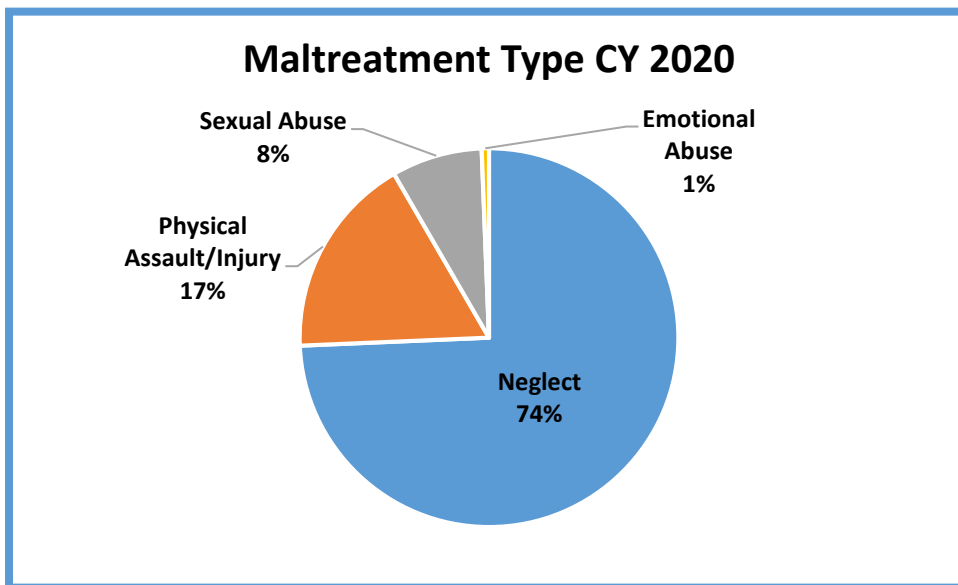


## Data Facts – CY 2020

### Child Protective Services (CPS) and Concurrent/Domestic Violence (CDV) Reports to the Department for Community Based Services

- ✿ 44,985 CPS & CDV reports met criteria for investigation or assessment in 2020 with a total of 64,565 children involved in those reports.
- ✿ Occurrences of child maltreatment were documented 23,969 times in 12,823 substantiated or services needed reports.<sup>1</sup>
- ✿ Neglect is the most common form of maltreatment, with children being involved in 17,815 incidents of neglect.
- ✿ Substance abuse was documented as a risk factor in 64% of the reports with a finding of substantiated or services needed.
- ✿ Family violence was documented as a risk factor in 47% of the reports with a finding of substantiated or services needed.
- ✿ Mental health concerns were documented as a risk factor in 50% of the reports with a finding of substantiated or services needed.
- ✿ 45% of substantiated allegations or services needed reports involved children age 5 or younger.



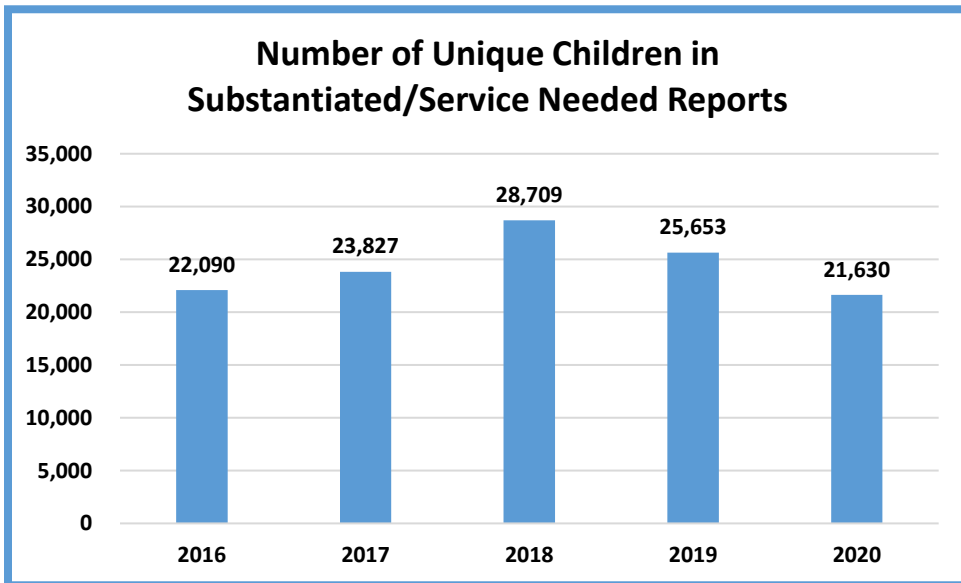
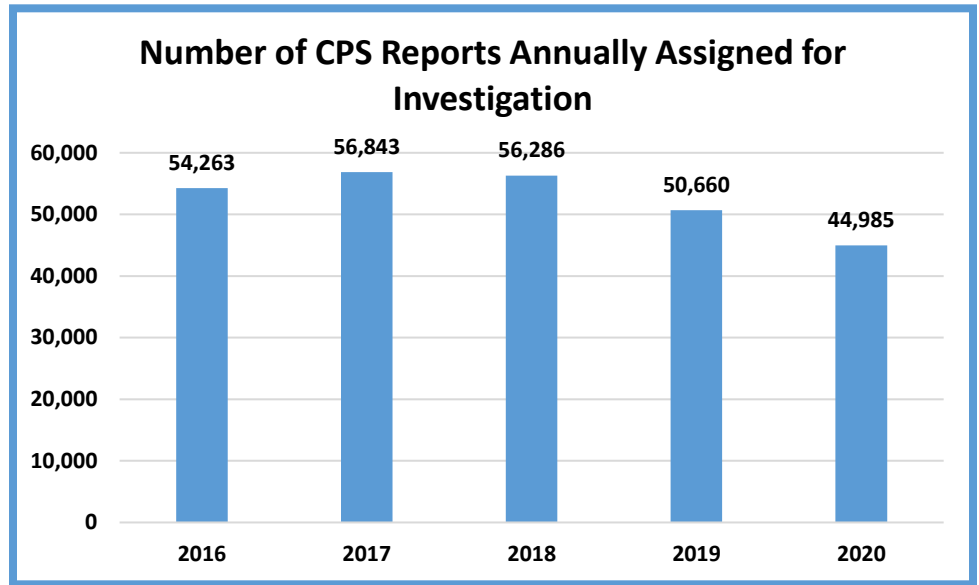
The number of children substantiated or in need of services for physical abuse was 4,150.

The number of children with a substantiated report for sexual abuse was 1,855.

The number of children substantiated or in need of services for emotional injury was 149.

<sup>1</sup> Child based count; a child with multiple reports is counted multiple times.

There has been a 11% decrease in the number of reports meeting acceptance criteria for investigation from 2019 to 2020.



The number of unique children in substantiated or services needed reports have been decreasing since 2018. There has been a 16% decrease from 2019 to 2020.

Data is important, but it is also important to understand abuse and neglect is preventable. This data clearly documents the ongoing need for primary prevention efforts in Kentucky. This information may be used to better understand the needs of families and develop activities to support those needs. Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky can provide additional support, training and technical assistance to local communities as they incorporate this information into their local prevention planning and activities. Please contact Prevent Child Abuse Kentucky at (859)225-8879 or [pcaky@pcaky.org](mailto:pcaky@pcaky.org).

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