



## Child Maltreatment Facts: Maine (FFY 2008)

**Source:** This information is from the federal National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), and represent the federal fiscal year 2008 reporting period (October 1, 2007 – September 30, 2008). Data are publicly available in *Child Maltreatment 2008*, (U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. (2010). *Child Maltreatment 2008*. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office) at <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm08>.

### **16,191 referrals\* for child abuse or neglect were made to Maine child welfare agencies in 2008**

6,216 referrals (38%) were "screened-in" (met criteria for an investigation or assessment)

*Nationally: 62%*

58.9 referrals were made per 1,000 children in the state's population

*Nationally: 44.1/1,000*

\*NOTE: Referrals can include more than one child

### **6,216 reports of child abuse or neglect were investigated or assessed in Maine in 2008**

3,970 reports (64%) came from professional sources (child daycare providers, educational personnel, foster care providers, legal and law enforcement personnel, medical personnel, mental health personnel, social services personnel)

*Nationally: 58%*

1,994 reports (32%) came from non-professional sources (alleged perpetrators, alleged victims, anonymous sources, friends or neighbors, other relatives, parents)

*Nationally: 28%*

252 reports (4%) came from other, unknown, or missing sources

*Nationally: 14%*

### **10,319 children received an investigation or assessment for abuse or neglect in Maine in 2008**

37.5 children per 1,000 children in the state's population were investigated or assessed

*Nationally: 49.4/1,000*

For 39% of investigations/assessments, at least one child was found to be a victim of abuse or neglect

*Nationally: 24%*

Average response time from report to investigation was 72 hours

*Nationally: 80 hours*

Average number of completed investigations per investigation worker was 48

*Nationally: 68.3*

### **4,033 children were found to be a victim of maltreatment in Maine in 2008**

39% of children\* who were investigated/assessed were found to be a victim of maltreatment

*Nationally: 21%*

The rate of victimization was 14.7 per 1,000 children in the state's population

*Nationally: 10.3/1,000*

3,716 unique victims were found to be maltreated in 2008

The rate of unique victims was 13.5 per 1,000 children in the state's population

*Nationally: 9.5/1,000*

1,816 (49%) of unique victims were "first-time" victims (i.e., had no previous findings of maltreatment)

*Nationally: 75%*

\*NOTE: Except where noted as "unique victims," victims were counted for each maltreatment report of which they were a subject during the year, and therefore represent a "duplicated" count.

### **Race and ethnicity of maltreatment victims in Maine in 2008**

66 victims (2%) were African-American

*Nationally: 22%*

57 victims (1%) were American Indian or Alaskan Native

*Nationally: 1%*

12 victims (0%) were Asian or Pacific Islander

*Nationally: 1%*

57 victims (1%) were Hispanic

*Nationally: 21%*

147 victims (4%) were Multiple Race

*Nationally: 3%*

2,654 victims (66%) were White

*Nationally: 45 %*

### **Maltreatment types experienced by victims\* in Maine in 2008**

2,778 victims (69%) experienced neglect

*Nationally: 71%*

668 victims (17%) experienced physical abuse

*Nationally: 16%*

1,636 victims (41%) experienced psychological maltreatment

*Nationally: 7%*

334 victims (8%) experienced sexual abuse

*Nationally: 9%*

*\*NOTE: Totals may exceed 100%; children who experienced more than one type of maltreatment were counted in each applicable category.*

### **4 child fatalities were attributed to maltreatment in Maine in 2008**

The rate of maltreatment fatalities was 1.46 per 100,000 children in the state's population

*Nationally: 2.33/100,000*

### **Child maltreatment perpetrators in Maine in 2008**

4,428 perpetrators (74%) were parents

*Nationally: 80%*

537 perpetrators (9%) were non-parents (child daycare provider, foster parent, friends or neighbors, legal guardian, other, other professionals, other relative, residential facility staff, unmarried partner of parent)

*Nationally: 17%*

### **Post-investigation services for victims and non-victims of maltreatment in Maine in 2008**

1,320 victims (33%) and 387 non-victims (6%) received post-investigation services

*Nationally: 63% of victims and 29% of non-victims*

Average time from investigation start to service provision was 84 days

*Nationally: 41 days*

455 victims (11%) and 28 non-victims (0%) received in-home services

*Nationally: 43% of victims and 25% of non-victims*

865 victims (21%) and 359 non-victims ( 6%) were removed from home

*Nationally: 21% of victims and 4% of non-victims*