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## INTRODUCTION

The Child Abuse and Neglect Report (CAN) provides information from the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services – Division of Children and Family Services on reports of child abuse or neglect and their disposition. The Division of Children and Family Services (CFS) is responsible for receiving these reports and works with Law Enforcement when responding to them.

This report is published annually on the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Website: <https://dhhs.ne.gov/Pages/CFS-Data-and-Reports.aspx>.

## DATA SOURCE

The data presented in the following tables and charts represent the information entered in the N-Focus (Nebraska Family Online Client User System) information system. The data is extracted annually.

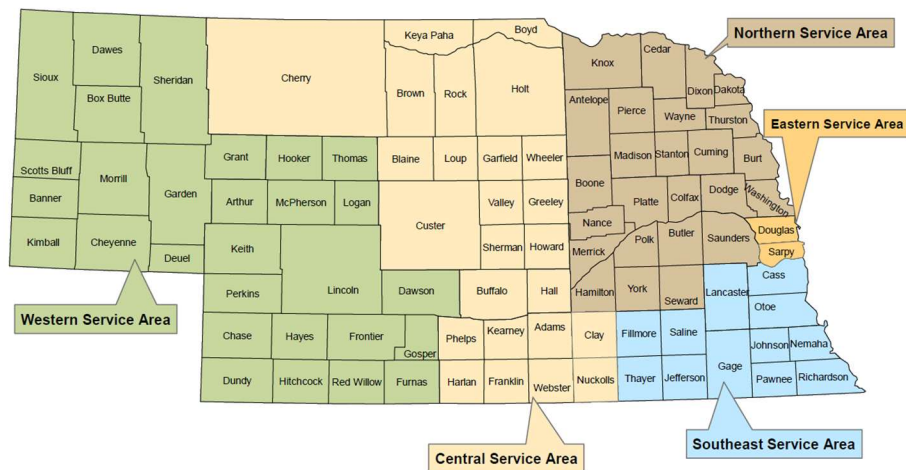
Data provided in this report represent Calendar Year (CY) data.

The Calendar Year 2022 (CY 2022) data was extracted on June 23, 2023. The previous years' data were extracted on the following dates:

- CY 2013: April 14, 2014
- CY 2014: May 1, 2015
- CY 2015: May 5, 2016
- CY 2016: May 9, 2017
- CY 2017: May 3, 2018
- CY 2018: April 24, 2019
- CY 2019: May 18, 2020
- CY 2020: October 01, 2021
- CY2021: February 14, 2022

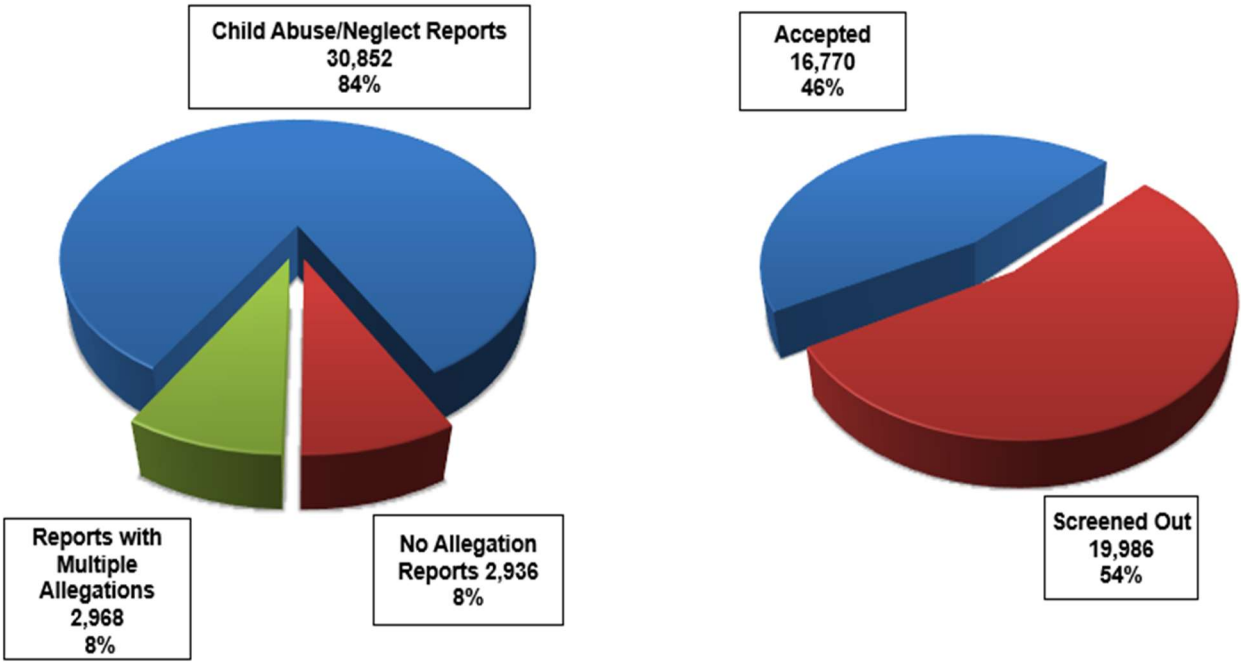
The Service Area maps in this report reflect changes in the Service Areas resulting from 2018 legislation (LB 821) effective July 1, 2018.

## DIVISION OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES SERVICE AREAS AS OF JULY 1, 2018



## SECTION 1: INTAKE REPORTS

**CHART 1-1: TOTAL REPORTS BY TYPE AND ACCEPTED OR SCREENED OUT**



The charts above represent the reports related to child abuse received by the Department of Health and Human Services during Calendar Year 2022. There were a total of 36,756 reports categorized as follows:

- Child Abuse or Neglect Reports: 30,852 (84%)
- Reports with Multiple Allegations: 2,968(8%)
- No Allegation Reports: 2,936 (8%)

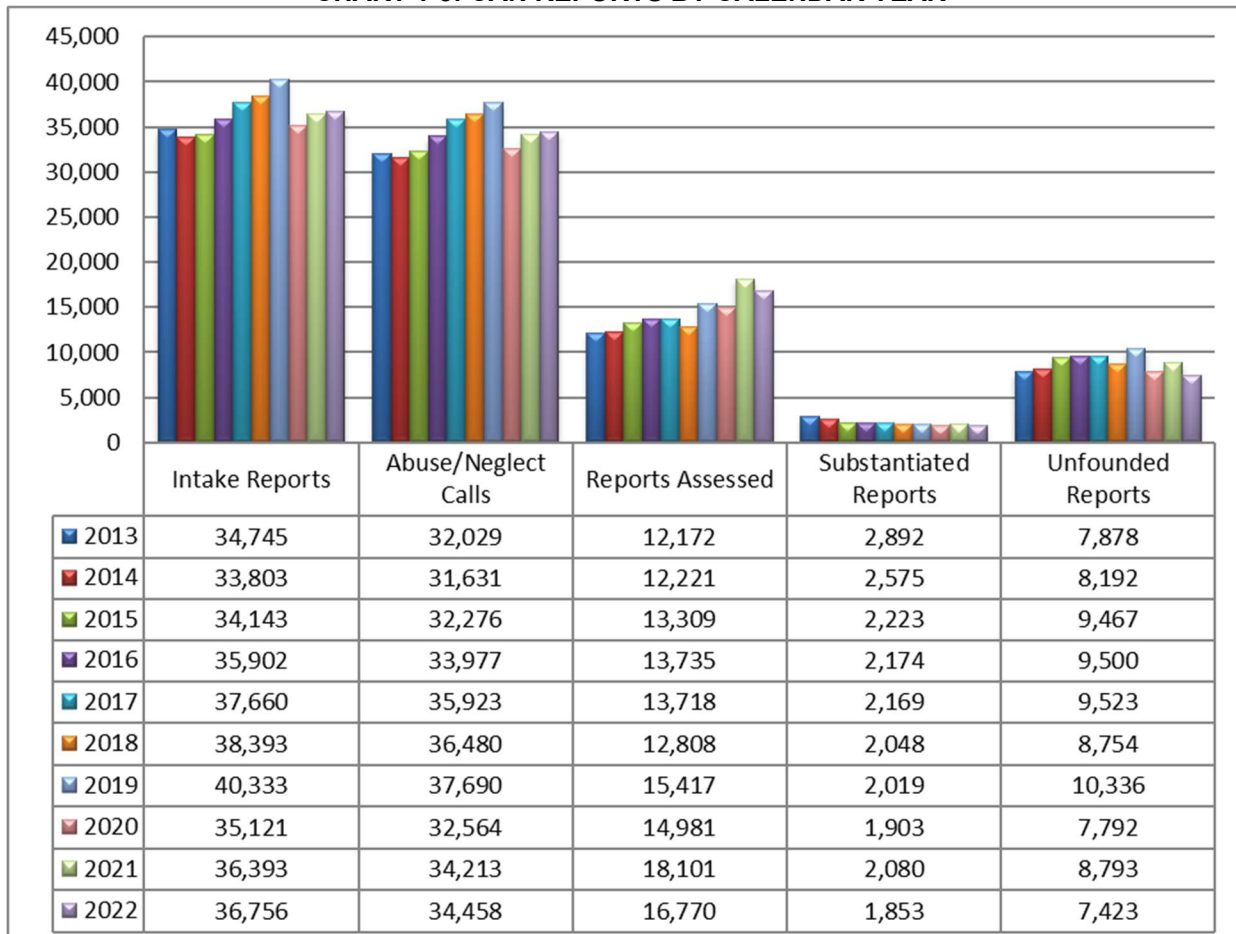
The pie chart on the right further categorizes the Child Abuse/Neglect reports and groups them as either Accepted or Screened Out. Screened Out reports did not meet the level of severity or definition of Child Abuse and Neglect that required assessment by a Children and Family Services Specialist.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Screened Out: 19,986 (54%)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 10,552 (53%) Neglect</li> <li>▪ 6,433 (32%) Abuse</li> <li>▪ 1,282 (6%) Both Abuse and Neglect</li> <li>▪ 1,719 (9%) No Allegation Reports</li> </ul> </li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accepted Reports: 16,770 (46%)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 9,237 (55%) Neglect</li> <li>▪ 4,630 (27%) Abuse</li> <li>▪ 1,686 (10%) Both Abuse and Neglect</li> <li>▪ 1,217 (7%) No Allegation Reports</li> </ul> </li> </ul> |
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**TABLE 1-2: CAN REPORTS ASSESSED, SUBSTANTIATED, AND SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS**

STATEWIDE STATISTICS BY CALENDAR YEAR			
Calendar Year	Reports Assessed or in the Process of Assessment	Reports Substantiated	Unique Substantiated Victims
2013	12,172	2,892	4,657
2014	12,221	2,575	4,137
2015	13,309	2,223	3,691
2016	13,735	2,174	3,725
2017	13,718	2,169	3,612
2018	12,808	2,048	3,346
2019	15,417	2,019	3,267
2020	14,981	1,903	3,224
2021	18,101	2,080	3,459
2022	16,770	1,853	3,052

**CHART 1-3: CAN REPORTS BY CALENDAR YEAR**



\* Substantiated includes incidents where the county attorney has filed and the disposition is pending a court decision.

**TABLE 1-4: CAN REPORT COUNTS BY CALENDAR YEAR**

Calendar Year	Total Reports Received	Child Abuse/Neglect Reports		Reports Assessed		Reports Substantiated		Reports Unfounded		Alternative Response	
		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
2013	34,745	32,029	92.2%	12,172	38.0%	2,892	23.8%	7,878	64.7%	-	-
2014	33,803	31,631	93.6%	12,221	38.6%	2,575	21.1%	8,192	67.0%	72	0.6%
2015	34,143	32,276	94.5%	13,309	41.2%	2,223	16.8%	9,467	71.1%	197	1.5%
2016	35,902	33,977	94.6%	13,735	40.4%	2,174	15.8%	9,500	69.2%	355	2.6%
2017	37,660	35,923	95.4%	13,718	38.2%	2,169	15.8%	9,523	69.4%	599	4.4%
2018	38,393	36,480	95.0%	12,808	35.1%	2,048	16.0%	8,754	68.3%	663	5.2%
2019	40,333	37,690	93.4%	15,417	40.9%	2,019	13.1%	10,336	67.0%	1,082	7.0%
2020	35,121	32,564	92.7%	14,981	46.0%	1,903	12.7%	7,792	52.0%	1,528	10.2%
2021	36,393	34,213	94.0%	18,101	52.9%	2,080	11.5%	8,793	48.6%	4,089	22.6%
2022	36,756	34,458	93.7%	16,770	48.7%	1,853	11.0%	7,423	44.3%	5,195	31.0%

**TABLE 1-5: CAN REPORT COUNTS BY SERVICE AREA**

Calendar Year	Report Status	Central		Eastern		Northern		Southeast		Western		Grand Total	
		Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%
2022	Reports Received	3,688		16,514		4,811		8,626		3,117		36,756	
	Abuse/Neglect Reports	3,549	96.2%	15,112	91.5%	4,600	95.6%	8,260	95.8%	2,937	94.2%	34,458	93.7%
	Reports Assessed	1,897	53.4%	6,771	44.8%	2,562	55.7%	3,848	46.6%	1,692	57.3%	16,770	48.7%
	Reports Substantiated*	157	8.3%	821	12.1%	305	11.9%	362	9.4%	208	12.3%	1,853	11.0%
	Reports Unfounded	883	46.5%	2,958	43.7%	1,054	41.1%	1,777	46.2%	751	44.4%	7,423	44.3%
	Unable to Locate	19	1.0%	115	1.7%	26	1.0%	26	0.9%	14	0.8%	207	1.2%
	Dependent Child Reports Assessed	35	1.8%	109	1.6%	55	2.1%	55	1.8%	28	1.7%	298	1.8%
	Alternative Response	631	33.3%	2,031	30.0%	777	30.5%	1,191	30.8%	565	33.0%	5,195	30.9%
	Assessment In Process	3	0.2%	37	0.5%	103	4.0%	5	0.1%	0	0.0%	148	0.9%
	Law Enforcement In Process**	164	8.6%	673	9.9%	241	9.4%	398	10.3%	122	7.2%	1,598	9.5%
	Closed No Finding***	5	0.3%	27	0.4%	1	0%	4	0.3%	4	0.2%	48	0.3%

\*Substantiated includes incidents where the county attorney has filed and the disposition is pending a court decision.

\*\*Law Enforcement in Process includes reports that have been referred to Law Enforcement and are being investigated by a Law Enforcement Agency or that Law Enforcement has declined to assess. Reports referred to Law Enforcement which the Department received the results of are included in other sections.

\*\*\*Closed No Finding includes reports where the alleged perpetrator was under the age of 12 and state law does not allow a finding to be entered.

**TABLE 1-6: 2022 REPORTER SOURCE**

Report Source	Total Reports Alleging Abuse and Neglect		Total Reports Assessed		Percent of Reports Assessed	Assessed Reports Substantiated	
	Count	%	Count	%		Count	%
Relative/Friend	5,626	16.3%	2,316	13.8%	41.2%	180	7.8%
School	9,717	28.2%	4,238	25.3%	43.6%	214	5.0%
Law Enforcement	6,185	17.9%	3,347	20.0%	54.1%	792	23.7%
Medical	4,954	14.4%	3,189	19.0%	64.4%	279	8.7%
Other	2,959	8.6%	1,215	7.2%	41.1%	100	8.2%
Social Service Agency	1,858	5.4%	962	5.7%	51.8%	148	15.4%
Anonymous/Unknown	2,045	5.9%	869	5.2%	42.5%	46	5.3%
Child Care Agency	404	1.2%	158	0.9%	39.1%	17	10.8%
Legal	710	2.1%	476	2.8%	67.0%	77	16.2%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34,458</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>16,770</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>48.7%</b>	<b>1,853</b>	<b>11.0%</b>

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**SECTION 2: ABUSE TYPES**

**TABLE 2-1: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS BY ABUSE CATEGORY AND SERVICE AREA**

Calendar Year	Service Area	Abuse	Neglect	Sexual Abuse/ Sex Trafficking	Unique Substantiated Victims	Percentage of Substantiated Victims
2022	Central	38	148	18	187	6.1%
	Eastern	268	1,372	176	1,666	54.6%
	Northern	74	372	33	440	14.4%
	Southeast	64	403	39	477	15.6%
	Western	45	237	22	282	9.2%
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>2,532</b>	<b>288</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

\* Substantiated includes incidents where the county attorney has filed and the disposition is pending a court decision.

**TABLE 2-2: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS BY ABUSE TYPES AND SERVICE AREA**

Calendar Year	Service Area	Physical Abuse	Emotional Abuse	Physical Neglect	Emotional Neglect	Medical Neglect Handicapped Infant	Sexual Abuse	Sex Trafficking
2022	Central	36	**	146	**	0	18	0
	Eastern	258	10	1,349	20	**	175	**
	Northern	69	**	367	**	0	33	0
	Southeast	59	**	402	**	0	36	**
	Western	41	**	234	**	0	21	**
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>463</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>2,498</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>**</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>**</b>

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### SECTION 3: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS

**TABLE 3-1: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS BY GENDER AND SERVICE AREA**

Calendar Year	Service Area	Gender						Total
		Female		Male		Unknown		
2022	Central	92	49.2%	95	50.8%	0	0.0%	187
	Eastern	876	52.6%	788	47.3%	2	0.1%	1,666
	Northern	228	51.8%	212	48.2%	0	0.0%	440
	Southeast	249	52.2%	228	47.8%	0	0.0%	477
	Western	152	53.9%	130	46.1%	0	0.0%	282
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>52.3%</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>47.6%</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0.1%</b>	<b>3,052</b>

**TABLE 3-2: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS BY GENDER AND AGE**

AGE IN YEARS	2022					
	GENDER			Total	%	Cumulative %
	Female	Male	Unknown			
0	169	181	0	350	11.5%	11.5%
1	114	100	0	214	7.0%	18.5%
2	82	117	0	199	6.5%	25.0%
3	88	102	0	190	6.2%	31.2%
4	85	98	0	183	6.0%	37.2%
5	82	92	0	174	5.7%	42.9%
6	87	95	0	182	6.0%	48.9%
7	69	84	0	153	5.0%	53.9%
8	79	75	0	154	5.0%	58.9%
9	70	67	0	137	4.5%	63.4%
10	65	75	0	140	4.6%	68.0%
11	89	64	0	153	5.0%	73.0%
12	89	54	0	143	4.7%	77.7%
13	89	63	0	152	5.0%	82.7%
14	101	63	1	165	5.4%	88.1%
15	95	54	0	149	4.9%	93.0%
16	73	38	1	112	3.7%	96.7%
17	43	20	0	63	2.1%	98.7%
>17	26	10	0	36	1.2%	99.9%
Unknown	2	1	0	3	0.1%	100.0%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,597</b>	<b>1,453</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	

**TABLE 3-3: 2022 SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS BY RACE AND AGE GROUP**

Race	AGE								Total	%
	0 to 4		5 to 9		10 to 14		15 ≤			
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%		
White	603	20.0%	472	15.5%	434	13.9%	219	7.4%	1,728	56.8%
Black or African American	204	6.5%	149	5.0%	114	3.7%	36	1.1%	503	16.3%
American Indian or Alaska Native	62	2.1%	40	1.4%	47	1.6%	11	0.4%	160	5.5%
Asian	10	0.3%	9	0.3%	9	0.3%	**	**%	29-33	1.1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	6	0.2%	**	**%	**	0.0%	**	**%	12	0.5%
Multiple Races	117	3.5%	63	2.1%	63	1.9%	31	1.0%	274	8.6%
Other/Unidentified	134	4.5%	64	2.2%	84	2.5%	58	2.0%	343	11.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>798-802</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>750-754</b>	<b>24.0%</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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**TABLE 3-4: 2022 SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS BY ETHNICITY AND AGE GROUP**

Ethnicity	AGE								Total	%
	0 to 4		5 to 9		10 to 14		15 ≤			
	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%	Count	%		
Hispanic	254	8.6%	161	5.2%	173	5.5%	72	2.5%	660	21.9%
Non-Hispanic	882	28.5%	639	21.4%	580	18.5%	288	9.6%	2,392	78.1%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,136</b>	<b>37.1%</b>	<b>800</b>	<b>26.7%</b>	<b>753</b>	<b>24.0%</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>12.1%</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**TABLE 3-5: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIM RATE BY RACE**

Race	Calendar Year 2022		Victim Rate Per 1,000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Victims	
White	412,207	1,728	4.19
Black or African American	34,408	503	14.62
American Indian or Alaska Native	14,322	160	11.17
Asian	15,552	32	2.06
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1,014	12	11.83
Multiple Races	25,719	274	10.65
Other/Unidentified	N/A	343	N/A
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>503,222</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>6.06</b>

\*\*\* Population Source: U.S. Census Bureau, *Annual State Residential Population Estimates for 6 Race Groups (5 Race Alone Groups and Two or More Races) by Sex, Age, Race, and Hispanic Origin: April 1, 2020 to July 1, 2022*, Release date: June 2023.

**TABLE 3-6: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIM RATE BY ETHNICITY**

Ethnicity	Calendar Year 2022		Victim Rate Per 1,000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Victims	
Hispanic	96,712	660	6.82
Non-Hispanic	406,510	2,392	5.88
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>503,222</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>6.06</b>

**TABLE 3-7: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIM RATE BY AGE GROUP**

Age	Calendar Year 2022		Victim Rate Per 1,000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Victims	
0	24,347	350	14.38
1	24,145	214	8.86
2	24,720	199	8.05
3	25,044	190	7.59
4	25,581	183	7.15
5	26,163	174	6.65
6	26,904	182	6.76
7	26,959	153	5.68
8	26,905	154	5.72
9	26,551	137	5.16
10	26,269	140	5.33
11	26,438	153	5.79
12	27,107	143	5.28
13	27,776	152	5.47
14	28,429	165	5.80
15	28,205	149	5.28
16	27,660	112	4.05
17	27,474	63	2.29
>17	26,545	36	1.36
Unknown	N/A	3	N/A
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>503,222</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>6.06</b>

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## SECTION 4: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATORS

**TABLE 4-1: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATORS BY GENDER AND SERVICE AREA**

Calendar Year	Service Area	Gender		Total
		Female	Male	
2022	Central	67	105	172
	Eastern	459	480	939
	Northern	174	170	344
	Southeast	212	200	412
	Western	136	135	271
	<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,048</b>	<b>1,090</b>	<b>2,138</b>

**TABLE 4-2: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATORS RATE BY RACE**

Race	Calendar Year 2022		Perpetrator Rate Per 1000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Perpetrators	
White	1,332,163	1,187	0.89
Black or African American	72,797	346	4.75
American Indian and Alaska Native	18,554	105	5.66
Asian	40,821	15	0.37
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,779	**	2.81
Multiple	25,132	96	3.82
Other/Unidentified	N/A	384	N/A
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,491,246</b>	<b>2,134 - 2,139</b>	<b>1.43</b>

\*\*Counts between 1-5 are suppressed due to privacy protection.

**TABLE 4-3: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATORS RATE BY ETHNICITY**

Ethnicity	Calendar Year 2022		Perpetrator Rate Per 1000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Perpetrators	
Hispanic	150,427	345	2.29
Non-Hispanic	1,340,819	1,793	1.34
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,491,246</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>1.43</b>

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**TABLE 4-4: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATOR RATE BY AGE GROUP**

Age Group	Calendar Year 2022		Perpetrator Rate Per 1000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Perpetrators	
18 to 19	54,117	88	1.63
20 to 29	269,599	658	2.44
30 to 39	255,684	851	3.33
40 to 49	257,062	392	1.52
Over 50	654,784	149	0.23
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,491,246</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>1.43</b>

**TABLE 4-5: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATOR'S RELATIONSHIP TO VICTIM**

Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim	Calendar Year 2022	
	Count	%
Biological Parent	1,544	72.2%
Unmarried Partner of Parent	160	7.5%
Unknown	108	5.1%
Stepparent	102	4.8%
Relative	112	5.2%
Sibling	32	1.5%
Adoptive Parent	32	1.5%
Child Day Care Provider	27	1.3%
Foster Parent	12	0.5%
Residential Facility Staff	3	0.1%
Non-Relative	6	0.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2,138</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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## Glossary of Terms

**Assessed:** This term is used to describe reports of child abuse/neglect or dependent children that are accepted for assessment/investigation by the Department or referred to Law Enforcement for investigation.

**Alternative Response:** A term used to identify reports with families with less severe reports of child abuse and/or neglect that are accepted for assessment. These reports do not focus on an abuse/neglect investigation, but instead focus on connecting families with supports and services needed to enhance the ability to keep children safe and healthy.

**Child Abuse/Neglect:** Maltreatment occurs when a child from birth through age 17 is physically, emotionally, or sexually harmed.

### Abuse:

- ❖ **Physical:** Information indicates the existence of an injury that is unexplained; not consistent with the explanation given; or is non-accidental. The information may also only indicate a substantial risk of bodily injury.
- ❖ **Emotional:** Information indicates psychopathological or disturbed behavior in a child which is documented by a psychiatrist, psychologist or licensed mental health practitioner to be the result of continual scapegoating; rejection or exposure to violence by the child's parent/caretaker.
- ❖ **Sexual:** Information indicates any sexually oriented act, practice, contact, or interaction in which the child is or has been used for the sexual stimulation of a parent, the child, or other person.

### Neglect:

- ❖ **Emotional neglect:** Information which indicates that the child is suffering or has suffered severe negative effects due to a parent's failure to provide the opportunities for normal experience that produce feelings of being loved, wanted, secure and worthy. Lack of such opportunities may impair the child's ability to form healthy relationships with others.
- ❖ **Physical neglect:** Information indicates the failure of the parent to provide for the basic needs, or provide a safe and sanitary living environment for the child.
- ❖ **Medical Neglect of Handicapped Infant:** The withholding of medically indicated treatment (appropriate nutrition, hydration, and medication) from disabled infants with life-threatening conditions. Exceptions include those situations in which the infant is chronically and irreversibly comatose; the provision of this treatment would merely prolong dying or not be effective in ameliorating or correcting all of the infant's life-threatening conditions, and the provision of the treatment itself under these conditions would be inhumane.

**Dependent Child:** No child maltreatment has been identified and information indicates that the parent is or will be unable to care for the child through no fault of the parent due to: parent incapacity or absence including an acute or persistent mental or physical condition which prevents her/him from parenting the child adequately or parent is dying or is dead, is incarcerated, hospitalized or otherwise unavoidably unable to provide care, or the child has extraordinary mental health, emotional, or physical needs which the parent does not have the ability or capacity to meet.

**Information and Referral:** A Department process to document calls received by the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline that are not reporting child abuse or neglect or dependency. Department staff will provide information and referrals to the caller to assist them with obtaining services or additional information.

**In Process of Assessment:** The status of a Child Abuse and Neglect Report that is currently being assessed. These reports were not completed at the time the data was selected for this report.

**Intake Report:** The process of documenting all child related reports including abuse/neglect, dependent child, and information/referral reports. Intake includes the activities associated with receipt of a report via phone call, fax, email, etc., the decision to accept or not accept the report for further assessment, and the referral of individuals or families to services.

**Law Enforcement in Process:** Reports that have been referred to Law Enforcement and are in process of being investigated by a Law Enforcement Agency or that Law Enforcement has declined to assess. Reports of child abuse and neglect that are sent directly to law enforcement for investigation because the report does not include abuse or neglect allegations of a family member or someone acting in a familial role. These reports are investigated by law enforcement. The Department will assist if requested.

**Report Source:** The role of the person who made the report to the Abuse/Neglect Hotline.

**Screened Out:** This term is used to describe reports of child abuse and neglect or Dependent Child that are not accepted for further assessment by the Department. These reports do not meet the criteria established by the Department that would cause the Department to intervene.

**Substantiated:** The term substantiated means that a determination was made that the incident of maltreatment did occur and met the level of abuse/neglect as defined in statute. Substantiated means either the incident was substantiated by the Department or a court. Substantiated also includes incidents where the county attorney has filed and the disposition is pending a court decision.

**Substantiated Perpetrator:** The person who was found to have committed abuse or neglect of a child.

**Substantiated Victim:** The person who was found to have been a victim of abuse or neglect of a child.

**Unable to Locate:** Subjects of the maltreatment report have not been located after a good-faith effort by the Department to locate.

**Unfounded:** The term unfounded means that a determination was made that the incident of maltreatment did not occur or rise to the level of abuse/neglect as defined in statute.