

Georgia Child Abuse & Neglect Statistics

A Call for Prevention

Child abuse and neglect is not caused by a single factor but by multiple factors related to the individual, family, community, and society at large. Environments that are violent, lack accessible and effective community resources, and are disproportionately affected by poverty or unemployment are variables that contribute to child abuse and neglect.



Georgia ranked **38th** in the nation for child well-being in 2022.



Economic Well-Being Rank 35

- **2 in 10** children live in homes experiencing poverty
- **27%** of children's parents lack secure employment



Family and Community Rank 40

- **38%** of children live in single-parent families
- **74%** White vs. **46%** Black or Latino families own homes



Education Rank 38

- **51%** of children ages 3 and 4 are not in school
- **68%** of fourth graders are not proficient in reading
- **18%** of high school students don't graduate on time



Health Rank 45

- **9.9%** of babies born are considered low-birth weight
- **7%** of children do not have health insurance
- **Half** of pregnancy-related deaths are Black women

Breakdown: Children in the System

Reports are received by centralized intake 24/7 by phone or online.



Screened Out
(59,797 reports)

Assigned In-Person Response Time

- Immediately
- 24 hours
- 72 hours



54,463 reports involving
106,948 children

A case worker goes to the family's home to determine if an **investigation** or **alternative response** is needed.

Whether or not the case is confirmed (substantiated) for maltreatment, the family may receive services, responses, or entry into foster care.

Confirmed Victims 9,843 children

Sex Trafficking 62 victims- Less than 1%

7% **Sexual Abuse** 720 children
(Only reported cases, experts estimate that **1 in 10** kids experience sexual abuse by their 18th birthday.)

11% **Physical Abuse** 1,110 children

23% **Psychological Abuse** 2,299 children

64% **Neglect** 6,311 children

67% of reports made nationally to CPS were from professionals serving children and families

