

Statistics and Resources



Abduction

- 58,200 Children are abducted by non-family members (Including an estimated 115 victims of stereotypical kidnappings) ^[1]
- 203,903 Children are abducted by family ^[1]
- 117,200 children are missing from caretakers (56,500 reported) ^[1]
- In 40 percent of stereotypical kidnappings, the child was killed, and in another 4 percent, the child was not recovered ^[1]
- Nearly half of all child victims of stereotypical kidnappings and non-family abductions were sexually assaulted by the perpetrator. ^[1]
- 85% of the time a child is abducted it involves the use of physical force ^[1]

Bullying

- 90% of all students in grades 4-8 reported being threatened and bullied in school ^[2]
- About 22% of students in grades 4-8 reported academic difficulties as a result of peer abuse ^[3]
- 864,000 students (5.4%) report staying home at least one day a month because they fear for their safety ^[4]
- Bullying in school tends to increase through elementary grades, peak in middle school, and drop off by the 11th and 12th grades ^[5]
- More youth violence occurs on school grounds as opposed to on the way to school ^[6]
- Every 7 minutes a child is bullied: Adult intervention-4%, Peer intervention-11%, No intervention-85% ^[6]

Child Abuse & Neglect

- More than 2.67 million reports of child abuse and neglect involving 3 million children were made to child protective service agencies in 2004.
- 51,346 reports a week ^[7]
- An estimated 1,490 children died of abuse and neglect. ^[7]
- Approximately 872,000 children were determined to be victims of child maltreatment ^[7]
- Each day in the United States, more than 3 children die as a result of child abuse in the home. 92.5 % were under the age of seven; over 80% were under the age of 4, and 45 % of the children were under the age of one ^[7]
- More than 60 percent of child victims were neglected by their parents or other caregivers. About 18 percent were physically abused, 10 percent were sexually abused, and 7 percent were emotionally maltreated. ^[7]
- In 2004, there were an estimated 518,000 children in foster care ^[8]
- 797,500 children missing per year (2,185) per day. ^[1]

What is the # 1 cause of death of children under the age of 11? At he hands of their parents. ^[9]

Sexual Assault/Abuse

- 90% knew their offender National Incident-Based Reporting System ^[10]
- Overall girls are 6 times more likely than boys to be victims of sexual assault; 73% of victims under 12 were girls, 27% were boys ^[11]
- Perpetrators: 59% within the family; 37% acquaintance of victim; 4% stranger ^[12]
- 1 of every 3 incidence of sexual abuse reported to law enforcement are children under 12 years of age. 1 of every 7 are under age 6 ^[11]

^[1] <http://www.ncjrs.gov/html/ojdp/nismart/05/index.html>

^[2] Hoover, Oliver & Hazler, 1992; Hoover, Oliver &

Thompson, 1993

^[3] The Bully prevention Handbook, 1996

^[4] Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2004.

Surveillance Summaries

^[5] Banks, 2000; NRCSS, 1999

^[6] <http://www.atrumsoc.org/pages/bullyingstatistics.html>

^[7] <http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/cb/pubs/cm04/summary.htm>,

^[8] <http://www.cwla.org/programs/fostercare/factsheet.htm>

^[9] www.metrokc.gov/health/examiner/2004report/children.pdf

^[10] www.icpsr.umich.edu/NACJD/NIBRS/

^[11] www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/saycrl.pdf

^[12] Wade F. Horn, "Common-sense article about abuse," *Washington Times*, February 6, 2001, p. E1