

# The Victimization of Children

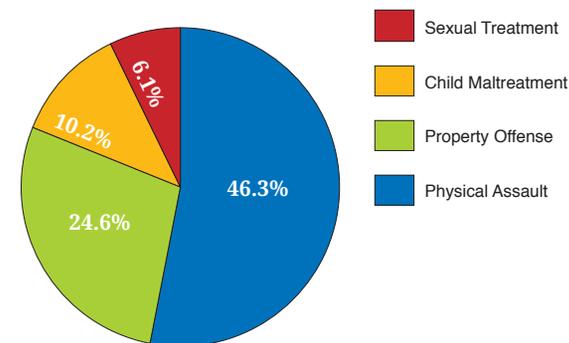


- In 2010, of the 1,277 children and youth under 18 years of age who were murdered, infants under age one represented 14.6 percent (186); children one to four years of age, 24.5 percent (313); children five to eight years of age, 6.7 percent (85); children nine to 12 years of age, 3.4 percent (43); youth 13 to 16 years of age, 28.4 percent (363); and teens ages 17 were 22.5 percent (287) of all youth homicide victims.
- During a one-year period, 60.6 percent of children and youth from birth to 17 years of age experienced at least one direct or indirect (as a witness) victimization.
- In 2009, an estimated 1,770 children died as a result of maltreatment. Forty-six percent were under a year old, while 18 percent were one year old, and 10 percent were two years of age. Infants and toddlers (birth to three) accounted

for 80 percent of child fatality victims. Three of every 4 child fatalities (76 percent) were caused by one or more parents; 27 percent were perpetrated by the mother acting alone.

- In 2010, 1,277 children and youth under 18 years of age were victims of homicide. Of these, 890 were male and 386 were female (the sex of one victim was unknown); 48.7 percent (622) of homicide victims were black and 46.9 percent (599) were white. (The race of 56 victims was either "other" or "unknown.")
- The youngest children, from birth to three years of age, accounted for the highest percentage of child abuse and neglect victims, at 34 percent.
- Of all child victims of maltreatment, 44 percent were white, 22 percent were black, and 21 percent were Hispanic.
- In 80.7 percent of child abuse cases, parents were the perpetrators of child maltreatment.
- During their lifetime, 56.7 percent of children experienced some form of physical assault, 51.1 percent were victims of bullying (emotional or physical) or teasing, and 9.8 percent were victims of assault with a weapon.
- In 2009, child protective services found approximately 763,000 children to be victims of maltreatment.
- During 2009, approximately 1,770 children died due to child abuse or neglect. More than three-quarters (80 percent) of children who were killed were younger than four years of age.
- During 2009, 62 percent of child victims experienced neglect, 14 percent were physically abused, eight percent were sexually abused, six percent were psychologically maltreated, and two percent were medically neglected. In addition, eight percent of child victims experienced other types of maltreatment.
- Fifty-one percent of child abuse or neglect victims were girls, and 49 percent were boys.

## Victimization Statistic



Of children and youth from birth to 17 years of age, 46.3 percent experienced a physical assault, 1 in 4 (24.6 percent) a property offense, 1 in 10 (10.2 percent) child maltreatment, and 6.1 percent a sexual victimization.

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