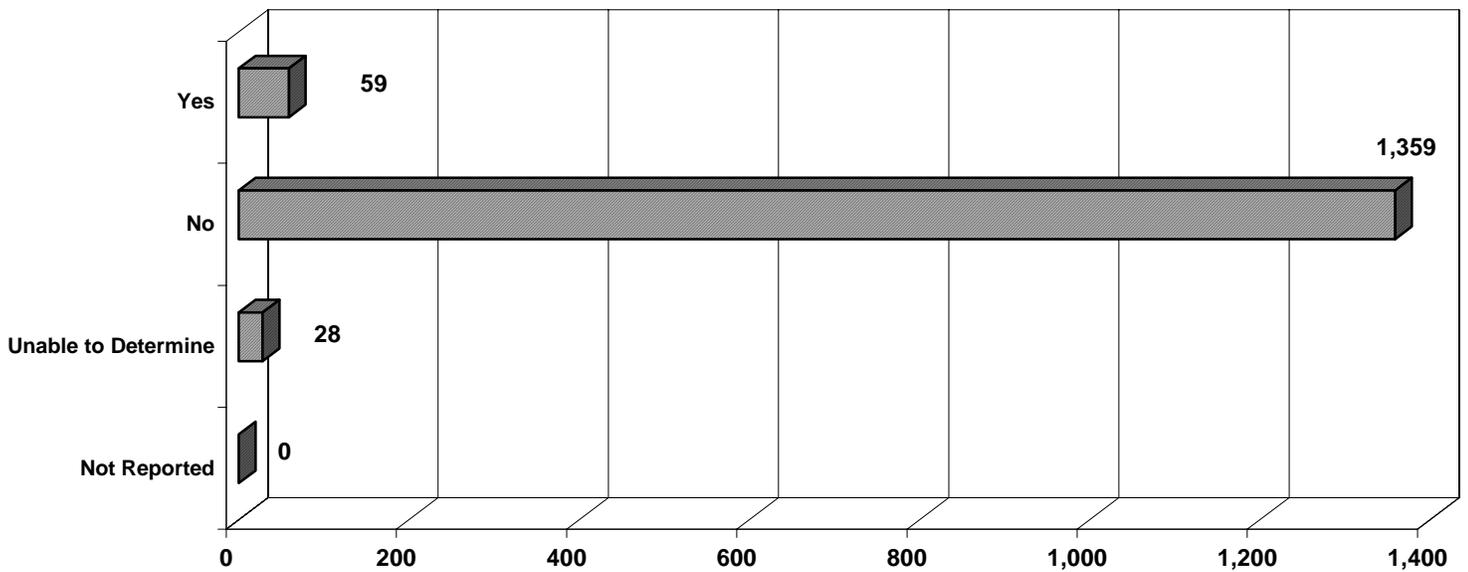


EMOTIONAL ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims



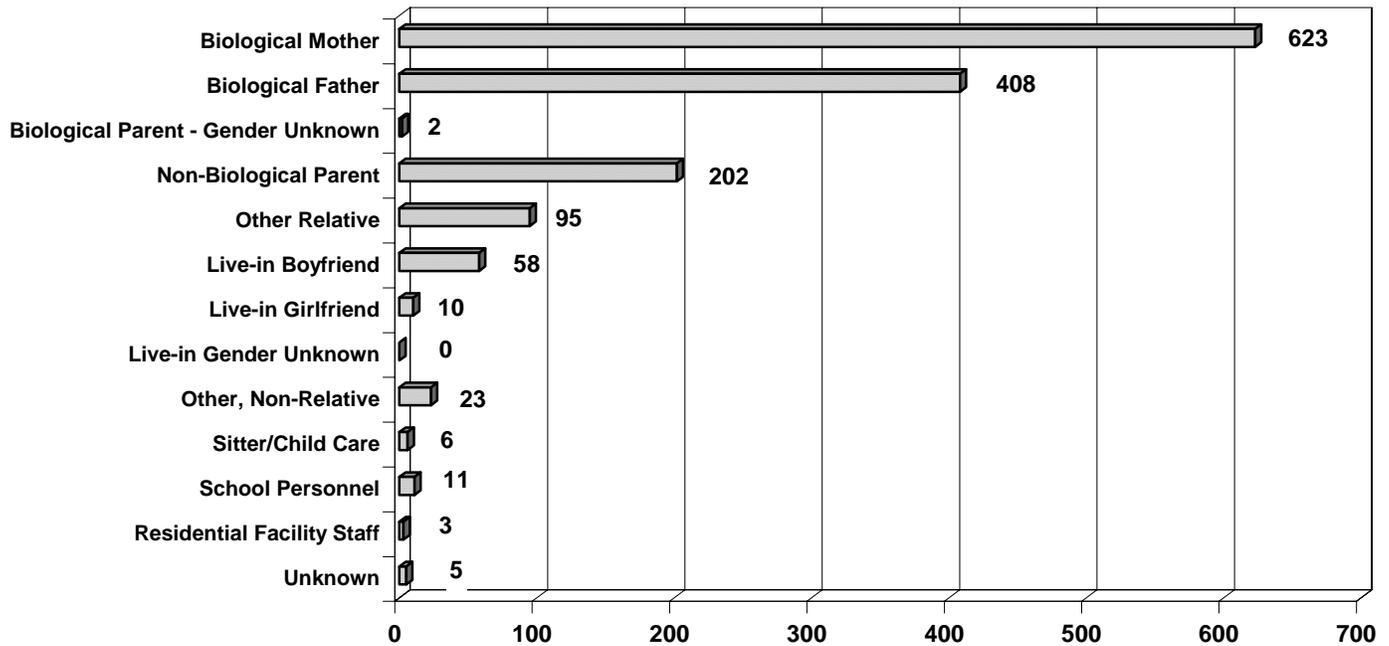
Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims



EMOTIONAL ABUSE – MALTREATER DATA

In 2003, there were 1,446 substantiated incidents of emotional abuse. The following chart shows the maltreater's relationship to the child at the time the emotional abuse occurred. A maltreater who was involved in more than one incident of emotional abuse is counted more than once. The Biological Mother (43%) and the Biological Father (28%) were the perpetrators in 71% of the incidents.

Maltreater's Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Emotional Abuse – Characteristics of Maltreaters

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	191	318	509
White	434	444	878
Asian	12	6	18
American Indian/Alaska Native		5	5
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander		2	2
Multiple Race		1	1
Unable to Determine	19	7	26
Total	656	783	1,439
<i>Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	19	12	31

* 7 incidents did not have maltreater race/gender reported.

OTHER ABUSE

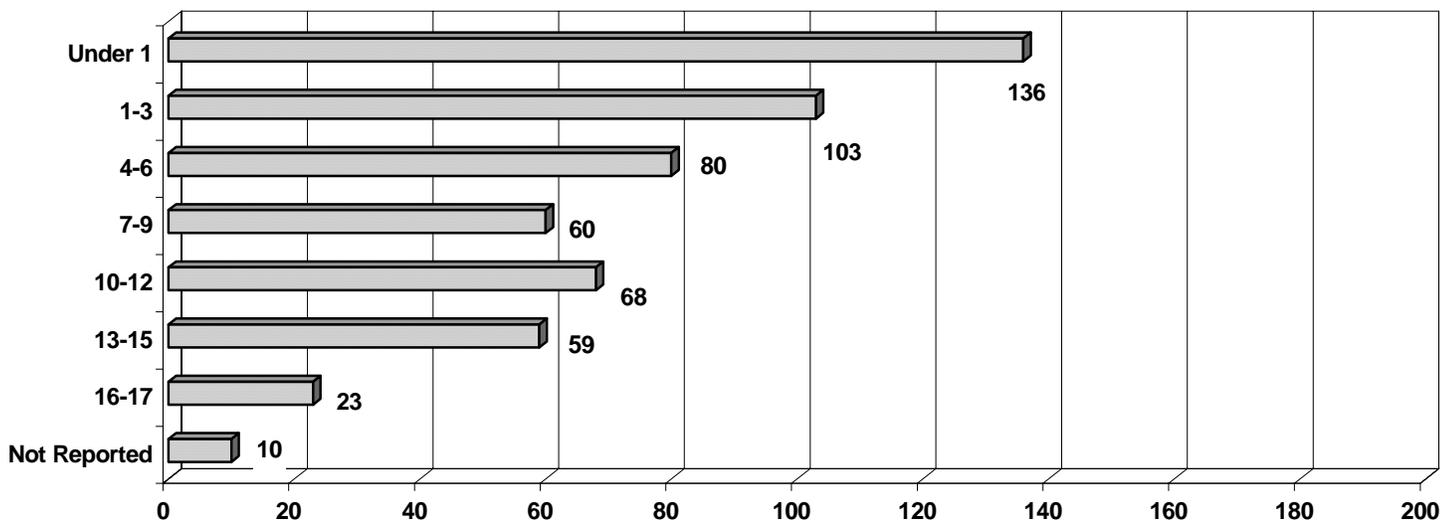
When a report is received that does not fit clearly in any other category, the report is classified as “other.” In 2003, 1,738 incidents were reported under this category, and 539 incidents were substantiated.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	539
Unsubstantiated	1,199
Total	1,738

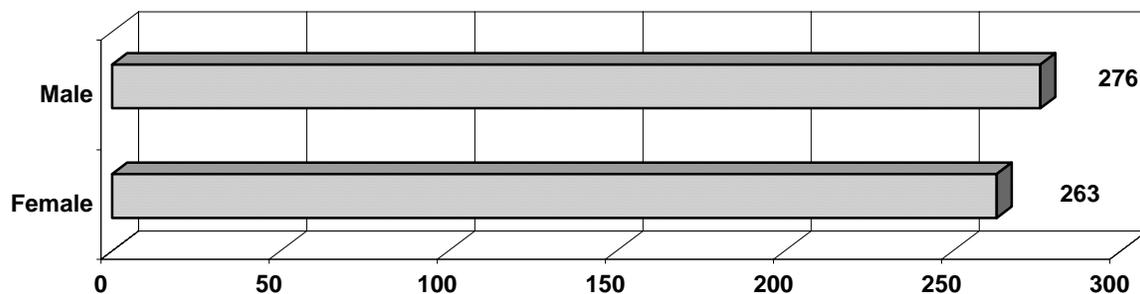
OTHER ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

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

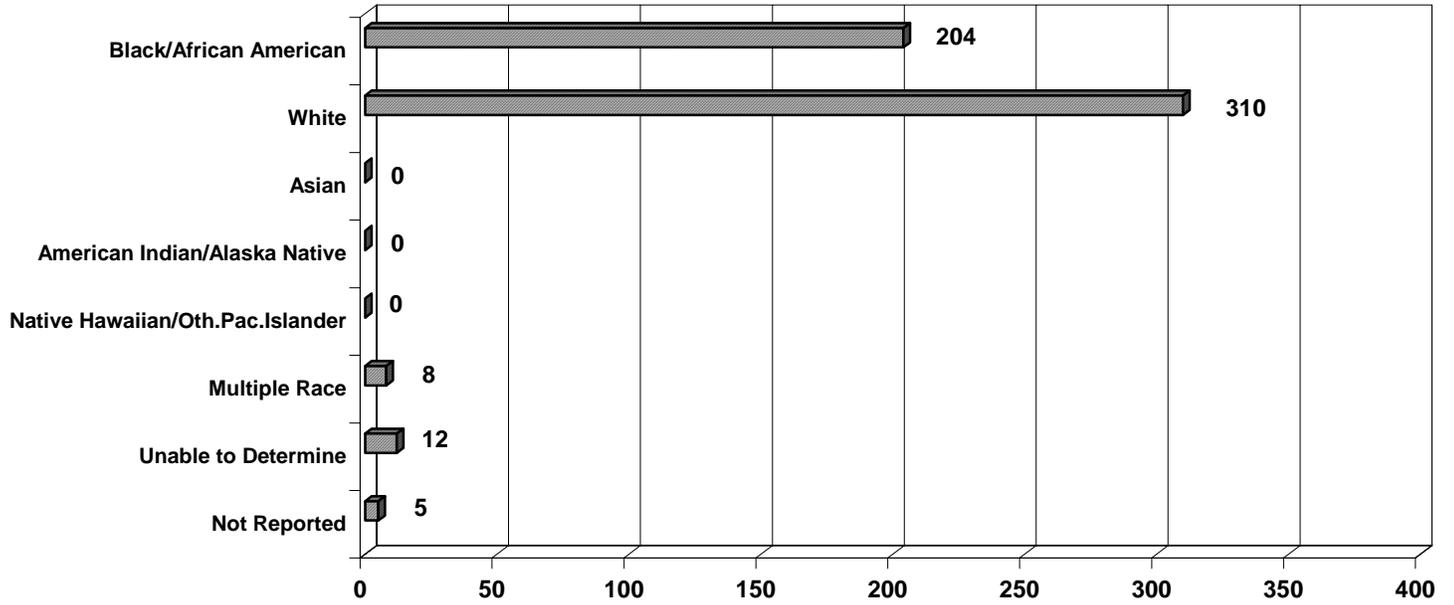


Gender of Victims

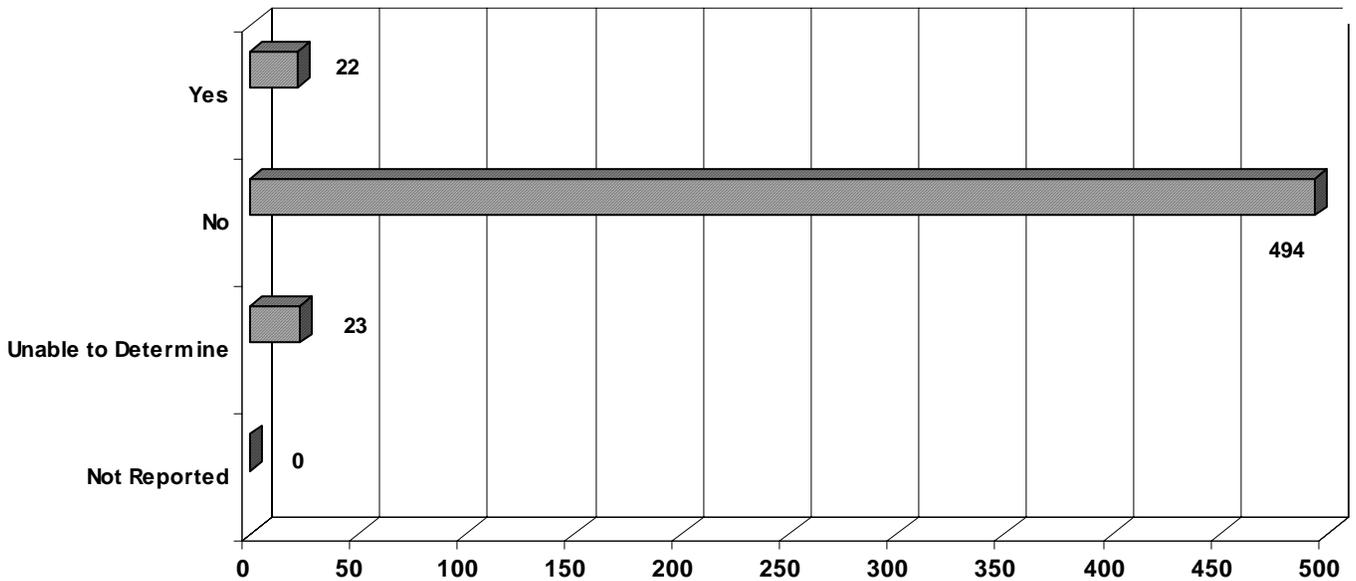


OTHER ABUSE – VICTIM DATA

Race of Victims



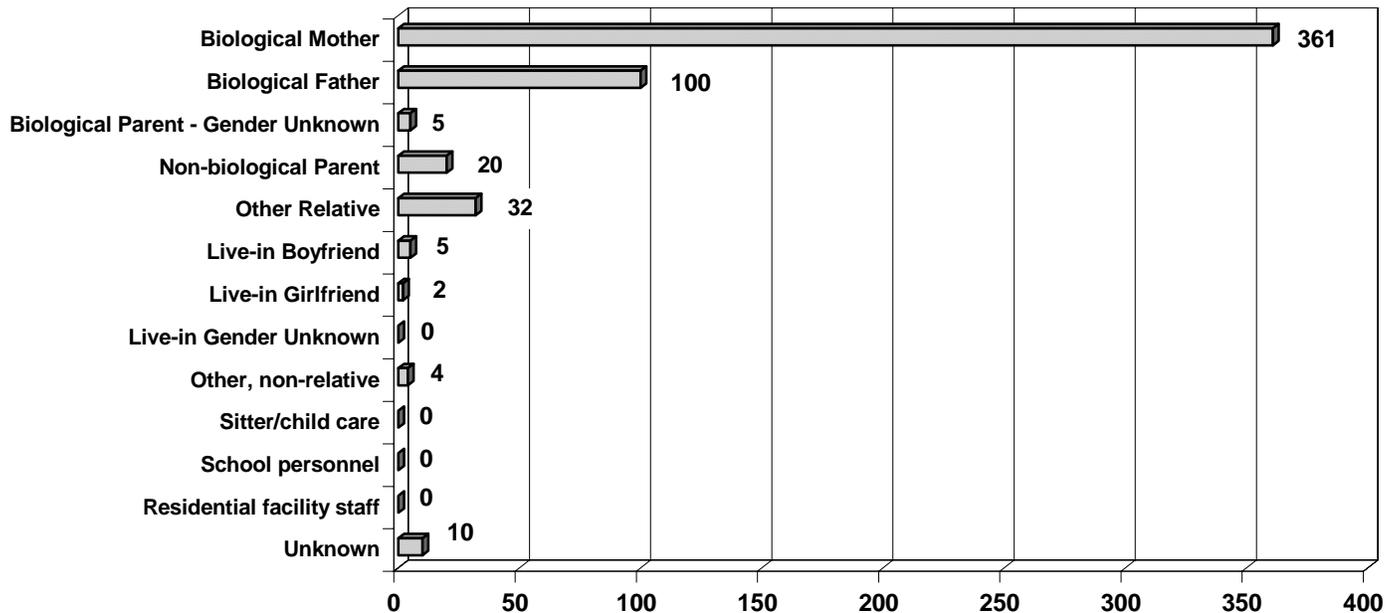
Hispanic / Latino Origin of Victims



OTHER ABUSE – MALTREATER DATA

In 2003, there were 539 substantiated incidents of “other” maltreatment. The biological mother is the most frequently reported maltreater. The chart shows the maltreater’s relationship to the child when the incident of other maltreatment occurred.

Maltreater’s Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Other Abuse – Characteristics of Maltreaters

	Gender Male	Gender Female	Total
Black/African American	18	178	196
White	100	219	319
Asian			
American Indian/Alaska Native			
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander			
Multiple Race			
Unable to Determine	7	2	9
Total	125	399	524
<i>Maltreater Ethnicity: Hispanic/Latino</i>	6	6	12

* 15 incidents did not have maltreater race/gender reported.

PROTECTIVE SERVICES DATA SYSTEM

TABLES

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Table 1**

	Total Cases Investigated	Substantiated Cases		Substantiation Rate (%)	Substantiated Incidents ¹				
		Disposition			N	E	P	S	O
		Open	Closed						
STATE TOTAL	74,152	15,936	11,975	38%	39,538	1,446	4,791	2,285	539
APPLING	286	65	21	30%	117	12	11	12	0
ATKINSON	95	19	19	40%	53	0	6	4	0
BACON	138	27	11	28%	54	3	6	4	0
BAKER	61	18	7	41%	42	0	3	3	0
BALDWIN	512	126	105	45%	339	15	58	20	0
BANKS	241	50	16	27%	100	5	9	2	3
BARROW	1,100	188	245	39%	719	16	39	19	0
BARTOW	691	155	100	37%	385	8	38	36	15
BEN HILL	444	83	75	36%	226	46	18	4	0
BERRIEN	218	30	32	28%	110	0	8	6	0
BIBB	2,377	606	219	35%	1,318	41	121	52	19
BLECKLEY	190	53	35	46%	112	6	21	17	1
BRANTLEY	379	39	72	29%	160	5	13	14	0
BROOKS	200	48	36	42%	145	5	7	7	0
BRYAN	178	18	25	24%	54	5	7	4	0
BULLOCH	439	82	59	32%	206	4	14	11	0
BURKE	208	35	18	25%	83	4	4	6	0
BUTTS	238	87	33	50%	181	17	11	4	8
CALHOUN	60	22	7	48%	43	5	6	3	0
CAMDEN	274	27	51	28%	91	2	22	9	0
CANDLER	111	24	18	38%	54	3	4	7	0
CARROLL	863	145	117	30%	385	8	35	16	11
CATOOSA	708	117	89	29%	301	9	17	26	0
CHARLTON	168	23	44	40%	121	4	12	1	0
CHATHAM	1,105	197	233	39%	520	35	114	36	6
CHATTAHOOCHEE	92	24	23	51%	58	25	12	3	0
CHATTOOGA	446	135	60	44%	301	13	20	17	1
CHEROKEE	965	226	212	45%	704	37	60	16	12
CLARKE	1,033	116	240	34%	574	8	32	16	1
CLAY	31	9	2	35%	13	0	3	0	2
CLAYTON	1,996	385	324	36%	1,033	30	119	45	5
CLINCH	88	20	26	52%	54	3	12	5	1
COBB	2,275	389	487	39%	1,107	23	213	33	19
COFFEE	478	84	92	37%	239	12	22	12	6
COLQUITT	681	243	90	49%	534	6	21	45	11
COLUMBIA	628	113	126	38%	324	20	45	8	0
COOK	253	53	28	32%	119	1	14	12	1
COWETA	652	104	101	31%	338	7	24	11	3
CRAWFORD	105	42	22	61%	66	23	15	14	10
CRISP	419	107	57	39%	258	9	25	27	2
DADE	135	31	19	37%	81	5	12	1	0
DAWSON	197	26	18	22%	56	0	8	11	0

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DECATUR	448	92	58	33%	198	18	23	16	15
DEKALB	2,070	498	370	42%	899	46	247	105	16
DODGE	377	138	30	45%	222	7	33	18	0
DOOLY	112	19	13	29%	43	2	4	5	0
DOUGHERTY	863	158	136	34%	433	2	46	27	3
DOUGLAS	1,178	265	128	33%	527	31	73	24	12
EARLY	167	32	31	38%	89	1	11	10	0
ECHOLS	50	17	2	38%	24	0	2	0	0
EFFINGHAM	374	62	41	28%	130	6	24	11	2
ELBERT	275	22	35	21%	94	3	13	1	0
EMANUEL	365	87	36	34%	168	7	16	5	3
EVANS	163	48	30	48%	118	1	12	11	0
FANNIN	278	69	48	42%	182	13	4	6	2
FAYETTE	422	118	22	33%	188	11	37	6	8
FLOYD	1,565	320	414	47%	1,023	24	82	54	10
FORSYTH	637	64	93	25%	247	0	26	11	1
FRANKLIN	221	34	30	29%	82	2	10	8	0
FULTON	5,159	1,666	742	47%	3,382	60	466	150	40
GILMER	422	85	60	34%	193	18	18	19	1
GLASCOCK	25	11	5	64%	23	2	1	0	0
GLYNN	685	89	129	32%	282	11	50	14	14
GORDON	414	84	78	39%	223	7	33	21	0
GRADY	170	27	31	34%	64	6	8	8	0
GREENE	176	51	17	39%	103	0	9	7	2
GWINNETT	3,049	536	414	31%	1,022	40	308	67	17
HABERSHAM	444	47	61	24%	133	1	17	11	0
HALL	1,683	493	305	47%	998	11	106	86	33
HANCOCK	63	19	12	49%	38	1	6	1	3
HARALSON	386	73	23	25%	144	4	11	3	4
HARRIS	180	71	26	54%	93	24	19	6	3
HART	236	44	34	33%	100	4	8	8	1
HEARD	218	35	26	28%	86	4	3	3	1
HENRY	1,428	453	229	48%	1,014	19	120	37	2
HOUSTON	860	153	257	48%	454	9	88	84	10
IRWIN	171	29	35	37%	95	0	7	8	1
JACKSON	397	41	56	24%	115	3	13	17	5
JASPER	109	16	27	39%	48	4	5	6	5
JEFF DAVIS	197	41	22	32%	87	1	13	9	0
JEFFERSON	185	39	40	43%	129	9	13	2	0
JENKINS	123	38	9	38%	67	9	10	6	1
JOHNSON	145	35	15	34%	71	10	4	8	1
JONES	254	45	58	41%	146	16	24	9	2
LAMAR	183	56	37	51%	148	0	10	11	3

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LANIER	99	29	8	37%	48	3	7	5	0
LAURENS	539	159	48	38%	334	8	27	24	0
LEE	255	44	29	29%	93	24	16	7	0
LIBERTY	877	133	163	34%	471	5	46	22	2
LINCOLN	109	27	9	33%	63	3	3	0	2
LONG	196	47	29	39%	142	0	5	11	1
LOWNDES	1,061	345	149	47%	719	42	78	61	6
LUMPKIN	517	140	101	47%	405	10	44	7	2
MACON	222	42	11	24%	80	0	3	1	0
MADISON	221	59	30	40%	149	13	5	4	0
MARION	72	13	16	40%	42	0	8	2	1
MCDUFFIE	237	87	22	46%	180	1	10	8	2
MCINTOSH	224	35	50	38%	124	10	15	1	4
MERIWETHER	279	97	52	53%	227	9	16	18	11
MILLER	64	13	10	36%	39	0	1	2	0
MITCHELL	308	55	56	36%	152	5	18	10	0
MONROE	190	30	46	40%	78	4	7	28	2
MONTGOMERY	117	30	24	46%	66	2	8	6	0
MORGAN	230	37	29	29%	113	5	1	2	0
MURRAY	763	84	177	34%	398	26	40	20	0
MUSCOGEE	1,295	171	324	38%	601	17	130	39	12
NEWTON	838	123	123	29%	373	15	46	27	0
OCONEE	197	48	18	34%	94	0	5	8	0
OGLETHORPE	134	14	20	25%	36	3	4	5	3
PAULDING	1,191	209	273	40%	657	34	110	30	7
PEACH	157	21	18	25%	38	1	10	3	2
PICKENS	299	36	51	29%	155	3	6	3	0
PIERCE	244	53	57	45%	178	13	22	18	0
PIKE	140	25	31	40%	77	4	13	6	4
POLK	343	129	49	52%	270	15	24	23	8
PULASKI	135	31	28	44%	77	3	7	3	1
PUTNAM	208	36	45	39%	115	4	16	8	0
QUITMAN	23	12	3	65%	18	0	2	2	1
RABUN	263	71	65	52%	218	5	17	2	0
RANDOLPH	85	20	17	44%	60	0	2	4	0
RICHMOND	1,974	370	350	36%	1,170	45	121	29	2
ROCKDALE	658	113	102	33%	360	1	34	12	0
SCHLEY	53	16	6	42%	36	0	4	0	0
SCREVEN	138	27	28	40%	70	1	16	4	3
SEMINOLE	145	44	23	46%	104	1	7	1	2
SPALDING	881	220	157	43%	603	5	50	23	4
STEPHENS	356	71	34	29%	165	2	11	10	0
STEWART	43	9	6	35%	23	0	4	1	1

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		Open	Closed						
SUMTER	434	79	44	28%	199	7	22	14	2
TALBOT	64	37	6	67%	54	7	8	1	12
TALIAFERRO	25	8	3	44%	9	0	3	1	0
TATTNALL	334	103	28	39%	220	2	16	12	0
TAYLOR	87	35	8	49%	62	3	5	5	0
TELFAIR	154	39	13	34%	82	3	8	10	0
TERRELL	168	42	21	38%	93	0	12	6	0
THOMAS	486	90	65	32%	188	9	45	14	8
TIFT	535	120	67	35%	266	9	26	18	15
TOOMBS	451	136	30	37%	244	4	16	13	1
TOWNS	107	27	9	34%	47	4	6	1	0
TREUTLEN	77	22	14	47%	48	0	8	2	0
TROUP	388	89	102	49%	257	14	38	11	1
TURNER	155	34	17	33%	55	4	7	5	0
TWIGGS	136	35	8	32%	50	1	7	2	1
UNION	188	38	44	44%	113	6	18	3	0
UPSON	325	66	40	33%	152	6	23	12	15
WALKER	780	135	118	32%	400	13	33	27	1
WALTON	724	74	42	16%	166	6	18	10	0
WARE	536	69	53	23%	157	20	22	11	4
WARREN	52	16	8	46%	60	0	2	1	0
WASHINGTON	200	35	29	32%	110	5	9	4	0
WAYNE	402	106	29	34%	208	2	21	10	3
WEBSTER	16	6	2	50%	8	2	1	0	0
WHEELER	63	8	16	38%	37	3	0	3	4
WHITE	309	79	34	37%	142	7	20	12	0
WHITFIELD	1,237	194	247	36%	633	22	52	32	27
WILCOX	95	20	10	32%	44	1	4	2	0
WILKES	88	10	19	33%	34	3	7	1	3
WILKINSON	95	14	14	29%	47	0	4	3	0
WORTH	376	84	69	41%	229	14	17	21	1

¹TABLE 1 NOTES: 1 Refer to the Definitions of Terms section on page 2 for the difference between cases and incidents. N=Neglect, E=Emotional abuse, P=Physical abuse, S=Sexual abuse, O=Other abuse

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Table 2**

	Unsubstantiated Cases		Screened-Out Cases		Other Information	
	Open	Closed	Cases	Rate (%)	Field Area	Class
STATE TOTAL	1,848	44,393	18,460	20%		
APPLING	11	189	46	14%	9	2
ATKINSON	0	57	17	15%	11	1
BACON	3	97	20	13%	11	2
BAKER	13	23	21	26%	10	1
BALDWIN	16	265	75	13%	6	4
BANKS	4	171	52	18%	2	1
BARROW	13	654	517	32%	5	3
BARTOW	29	407	342	33%	1	4
BEN HILL	22	264	84	16%	11	3
BERRIEN	3	153	31	12%	11	2
BIBB	181	1371	1,095	32%	6	5
BLECKLEY	2	100	24	11%	9	2
BRANTLEY	3	265	51	12%	11	2
BROOKS	7	109	23	10%	11	3
BRYAN	0	135	82	32%	12	2
BULLOCH	11	287	37	8%	12	3
BURKE	0	155	21	9%	7	3
BUTTS	7	111	44	16%	4	2
CALHOUN	4	27	14	19%	10	1
CAMDEN	9	187	141	34%	12	3
CANDLER	6	63	32	22%	9	2
CARROLL	20	581	196	19%	4	4
CATOOSA	5	497	343	33%	1	3
CHARLTON	4	97	28	14%	11	2
CHATHAM	11	664	162	13%	12	5
CHATTAHOOCHEE	0	45	24	21%	8	1
CHATTOOGA	7	244	180	29%	1	2
CHEROKEE	29	498	599	38%	3	4
CLARKE	3	674	222	18%	5	5
CLAY	2	18	3	9%	8	1
CLAYTON	56	1231	333	14%	3	5
CLINCH	0	42	14	14%	11	1
COBB	31	1368	1,372	38%	3	5
COFFEE	8	294	50	9%	11	3
COLQUITT	26	322	79	10%	10	4
COLUMBIA	2	387	109	15%	7	3
COOK	23	149	48	16%	11	2
COWETA	22	425	67	9%	4	4
CRAWFORD	1	40	20	16%	6	2
CRISP	13	242	74	15%	8	3

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	Open	Closed	Cases	Rate (%)	Field Area	Class
DADE	0	85	58	30%	1	1
DAWSON	1	152	95	33%	2	2
DECATUR	33	265	78	15%	10	3
DEKALB	40	1162	450	18%	3	5
DODGE	22	187	201	35%	9	2
DOOLY	2	78	24	18%	8	2
DOUGHERTY	9	560	107	11%	10	5
DOUGLAS	18	767	397	25%	3	4
EARLY	10	94	64	28%	10	3
ECHOLS	7	24	12	19%	11	1
EFFINGHAM	3	268	95	20%	12	3
ELBERT	6	212	70	20%	5	2
EMANUEL	4	238	84	19%	9	3
EVANS	3	82	44	21%	9	2
FANNIN	0	161	104	27%	1	2
FAYETTE	2	280	112	21%	3	3
FLOYD	43	788	424	21%	1	5
FORSYTH	15	465	292	31%	2	3
FRANKLIN	0	157	32	13%	2	2
FULTON	221	2530	528	9%	3	6
GILMER	0	277	70	14%	1	2
GLASCOCK	0	9	8	24%	7	1
GLYNN	9	458	195	22%	12	4
GORDON	3	249	112	21%	1	3
GRADY	3	109	68	29%	10	2
GREENE	1	107	29	14%	5	3
GWINNETT	62	2037	594	16%	3	5
HABERSHAM	3	333	136	23%	2	3
HALL	3	882	240	12%	2	4
HANCOCK	1	31	11	15%	7	2
HARALSON	5	285	140	27%	1	2
HARRIS	9	74	26	13%	8	2
HART	6	152	16	6%	2	3
HEARD	1	156	84	28%	4	2
HENRY	16	730	128	8%	3	4
HOUSTON	23	427	106	11%	6	4
IRWIN	4	103	71	29%	11	2
JACKSON	11	289	247	38%	5	3
JASPER	2	64	21	16%	5	2
JEFF DAVIS	4	130	42	18%	9	2
JEFFERSON	1	105	17	8%	7	2

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	Open	Closed	Cases	Rate (%)	Field Area	Class
JENKINS	10	66	10	8%	7	2
JOHNSON	0	95	37	20%	9	2
JONES	3	148	18	7%	6	2
LAMAR	2	88	77	30%	4	2
LANIER	3	59	10	9%	11	1
LAURENS	28	304	66	11%	9	4
LEE	5	177	96	27%	10	2
LIBERTY	19	562	125	12%	12	4
LINCOLN	2	71	29	21%	7	1
LONG	6	114	21	10%	12	2
LOWNDES	56	511	140	12%	11	5
LUMPKIN	8	268	121	19%	2	2
MACON	10	159	36	14%	8	2
MADISON	2	130	55	20%	5	2
MARION	1	42	10	12%	8	1
MCDUFFIE	1	127	21	8%	7	3
MCINTOSH	7	132	4	2%	12	2
MERIWETHER	4	126	56	17%	4	3
MILLER	5	36	20	24%	10	1
MITCHELL	2	195	94	23%	10	3
MONROE	5	109	16	8%	6	2
MONTGOMERY	3	60	38	25%	9	1
MORGAN	0	164	76	25%	5	2
MURRAY	21	481	265	26%	1	3
MUSCOGEE	16	784	50	4%	8	5
NEWTON	15	577	268	24%	5	4
OCONEE	5	126	108	35%	5	2
OGLETHORPE	2	98	67	33%	5	2
PAULDING	24	685	301	20%	1	3
PEACH	9	109	18	10%	6	3
PICKENS	5	207	172	37%	1	2
PIERCE	6	128	54	18%	11	2
PIKE	4	80	81	37%	4	2
POLK	19	146	145	30%	1	3
PULASKI	0	76	15	10%	6	2
PUTNAM	0	127	31	13%	6	3
QUITMAN	0	8	1	4%	8	1
RABUN	3	124	45	15%	2	2
RANDOLPH	5	43	10	11%	8	2
RICHMOND	33	1221	471	19%	7	5
ROCKDALE	19	424	169	20%	3	4

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	Unsubstantiated Cases		Screened-Out Cases		Other Information	
	Open	Closed	Cases	Rate (%)	Field Area	Class
SCHLEY	2	29	11	17%	8	1
SCREVEN	2	81	58	30%	7	2
SEMINOLE	4	74	37	20%	10	2
SPALDING	13	491	113	11%	4	4
STEPHENS	3	248	72	17%	2	3
STEWART	2	26	12	22%	8	1
SUMTER	2	309	38	8%	8	4
TALBOT	8	13	9	12%	8	1
TALIAFERRO	1	13	70	74%	7	1
TATTNALL	7	196	17	5%	9	2
TAYLOR	3	41	31	26%	8	2
TELFAIR	6	96	45	23%	9	2
TERRELL	0	105	73	30%	10	2
THOMAS	10	321	56	10%	10	4
TIFT	14	334	126	19%	11	4
TOOMBS	10	275	13	3%	9	3
TOWNS	5	66	36	25%	2	1
TREUTLEN	5	36	107	58%	9	1
TROUP	15	182	26	6%	4	4
TURNER	9	95	36	19%	11	2
TWIGGS	0	93	85	38%	6	2
UNION	10	96	82	30%	2	2
UPSON	8	211	244	43%	4	3
WALKER	28	499	384	33%	1	3
WALTON	34	574	133	16%	5	3
WARE	10	404	21	4%	11	4
WARREN	1	27	41	44%	7	2
WASHINGTON	4	132	30	13%	7	3
WAYNE	9	258	8	2%	9	3
WEBSTER	0	8	27	63%	8	1
WHEELER	5	34	104	62%	9	1
WHITE	5	191	358	54%	2	2
WHITFIELD	15	781	36	3%	1	4
WILCOX	2	63	20	17%	9	1
WILKES	4	55	31	26%	7	2
WILKINSON	2	65	95	50%	6	2
WORTH	9	214	4	1%	10	3