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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.

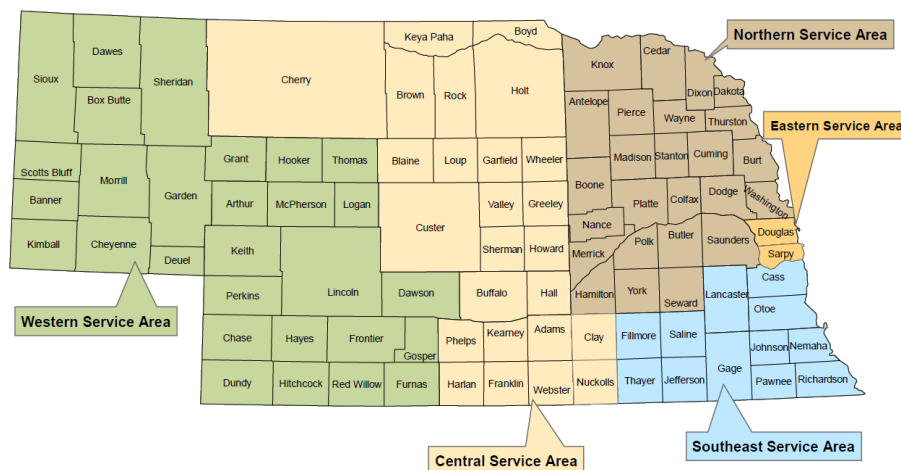
Data provided in this report represent Calendar Year (CY) data.

The Calendar Year 2024 (CY 2024) data was extracted on June 18, 2025.
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
- CY 2021: February 14, 2022
- CY 2022: June 23, 2023
- CY 2023: April 8, 2024

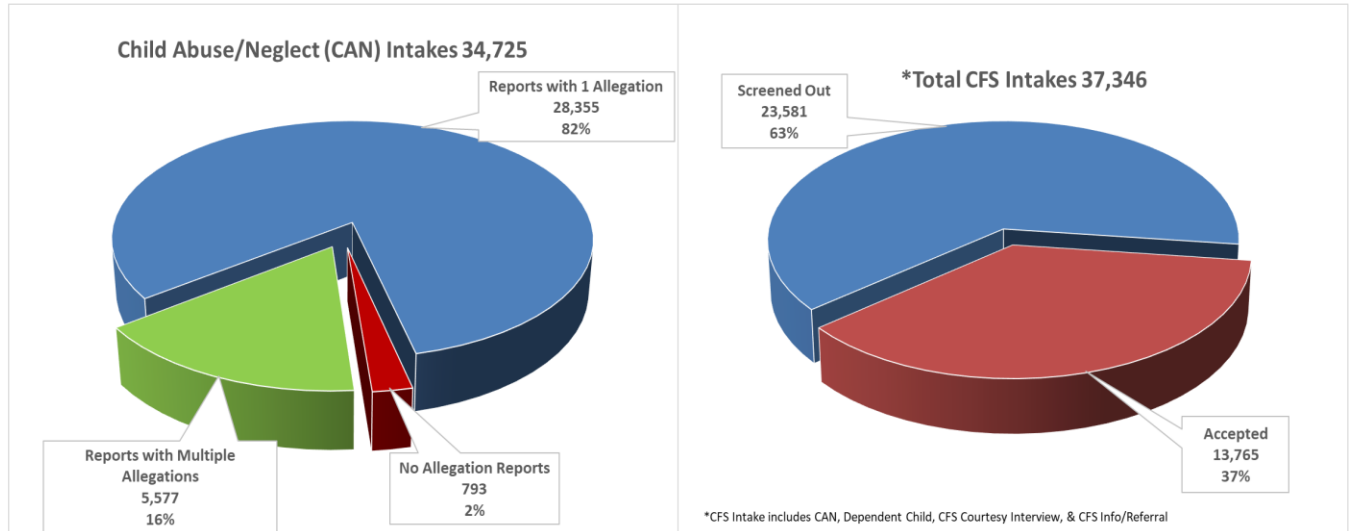
The Service Area maps in this report reflect changes in the Service Areas resulting from 2018 legislation (LB 821) effective July 1, 2018.

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 2024. There were a total of 37,346 reports in which 34,725 were Child Abuse & Neglect reports (CAN). These CAN reports are categorized as follows:

- Reports with a single Allegation: 28,355 (82%)
- Reports with Multiple Allegations: 5,577 (16%)
- No Allegation Reports: 793 (2%)

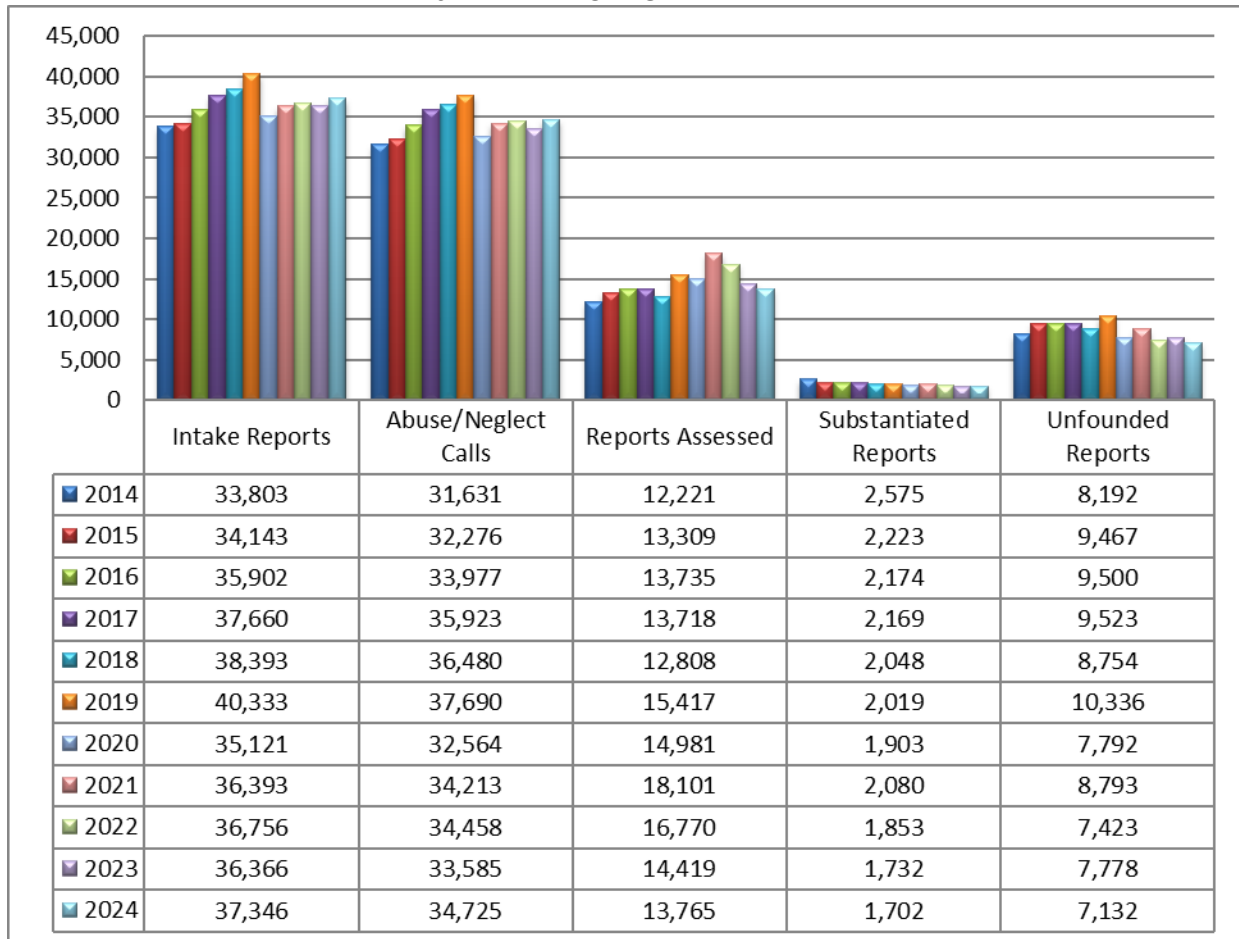
The pie chart on the right further categorizes all reports related to Child Abuse & Neglect and groups them as either Accepted or Screened Out. Screened Out reports did not meet the level of severity or definition of Child Abuse and Neglect that required assessment by a Children and Family Services Specialist.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Screened Out: 23,581 (63%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 11,759 (50%) Neglect ▪ 6,670 (28%) Abuse ▪ 2,275 (10%) Both Abuse and Neglect ▪ 2,877 (12%) No Allegation Reports | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accepted Reports: 13,765 (37%) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 5,852 (43%) Neglect ▪ 4,076 (30%) Abuse ▪ 3,302 (24%) Both Abuse and Neglect ▪ 535 (4%) No Allegation Reports |
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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
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
2023	14,419	1,732	2,892
2024	13,765	1,702	2,880

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	
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%	1528	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%
2023	36,366	33,585	92.4%	14,419	42.9%	1,732	12.0%	7,778	54.0%	4,279	29.7%
2024	37,346	34,725	93.0%	13,765	39.6%	1,702	12.4%	7,132	51.8%	3,714	27.0%

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	%
2024	Reports Received	3,376		17,072		4,461		9,258		3,179		37,346	
	Abuse/Neglect Reports	3,300	97.7%	14,895	87.2%	4,324	96.9%	9,108	98.4%	3,098	97.5%	34,725	93.0%
	Reports Assessed	1,479	44.8%	5,590	37.5%	2,097	48.5%	3,127	34.3%	1,472	47.5%	13,765	39.6%
	Reports Substantiated*	181	12.2%	650	11.6%	330	15.7%	369	11.8%	172	11.7%	1,702	12.4%
	Reports Unfounded	788	53.3%	2,931	52.4%	940	44.8%	1,696	54.2%	777	52.8%	7,132	51.8%
	Unable to Locate	12	0.8%	79	1.4%	7	0.3%	25	0.8%	***	< 1%	124-128	< 1%
	Dependent Child Reports Assessed	26	1.8%	1,541	27.6%	65	3.1%	60	1.9%	29	2.0%	1,721	12.5%
	Alternative Response	413	27.9%	1,489	26.6%	592	28.2%	811	25.9%	409	27.8%	3,714	27.0%
	Assessment In Process	67	5%	330	5.9%	166	7.9%	176	5.6%	82	5.6%	821	6.0%
	Closed No Finding***	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	***	0%	***	0%

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

**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.

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

****If a count is suppressed the percentage is also suppressed for that category. Due to cell count suppression, a range is included for the category total.

TABLE 1-6: 2024 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	5,031	14.5%	1,798	13.1%	35.7%	136	7.6%
School	9,327	26.9%	3,660	26.6%	39.2%	207	5.7%
Law Enforcement	6,929	20.0%	2,944	21.4%	42.5%	740	25.1%
Medical	5,016	14.4%	2,077	15.1%	41.4%	239	11.5%
Other	2,746	7.9%	961	7.0%	35.0%	99	10.3%
Social Service Agency	1,579	4.5%	702	5.1%	44.5%	144	20.5%
Anonymous/Unknown	2,797	8.1%	946	6.9%	33.8%	53	5.6%
Child Care Agency	405	1.2%	141	1.0%	34.8%	8	5.7%
Legal	895	2.6%	536	3.9%	59.9%	76	14.2%
Grand Total	34,725	100.0%	13,765	100.0%	39.6%	1,702	12.4%

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

TABLE 1-7: 2024 CAN REPORTS BY COUNTY

Incident County	Abuse/ Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed		Substantiated		Unfounded		Unable to Locate		Dependent Child		Alternative Response		DHHS Assessment In Process		*Law Enforcement In Process	
Adams	404	190	47%	10	5%	106	56%	**	***%	**	***%	56	29%	7	4%	**	***%
Antelope	61	26	43%	**	***%	17	65%	0	0%	0	0%	6	23%	**	***%	0	0%
Arthur	**	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Banner	**	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%
Blaine	6	**	***%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%
Boone	65	28	43%	**	***%	13	46%	0	0%	0	0%	14	50%	0	0%	0	0%
Box Butte	218	92	42%	**	***%	53	58%	0	0%	0	0%	28	30%	8	9%	0	0%
Boyd	16	7	44%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Brown	27	12	44%	**	***%	8	67%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Buffalo	812	328	40%	55	17%	165	50%	**	***%	7	2%	84	26%	14	4%	0	0%
Burt	96	38	40%	**	***%	18	47%	0	0%	0	0%	13	34%	**	***%	0	0%
Butler	73	27	37%	6	22%	13	48%	0	0%	0	0%	8	30%	0	0%	0	0%
Cass	287	108	38%	17	16%	55	51%	**	***%	0	0%	32	30%	**	***%	0	0%
Cedar	50	18	36%	**	***%	13	72%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Chase	39	16	41%	**	***%	9	56%	0	0%	0	0%	6	38%	0	0%	0	0%
Cherry	69	29	42%	**	***%	14	48%	0	0%	**	***%	9	31%	0	0%	0	0%
Cheyenne	179	83	46%	9	11%	42	51%	**	***%	**	4%	25	30%	**	***%	0	0%
Clay	81	34	42%	**	***%	23	68%	0	0%	0	0%	6	18%	**	***%	0	0%
Colfax	102	49	48%	19	39%	18	37%	0	0%	0	0%	11	22%	**	***%	0	0%
Cuming	86	39	45%	12	31%	10	26%	0	0%	0	0%	15	38%	**	***%	0	0%
Custer	182	74	41%	8	11%	38	51%	0	0%	0	0%	23	31%	**	***%	0	0%
Dakota	296	159	54%	23	14%	68	43%	0	0%	**	***%	50	31%	13	8%	0	0%
Dawes	120	59	49%	**	***%	31	53%	0	0%	**	***%	15	25%	6	10%	0	0%

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Incident County	Abuse/ Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed		Substantiated		Unfounded		Unable to Locate		Dependent Child		Alternative Response		DHHS Assessment In Process		*Law Enforcement In Process	
Dawson	372	181	49%	35	19%	84	46%	0	0%	**	***%	47	26%	12	7%	0	0%
Deuel	41	24	59%	**	***%	14	58%	0	0%	0	0%	7	29%	**	***%	0	0%
Dixon	45	23	51%	**	***%	10	43%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%
Dodge	680	329	48%	57	17%	156	47%	**	***%	9	3%	88	27%	16	5%	0	0%
Douglas	14,882	4,723	32%	535	11%	2,512	53%	70	1%	48	1%	1240	26%	280	6%	40	1%
Dundy	14	6	43%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Fillmore	68	31	46%	**	***%	16	52%	0	0%	0	0%	14	45%	0	0%	0	0%
Franklin	36	18	50%	**	***%	7	39%	0	0%	0	0%	8	44%	**	***%	0	0%
Frontier	52	23	44%	**	***%	9	39%	0	0%	0	0%	9	39%	**	***%	0	0%
Furnas	70	25	36%	**	***%	17	68%	0	0%	0	0%	6	24%	0	0%	0	0%
Gage	290	126	43%	13	10%	68	54%	0	0%	**	***%	38	30%	**	***%	0	0%
Garden	21	13	62%	0	0%	8	62%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%
Garfield	22	8	36%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Gosper	11	**	***%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Grant	6	**	***%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Greeley	14	**	***%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Hall	995	488	49%	61	13%	273	56%	7	1%	**	***%	129	26%	15	3%	0	0%
Hamilton	79	35	44%	7	20%	14	40%	**	***%	0	0%	11	31%	**	***%	0	0%
Harlan	32	12	38%	**	***%	9	75%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Hayes	**	**	***%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Hitchcock	61	22	36%	**	***%	12	55%	0	0%	0	0%	7	32%	**	***%	0	0%
Holt	135	57	42%	12	21%	21	37%	0	0%	**	***%	18	32%	**	***%	0	0%
Hooker	**	**	***%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Howard	94	39	41%	0	0%	23	59%	0	0%	0	0%	14	36%	**	***%	0	0%
Jefferson	128	64	50%	**	***%	36	56%	0	0%	0	0%	20	31%	**	***%	0	0%
Johnson	45	23	51%	**	***%	11	48%	**	***%	0	0%	7	30%	**	***%	0	0%
Kearney	69	26	38%	**	***%	16	62%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%
Keith	113	49	43%	7	14%	26	53%	0	0%	**	***%	13	27%	**	***%	0	0%
Keya Paha	**	0	0%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kimball	54	29	54%	**	***%	15	52%	0	0%	0	0%	7	24%	**	***%	0	0%
Knox	96	44	46%	**	***%	12	27%	0	0%	0	0%	13	30%	15	34%	0	0%
Lancaster	7,659	2,439	32%	300	12%	1,319	54%	23	1%	37	2%	607	25%	147	6%	0	0%
Lincoln	687	308	45%	62	20%	141	46%	0	0%	7	2%	83	27%	15	5%	0	0%
Logan	13	7	54%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Loup	6	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Madison	572	262	46%	35	13%	123	47%	0	0%	13	5%	73	28%	20	8%	0	0%
McPherson	**	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Merrick	121	54	45%	9	17%	27	50%	0	0%	0	0%	16	30%	**	***%	0	0%

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Incident County	Abuse/ Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed		Substantiated		Unfounded		Unable to Locate		Dependent Child		Alternative Response		DHHS Assessment In Process		*Law Enforcement In Process	
Morrill	77	48	62%	**	***%	23	48%	0	0%	0	0%	15	31%	**	***%	0	0%
Nance	43	19	44%	**	***%	9	47%	0	0%	0	0%	7	37%	**	***%	0	0%
Nemaha	93	42	45%	**	***%	24	57%	0	0%	0	0%	11	26%	**	***%	0	0%
Nuckolls	61	25	41%	**	***%	12	48%	0	0%	0	0%	9	36%	**	***%	0	0%
Otoe	251	103	41%	7	***%	53	51%	0	0%	**	5%	35	34%	**	***%	0	0%
Pawnee	34	15	44%	**	***%	9	60%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%
Perkins	51	18	35%	**	***%	10	56%	0	0%	0	0%	6	33%	0	0%	0	0%
Phelps	159	58	36%	12	21%	30	52%	0	0%	0	0%	12	21%	**	***%	0	0%
Pierce	67	29	43%	**	***%	18	62%	0	0%	0	0%	7	24%	**	***%	0	0%
Platte	453	226	50%	40	18%	114	50%	0	0%	13	6%	48	21%	10	4%	0	0%
Polk	50	25	50%	6	24%	12	48%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%
Red Willow	151	58	38%	**	***%	33	57%	0	0%	**	***%	16	28%	**	***%	0	0%
Richardson	133	59	44%	6	10%	33	56%	0	0%	0	0%	17	29%	**	***%	0	0%
Rock	**	0	***%	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Saline	188	84	45%	9	11%	49	58%	0	0%	0	0%	21	25%	**	***%	0	0%
Sarpy	2,188	867	40%	115	13%	419	48%	9	1%	23	3%	249	29%	48	6%	0	0%
Saunders	251	90	36%	13	14%	53	59%	0	0%	0	0%	22	24%	**	***%	0	0%
Scotts Bluff	703	338	48%	22	7%	202	60%	**	***%	**	***%	91	27%	14	4%	0	0%
Seward	237	121	51%	26	21%	51	42%	0	0%	6	5%	30	25%	8	7%	0	0%
Sheridan	90	53	59%	**	***%	31	58%	**	***%	0	0%	15	28%	**	***%	0	0%
Sherman	33	13	39%	**	***%	6	46%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
Sioux	8	**	***%	**	100%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Stanton	37	17	46%	**	***%	8	47%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%
Thayer	81	33	41%	**	***%	23	70%	0	0%	0	0%	7	21%	0	0%	0	0%
Thomas	9	**	***%	**	***%	**	67%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Thurston	435	235	54%	26	11%	72	31%	**	***%	**	***%	89	38%	46	20%	0	0%
Valley	47	23	49%	**	***%	7	30%	0	0%	**	***%	13	57%	0	0%	0	0%
Washington	178	84	47%	10	12%	42	50%	**	***%	**	***%	23	27%	6	7%	0	0%
Wayne	84	33	39%	**	***%	19	58%	**	***%	0	0%	**	***%	6	18%	0	0%
Webster	59	25	42%	**	***%	13	52%	0	0%	0	0%	10	40%	**	***%	0	0%
Wheeler	10	**	***%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%	**	***%	0	0%	0	0%
York	202	87	43%	16	18%	30	34%	0	0%	7	8%	26	30%	7	8%	0	0%
Out-of-state	438	28	6%	**	***%	17	61%	**	***%	0	0%	**	***%	**	***%	0	0%
Grand Total	37,760 - 37,788	13,773 - 13,825	36% - 37%	1,644 - 1,820	12% - 13%	7,127 - 7,175	52%	122 - 174	1%	186 - 250	1% - 2%	3,680 - 3,780	27%	756 - 928	5% - 7%	41 - 45	0%

* 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 in process of 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.

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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
2024	Central	96	160	35	241	8.4%
	Eastern	640	961	107	1,442	50.1%
	Northern	249	322	36	475	16.5%
	Southeast	272	310	27	484	16.8%
	Western	130	144	18	238	8.3%
	Grand Total	1,387	1,897	223	2,880	100.0%

* 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
2024	Central	69	27	157	**	0	32	**
	Eastern	491	149	944	17	0	101	6
	Northern	191	58	311	11	0	34	**
	Southeast	211	61	295	15	0	25	**
	Western	97	33	139	**	**	17	**
	Grand Total	1059	328	1,846	45 - 53	1 - 5	209	10 - 26

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

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SECTION 3: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS

TABLE 3-1: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS BY SEX AND SERVICE AREA

Calendar Year	Service Area	SEX						Total
		Female		Male		Unknown		
2024	Central	142	58.9%	99	41.1%	0	0%	241
	Eastern	744	51.6%	696	48.3%	2	0.1%	1,442
	Northern	239	50.3%	236	49.7%	0	0%	475
	Southeast	258	53.3%	226	46.7%	0	0%	484
	Western	135	56.7%	103	43.3%	0	0%	238
	Grand Total	1,518	52.7%	1,360	47.2%	2	0.1%	2,880

TABLE 3-2: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS BY SEX AND AGE

AGE IN YEARS	2024					
	SEX			Total	%	Cumulative %
	Female	Male	Unknown			
0	164	155	1	320	11.1%	11.1%
1	85	82	0	167	5.8%	16.9%
2	91	80	0	171	5.9%	22.9%
3	102	91	0	193	6.7%	29.6%
4	88	101	0	189	6.6%	36.1%
5	85	100	0	185	6.4%	42.5%
6	86	94	0	180	6.3%	48.8%
7	88	71	0	159	5.5%	54.3%
8	71	64	0	135	4.7%	59.0%
9	73	86	0	159	5.5%	64.5%
10	78	67	0	145	5.0%	69.6%
11	71	49	0	120	4.2%	73.7%
12	73	74	0	147	5.1%	78.8%
13	76	59	0	135	4.7%	83.5%
14	62	65	0	127	4.4%	87.9%
15	76	37	0	113	3.9%	91.9%
16	67	38	0	105	3.6%	95.5%
17	61	38	0	99	3.4%	99.0%
>17	20	8	0	28	1.0%	99.9%
Unknown	1	1	1	3	0.1%	100.0%
Grand Total	1,518	1,360	2	2,880	100.0%	

TABLE 3-3: 2024 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	560	18.9%	447	15.8%	389	13.9%	208	7.4%	1,604	56.1%
Black or African American	160	5.7%	126	4.7%	81	3.0%	38	1.3%	405	14.7%
American Indian or Alaska Native	86	3.1%	59	1.9%	42	1.4%	24	0.8%	211	7.2%
Asian	6	0.2%	**	< 1%	6	0.2%	**	< 1%	14 - 22	< 1%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	**	< 1%	**	< 1%	**	< 1%	0	0.0%	3 - 15	< 1%
Multiple Races	112	3.7%	103	3.7%	80	2.8%	35	1.1%	330	11.3%
Other/Unidentified	114	4.0%	77	2.4%	73	2.2%	37	1.3%	301	9.9%
Grand Total	1,038 - 1,043	< 36%	814 – 822	< 30%	672 - 676	< 24%	343 - 347	< 13%	2868 - 2888	100.0%

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TABLE 3-4: 2024 SUBSTANTIATED VICTIMS BY ETHNICITY AND AGE GROUP

Ethnicity	AGE								Total	%
	0 to 4		5 to 9		10 to 14		15 ≤			
Hispanic	210	7.0%	199	6.7%	166	5.9%	76	2.8%	651	22.4%
Non-Hispanic	833	28.7%	615 - 623	< 23%	505 - 510	< 18%	266 - 271	< 10%	2219 - 2237	77.6%
Grand Total	1,043	35.7%	814 – 822	< 30%	671 - 676	< 24%	342 - 347	< 13%	2872 - 2888	100.0%

TABLE 3-5: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIM RATE BY RACE

Race	Calendar Year 2024		Victim Rate Per 1,000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Victims	
White	412,207	1,604	3.89
Black or African American	34,408	405	11.77
American Indian or Alaska Native	14,322	211	14.73
Asian	15,552	19	1.22
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1,014	10	9.86
Multiple Races	25,719	330	12.83
Other/Unidentified	N/A	301	NA
Grand Total	503,222	2,880	5.72

*** 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 2024		Victim Rate Per 1,000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Victims	
Hispanic	96,712	651	6.73
Non-Hispanic	406,510	2,229	5.48
Grand Total	503,222	2,880	5.72

TABLE 3-7: SUBSTANTIATED VICTIM RATE BY AGE GROUP

Age	Calendar Year 2024		Victim Rate Per 1,000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Victims	
0	24,347	320	13.14
1	24,145	167	6.92
2	24,720	171	6.92
3	25,044	193	7.71
4	25,581	189	7.39
5	26,163	185	7.07
6	26,904	180	6.69
7	26,959	159	5.90
8	26,905	135	5.02
9	26,551	159	5.99
10	26,269	145	5.52
11	26,438	120	4.54
12	27,107	147	5.42
13	27,776	135	4.86
14	28,429	127	4.47
15	28,205	113	4.01
16	27,660	105	3.80
17	27,474	99	3.60
>17	26,545	28	1.05
Unknown	N/A	3	N/A
Grand Total	503,222	2,880	5.72

*** 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.

SECTION 4: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATORS

TABLE 4-1: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATORS BY SEX AND SERVICE AREA

Calendar Year	Service Area	SEX		Total
		Female	Male	
2024	Central	111	208	97
	Eastern	377	772	395
	Northern	188	388	200
	Southeast	221	420	199
	Western	109	215	106
	Grand Total	1,006	2,003	997

TABLE 4-2: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATORS RATE BY RACE

Race	Calendar Year 2024		Perpetrator Rate Per 1000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Perpetrators	
White	1,332,163	1,126	0.85
Black or African American	72,797	312	4.29
American Indian and Alaska Native	18,554	133	7.17
Asian	40,821	25	0.61
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	1,779	*	<1.75
Multiple	25,132	91	3.62
Other/Unidentified	N/A	313	N/A
Grand Total	1,491,246	2,003	1.34

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

TABLE 4-3: SUBSTANTIATED PERPETRATORS RATE BY ETHNICITY

Ethnicity	Calendar Year 2024		Perpetrator Rate Per 1000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Perpetrators	
Hispanic	150,427	318	2.11
Non-Hispanic	1,340,819	1,685	1.26
Grand Total	1,491,246	2,003	1.34

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

Age Group	Calendar Year 2024		Perpetrator Rate Per 1000
	State of Nebraska Population (Pct.)***	Perpetrators	
18 to 19	54,117	35	0.65
20 to 29	269,599	595	2.21
30 to 39	255,684	842	3.29
40 to 49	257,062	389	1.51
Over 50	654,784	142	0.22
Grand Total	1,491,246	2,003	1.34

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

Perpetrator's Relationship to Victim	Calendar Year 2024	
	Count	%
Biological Parent	1,543	77.0%
Unmarried Partner of Parent	125	6.2%
Unknown	79	3.9%
Stepparent	87	4.3%
Relative	76	3.8%
Sibling	25	1.2%
Adoptive Parent	32	1.6%
Child Day Care Provider	13	0.6%
Foster Parent	20	1.0%
Residential Facility Staff	*	< 1%
Non-Relative	*	< 1%
Grand Total	2,003	100.0%

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

*** 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.

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.