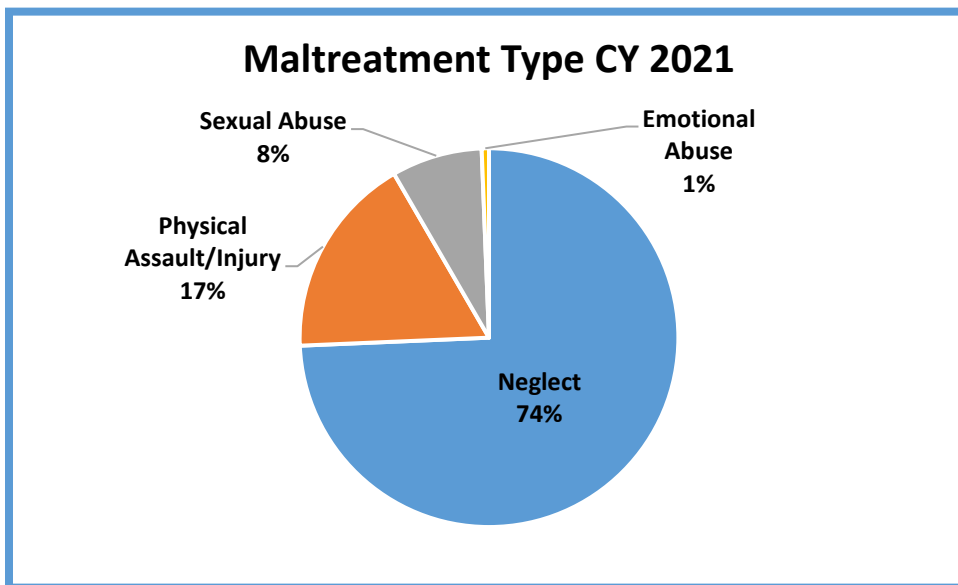


**Data Facts – CY 2021**

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

- ✿ 38,862 CPS & CDV reports met criteria for investigation or assessment in 2021 with a total of 55,911 children involved in those reports.
- ✿ Occurrences of child maltreatment were documented 21,464 times in 11,620 substantiated or services needed reports.<sup>1</sup>
- ✿ Neglect is the most common form of maltreatment, with children being involved in 15,794 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 44% of the reports with a finding of substantiated or services needed.
- ✿ Mental health concerns were documented as a risk factor in 51% 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.



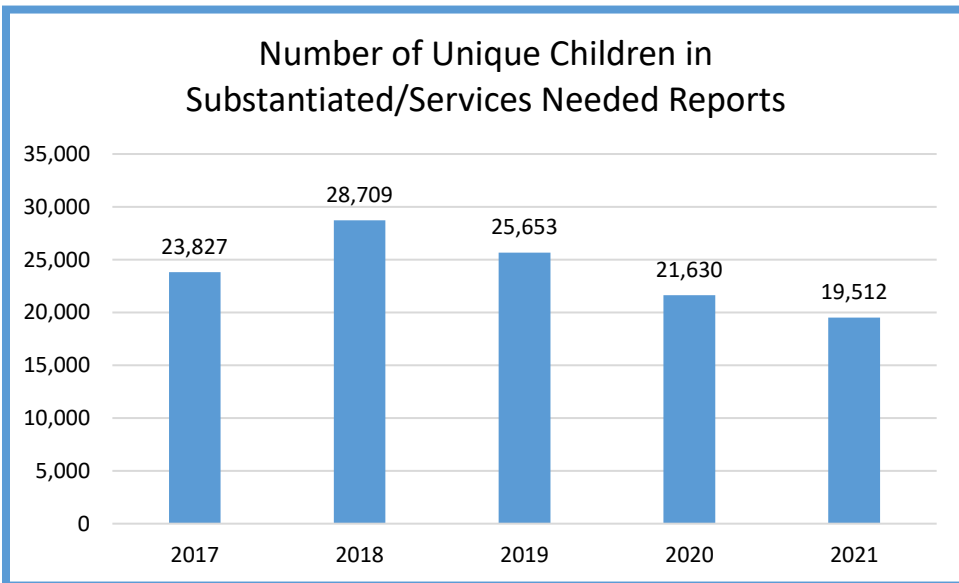
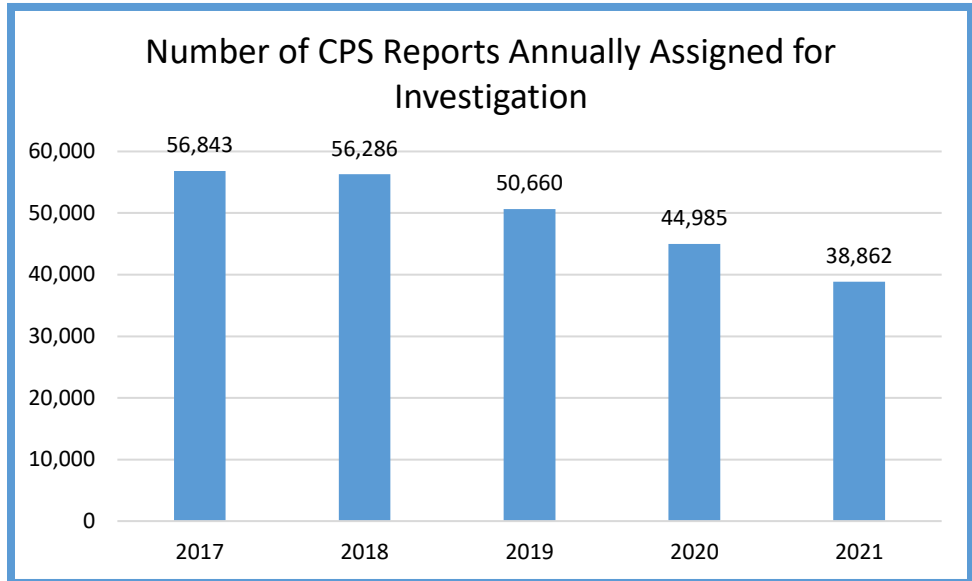
The number of children substantiated or in need of services for physical abuse was 3,674.

The number of children with a substantiated report for sexual abuse was 1,853.

The number of children substantiated or in need of services for emotional injury was 143.

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

There has been a 14% decrease in the number of reports meeting acceptance criteria for investigation from 2020 to 2021.



The number of unique children in substantiated or services needed reports have been decreasing since 2018. There has been a 10% decrease from 2020 to 2021.

Research tells us statistics often leave the public with feelings of hopelessness or grief. These feelings more often lead to the belief that nothing can be done to solve the overwhelming presenting issue of child maltreatment. We know child abuse CAN be prevented. If we want to drive people to action, studies show the use of positive messaging and concrete action steps to be more effective in creating a lasting positive impact. 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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