



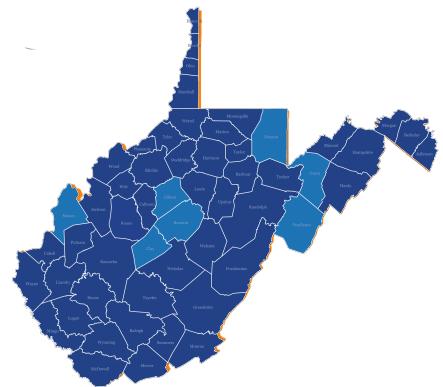
WV CHILD ADVOCACY NETWORK

2025 CHILD ABUSE STATISTICS

What we do:

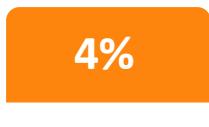
WVCAN is the statewide leader in the fight against child abuse. We bring together 21 child advocacy centers across the state, officially serving 48 of 55 counties.

A CAC provides a safe, child-friendly facility where child protection, criminal justice, and child treatment professionals work together to investigate abuse, hold offenders accountable, and help children heal.



Drug endangerment:

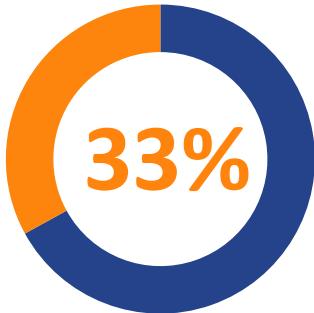
17% of the children served at WV CACs were there because of allegations of drug endangerment.



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That's **FOUR TIMES *HIGHER*** than the national average.

Children with reported or suspected disabilities:



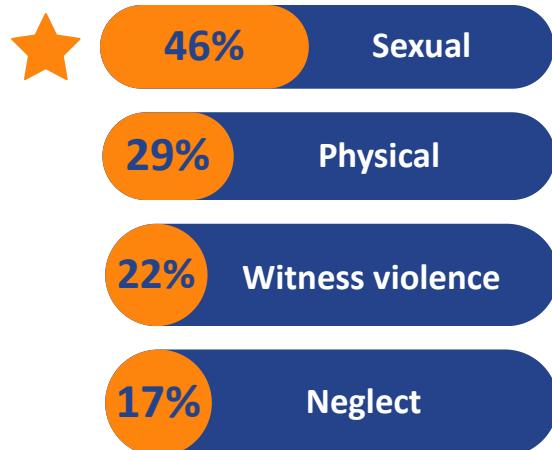
Last year, WV CACs served:

**4,734
CHILDREN**

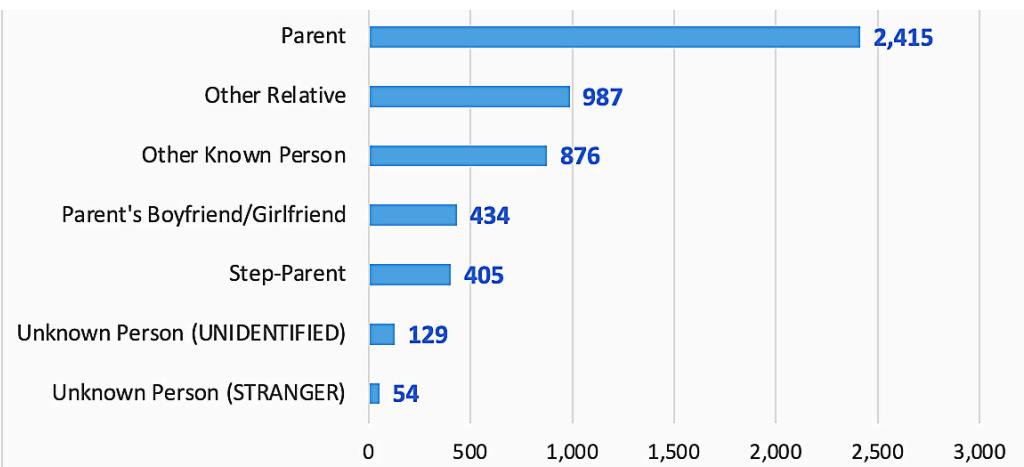


A **7.5% *increase*** over the last 5 years

Top 4 types of *reported* abuse:



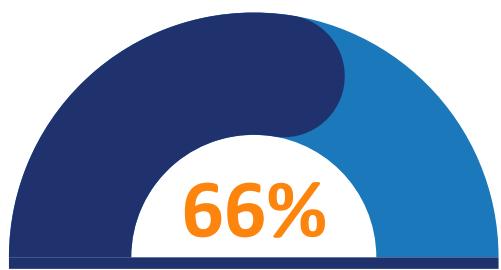
Alleged offender breakdown:



of alleged offenders were *someone the child knew*

Forensic interviews + disclosure of abuse:

4,603 forensic interviews were conducted. Of those interviews, 66% disclosed abuse.



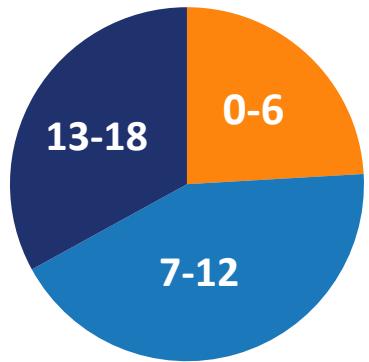
94%



392,107 children (94% of the state's population) live in a county **officially served** by a CAC.

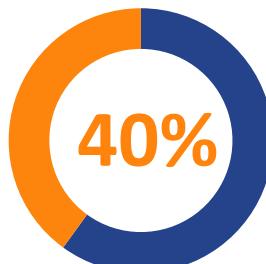
Ages of child victims:

67% of children served were **under the age of 12**.



Percentage of children referred to therapy or counseling:

That's **4% MORE** than the national average.



Justice for children:

833 cases had criminal charges *filed*.
413 individuals were *convicted* for crimes against children.

CHARGES FILED:
833



INDIVIDUAL CONVICTIONS:
413