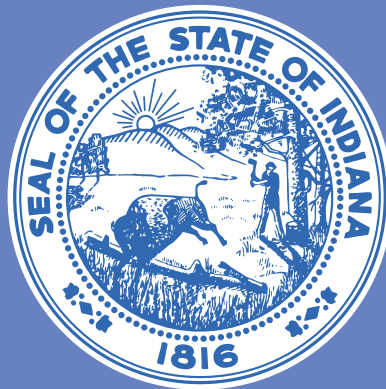


2021 Annual Report of Child Abuse & Neglect Fatalities in Indiana



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Preface

The Annual Report of Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities in Indiana is the state's official record of child deaths determined by the Indiana Department of Child Services to have been caused by caregiver maltreatment or neglect. The following contains data from Calendar Year 2021.

DCS completes a review of all child fatalities that fit the following circumstances:

- Children under age 3: The child's death is sudden, unexpected or unexplained, or there are allegations of abuse or neglect.
- Children age 3 or older: The child's death involves allegations of abuse or neglect.

This report identifies common risk factors in fatalities resulting from abuse or neglect. DCS encourages communities to reference this report when considering prevention, educational and service programs. The data is also used to evaluate, review and modify DCS policy, practice and procedure when warranted.

Each fatality investigation involves a multistep process to ensure fair and unbiased decision making. Every death DCS is required by statute to investigate is reviewed at both the county and state level. A team of professionals from the county where the death occurred first determines whether it is believed to be a result of abuse or neglect. Following the local county's recommendation, an independent team of DCS personnel provides a supplementary review. This ensures personal biases do not impact decisions and provides the chance for ample discussion of cases in which the circumstances surrounding the death might be unclear. DCS will make a finding of "substantiated" when the assessment provides a preponderance of evidence sufficient to lead a reasonable person to believe that child abuse and/or neglect have occurred or when the alleged perpetrator admits to having abused and/or neglected the alleged child victim.

Executive Summary

In Calendar Year 2021, the Indiana Department of Child Services was called to investigate 271 child fatalities in which abuse or neglect was suspected to be a factor. This is down from 281 in Calendar Year 2020. Sixty (22%*) of those deaths were determined to be a direct result of caregiver maltreatment. That's up from 50 deaths caused by maltreatment in 2020.

Of the total fatalities covered by this report, 22 were due to abuse, and 38 were due to neglect.

In 40 (67%) of the 60 fatalities, the victim was 3 years old or younger. This finding demonstrates a consistent trend (nationally and in Indiana) that young children are at the highest risk of abuse or neglect.

Allen County recorded the state's highest number of child fatalities (11) caused by abuse or neglect.

Twenty-four (40%) of the fatalities covered in this report were determined to be accidental; 24 (40%) were declared homicides. The manner of death in eight (13%) of the fatalities was listed as unknown/could not be determined. Three fatalities (5%) were deemed the result of natural causes. Fifteen of the 60 victims (25%) included in this report were previous victims of substantiated abuse or neglect. Two of those 15 had history only in other states, not Indiana.

Of the 60 victims, 27 (45%) were female and 33 (55%) were male. Death by weapon (including a body part; e.g., a closed fist) was the most common cause of death, listed in 22 (37%) of the cases as the primary factor. The manner of death is obtained from state death certificates.

In 38 cases (63%), the death occurred in the victim's own home.

The victim's biological parents were often deemed responsible for the child fatalities detailed in this report, accounting for 53 (73%) of the 73 alleged perpetrators. Some cases cite multiple perpetrators as responsible for the death of the same child.

In some cases, caregiver stressors were determined to play a role in the death of a child. Substance abuse, insufficient income and unemployment were frequently cited as stress factors among caregivers.

*Percentages are rounded to the nearest whole number. As a result, the individual numbers may not add up to 100%.

Abuse and neglect fatalities by county

County	Abuse	Neglect	Total
Adams	0	1	1
Allen	6	5	11
Bartholomew	0	3	3
Boone	0	1	1
Decatur	0	1	1
Delaware	0	1	1
Elkhart	1	3	4
Gibson	0	1	1
Grant	0	2	2
Hendricks	0	1	1
Henry	1	0	1
Howard	1	0	1
Jackson	0	1	1
Johnson	0	1	1

County	Abuse	Neglect	Total
Kosciusko	0	1	1
LaGrange	1	0	1
Lake	2	5	7
LaPorte	1	0	1
Marion	4	6	10
Noble	0	1	1
Rush	1	0	1
Saint Joseph	1	0	1
Tippecanoe	2	0	2
Vanderburgh	0	2	2
Washington	1	0	1
Wayne	0	1	1
White	0	1	1
Total	22	38	60

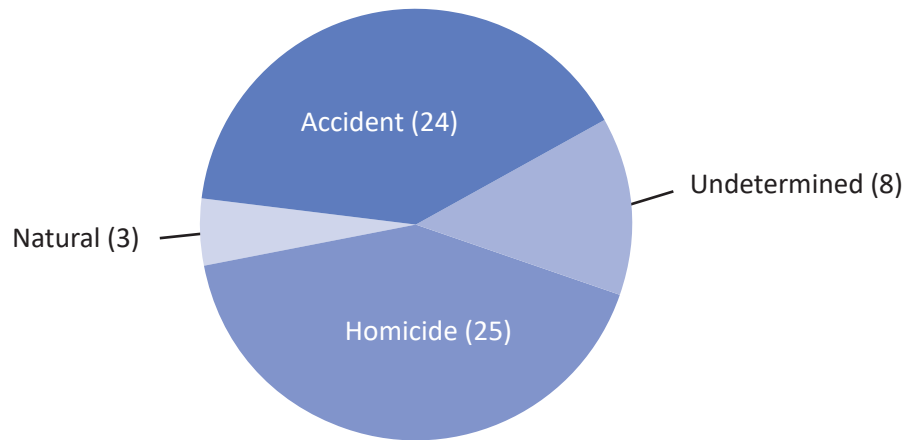
Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Assessment statistics for investigation by other agencies, all children

Investigation	Abuse	Neglect	Total
Coroner cases	22	38	60
Autopsies performed	22	34	56
Scene investigated by coroner	14	22	36
Scene investigated by law enforcement	22	38	60
Scene investigated by fire investigator	0	0	0
Emergency medical services was on scene	15	23	38
All child fatalities	22	38	60

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Manner of death, all children



Manner of death obtained from state death certificates.

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Primary cause of death, all children

Animal bite/attack, exposure or other	1
Asphyxia	9
Asthma	1
Congenital anomaly	1
Drowning	8
Malnutrition/dehydration	1
Motor vehicle and other transport	10
Pneumonia	1
Poisoning, overdose or acute intoxication	6
Weapon, including body part	22
Total	60

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Fatalities due to abuse

Victim: 1-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma to the chest. He lived with his mother, mother's boyfriend and siblings. On the day of the fatality, the mother left her boyfriend alone to watch the child. While the mother was gone, the boyfriend contacted her and said the child was not breathing. The child's injuries were later determined to be so severe that he would not have survived more than two to five minutes.

Victim: 1-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 2

Circumstances: A 1-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. He lived with his mother and father. On the day of the fatality, the father watched the child while the mother was at work. The father said that, after the child had vomited in bed two times, he placed the child on the living room floor. He then noticed the child's breathing was abnormal and drove him to a fire station. At the autopsy, the pathologist said the child's injuries were caused by an intentional, forceful blow to the stomach area, and the child would have immediately shown signs of distress.

Victim: 7-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Aunt

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 7-month-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. He lived with his mother and siblings. On the day of the fatality, the mother left the child in the care of his 17-year-old aunt. An hour after the mother left, the aunt called 911 and reported the child was dead. The aunt admitted to slamming the baby on the ground and hitting him. She said she killed him because she had been arguing with her boyfriend and the baby was crying.

Victim: 3-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 3-year-old girl died from multiple gunshot wounds. She lived with her mother and father and a sibling. On the day of the fatality, the father had been drinking and yelling at the mother. At some point, he shot the mother and child.

Victims: 5-year-old boy, 3-year-old boy, 2-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victims: 5-year-old boy, 8; 3-year-old boy, 4; 2-year-old girl, 3

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victims: 0

Perpetrator: Mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 5-year-old boy, a 3-year-old boy and a 2-year-old girl died from multiple stab wounds. They lived with their mother. On the day of the fatality, the children, the mother and her boyfriend were at home. When members of the mother's family were unable to contact her, they checked and found the mother and children dead in the home. Video surveillance showed a vehicle associated with the mother's boyfriend leaving the home in the early hours of the day the family was killed, and no one else was seen entering the home until family members arrived to check on the mother. When he was arrested, the mother's boyfriend was in possession of a knife believed to have been used in the slayings.

Victim: 11-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: An 11-month-old boy died from multiple injuries caused by physical abuse. He lived with his mother, grandparent, aunt and cousin. On the day of the fatality, the mother left the child with an uncle. The uncle slept on the couch with the child, and he woke to find the child gasping for air. The autopsy showed multiple internal head injuries. Several witnesses reported the mother would shake the child when he cried. The mother tested positive for methamphetamine and marijuana. Drug paraphernalia was found in the home.

Victim: 1-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. He lived with his mother and grandparent. On the day of the fatality, the mother left the child with her boyfriend. When she returned, the child was stiff, moaning and not making eye contact. The child was taken to the hospital, where he died from his injuries. The mother's boyfriend said he might have pushed the child too hard while placing him in a Pack 'N Play.

Victim: 3-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: Assessment of maltreatment allegations ongoing

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 7

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrators: Mother, mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 3-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. He lived with his mother, his mother's boyfriend and the boyfriend's son. On the night before the fatality, the child wasn't feeling well, so he slept with his mother and her boyfriend. When the mother woke, the child was dead. He had several bruises and other injuries. The mother and her boyfriend gave inconsistent statements about how the child was injured. The mother admitted to a witness that her boyfriend struck her son, resulting in the child's death, and she helped cover it up. The boyfriend admitted to a witness that he believed he caused the child's death.

Victim: 4-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 4-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. He lived with his mother, mother's boyfriend and siblings. On the day of the fatality, the mother's boyfriend was caring for the child. The boyfriend said the child fell off the slide in the backyard, after which he took the child inside and gave him a bath. Sometime later, the child became unresponsive. The slide was less than 43 inches high, and the ground was soft from recent rain. The child's injuries were determined to be inconsistent with such a fall. The mother's boyfriend was later found to be in possession of a syringe cap and methamphetamine.

Victim: 3-month-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 3-month-old girl died from blunt-force trauma to the head. She lived with her mother, siblings and grandmother. The mother said that, on the night before the fatality, she placed the child in her bassinet to sleep, and the child woke up crying once but fell back to sleep. The mother was the sole caregiver of the child during the night, and she woke to find the child dead in her bassinet about 12 hours after placing her there. The mother and family members said the child was healthy and behaving normally before going to sleep. The child's autopsy found skull fractures, brain injuries and a retinal hemorrhage, and the mother was found to have provided inconsistent statements about the circumstances leading up to the child's death.

Victim: 4-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 4-year-old boy died from multiple head injuries. He lived with his mother, mother's boyfriend and siblings. On the day of the fatal incident, the child was in the care of his mother's boyfriend. The mother said she received a call from a family friend telling her to come home from work because the child was having a seizure. Upon arriving home, the mother attempted to call 911 and leave with the child, but her boyfriend prevented it. The mother's friend got the child out and took him to the hospital. The family friend said the mother's boyfriend told him how he became upset with the child, struck him in the head and threw him around. The mother reported a history of domestic violence. The child had bruises over his entire body. The child died from his injuries the next day.

Victim: 2-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 5

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrator: Father's girlfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 2-year-old girl died from abusive trauma. She lived with her father and father's girlfriend. On the day of the fatality, the child was in the care of the father's girlfriend. The father's girlfriend messaged the father to say the child had fallen and had trouble breathing, but she performed CPR and the child was fine. The father came home from work and immediately checked on

the child, who was in distress. The child was taken to the hospital, where she was pronounced dead. The child had signs of trauma all over her body. The father's girlfriend admitted to striking the child in the face and throwing the child, causing her head to slam onto the kitchen floor.

Victim: 3-month-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 2

Circumstances: A 3-month-old girl died from blunt-force trauma. She lived with her mother and siblings. The mother said that, on the day of the incident, she left the child on the adult bed while she took a shower. She heard the child cry and returned to find her on the floor and the dog on the bed. The mother said the child moaned and would not eat for the next two days. The child eventually became limp, could not hold her head up and did not act like her normal self. When the mother took the child to the hospital, doctors found internal brain injuries, a retinal hemorrhage and bruises on her extremities. These injuries were consistent with inflicted non-accidental trauma. The mother submitted to a drug screen and tested positive for amphetamine, methamphetamine and THC.

Victim: 4-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1, in Iowa

Perpetrator: Mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 4-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. The child lived with his mother and sibling in Iowa, but he had been traveling through Indiana with his mother's boyfriend — a long-haul truck driver. The boyfriend said that, on the day of the fatality, he was playing with the child in the sleeper cab of his semitractor trailer when he threw him against the back of the semitractor trailer and the child's head hit a hanger, after which the child had a seizure and became unresponsive. The boyfriend did not obtain medical care but resumed driving his route. He later contacted the child's mother, and she told him to call 911. The child had bruises and abrasions on several areas of his body, including his groin, as well as an injury to his anus. The story provided by the mother's boyfriend was inconsistent with these injuries.

Victim: 3-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 4

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrator: Mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 3-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. He lived with his mother, mother's boyfriend and siblings. On the day of the fatality, the child was in the care of his mother's boyfriend. The boyfriend contacted the mother and said the child had been vomiting. The mother said the child continued to vomit after she came home from work, and she placed him in bed. The mother and her boyfriend reported the child started breathing heavily and then stopped breathing. They called 911, and medical examination revealed the child had been dead longer than reported. The autopsy found the child had suffered multiple injuries.

Victim: 4-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 10

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 3

Circumstances: A 4-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. He lived with his mother, father and siblings. On the day of the fatality, the child was in the care of his father. The child was found dead in his bed. He was malnourished and covered in bruises. A sibling said the child had previously been left in the basement and bound with duct tape for extended periods. A sibling heard the child being abused in the basement. The home was unsanitary and contained a refrigerator with a lock on it.

Victim: 2-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: A 2-month-old boy died from abusive trauma. He lived with his mother, father and sibling. On the day of the fatality, the child was in the care of his father. The father said he put the child in a swing and when he checked a few minutes later, the child was not breathing. The father took him to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The child suffered multiple injuries.

Victim: 9-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 1

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Stepmother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 9-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. He lived with his mother, step-mother and siblings. A sibling reported that, on the day of the fatality, the stepmother beat the child

with her hands and a wooden paddle while the mother watched and did not intervene. He became unconscious and was placed in a shower, where a sibling splashed water on him. He was driven to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead.

Victim: 4-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 4-month-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. The child lived with his mother and father. On the day of the fatality, the child was in the care of his father. The father said the child became unresponsive while being fed. The child was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead. The child had severe head trauma. The father eventually admitted he became frustrated after not being able to console the child and shook him for seven to 10 seconds until he stopped crying.

Victim: 10-month-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 3

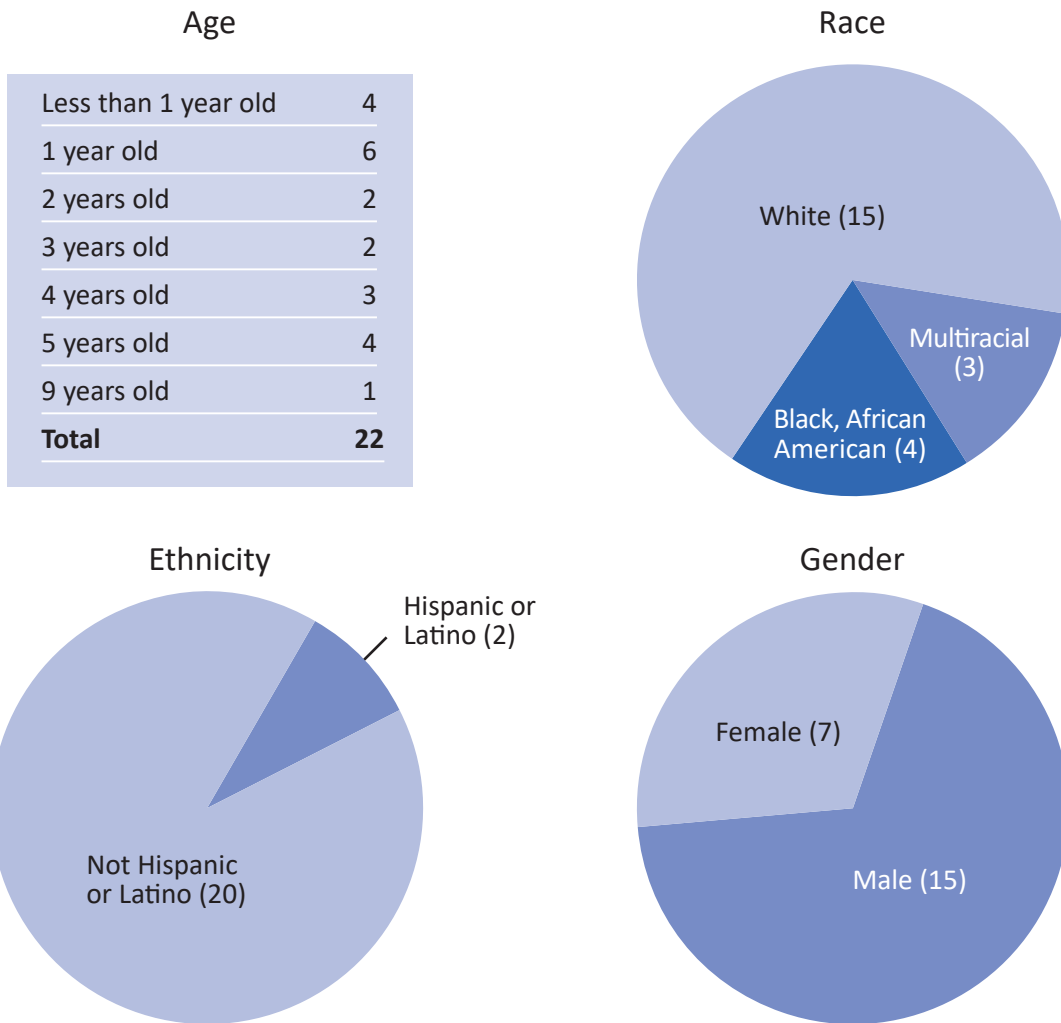
Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Family friend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 10-month-old girl died from blunt-force trauma. She lived with her mother and father. On the day of the fatality, the child was in the care of a close family friend. The parents said the friend volunteered to watch the child at his home for the night. The next day, he asked to keep the child another night and they agreed. When the parents attempted to get the child back, the friend would not return her. Law enforcement became involved, and he eventually admitted he had buried the child in the woods. He later led law enforcement to the child's location. He admitted to striking the child in the face when she would not stop crying.

Abuse statistics: demographic characteristics of the child



Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

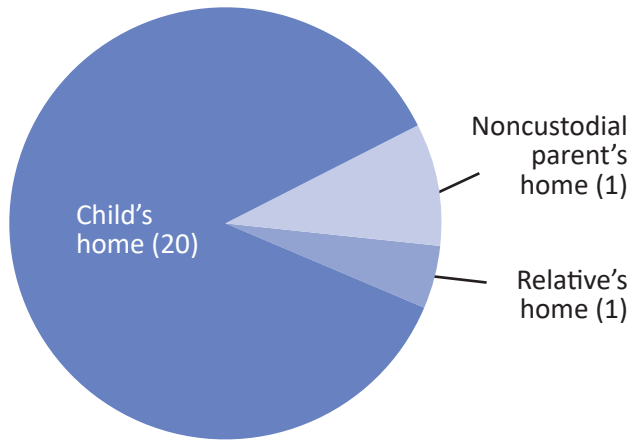
Abuse statistics: characteristics of the case

Type of abuse	
Abusive head trauma	15
Beating/kicking	3
Gunshot wounds	1
Stabbing	3

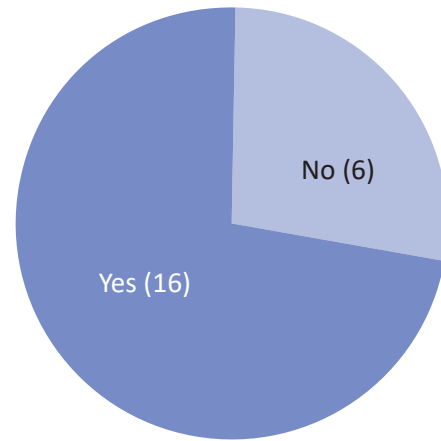
Source: MaGIK Monthly Data Note: A child might have experienced more than one type of abuse.

Abuse statistics: characteristics of the household

Location of incident



Other children in household



Caregiver 1 employment status

Employed	12
On disability	0
Retired	0
Stay-at-home	0
Unemployed	4
Unknown	6
Total	22

Caregiver 2 employment status

Employed	4
On disability	0
Retired	0
Stay-at-home	1
Unemployed	10
Unknown	5
Total	20

Caregiver 1 education level

Less than high school	1
High school	6
College	1
Post-graduate	0
Unknown	14
Total	22

Caregiver 2 education level

Less than high school	1
High school	2
College	0
Post-graduate	0
Unknown	17
Total	20

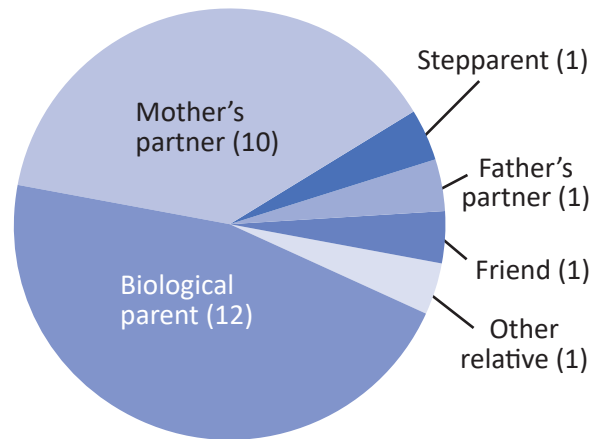
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Abuse statistics: characteristics of the perpetrator

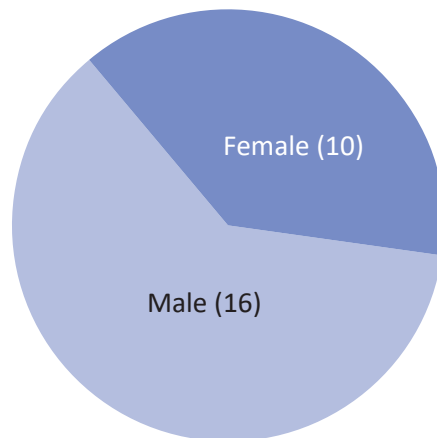
Age

Less than 20 years old	2
20-24 years old	6
25-29 years old	6
30-34 years old	7
35-39 years old	4
40-49 years old	1
Total	26

Relationship to child



Gender



Note: 26 perpetrators total; a child's death might have been caused by more than one perpetrator.

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Abuse statistics: known stress factors impacting child

History of child maltreatment as victim	6	History of intimate partner violence as victim	1
History of intimate partner violence - unknown	3	Prior disability or chronic illness	1

Note: A child might have had more than one stress factor. Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Abuse statistics: known stress factors impacting caregiver

Caregiver 1		Caregiver 2	
Education level less than high school	1	Education level less than high school	1
Disability or chronic illness	1	Disability or chronic illness	1
History of child maltreatment as victim	5	History of child maltreatment as victim	4
History of intimate partner violence as victim	2	History of intimate partner violence as perpetrator	4
History of substance abuse	12	History of substance abuse	12
Unemployed	4	Unemployed	10
Insufficient income	11	Insufficient income	10
Language problem	1	New residence in past 30 days	2
New residence in past 30 days	2		

Note: A caregiver might have had more than one stress factor. Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Fatalities due to neglect

Victim: 3-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: A 3-year-old boy died by hanging. He lived with his mother and father and 1-year-old sibling. On the day of the fatality, the father was the sole caregiver of the children. The father said he played video games while wearing noise-canceling headphones and was distracted by the game. After about 25 minutes, he checked on the children and found the 3-year-old hanging from a blanket that had been covering a bedroom window. The father admitted the child had previously fallen out of the window while in his care.

Victim: 1-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: Assessment of maltreatment allegations ongoing

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: A 1-month-old boy died while in unsafe sleeping conditions. He lived with his mother and grandmother. On the day of the fatality, the mother woke up to find the child dead in the adult bed they were sharing. Marijuana was found nearby. The mother submitted to a drug screen and tested positive for methamphetamine, amphetamine and THC. She was under the influence when she decided to sleep with the child.

Victim: 8-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 4

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 2

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 2

Circumstances: An 8-year-old boy died by overdosing on fentanyl and diphenhydramine (Benadryl). He lived with his paternal grandmother, who had adopted him. He was visiting his father's home at the time of the fatality. Illicit drugs, aluminum foil and other paraphernalia were observed throughout the home. The father admitted to using and selling fentanyl and heroin and using Benadryl to cut the drugs for sale. He said fentanyl was likely on the aluminum foil the child could be seen putting in his mouth in a TikTok video.

Victim: 10-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 10-year-old girl died from blunt-force trauma caused by a motor vehicle collision. She lived with her mother, siblings, uncle and her mother's boyfriend. On the day of the fatality, the child was riding in a vehicle with her mother, siblings and the mother's boyfriend. The mother was driving, and the child was in the back seat with her siblings seated around her. The mother said the vehicle slid on ice and collided with a tree. Law enforcement and a crash reconstructionist reported there was no ice on the pavement at the time of the collision. Tire tracks indicated the vehicle did not slide off the roadway, and the vehicle hit the tree with great force. The mother submitted to a drug screen and tested positive for amphetamine, methamphetamine, THC and Suboxone.

Victim: 5-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 6

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 5-year-old girl died from injuries caused by a motor vehicle collision. She lived with her mother, father and siblings. On the day of the fatality, she was riding in a vehicle with her parents and three of her siblings. The father drove around railroad-track gates that were lowered for an approaching train. The vehicle was struck by the train, and the child died at the scene. The father's blood alcohol content was 0.212%.

Victim: 3-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: Ongoing program of informal adjustment

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 1

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: A 3-month-old boy died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision. He lived with his mother and siblings. On the day of the fatality, the child was riding in a vehicle with his mother and her friend. He was crying, so the mother stopped at a gas station to calm him down. The mother got back into the vehicle and started driving while holding the child. She became distracted while handing the child to the passenger, causing the vehicle to hit a tree and flip over. The mother submitted to a drug screen and tested positive for THC.

Victim: 2-month-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 3

Circumstances: A 2-month-old girl died from brain injuries she received in a motor vehicle collision. She lived with her mother. On the day of the fatality, she was riding in a vehicle with her parents. The father drove over the center line, crashing head-on into a tractor trailer. He tested positive for benzodiazepine and amphetamines.

Victim: 8-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrators: Mother, father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: An 8-year-old boy died from complications of a near drowning. He lived with his mother and father and 6-year-old sibling. On the day of the fatality, the children were playing outside in front of the house while the mother and father watched television. The father reportedly checked on the children every 10-15 minutes. At some point, he couldn't find them in front of the home. The children were found, unresponsive, in the family's backyard pool. They were taken to the hospital, and the 6-year-old survived. The pool had no safety mechanisms or ladders.

Victim: 2-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrators: Mother, mother's boyfriend

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 2-year-old boy died from a fentanyl overdose. He lived with his mother, sibling and mother's boyfriend. On the day of the fatality, the mother sent the children to play in their bedroom. The mother and her boyfriend later checked on the children and found them unresponsive. The mother's boyfriend called 911, and the mother put the children in the shower to try to wake them. The sibling started breathing. The children were taken to the hospital, where the 2-year-old was pronounced dead. The mother submitted to a drug screen and tested positive for methamphetamine, amphetamine, THC and fentanyl.

Victim: 1-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-month-old died from compression injuries in a car seat. He lived with his mother, father and sibling. On the day of the fatality, the mother put him in his car seat, pressing on his abdomen to buckle the lower strap. She drove approximately 20 minutes to the grandmother's house and found the child was dead. He had bruising consistent with the car seat straps. She said the straps had not been adjusted since the child left the hospital, at which time he weighed 4 pounds, 14 ounces. The child's weight at death was 9 pounds.

Victim: 1-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: Assessment of maltreatment allegations ongoing

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 1

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: A 1-month-old boy suffocated while in unsafe sleeping conditions. He lived with his mother and siblings. The night before the fatality, the mother drank half a bottle of vodka before falling asleep while holding the child in her adult bed. When she woke, she found the child, unresponsive. The mother submitted to a drug screen and tested positive for THC and alcohol.

Victim: 4-month-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1, in Illinois

Circumstances: A 4-month-old girl died from congenital heart disease. She lived with her mother and siblings. On the day of the fatality, the mother found the child dead in a sibling's bed. She denied the child had any medical concerns and said the child had attended one doctor appointment shortly after birth. Birth records showed a cardiologist saw the child shortly after birth and found an abnormality. The child was to be seen by the primary care doctor within two to three days and by the cardiologist within two weeks. No evidence was found to show the child had ever been seen by a medical professional since shortly after birth. The clinic where the mother said the child had been seen denied ever seeing the child.

Victim: 11-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 2

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 3

Circumstances: An 11-month-old boy suffocated while in unsafe sleeping conditions. He lived with his mother, grandparents, aunt and cousins. The mother said that, after co-sleeping with the child the night before, she found the child, dead, underneath a blanket in her bed. During interviews with law enforcement, the mother was twitching, irritable and lethargic. Her speech was slurred, and her eyes were moving rapidly. Drug paraphernalia was found in the home. She submitted to a drug screen and tested positive for methamphetamine and amphetamine.

Victim: 3-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Second cousin

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 3-year-old boy drowned. He lived with his mother, sibling and grandparents. On the day of the fatality, he was in the care of his second cousin. The cousin took the child to a pool party. The cousin left the party for 15-20 minutes, leaving the child behind. The child was later found, unresponsive, floating in the pool. The cousin admitted to leaving the party without asking anyone to watch the child.

Victim: 1-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrators: Mother, father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: Mother, 2; father, 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old girl died from malnutrition. She lived with her mother, father and siblings. The mother fed the child a bottle around 9 p.m. the night before the fatality. The child was found, dead, around 10:30 a.m. the next day. The child had a history of failure to thrive. The child did not attend follow-up appointments and was last seen by a medical professional eight months prior to her death. When she died, she was dehydrated, and her weight was in the first percentile.

Victim: 4-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 4-year-old girl died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision. She lived with her mother and father. On the day of the fatality, the mother was involved in a motor vehicle collision and the child was found, unresponsive, in the back seat. The child died in the hospital several days later. She had not been in a car seat, and there was no evidence she was restrained. The child was injured in a similar motor vehicle collision four months prior — also without being properly restrained — and the mother was advised of the importance of using proper child restraints.

Victim: 4-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1, in Illinois

Perpetrators: Mother, father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: Mother, 5 in Illinois; father, 1 in Illinois

Circumstances: A 4-month-old boy died from blunt-force trauma sustained in a motor vehicle collision. He lived with his mother and siblings in Illinois. On the day of the fatality, police attempted to pull over the vehicle containing the parents and children. The father was driving and fled at a high rate of speed. The chase ended when the vehicle crashed into a residence.

Victim: 1-month-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: Assessment of maltreatment allegations ongoing

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrators: Mother, father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: Mother, 2; father, 0

Circumstances: A 1-month-old boy suffered sudden unexplained infant death while in unsafe sleeping conditions. He lived with his mother, father and siblings. On the day of the fatality, a 13-year-old sibling found the child, unresponsive, in the parents' bed with his face pressed against the father's body. The child had been sleeping with his parents and a sibling. The mother tested positive for buprenorphine (Subutex), alprazolam (Xanax) and cocaine. The father tested positive for methamphetamine and amphetamine.

Victim: 3-month-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 2

Circumstances: A 3-month-old girl died from probable asphyxia while in unsafe sleeping conditions. She lived with her father. The night before the fatality, the mother picked up the child and three siblings, and they stayed at a hotel. At approximately 2 a.m., a hotel worker woke the mother after one of her toddlers was found running in the hallway. The hotel worker saw three of the children at that time but not the baby. Approximately 10 hours later, law enforcement arrived at the hotel and found the baby, dead. The mother said she fell asleep with the child in her arms. She admitted to using methamphetamine the day prior and submitted to a drug screen. She tested positive for methamphetamine and amphetamine.

Victims: 5-year-old boy, 3-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victims: 5-year-old boy, 2; 3-year-old boy, 1

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victims: 3-year-old boy, 1

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: A 5-year-old boy and a 3-year-old boy died from blunt-force trauma. They lived with their mother, a sibling and their grandmother. On the day of the fatality, the three siblings were in a vehicle with their mother when the vehicle left the roadway and struck a tree. Her blood alcohol content was 0.146% at the time of the collision. The mother also died in the crash.

Victim: 15-day-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 15-day-old boy suffered sudden unexplained infant death while in unsafe sleeping conditions. He lived with his mother, father and a sibling. On the night before the fatality, the parents drank alcohol and went to bed with the child sleeping between them. The father said that when he woke, the mother was lying on top of the child. Her blood alcohol content at 12:30 p.m. was 0.17%.

Victim: 2-month-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: A 2-month-old girl suffocated while in unsafe sleeping conditions. She lived with her mother and siblings. On the day of the fatality, she had been sleeping on the couch with the mother. The mother woke up and found the child, unresponsive, between herself and the back of the couch. The mother admitted to using Xanax daily.

Victim: 3-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1

Circumstances: A 3-year-old girl died from a fentanyl overdose. She lived with her mother, siblings and the mother's roommates. On the night before the fatality, the mother found the child in one of the roommate's bedrooms and observed that the child had ingested at least part of a fentanyl pill. The mother then took the child to the grandparents' home while she went to work. The next morning, the child was found, dead, on the grandparents' couch. At no time did the mother seek medical care for the child. At autopsy, the child tested positive for fentanyl, methamphetamine and amphetamine.

Victim: 14-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: Assessment of maltreatment allegations ongoing

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 8

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 14-year-old boy died from overdosing on fentanyl and cocaine. He lived with his grandmother, who was his legal guardian, but had been staying with his father for a few days. On the day of the fatality, he was found dead on the couch at his father's home. The father fled the scene. He was found in his car and appeared to be under the influence, and he was arrested. The child's friends reported the father regularly provided the child with illicit drugs and alcohol.

Victim: 2-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 1

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Aunt

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 2-year-old boy died from a fentanyl overdose. He lived with his grandmother but was visiting his aunt on the day of the fatality. The child became sleepy, started vomiting and became unresponsive. Law enforcement found several illicit drugs in the aunt's home, some within reach of the child. The child's toxicology tests were positive for fentanyl.

Victim: 1-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old girl drowned. She lived with her mother and father. On the day of the fatality, the child and the father had been together in the backyard while the mother was at an appointment. The mother returned home, and she and the child walked back to the house while the father continued working. The mother said that, at some point, she watched the child turn around and walk back toward the backyard. She assumed the child was returning to her father. She did not alert the father that the child was returning to his supervision. Approximately 30 minutes later, the father saw the child facedown in the pond. The father had no knowledge the child was not inside the house with the mother.

Victim: 2-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 1

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Grandmother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 2-year-old girl died after a severe asthma attack. She lived with her mother. On the day of the fatality, the child was in the care of her grandmother. The grandmother said the child had breathing issues and had been given several nebulizer treatments the night before. The grandmother called the mother, who said to take the girl to the hospital. The grandmother said she was too tired, having gotten only two hours' sleep. The grandmother said the child's breathing was raspy, but they still fell asleep together in the grandmother's bed. She later woke up and found the child, dead. At no point did she seek medical care for the child.

Victim: 14-day-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 3

Circumstances: A 14-day-old girl died from brain injuries. She lived with her mother. On the day of the fatality, the mother placed the child on a blanket in the backseat of her car with no car seat or child restraint. A passenger said the mother started driving very fast and refused to slow down. The mother then swerved into oncoming traffic and crashed head-on into a truck. The mother also died in the crash.

Victim: 2-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 2-year-old girl drowned. She lived with her mother, sibling and mother's boyfriend. On the day of the fatality, the mother put the child down for a nap. At some point, she noticed the child was no longer in the bedroom and started looking for her. The child was found in a lake behind the home.

Victim: 1-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 1

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old girl died from a fentanyl overdose. She lived with her mother. On the day of the fatality, the child was home with her mother and took a midday nap. Several hours later, the mother checked on the child and found her to be dead. At autopsy, the child tested positive for ethanol and fentanyl. The mother later submitted to a drug screen and tested positive for amphetamine, fentanyl and norfentanyl.

Victim: 1-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrators: Mother, father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old girl drowned. She lived with her mother and father. The child had a

history of getting out of the house without the parents' knowledge. On the day of the fatality, the child and her parents were at a family member's home for a get-together. At some point in the evening, the child's mother was unable to find the child and noticed the front door was open. A search ensued and the child was found, dead, in a pond on the property.

Victim: 2-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1

Perpetrators: Mother, father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: Mother, 1; father, 0

Circumstances: A 2-year-old boy drowned. He lived with his mother, father, sibling and grandparents. On the day of the fatality, he was home with his parents and sibling. The father took the child to his bedroom to watch television and returned downstairs. He said he checked on the child about 10 minutes later and the child wasn't there. He went into the grandparents' bedroom — directly across from the child's bedroom — and looked out through where a sliding glass door was supposed to be and saw the child, facedown in the swimming pool. The sliding glass door leading to the pool was missing. Plywood partially covered the area, but there was space for the child to get out and access the pool.

Victim: 5-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Grandmother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 5-year-old girl died from overheating. She lived with her mother and grandmother. On the day of the fatality, she was being cared for by the grandmother. The grandmother said she took a nap and when she woke up, between two and three hours later, the child was not in the home. She looked for the child and eventually called 911. The child was found, dead, locked in an inoperable vehicle on the property. The child had a history of getting out of the house without the parents' knowledge, and no safety mechanisms were in place.

Victim: 5-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: Ongoing CHINS case, child in foster care

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 7

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 3

Perpetrator: Foster mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 5-year-old girl drowned. She lived with her siblings, foster parents and a foster sibling. On the day of the fatality, she was at a swimming pool with her foster sibling and foster mother.

The foster mother said the child played in the shallow area of the pool. She did not believe the child knew how to swim. No flotation or safety devices were used. Witnesses said the foster mother sat in a reclining chair and spent most of the time on her laptop. She admitted to being on her laptop. When it started getting dark and was time to leave, she was unable to find the child. She said the child had a history of wandering off and had done so at home and day care. The child was later found at the bottom of the deep end of the pool.

Victim: 3-year-old boy

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 6 in Indiana; 2 in Michigan

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 1 in Indiana; 1 in Michigan

Perpetrators: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 1 in Indiana; 1 in Michigan

Circumstances: A 3-year-old boy died from bronchopneumonia. He lived with his mother, sibling and mother's boyfriend. On the day of the fatality, the mother had been downstairs with the sibling while the child was upstairs in bed. The child was medically fragile, required a ventilator at night and was tube fed formula. The mother said he had been sick and vomiting for at least two days, so she cut his formula in half. The child was found to be in a poor nutritional state and the mother did not seek medical treatment. The child's medical equipment was not properly maintained. A doctor determined this would have led to the dehydration that made the child unable to recover.

Victim: 1-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 1

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Mother

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 0

Circumstances: A 1-year-old girl died from injuries sustained in a motor vehicle collision. She lived with her mother and siblings. On the day of the fatality, she was in a vehicle when the mother fell asleep while driving, causing the vehicle to crash into a guardrail, become airborne and land upside down. The child was ejected from the vehicle and died at the scene. A child's car seat was observed in the vehicle, but the child had not been properly restrained in the car seat. The mother tested positive for THC and had a blood alcohol content of 0.06%.

Victim: 2-year-old girl

DCS involvement at time of fatal event: No open DCS involvement

Number of previous unsubstantiated assessments for victim: 0

Number of previous substantiated assessments for victim: 0

Perpetrator: Father

Perpetrator history of substantiated assessments: 2

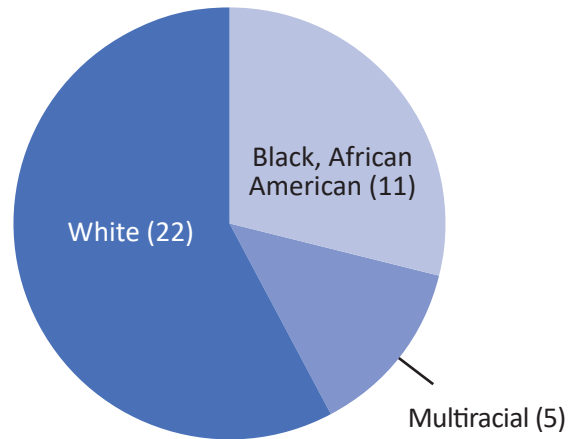
Circumstances: A 2-year-old girl suffered hypothermia and drowned. She lived with her mother and father and siblings. On the day of the fatality, she was in the care of her father. The father said he was running errands with the child when he got lost. He attempted to turn his vehicle around, but it got stuck up an embankment. He moved the vehicle back and forth but went too fast and caused the vehicle to enter the White River. He then rolled the windows down, placed the child on the roof of the vehicle and passed out. The child was found two days later, about 2.5 miles downstream from the accident scene. The father admitted to using methamphetamine and marijuana.

Neglect statistics: demographic characteristics of the child

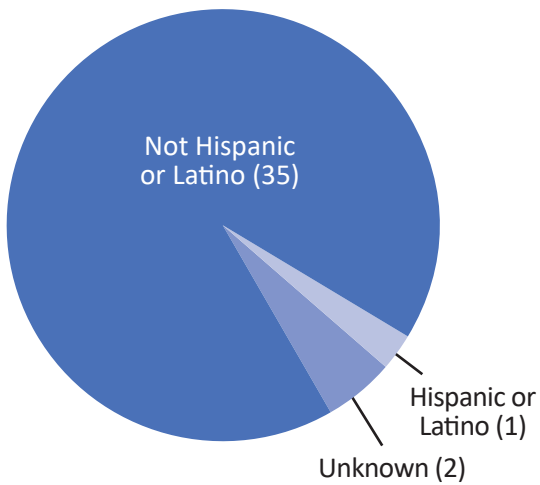
Age

Less than 1 year old	12
1 year old	5
2 years old	6
3 years old	3
4 years old	4
5 years old	1
6 years old	3
8 years old	2
10-12 years old	1
13-17 years old	1
Total	38

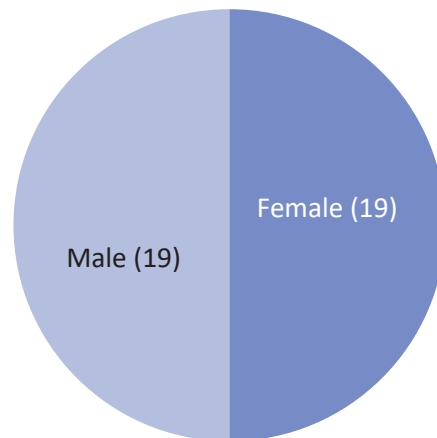
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Ethnicity



Gender



Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Neglect statistics: characteristics of the case

Primary cause of death	
Animal bite/attack, exposure or other	1
Asphyxia	9
Asthma	1
Congenital anomaly	1
Drowning	8
Malnutrition/dehydration	1
Motor vehicle/other transport	10
Pneumonia	1
Poisoning, overdose or acute intoxication	6
Total	38

Type of neglect	
Exposure to Hazards	14
Failure to Provide Necessities	29
Failure to Provide Supervision	11
Failure to Seek/Follow Treatment	5

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

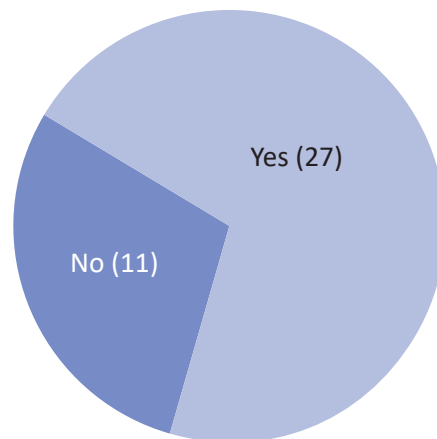
Note: A child might have experienced more than one type of neglect.

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Neglect statistics: characteristics of the household

Location of incident	
Car	1
Child's home	18
Friend's home	1
Hotel	1
Public swimming pool	1
Railroad crossing	1
Relative's home	5
River/waterway	1
Roadway	9
Total	38

Other children in household



Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Note: A child might have experienced neglect in more than one location.

Neglect statistics: characteristics of the household, continued

Caregiver 1 employment status	
Employed	14
On disability	0
Retired	0
Stay-at-home	1
Unemployed	9
Unknown	14
Total	38

Caregiver 2 employment status	
Employed	10
On disability	0
Retired	0
Stay-at-home	2
Unemployed	4
Unknown	9
Total	25

Caregiver 1 education level	
Less than high school	1
High school	8
College	1
Post-graduate	0
Unknown	28
Total	38

Caregiver 2 education level	
Less than high school	1
High school	7
College	0
Post-graduate	0
Unknown	17
Total	25

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Neglect statistics: characteristics of the perpetrator

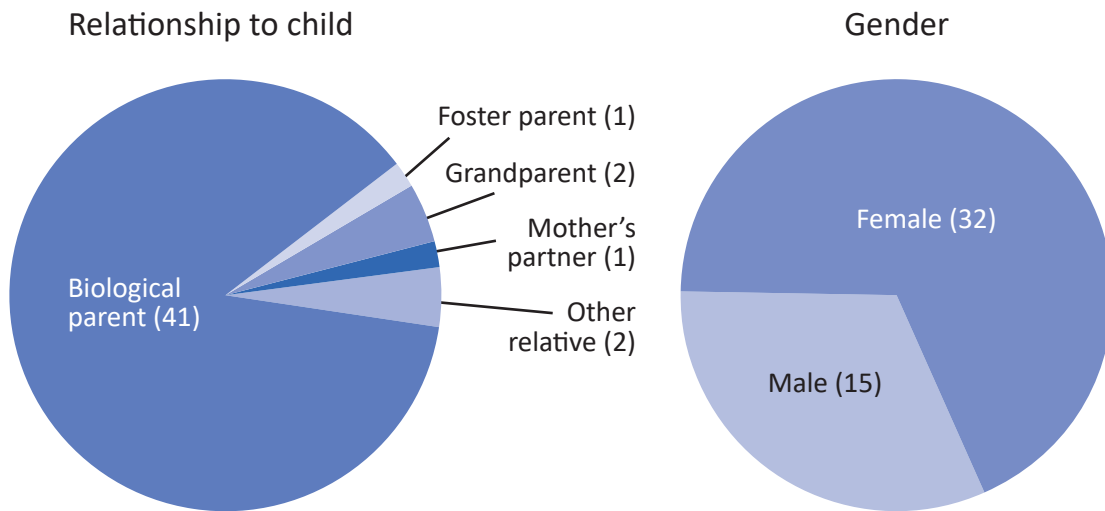
Age

20-24 years old	13
25-29 years old	17
30-34 years old	5
35-39 years old	8
40-49 years old	2
Over 49 years old	2
Total	47

Note: 47 perpetrators total; a child's death might have been caused by more than one perpetrator.

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Neglect statistics: characteristics of the perpetrator, continued



Note: 47 perpetrators total; a child's death might have been caused by more than one perpetrator.

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Neglect statistics: known stress factors impacting child

Child had been homeless	2
Child had delinquent or criminal history	1
Child had history of intimate partner violence - unknown	1
Child had history of receiving mental health services	2
Child had history of substance use or abuse	1
Child had prior disability or chronic illness	3
Child had problems in school	2
Child was acutely ill in the two weeks before death	2
Child was on medication for mental illness	2
Child was receiving mental health services	2
History of child maltreatment as victim	9
Residence overcrowded	2

Note: A child might have had more than one stress factor. Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

Neglect statistics: known stress factors impacting caregiver

Caregiver 1	
Education level less than high school	1
Disability or chronic illness	3
History of child maltreatment as victim	4
History of intimate partner violence as victim	4
History of substance abuse	23
Unemployed	9
Insufficient income	11
New residence in past 30 days	4
Residence overcrowded	2

Caregiver 2	
Education level less than high school	1
History of child maltreatment as victim	2
History of intimate partner violence as perpetrator	5
History of substance abuse	13
Unemployed	4
Insufficient income	8
New residence in past 30 days	4
Residence overcrowded	2
Disability or chronic illness	3

Note: A caregiver might have had more than one stress factor.

Source: MaGIK Monthly Data

