
PROTECTIVE SERVICES

DATA SYSTEM

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CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS – 2002

In calendar year 2002, 85,564 reports of child abuse and neglect were made to county Departments of Family and Children Services. DFCS screened out or referred to other services 16,456 reports that did not meet the definition of maltreatment. Data for the remaining 69,108 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. Although the numbers and information in this report are essentially accurate, some information may be missing and some minor inaccuracies may occur due to county:

- errors in data entry
- reports that were still being investigated up to the deadline for data entry
- missing the deadline for data entry.

Because of the volume of entries in the system, the small number of investigations not counted owing to these omissions/errors, should not influence any reported trends.

DISPOSITION OF CASES

In 2002, 85,564 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 2002, 16,456 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.

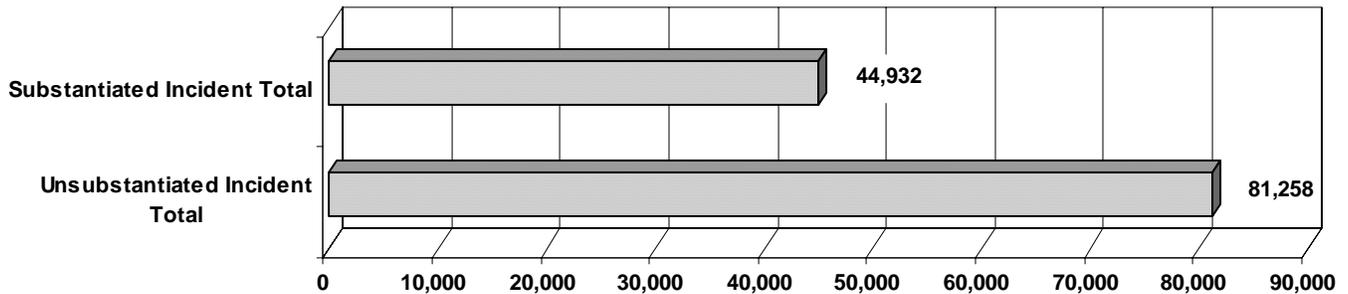
An **incident count** represents the number of maltreatment incidents. One report may contain more than one incident. An incident is counted for each type of maltreatment reported and for each child. The number of incidents in PSDS will be greater than the number of reports/cases. It will equal or exceed the number of children.

A **maltreater count** represents the number of reported maltreaters.

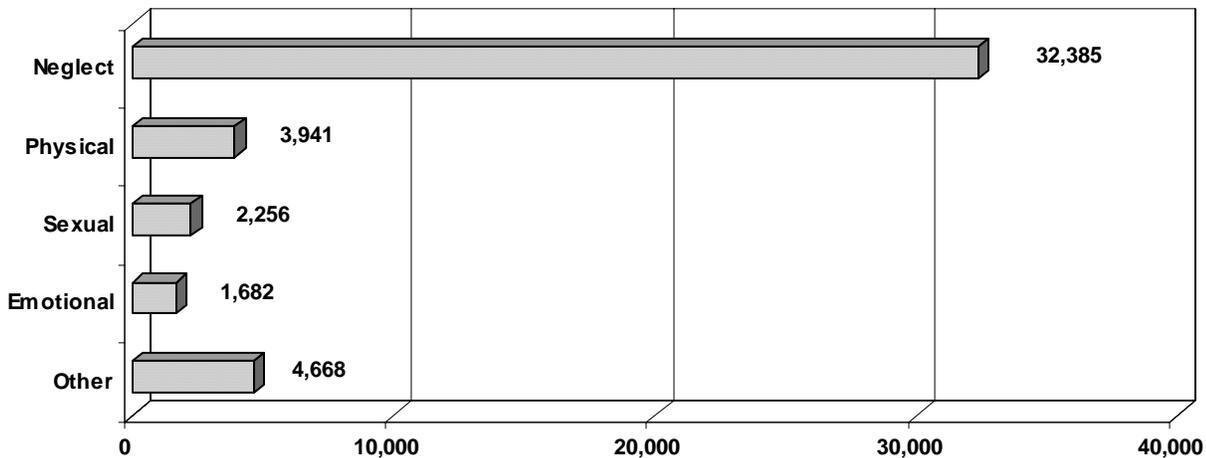
Status	Cases	Incidents
Substantiated	24,425	44,932
Unsubstantiated	44,683	81,258
Total	69,108	126,190

2002 INCIDENT DATA

A total of 126,190 incidents of maltreatment were reported in 2002. 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 for substantiated incidents. The numbers are duplicated, since a single report may contain multiple types of substantiated maltreatment.

Substantiated Incidents – Types of Reporters

Mandated Reporters	
School Personnel	7,141
Law Enforcement/Court.....	10,512
Hospital/Clinic.....	2,946
Physician, dentist, podiatrist, nurse.....	889
Professional counselor, social worker.....	2,988
DHR staff.....	4,555
Day care center	301
TANF *	105
Total Mandated Reporters.....	29,437
Non – Mandated Reporters	
Custodial parent/guardian	2,119
Relative.....	4,234
Neighbor/friend.....	3,101
Non-Custodial Parent	976
Religious leader/staff.....	195
Lawyer	133
Other non-mandated person	1,021
Alleged maltreater	39
Victim.....	150
Total Non - Mandated Reporters.....	11,968
Unknown	
Anonymous.....	2,433
Unknown.....	1,094
Total Unknown Reporters.....	3,527
Total Reporters.....	44,932

*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 duplicated because more than one type of maltreatment can occur in each location for one child. 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					
	Neglect	Physical	Sexual	Emotional	Other	Total
Victim's home	28,802	3,425	1,468	1,512	4,252	39,459
Other private home	1,487	300	598	86	179	2,650
Center-based day care	78	20	4	6	1	109
Family-based day care	54	13	9	7	2	85
Residential foster care	24	1	4	2	5	36
Group home foster care	17	1	2	3	0	23
Family foster care	51	22	13	4	2	92
Other institution	156	39	50	18	16	279
Other*	1,716	120	108	44	211	2,199
Total	32,385	3,941	2,256	1,682	4,668	44,932

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

FOSTER PARENTS AND FOSTER HOMES

In 2002, there were 151 substantiated incidents of maltreatment to foster children in a foster home facility. In 101 of the 151 incidents, the perpetrator was a foster parent or residential/group home staff member. The three types of foster care recorded in the data system are residential facilities, group home facilities and family foster care homes.

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:

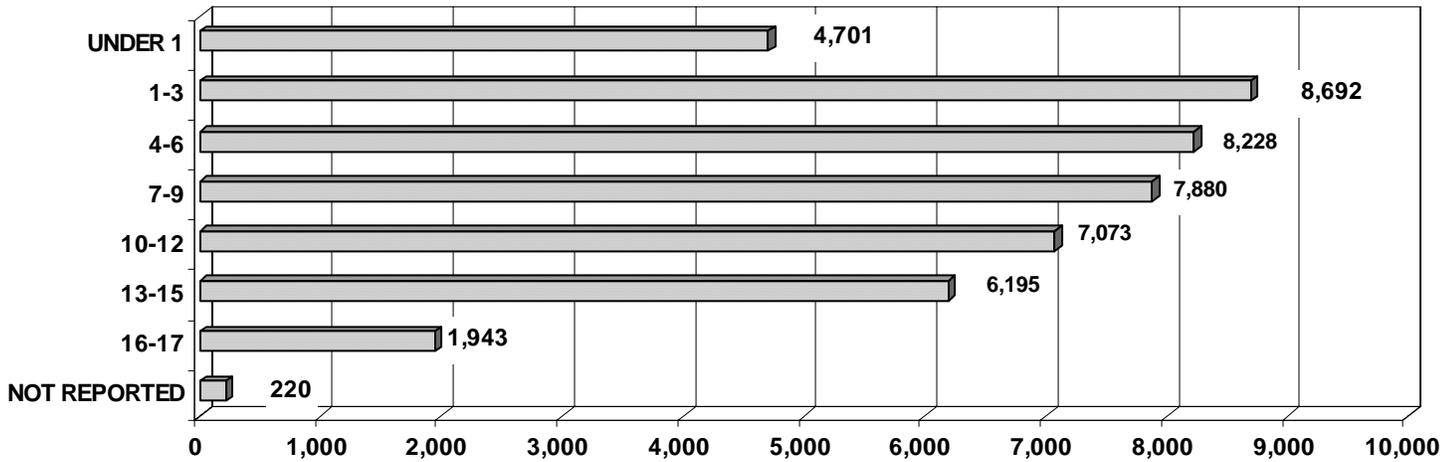
- Asking the reporter specific questions regarding substance abuse.
- Responding immediately to a report from medical personnel that a mother of a newborn has tested positive for drugs. In this case, the agency refers the mother for a formal substance abuse assessment, checks for the safety of other 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 that is alleged or found to be an abuser of alcohol, illegal drugs or both.

Adult Substance Abuse By Type			
Type	Alleged Substantiated	Alleged Unsubstantiated	Total
Alcohol	1,193	1,473	2,666
Illegal Drugs	3,806	4,436	8,242
Alcohol and Illegal Drugs	661	796	1,457
Total	5,660	6,705	12,365

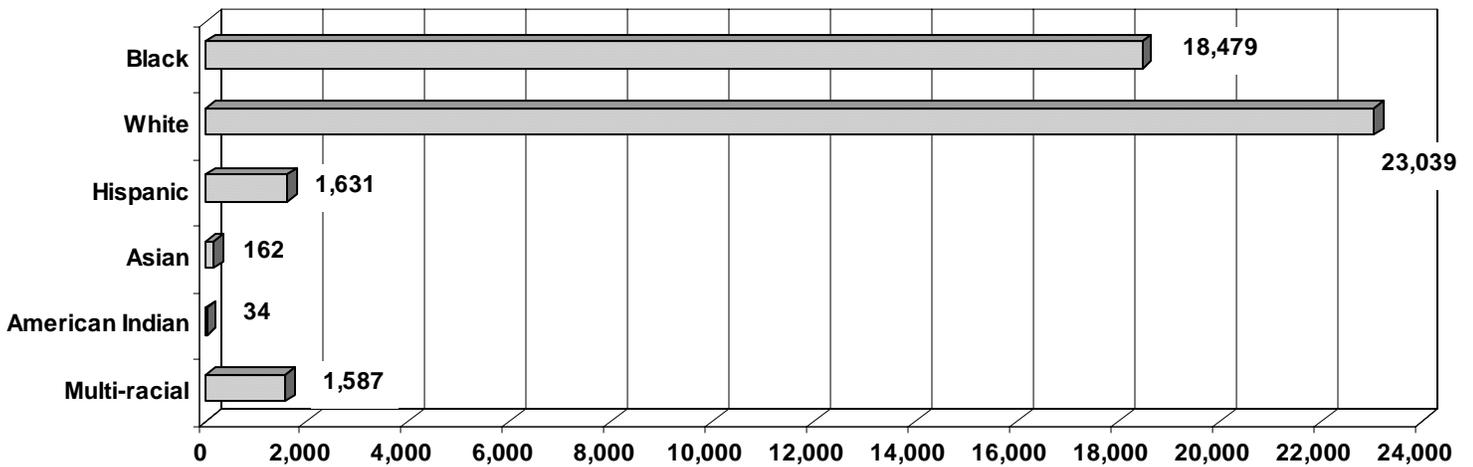
2002 VICTIM DATA

The graphs in this section identify all the children who were entered into the data system as substantiated victims of maltreatment during 2002. These graphs depict the categories of race, age and sex. The number of victims is a duplicated number, since a child may have been the victim of more than one incident of maltreatment.

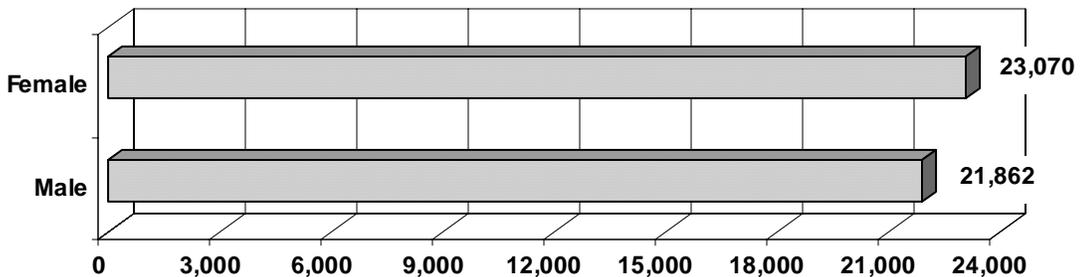
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Race



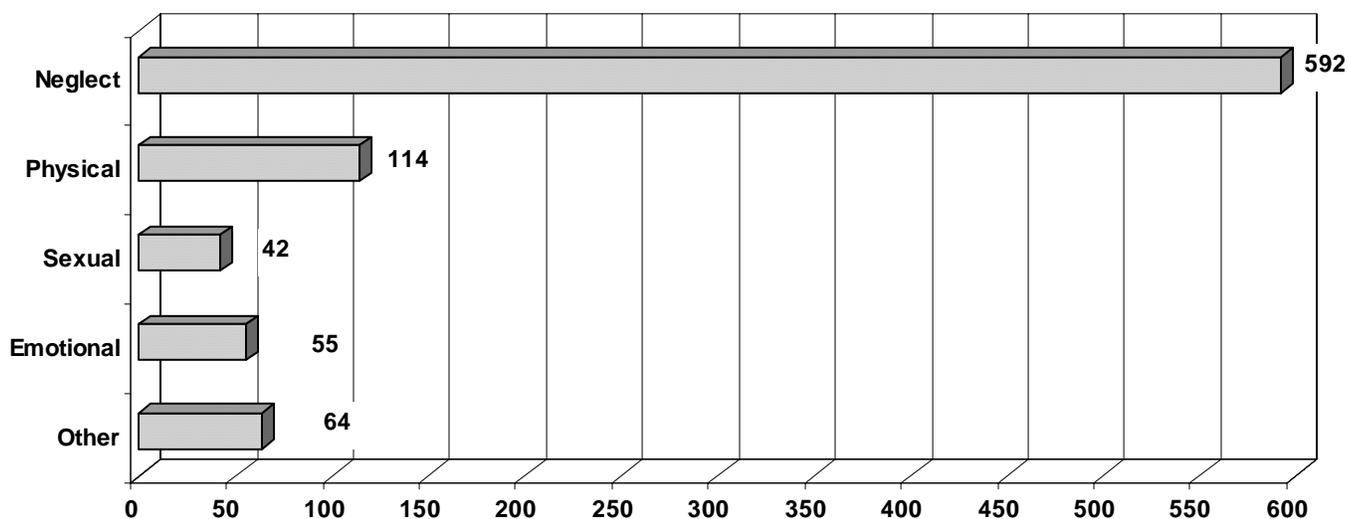
Sex



CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

If a child has a disability, PSDS documents the type of disability and the corresponding type of maltreatment. The following chart depicts the type of substantiated maltreatment that occurred to children with disabilities. These numbers may be duplicated because frequently a child with disabilities will be reported for more than one type of maltreatment in the same case.

Substantiated Maltreatment of Children with Disabilities by Type



Substantiated Maltreatment of Children with Disabilities by Disability

Type of Disability	Neglect	Physical Abuse	Sexual Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Other	Total
Mental Retardation	137	25	16	19	12	209
Mental Illness	18	2	3	1	2	26
Emotional / Behavioral	170	55	10	21	16	272
Neurological	53	3	0	1	5	62
Other Developmental Disability	147	23	8	10	20	208
Major Medical	67	6	5	3	9	90
Total	592	114	42	55	64	867

2002 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 15 relationship categories, but the categories are grouped for readability. Detailed maltreater information is not always available by age/gender.

Maltreaters	Substantiated
Biological parents	35,546
Non-biological parents	1,513
Other relatives	2,506
Live-in boyfriend	488
Other, non-relatives	786
Sitter/child care	178
School personnel	82
Residential facility staff	42
Unknown	65
Total	41,206

Maltreaters by Age - Males	
Age	Substantiated
Under 18	377
18-24	799
25-34	2,848
35-54	3,497
55 and over	229
Unknown	1,704
Total	9,454

Maltreaters by Age - Females	
Age	Substantiated
Under 16	256
16-24	6,041
25-34	12,076
35-54	6,960
55 and over	410
Unknown	1,057
Total	26,800

Fatalities Resulting from Abuse

Fatalities by Maltreatment Type	
Blunt Force Trauma	9
Stabbing	2
Beatings / Multiple Abuses.....	4
Drug Exposed.....	1
Total.....	16
Criminal Charges Filed.....	15

Maltreaters By Relationship						
	Mother	Father	Boyfriend	Mother and Boyfriend	Mother and Father	Other
Blunt Force Trauma	2	1	3	0	2	1
Stabbing	1	0	0	0	0	1
Beatings / Multiple Abuses	0	1	3	0	0	0
Drug Exposed	1	0	0	0	0	0

Victim Data

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

Race	
Black	25
White	23
Hispanic	2
Asian	1

Age	
Under age One	22
One to Three years	17
Four to Five years.....	7
Six to Thirteen years.....	2
Fourteen to Seventeen.....	2
Unknown.....	1

Sex	
Female	14
Male	37

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.

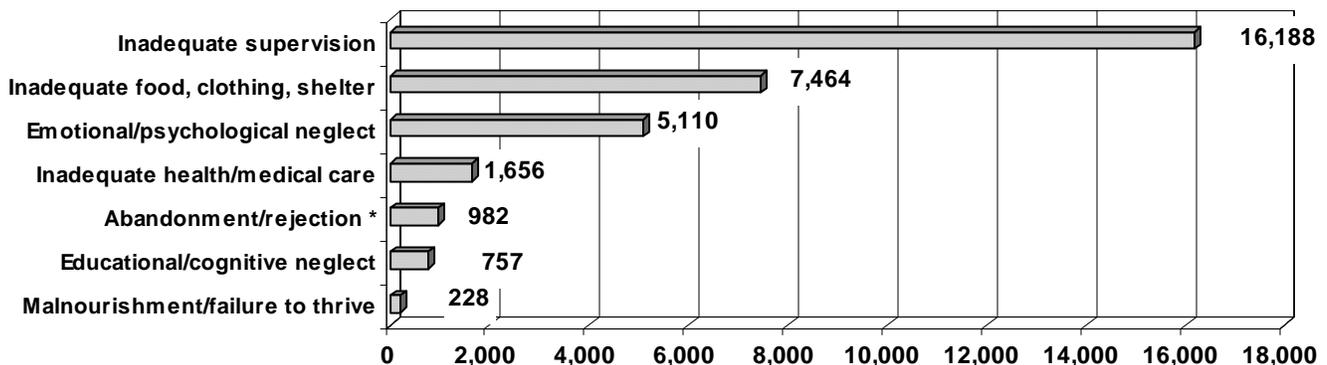
In 2002, 86,929 incidents of neglect were reported. Of these, 32,385 were substantiated.

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	32,385
Unsubstantiated	54,544
Total	86,929

Type of Substantiated Neglect

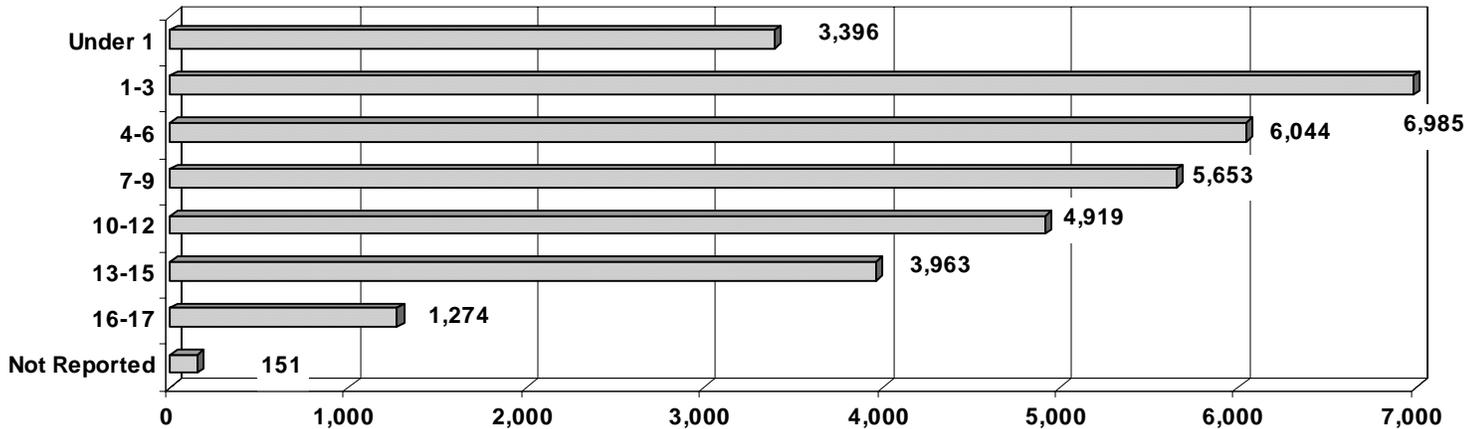


* The abandonment/rejection category includes not only children for whom a parent no longer wants responsibility; it also includes children who may not be picked up as scheduled from school, children left with a babysitter beyond planned pick-up times, etc.

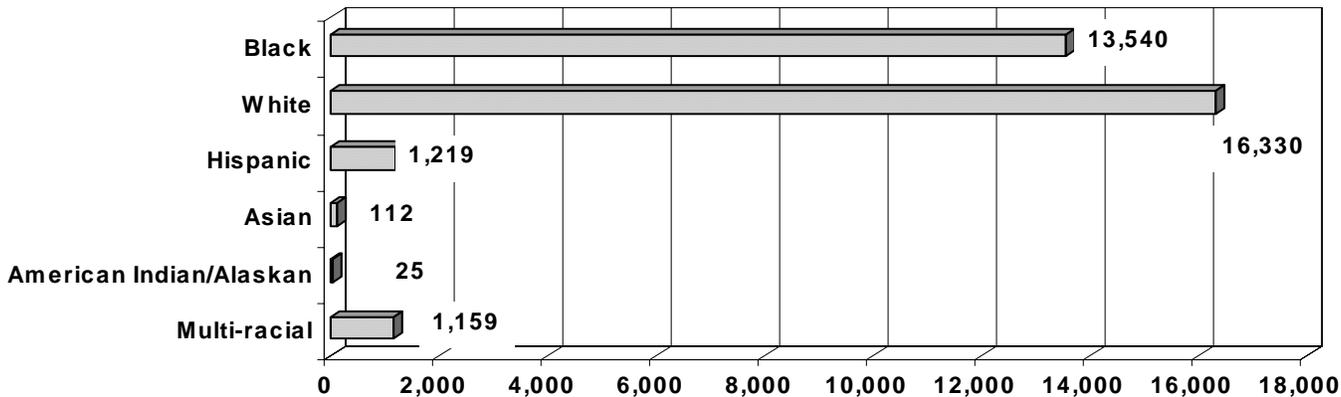
VICTIM DATA

The following tables identify the children who were victims of substantiated neglect in 2002 by the categories of race, age and sex. The number of victims is a duplicated number, since a child may have been the victim of more than one incident of neglect during the year.

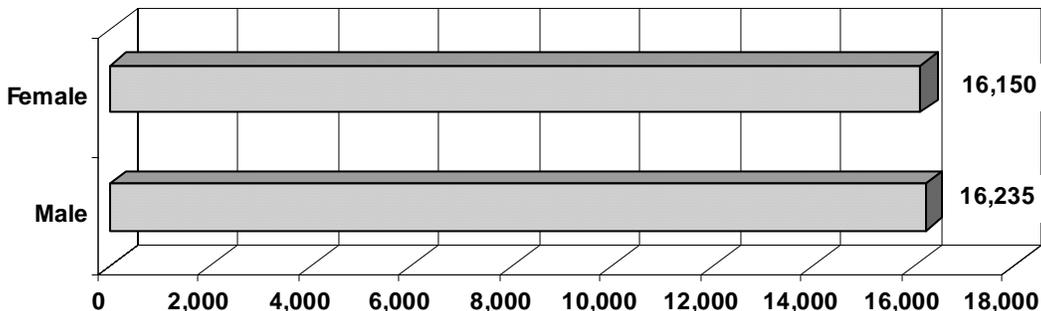
Age



Race



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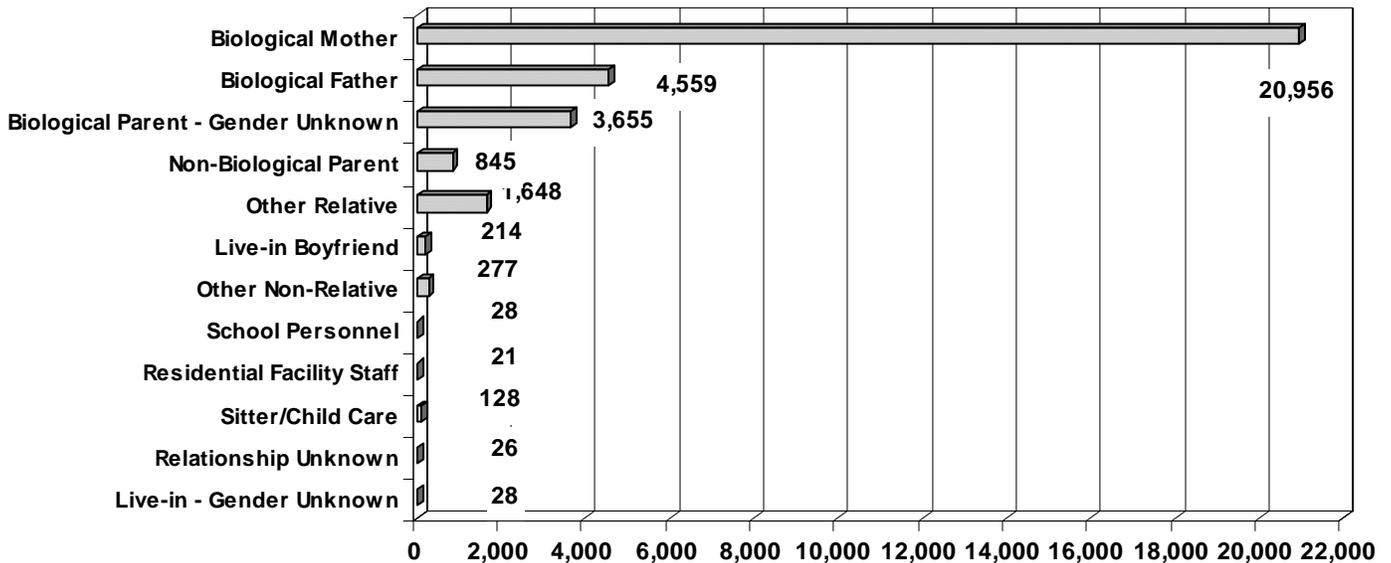


MALTREATER DATA

In 2002 there were 32,385 substantiated incidents of neglect. The biological mother was the perpetrator in sixty-five 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																	
Race	Black		White		Hispanic		Asian		American Indian		Multi-Racial		Unknown		Totals		Sex Unk.
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Totals	10,539	1,563	11,265	3,674	743	341	87	32	24	10	86	7	37	17	22,781	5,644	3,960

PHYSICAL ABUSE

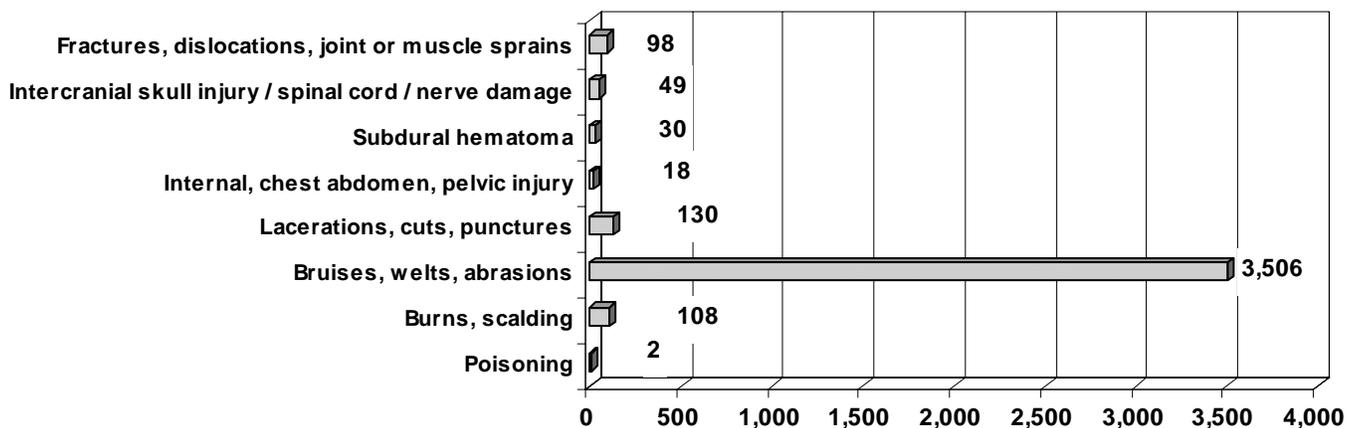
Physical abuse is injury to a child under the age of 18 by other than accidental means by a parent or caretaker which results in bruises, welts, fractures, burns, cuts, internal injuries, etc. Physical abuse often occurs in the name of discipline or punishment and may involve the use of the hand or the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

In 2002, 16,637 incidents of physical abuse were reported; 3,941 were substantiated and entered into the information system.

Bruises, welts and abrasions, which often results from inappropriate discipline, is the most common form of physical abuse and comprised over 89 percent of the substantiated physical abuse incidents.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	3,941
Unsubstantiated	12,696
Total	16,637

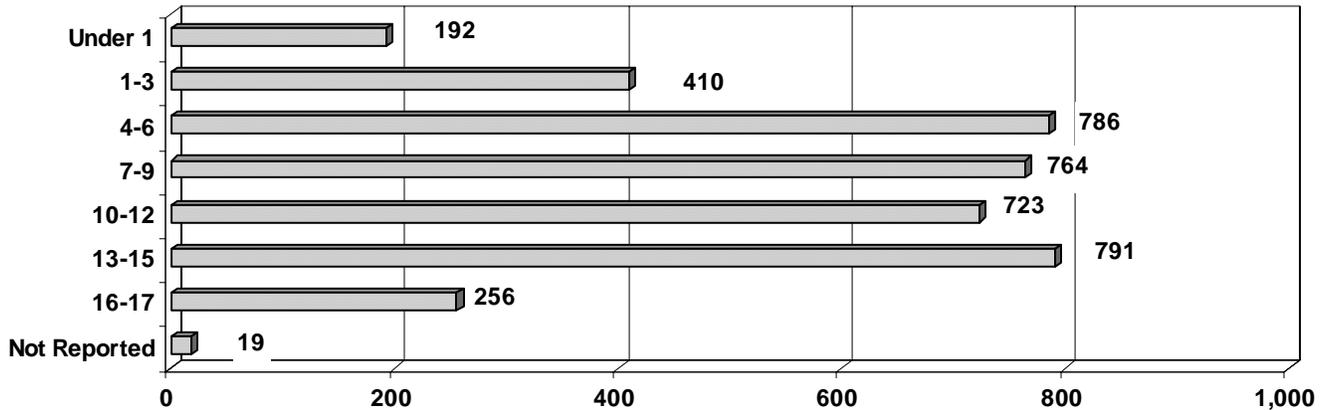
Types of Substantiated Physical Abuse



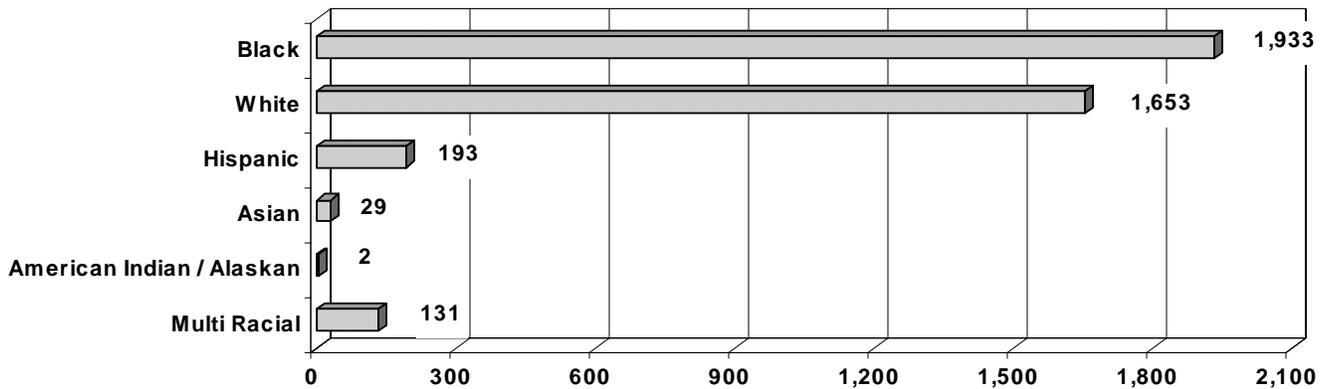
Victim Data

The following tables identify the children who were victims of substantiated physical abuse in 2002 by the categories of race, age and sex. The number of victims is a duplicated number, since a child may have been the victim of more than one incident of physical abuse during the year.

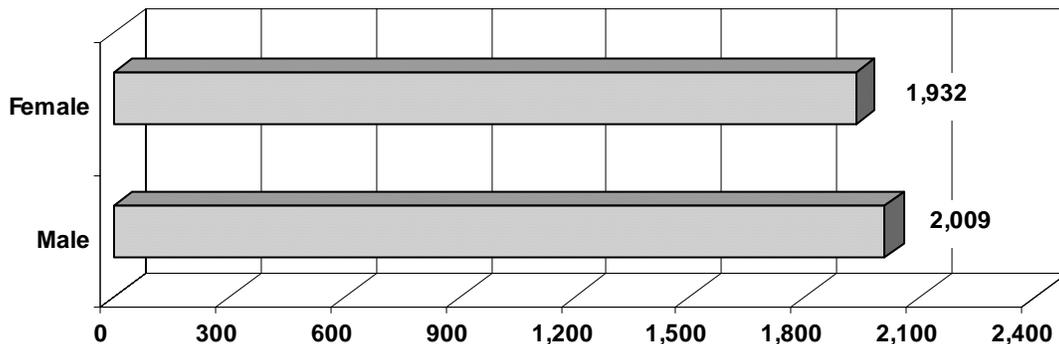
Age



Race



Sex

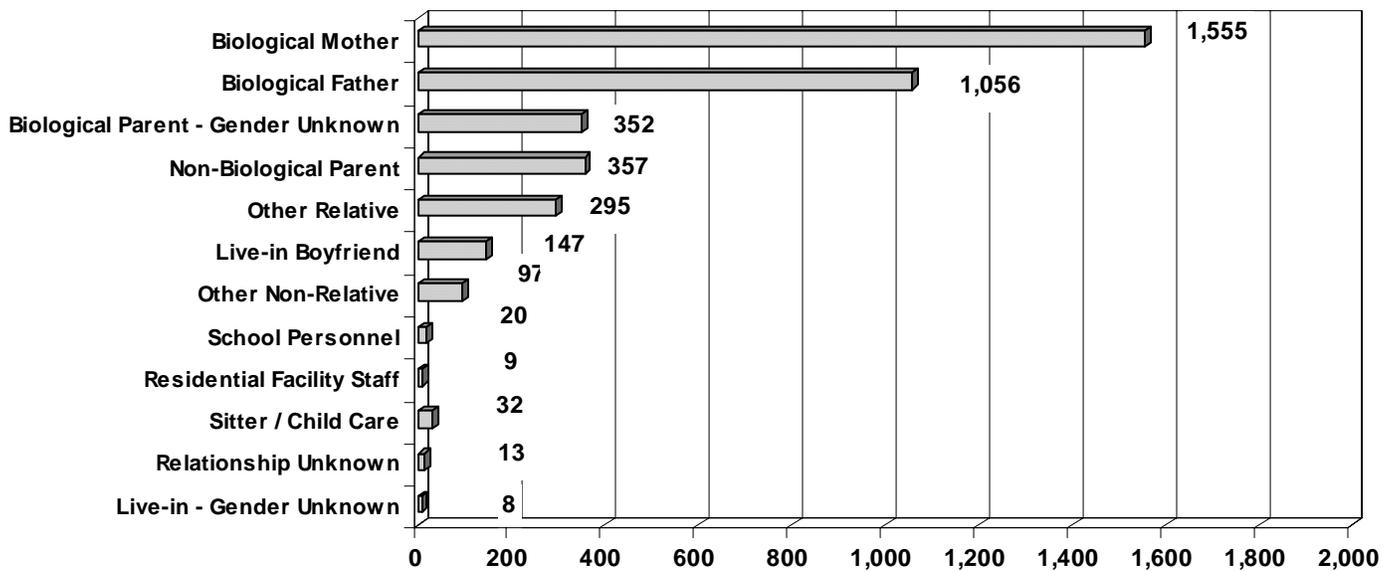


MALTREATER DATA

In 2002 there were 3,941 substantiated incidents of physical abuse. The biological mother was the perpetrator in thirty-nine percent of the incidents. The biological father was the perpetrator in twenty seven 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																		
Race	Black		White		Hispanic		Asian		American Indian		Multi - Racial		Unknown		Totals		Sex Unk.	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M		
Totals	1,116	685	626	836	90	97	16	20	1	0	9	7	2	5	1,860	1,650	431	

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.

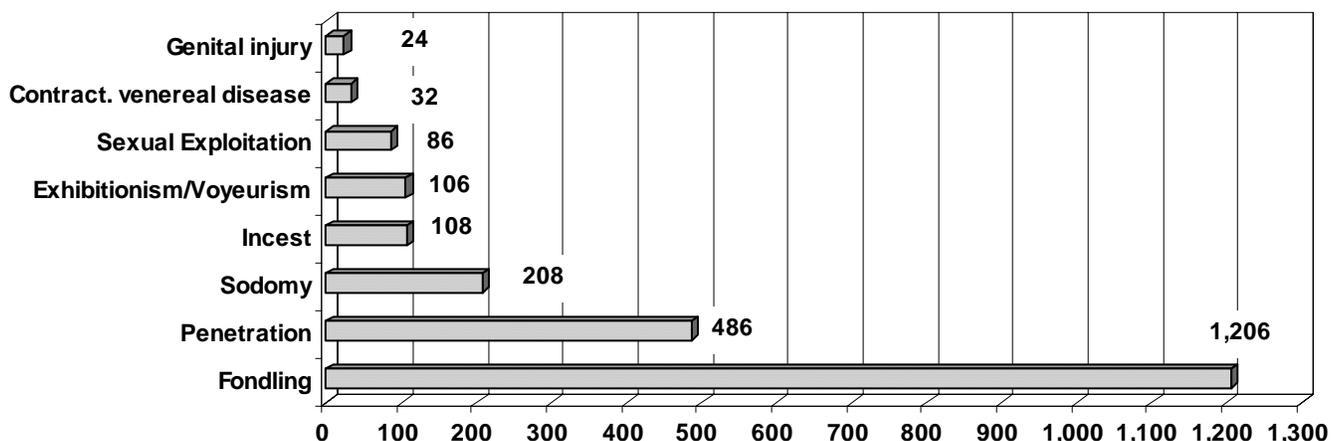
Sexual abuse may also be committed by a person under the age of 18 when that person is either significantly older than the victim or when the abuser is in a position of power or control over another child. When someone outside the child's family abuses a child, CPS must evaluate whether the parents permitted 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 2002 6,952 incidents of sexual abuse were reported and 2,256 incidents substantiated. Fondling is the most often substantiated form of sexual abuse. In substantiated incidents, children between the ages of 4 and 15 are the most frequently abused.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	2,256
Unsubstantiated	4,696
Total	6,952

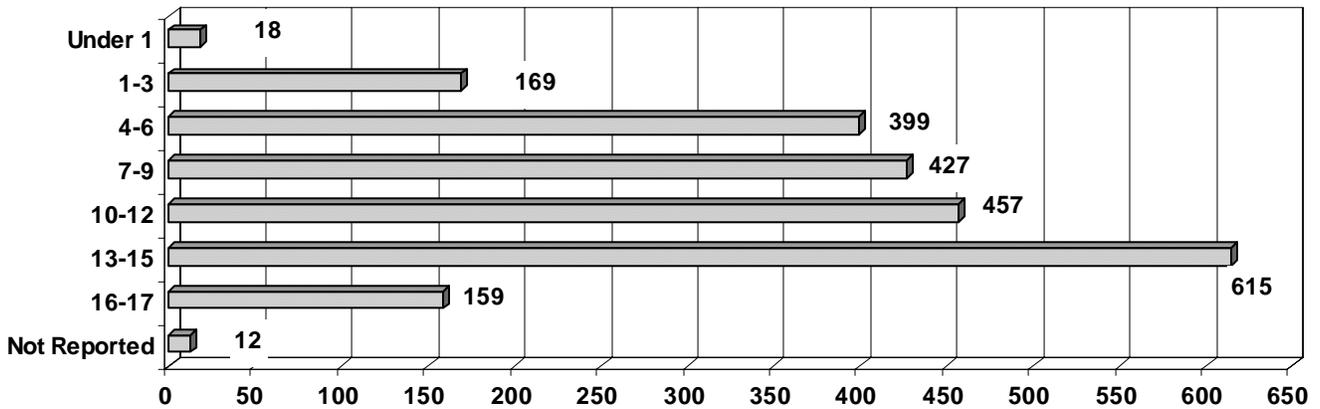
Type of Substantiated Sexual Abuse



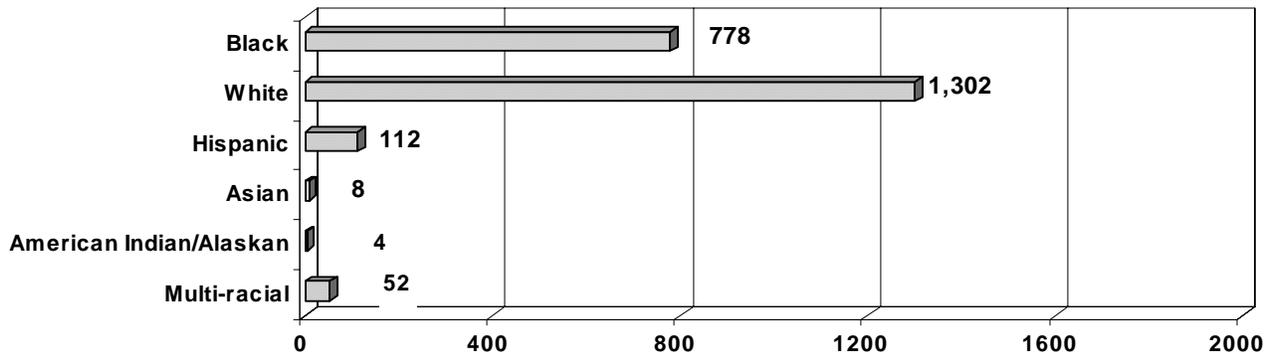
Victim Data

The following tables identify the children who were victims of substantiated sexual abuse in 2002 by the categories of race, age and sex. The number of victims is a duplicated number, since a child may have been the victim of more than one incident of sexual abuse during the year. Seventy-nine percent of the victims of substantiated sexual abuse were females.

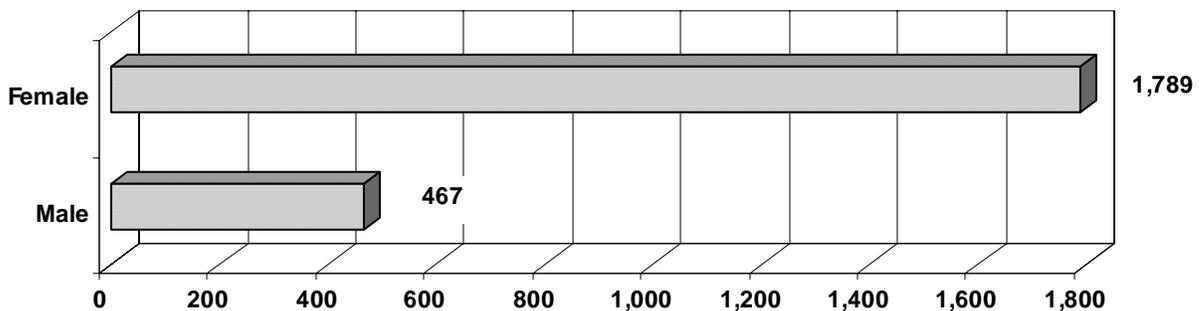
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Race



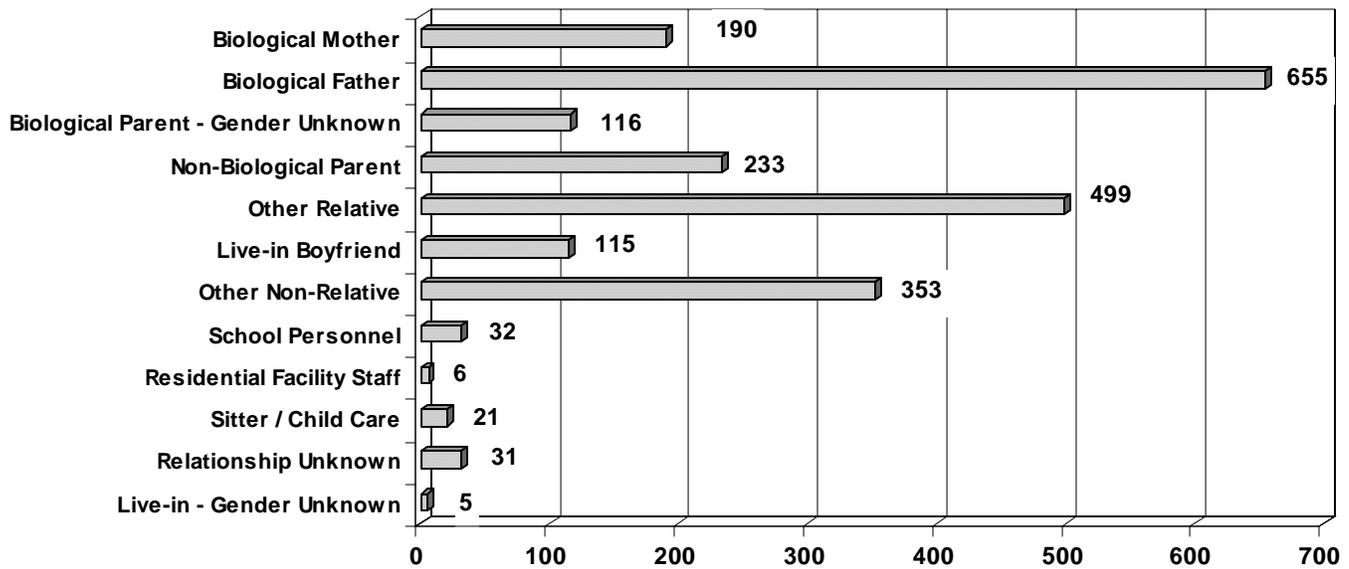
Sex



MALTREATER DATA

In 2002 there were 2,256 substantiated incidents of sexual abuse. 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																		
Race	Black		White		Hispanic		Asian		American Indian		Multi-Racial		Unknown		Totals		Sex Unk.	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M		
Totals	97	610	165	1,009	13	99	1	9	0	3	0	6	2	12	278	1,748	230	

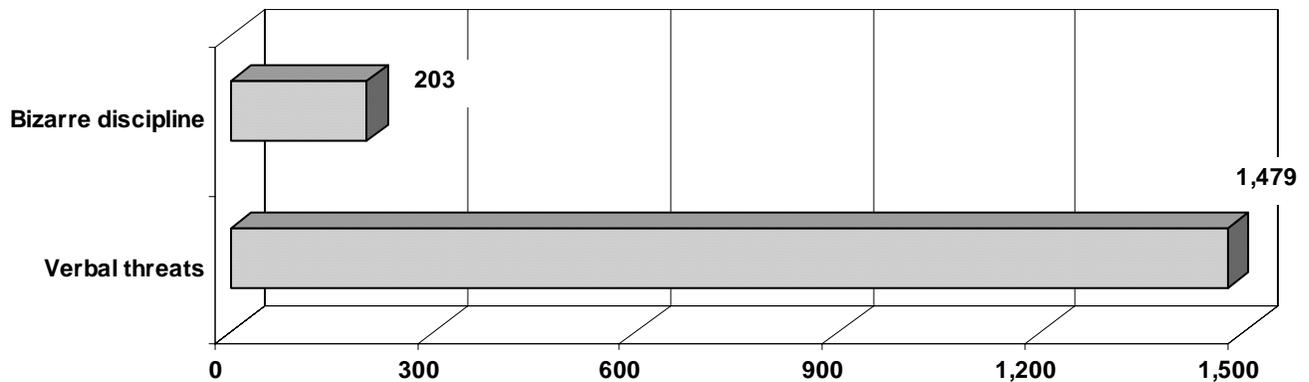
EMOTIONAL ABUSE

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.

In 2002, 4,969 incidents of emotional abuse were reported. Of these, 1,682 incidents were substantiated.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	1,682
Unsubstantiated	3,287
Total	4,969

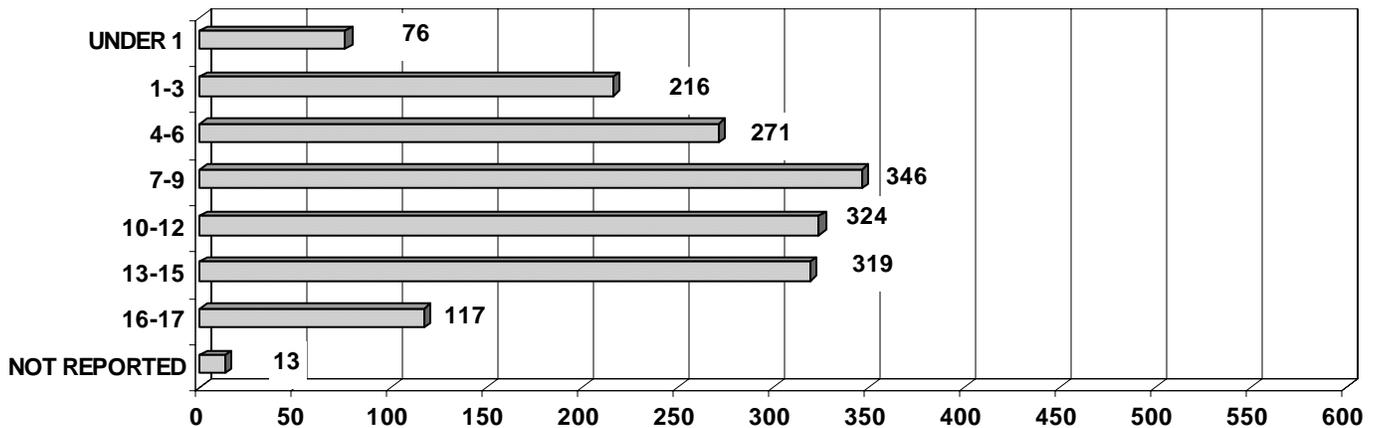
Type of Substantiated Emotional Abuse



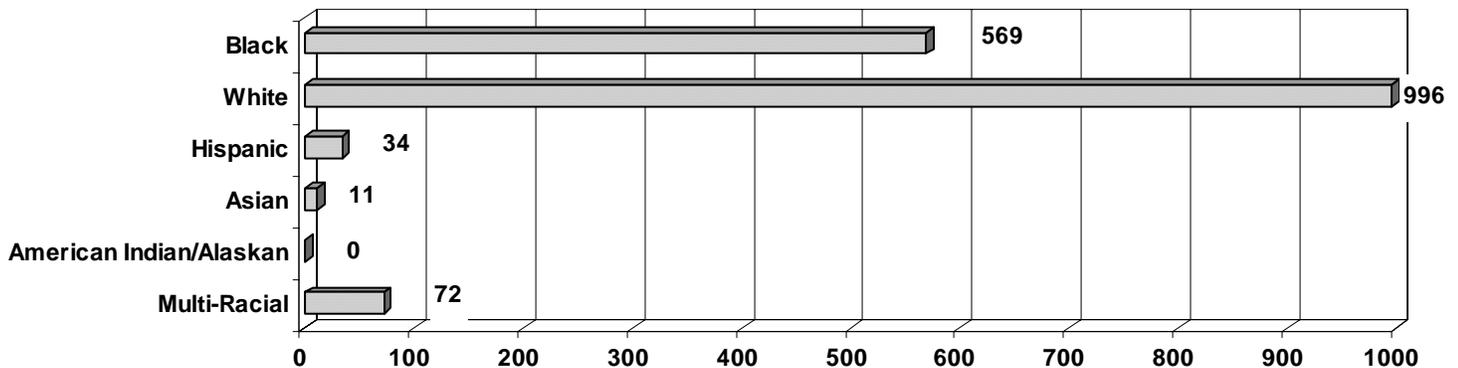
Victim Data

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.

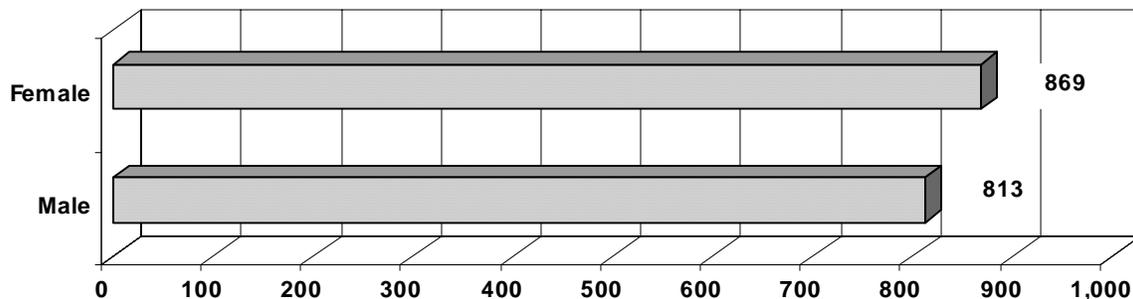
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Race



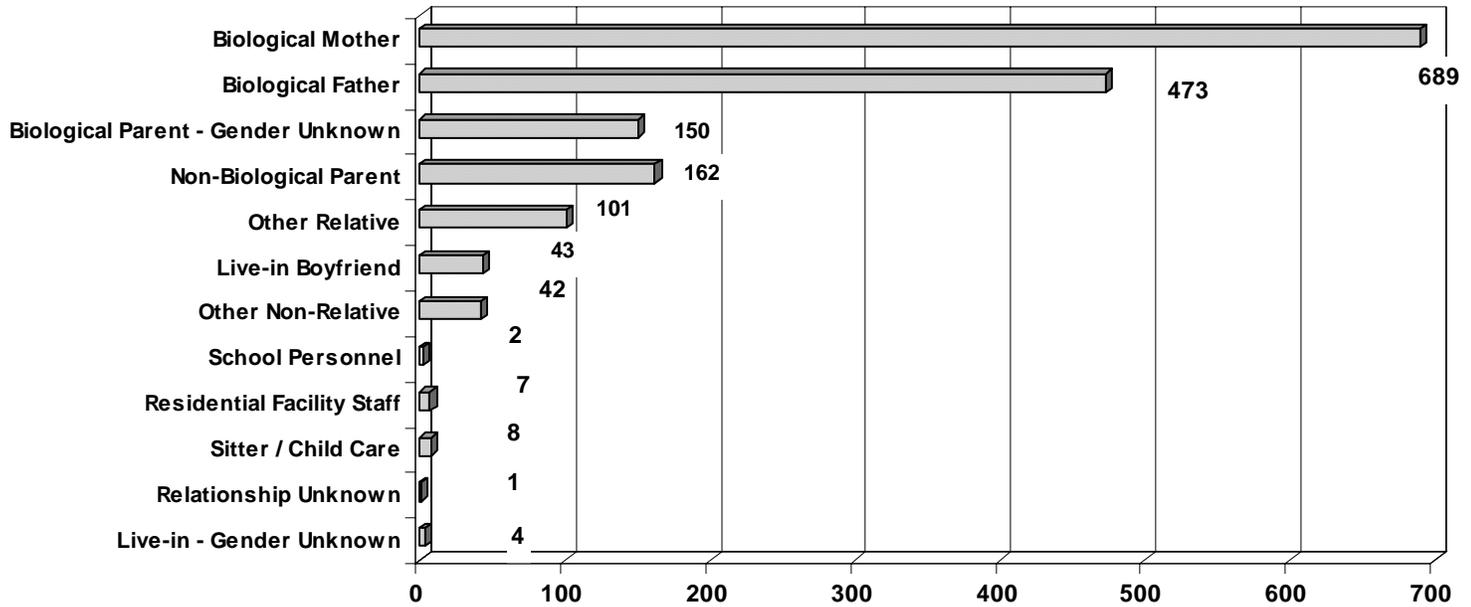
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MALTREATER DATA

In 2002 there were 1,682 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.

Maltreater's Relationship to Victim



Substantiated Emotional Abuse – Characteristics of Maltreaters

Race	Black		White		Hispanic		Asian		American Indian		Multi-Racial		Unknown		Totals		Sex Unk.
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Totals	298	229	463	424	14	26	12	5	0	4	5	4	3	4	795	696	191

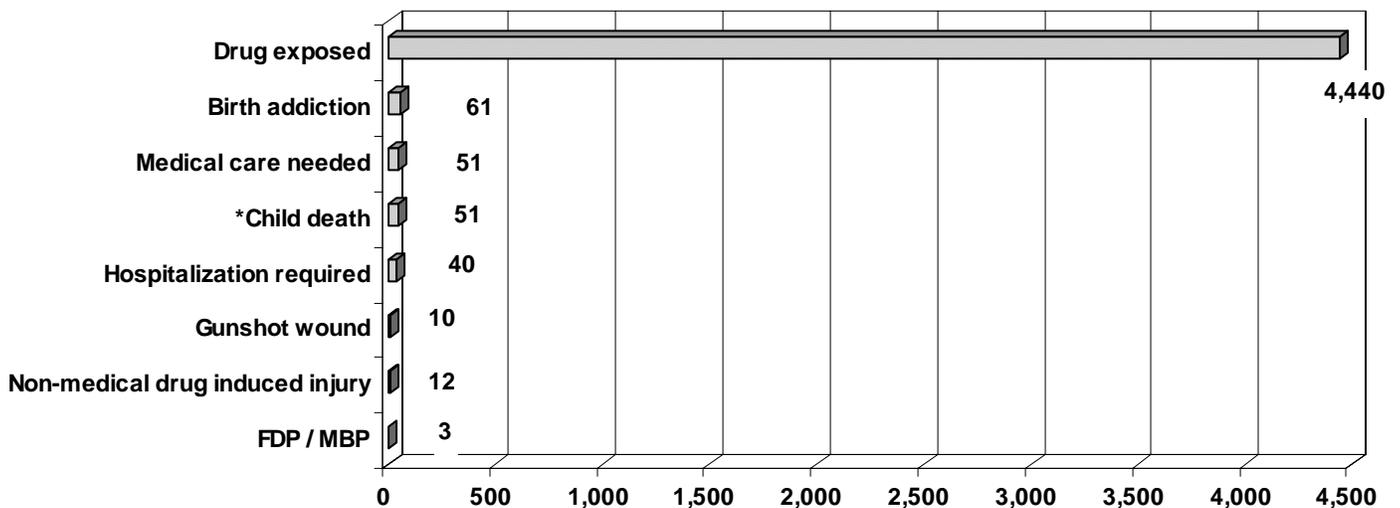
OTHER ABUSE

When a report is received that does not fit clearly in any other category, the report is classified as “other.” In 2002, 10,703 incidents were reported under this category, and 4,668 incidents were substantiated. Child fatalities are recorded in this category. The 51 deaths recorded under “Fatality” were substantiated as resulting from maltreatment.

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 fatalities 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.

<u>Determination</u>	<u>Number of Incidents</u>
Substantiated	4,668
Unsubstantiated	6,035
Total	10,703

Type of Substantiated “Other” Abuse

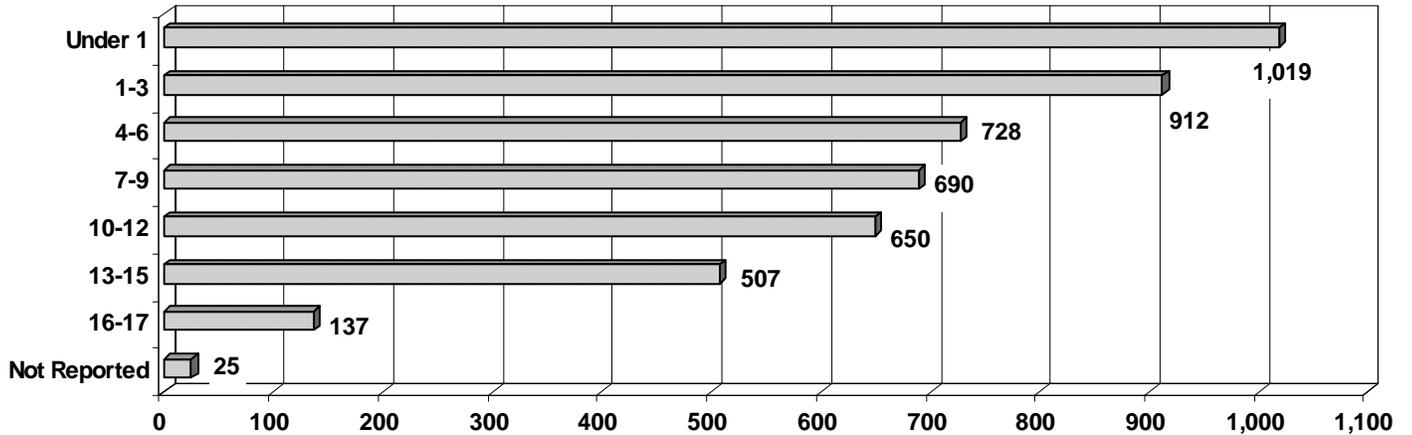


* Deaths attributed to substantiated abuse or neglect (See page 9)

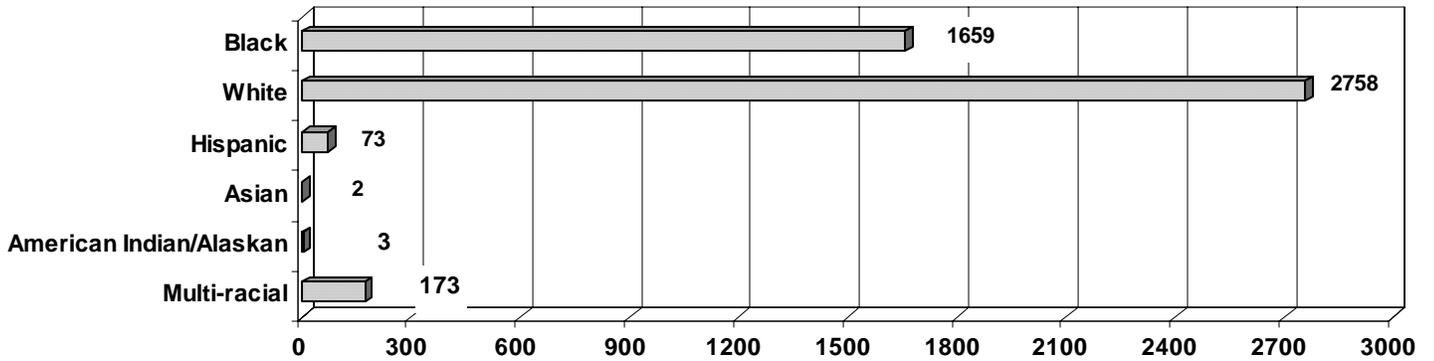
Victim Data

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. The number of victims is a duplicated number, since a child may have been the victim of more than one incident of other maltreatment during the year.

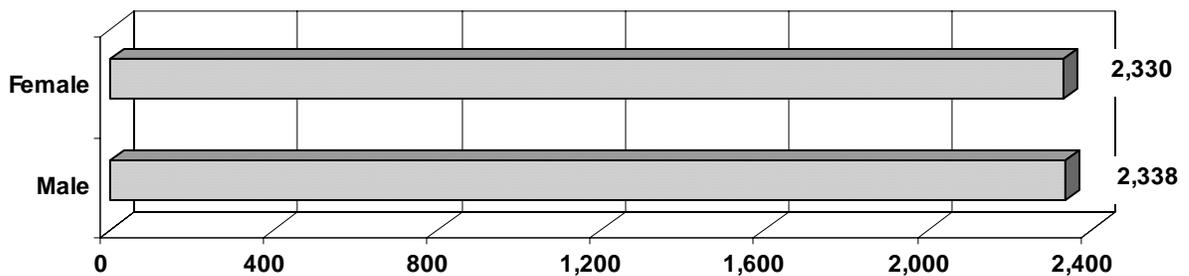
Age



Race



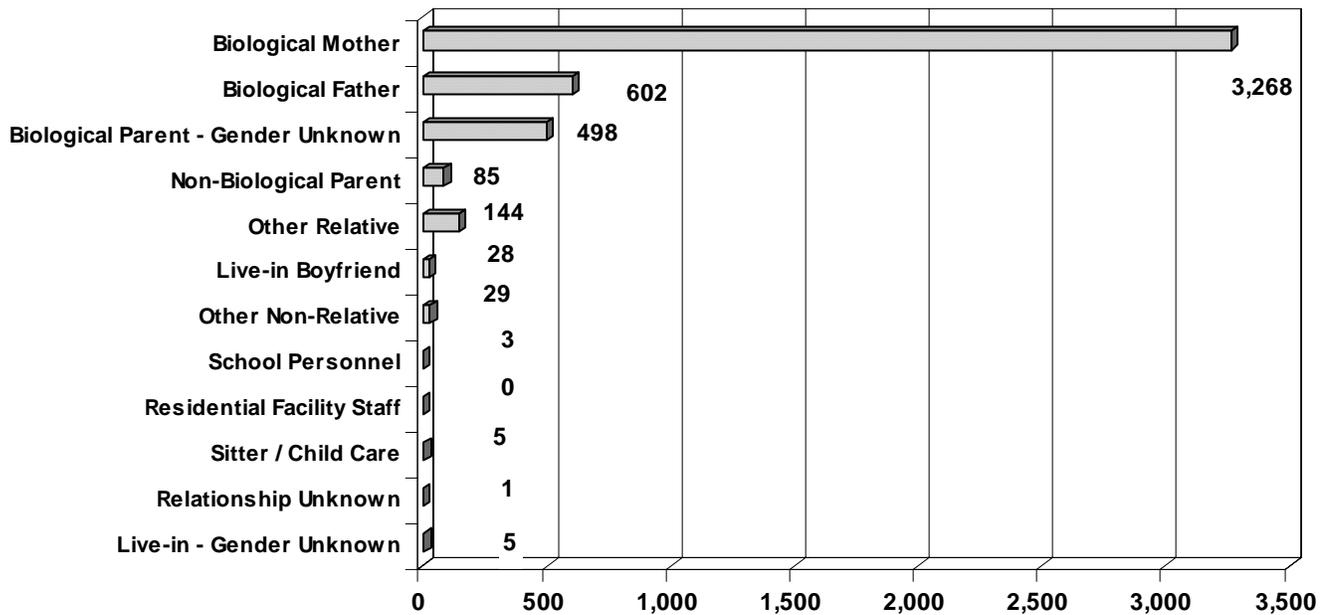
Sex



MALTREATER DATA

In 2002 there were 4,668 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																	
Race	Black		White		Hispanic		Asian		American Indian		Multi - Racial		Unknown		Totals		Sex Unk.
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	
Totals	1,388	119	1,969	584	30	35	2	2	0	0	10	0	9	1	3,408	741	519

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		DISPOSITION		RISK LEVEL ¹				N	E	P	S	O
		OPEN	CLOSED	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH						
STATE TOTAL	69,108	13,965	10,460	7,066	13,825	2,336	35%	32,385	1,682	3,941	2,256	4,668
APPLING	247	69	13	13	63	3	33%	97	9	11	8	23
ATKINSON	87	25	9	5	28	0	39%	52	2	11	2	2
BACON	148	34	10	8	33	3	30%	60	9	1	1	22
BAKER	61	13	16	15	12	2	48%	50	8	5	1	8
BALDWIN	417	63	58	34	51	9	29%	143	5	14	21	10
BANKS	245	42	32	25	31	16	30%	106	12	11	3	0
BARROW	954	178	221	110	232	48	42%	630	34	37	30	195
BARTOW	483	85	84	80	62	21	35%	196	4	26	36	61
BEN HILL	392	42	82	79	40	5	32%	131	62	27	12	0
BERRIEN	231	32	35	22	30	8	29%	69	0	12	16	0
BIBB	1,865	359	176	115	327	43	29%	694	20	73	51	218
BLECKLEY	157	52	29	20	53	6	52%	78	18	13	9	23
BRANTLEY	228	37	38	26	41	8	33%	107	1	11	1	4
BROOKS	198	64	31	27	57	10	48%	162	8	18	6	6
BRYAN	145	7	14	7	12	1	14%	22	1	6	0	2
BULLOCH	426	61	50	36	63	9	26%	143	2	16	9	8
BURKE	228	29	36	31	27	7	29%	111	13	7	4	8
BUTTS	198	61	24	15	66	3	43%	125	23	12	7	49
CALHOUN	65	22	6	6	21	1	43%	29	10	6	1	1
CAMDEN	214	16	36	28	19	3	24%	74	0	11	3	20
CANDLER	112	27	17	8	24	2	39%	78	5	2	5	1
CARROLL	772	143	66	42	145	12	27%	296	21	31	18	56
CATOOSA	733	126	99	64	132	29	31%	343	24	26	19	1
CHARLTON	154	24	31	16	22	6	36%	89	3	5	3	7
CHATHAM	884	196	208	173	210	19	46%	472	44	120	25	77
CHATTAHOOCHEE	81	18	23	17	18	2	51%	51	7	11	4	5
CHATTOOGA	388	92	54	35	97	10	38%	195	5	21	13	4
CHEROKEE	911	204	144	104	197	35	38%	498	21	31	22	59
CLARKE	961	101	292	128	205	53	41%	593	18	49	36	113
CLAY	36	8	4	2	9	0	33%	21	0	2	1	0
CLAYTON	1,978	557	263	160	522	108	41%	1,154	61	119	63	298
CLINCH	79	8	38	35	9	1	58%	65	4	9	1	2
COBB	2,382	324	464	340	356	40	33%	883	17	205	52	219
COFFEE	457	76	73	65	70	12	33%	169	3	24	15	13
COLQUITT	629	195	94	46	166	59	46%	521	13	17	46	76
COLUMBIA	612	70	133	98	96	5	33%	231	24	25	24	58
COOK	325	61	49	37	61	8	34%	113	10	10	22	22
COWETA	691	178	124	65	186	38	44%	448	21	50	24	40
CRAWFORD	106	20	30	20	21	4	47%	62	8	15	7	13

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		DISPOSITION		RISK LEVEL ¹				N	E	P	S	O
		OPEN	CLOSED	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH						
CRISP	389	110	47	32	105	16	40%	237	9	23	14	58
DADE	136	36	24	7	44	8	44%	72	10	20	4	0
DAWSON	165	18	23	18	16	7	25%	37	0	10	8	8
DECATUR	390	109	49	36	80	30	41%	215	18	25	9	14
DEKALB	2,162	472	399	340	405	53	40%	934	31	131	84	66
DODGE	335	108	31	29	105	4	41%	151	4	28	25	43
DOOLY	129	20	29	15	25	3	38%	55	3	4	9	3
DOUGHERTY	949	168	115	83	177	18	30%	403	8	57	26	28
DOUGLAS	1,049	243	80	46	235	33	31%	414	41	49	9	145
EARLY	184	24	22	15	28	2	25%	60	3	9	4	0
ECHOLS	49	9	11	10	9	1	41%	34	0	1	0	0
EFFINGHAM	268	30	26	11	34	11	21%	68	7	18	5	25
ELBERT	250	12	55	23	26	4	27%	72	0	12	11	0
EMANUEL	344	94	23	4	80	18	34%	159	1	23	1	4
EVANS	138	43	23	15	49	2	48%	75	0	22	7	12
FANNIN	303	54	45	24	50	13	33%	135	12	11	3	50
FAYETTE	352	90	22	25	67	12	32%	184	4	29	1	2
FLOYD	1,575	294	345	270	308	58	41%	934	24	80	61	19
FORSYTH	609	53	129	103	58	15	30%	258	12	31	23	95
FRANKLIN	229	20	26	17	23	5	20%	61	11	6	2	16
FULTON	4,982	1,528	743	561	1,290	154	46%	2,809	65	358	105	200
GILMER	378	73	66	47	58	34	37%	215	18	12	14	11
GLASCOCK	18	4	4	2	6	0	44%	12	7	0	0	2
GLYNN	644	71	140	56	98	57	33%	266	11	61	19	24
GORDON	390	85	64	39	69	14	38%	209	6	20	19	14
GRADY	194	24	21	15	25	5	23%	62	0	7	6	3
GREENE	199	56	36	16	70	5	46%	156	5	17	2	26
GWINNETT	2,391	261	204	195	205	27	19%	420	37	142	56	24
HABERSHAM	362	37	49	23	54	8	24%	116	5	10	16	0
HALL	1,542	448	210	100	459	79	43%	823	8	91	70	83
HANCOCK	56	19	15	9	23	2	61%	30	5	5	3	3
HARALSON	353	50	13	3	47	6	18%	84	9	10	3	7
HARRIS	193	71	25	19	58	17	50%	126	14	7	13	23
HART	213	42	33	31	38	5	35%	87	5	10	8	16
HEARD	168	24	15	6	29	4	23%	63	5	2	1	4
HENRY	1,317	340	219	128	363	46	42%	797	19	82	21	251
HOUSTON	970	135	208	181	145	16	35%	367	35	69	77	61
IRWIN	165	22	25	17	26	4	28%	56	3	5	5	1
JACKSON	348	62	43	41	37	27	30%	140	5	23	7	26
JASPER	82	23	17	15	22	1	49%	46	2	9	8	15
JEFF DAVIS	156	23	11	9	20	2	22%	40	5	10	6	6

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		OPEN	CLOSED	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH						
JEFFERSON	186	28	40	27	34	6	37%	100	1	11	5	3
JENKINS	125	23	5	4	16	7	22%	53	0	3	1	11
JOHNSON	150	47	23	14	47	4	47%	87	17	10	15	0
JONES	211	39	38	18	58	1	36%	80	6	14	14	14
LAMAR	193	60	24	15	68	1	44%	130	1	10	7	0
LANIER	91	26	19	9	31	4	49%	60	0	16	3	3
LAURENS	573	153	44	16	153	14	34%	288	31	22	19	46
LEE	227	33	36	26	35	8	30%	88	16	5	14	1
LIBERTY	888	179	147	115	177	34	37%	495	13	42	16	48
LINCOLN	82	18	5	3	14	3	28%	27	5	2	1	7
LONG	191	28	26	22	24	6	28%	78	5	8	10	4
LOWNDES	1,002	328	123	61	297	86	45%	638	61	94	73	49
LUMPKIN	278	71	30	21	54	22	36%	127	13	15	6	27
MACON	247	68	27	19	64	12	38%	127	5	21	2	16
MADISON	225	56	26	18	57	6	36%	93	26	4	8	66
MARION	54	8	12	7	10	1	37%	17	6	2	2	1
MCDUFFIE	229	80	23	14	87	1	45%	161	2	13	1	17
MCINTOSH	217	28	43	27	35	4	33%	71	24	11	9	6
MERIWETHER	239	57	47	28	46	23	44%	183	7	17	17	28
MILLER	69	4	18	8	9	2	32%	36	5	8	9	7
MITCHELL	278	61	39	18	72	7	36%	137	8	17	8	12
MONROE	125	27	12	9	28	2	31%	50	3	3	4	15
MONTGOMERY	94	16	20	18	12	6	38%	38	0	7	4	3
MORGAN	147	33	13	2	26	14	31%	74	4	5	1	20
MURRAY	588	73	132	88	88	29	35%	269	24	28	30	19
MUSCOGEE	1,008	121	171	142	131	18	29%	349	8	61	28	17
NEWTON	649	117	112	86	123	13	35%	351	18	52	13	11
OCONEE	212	48	34	29	40	13	39%	115	17	5	7	14
OGLETHORPE	104	15	15	10	11	1	29%	31	2	6	1	9
PAULDING	1,038	168	182	128	172	31	34%	430	48	48	24	100
PEACH	148	9	19	15	7	3	19%	37	3	4	2	3
PICKENS	268	25	42	36	14	8	25%	71	10	16	8	26
PIERCE	261	49	33	14	58	2	31%	125	8	18	3	25
PIKE	149	11	31	27	10	5	28%	44	0	6	9	13
POLK	347	148	35	26	102	45	53%	301	11	21	22	67
PULASKI	132	28	25	19	29	4	40%	55	4	7	10	1
PUTNAM	215	30	35	27	34	4	30%	87	3	9	12	2
QUITMAN	17	5	4	4	4	1	53%	6	0	3	2	0
RABUN	262	57	66	19	73	21	47%	170	14	14	3	59
RANDOLPH	90	17	7	5	14	0	27%	30	0	5	3	1
RICHMOND	2,018	273	250	126	300	43	26%	585	35	105	39	260

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		OPEN	CLOSED	LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH						
ROCKDALE	653	119	83	66	113	8	31%	301	5	26	10	40
SCHLEY	41	11	4	3	11	1	37%	24	0	3	1	3
SCREVEN	115	25	15	8	27	3	35%	63	3	7	8	2
SEMINOLE	151	42	22	10	46	7	42%	99	6	13	11	4
SPALDING	836	213	152	76	246	23	44%	487	5	40	63	13
STEPHENS	319	47	34	21	46	9	25%	86	10	14	11	34
STEWART	49	18	9	8	16	1	55%	37	1	4	0	1
SUMTER	365	97	33	22	98	7	36%	176	8	18	4	53
TALBOT	69	47	11	3	44	6	84%	71	5	8	7	17
TALIAFERRO	14	4	3	2	4	1	50%	12	1	1	0	0
TATNALL	234	81	19	13	82	3	43%	122	2	14	11	29
TAYLOR	82	17	9	5	19	1	32%	50	1	4	1	3
TELFAIR	124	36	10	10	33	2	37%	52	0	4	4	9
TERRELL	175	43	15	15	41	2	33%	74	0	7	3	1
THOMAS	420	74	69	49	69	18	34%	256	7	18	15	1
TIFT	521	97	52	34	93	22	29%	263	14	42	15	16
TOOMBS	516	172	29	21	166	14	39%	308	1	20	11	41
TOWNS	116	28	12	11	19	9	34%	61	0	2	7	4
TREUTLEN	83	26	6	5	23	0	39%	36	0	3	6	0
TROUP	501	83	127	93	95	13	42%	245	8	32	35	27
TURNER	128	22	24	20	26	0	36%	61	2	10	9	0
TWIGGS	120	24	16	4	21	9	33%	50	0	7	4	9
UNION	144	14	23	6	20	11	26%	32	2	5	7	10
UPSON	353	80	46	22	86	15	36%	185	4	17	11	21
WALKER	877	136	196	138	158	32	38%	554	19	48	35	3
WALTON	695	68	60	40	78	10	18%	160	1	17	13	31
WARE	490	75	48	25	77	14	25%	161	36	24	17	2
WARREN	65	13	15	9	16	1	43%	41	1	4	3	0
WASHINGTON	225	59	73	47	60	18	59%	201	9	17	11	57
WAYNE	388	42	28	16	45	9	18%	94	0	10	13	23
WEBSTER	20	2	6	1	4	0	40%	9	3	1	1	1
WHEELER	69	10	6	6	10	0	23%	20	5	4	2	0
WHITE	317	75	25	16	66	18	32%	169	4	8	9	31
WHITFIELD	1,144	127	144	66	174	29	24%	339	7	33	27	15
WILCOX	93	14	16	9	17	4	32%	39	9	6	1	3
WILKES	88	19	23	21	21	0	48%	42	3	9	1	17
WILKINSON	91	18	17	9	19	3	38%	49	3	10	4	4
WORTH	384	98	56	23	92	23	40%	219	16	24	14	0

¹ There were 1,019 substantiated cases missing risk level information and an additional 179 substantiated cases having invalid risk level information.

² Refer to the Definitions of Terms section on Page 2 for the differences between cases and incidents. N=Neglect, E=Emotional abuse, P=Physical abuse, S=Sexual abuse, O=Other abuse

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	OPEN	CLOSED	CASES	RATE (%)	FIELD AREA	CLASS
STATE TOTAL	887	43,796	16,456	19%		
APPLING	5	160	65	21%	9	2
ATKINSON	0	53	15	15%	11	1
BACON	0	104	25	14%	11	2
BAKER	3	29	20	25%	10	1
BALDWIN	0	296	36	8%	6	4
BANKS	2	169	28	10%	2	1
BARROW	4	551	382	29%	5	3
BARTOW	1	313	334	41%	1	4
BEN HILL	5	263	78	17%	11	3
BERRIEN	1	163	24	9%	11	2
BIBB	75	1,255	284	13%	6	5
BLECKLEY	1	75	46	23%	9	2
BRANTLEY	1	152	92	29%	11	2
BROOKS	3	100	27	12%	11	3
BRYAN	1	123	86	37%	12	2
BULLOCH	1	314	38	8%	12	3
BURKE	2	161	25	10%	7	3
BUTTS	2	111	58	23%	4	2
CALHOUN	0	37	31	32%	10	1
CAMDEN	0	162	99	32%	12	3
CANDLER	4	64	53	32%	9	2
CARROLL	9	554	217	22%	4	4
CATOOSA	11	497	336	31%	1	3
CHARLTON	2	97	50	25%	11	2
CHATHAM	2	478	445	33%	12	5
CHATTAHOOCHEE	0	40	11	12%	8	1
CHATTOOGA	2	240	165	30%	1	2
CHEROKEE	24	539	389	30%	3	4
CLARKE	5	563	259	21%	5	5
CLAY	1	23	7	16%	8	1
CLAYTON	15	1,143	389	16%	3	5
CLINCH	0	33	13	14%	11	1
COBB	21	1,573	392	14%	3	5
COFFEE	3	305	44	9%	11	3
COLQUITT	27	313	77	11%	10	4
COLUMBIA	0	409	72	11%	7	3
COOK	3	212	48	13%	11	2
COWETA	8	381	103	13%	4	4
CRAWFORD	0	56	49	32%	6	2

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CRISP	20	212	90	19%	8	3
DADE	1	75	68	33%	1	1
DAWSON	0	124	57	26%	2	2
DECATUR	7	225	82	17%	10	3
DEKALB	9	1,282	344	14%	3	5
DODGE	18	178	200	37%	9	2
DOOLY	2	78	22	15%	8	2
DOUGHERTY	3	663	77	8%	10	5
DOUGLAS	5	721	409	28%	3	4
EARLY	7	131	72	28%	10	3
ECHOLS	2	27	13	21%	11	1
EFFINGHAM	0	212	98	27%	12	3
ELBERT	1	182	48	16%	5	2
EMANUEL	1	226	85	20%	9	3
EVANS	0	72	33	19%	9	2
FANNIN	0	204	95	24%	1	2
FAYETTE	1	239	89	20%	3	3
FLOYD	44	892	374	19%	1	5
FORSYTH	3	424	287	32%	2	3
FRANKLIN	0	183	61	21%	2	2
FULTON	120	2,591	483	9%	3	6
GILMER	0	239	67	15%	1	2
GLASCOCK	0	10	11	38%	7	1
GLYNN	6	427	197	23%	12	4
GORDON	0	241	125	24%	1	3
GRADY	0	149	104	35%	10	2
GREENE	2	105	23	10%	5	3
GWINNETT	15	1,911	487	17%	3	5
HABERSHAM	0	276	143	28%	2	3
HALL	0	884	151	9%	2	4
HANCOCK	0	22	13	19%	7	2
HARALSON	5	285	115	25%	1	2
HARRIS	11	86	40	17%	8	2
HART	1	137	5	2%	2	3
HEARD	1	128	88	34%	4	2
HENRY	1	757	107	8%	3	4
HOUSTON	19	608	169	15%	6	4
IRWIN	2	116	91	36%	11	2
JACKSON	4	239	227	39%	5	3
JASPER	0	42	23	22%	5	2
JEFF DAVIS	1	121	108	41%	9	2
JEFFERSON	0	118	36	16%	7	2

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JENKINS	7	90	3	2%	7	2
JOHNSON	1	79	44	23%	9	2
JONES	2	132	35	14%	6	2
LAMAR	2	107	72	27%	4	2
LANIER	0	46	29	24%	11	1
LAURENS	35	341	96	14%	9	4
LEE	2	156	76	25%	10	2
LIBERTY	10	552	160	15%	12	4
LINCOLN	1	58	38	32%	7	1
LONG	2	135	19	9%	12	2
LOWNDES	30	521	115	10%	11	5
LUMPKIN	15	162	73	21%	2	2
MACON	15	137	54	18%	8	2
MADISON	2	141	54	19%	5	2
MARION	1	33	6	10%	8	1
MCDUFFIE	1	125	36	14%	7	3
MCINTOSH	1	145	22	9%	12	2
MERIWETHER	5	130	51	18%	4	3
MILLER	1	46	17	20%	10	1
MITCHELL	0	178	82	23%	10	3
MONROE	0	86	30	19%	6	2
MONTGOMERY	1	57	18	16%	9	1
MORGAN	2	99	30	17%	5	2
MURRAY	6	377	255	30%	1	3
MUSCOGEE	3	713	147	13%	8	5
NEWTON	9	411	247	28%	5	4
OCONEE	0	130	110	34%	5	2
OGLETHORPE	1	73	72	41%	5	2
PAULDING	17	671	405	28%	1	3
PEACH	0	120	10	6%	6	3
PICKENS	3	198	164	38%	1	2
PIERCE	6	173	60	19%	11	2
PIKE	5	102	78	34%	4	2
POLK	8	156	119	26%	1	3
PULASKI	1	78	3	2%	6	2
PUTNAM	1	149	17	7%	6	3
QUITMAN	0	8	4	19%	8	1
RABUN	3	136	73	22%	2	2
RANDOLPH	0	66	13	13%	8	2
RICHMOND	9	1,486	369	15%	7	5
ROCKDALE	2	449	152	19%	3	4
SCHLEY	1	25	6	13%	8	1

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TABLE 2**

	UNSUBSTANTIATED CASES		SCREENED-OUT CASES		OTHER INFORMATION	
	OPEN	CLOSED	CASES	RATE (%)	FIELD AREA	CLASS
SCREVEN	0	75	44	28%	7	2
SEMINOLE	2	85	19	11%	10	2
SPALDING	4	467	134	14%	4	4
STEPHENS	1	237	56	15%	2	3
STEWART	2	20	12	20%	8	1
SUMTER	0	235	20	5%	8	4
TALBOT	2	9	0	0%	8	1
TALIAFERRO	0	7	0	0%	7	1
TATTNALL	3	131	69	23%	9	2
TAYLOR	1	55	34	29%	8	2
TELFAIR	5	73	21	14%	9	2
TERRELL	0	117	50	22%	10	2
THOMAS	6	271	56	12%	10	4
TIFT	0	372	114	18%	11	4
TOOMBS	8	307	120	19%	9	3
TOWNS	1	75	39	25%	2	1
TREUTLEN	3	48	44	35%	9	1
TROUP	22	269	88	15%	4	4
TURNER	4	78	26	17%	11	2
TWIGGS	0	80	8	6%	6	2
UNION	1	106	111	44%	2	2
UPSON	1	226	90	20%	4	3
WALKER	15	530	223	20%	1	3
WALTON	0	567	296	30%	5	3
WARE	18	349	109	18%	11	4
WARREN	1	36	29	31%	7	2
WASHINGTON	2	91	63	22%	7	3
WAYNE	0	318	37	9%	9	3
WEBSTER	1	11	10	33%	8	1
WHEELER	0	53	34	33%	9	1
WHITE	2	215	98	24%	2	2
WHITFIELD	2	871	482	30%	1	4
WILCOX	1	62	38	29%	9	1
WILKES	0	46	15	15%	7	2
WILKINSON	1	55	36	28%	6	2
WORTH	11	219	38	9%	10	3