

Child Abuse/Neglect Statistics FY99 – FY06

Child abuse/neglect trends in Illinois reflect significant changes since Fiscal Year 1999. Today, there are fewer reports in most categories.

Highlights

The number of children in substitute care has decreased by 58 percent between FY99 and FY06.

Between FY99 and FY06:

- The number of child reports investigated for abuse/neglect increased by three percent. The number decreased each year until FY04, when it began to increase again.
- The number of child reports with indicated victims of child abuse/neglect has decreased by 21 percent.
- The number of children taken into protective custody has decreased by nearly 25 percent.
- Indicated cases involving sexual abuse have decreased by 27.1 percent.
- The number of indicated subsequent oral reports, which are reports where the family has been reported two or more times, decreased by 37.2 percent.
- The number of substance exposed infants has decreased by 44.4 percent.

| | FY99 | FY00 | FY01 | FY02 | FY03 | FY04 | FY05 | FY06 |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Child Reports (Investigations) | 106,903 | 103,578 | 100,447 | 98,304 | 97,426 | 104,257 | 111,837 | 110,239 |
| Child Reports (Indicated) | 33,797 | 32,713 | 28,873 | 27,305 | 27,629 | 27,512 | 27,562 | 26,618 |
| Protective Custodies | 6,383 | 5,060 | 5,163 | 4,951 | 5,073 | 4,664 | 5,013 | 4,804 |
| Indicated Sexual Abuse | 3,326 | 3,362 | 2,917 | 2,791 | 2,782 | 2,881 | 2,634 | 2,425 |
| Indicated Substance- Exposed Infants | 1,645 | 1,445 | 1,221 | 1,163 | 1,003 | 1,060 | 948 | 915 |
| Indicated Subsequent Reports | 8,060 | 7,574 | 6,581 | 5,831 | 5,470 | 5,366 | 5,464 | 5,065 |
| % of Indicated Subsequent Reports* | 39.7% | 39.2% | 36.2% | 37.6% | 33.4% | 33.4% | 33.4% | 31.9% |
| Children in Substitute Care | 39,064 | 31,316 | 27,009 | 23,283 | 20,508 | 18,846 | 17,858 | 16,834 |
| Indicated Death Victims | 76 | 78 | 90 | 74 | 62 | 82 | 70 | 60 |
| # with Indicated Priors** | 12 | 16 | 22 | 18 | 11 | 14 | 8 | 5 |

*Indicated subsequent reports as a percentage of all subsequent reports.

**Indicated priors were on the family, not necessarily the fatality victim.