



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

BUREAU OF CRIMINAL INFORMATION AND ANALYSIS

The following information is for the 2020 ICAN Report. The statistics used for this report are from the calendar year 2019.

CHILD ABUSE CENTRAL INDEX FACT SHEET

The Department of Justice (DOJ) is mandated to maintain an index of all California reports of child abuse and severe neglect pursuant to Penal Code section 11170. The Child Abuse Central Index (CACI) was created in 1965 by the California State Legislature.

The DOJ is mandated to receive and enter CACI reports submitted by county welfare and probation departments, as defined in the Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act (CANRA) Article 2.5 of the Penal Code.

Child protective services agencies are required to report to the DOJ all investigated incidents of child abuse and severe neglect that have been determined to be substantiated.

Functioning as a pointer system, the CACI receives and stores reports of suspected child abuse, pointing citizens, and agencies to the original investigative files that are maintained by the submitting agency. It is the obligation of the requestor to obtain a copy of the original investigative report from the submitting agency and for drawing independent conclusions regarding the quality of the evidence disclosed and its relevance for making decisions regarding employment, licensing, or placement of a child. The CACI contains 646,397 incident records of child abuse and 603,466 individual suspect names.

For additional information about the CACI, visit the California Attorney General's website at: www.oag.ca.gov/childabuse.

STATUTORILY MANDATED CACI FUNCTIONS

INVESTIGATORY

The CACI serves as an investigatory tool for child protection and law enforcement agencies investigating child abuse and severe neglect allegations, by providing information regarding child abuse reports previously submitted to the CACI involving the same suspect(s).



All incoming child abuse reports are entered and searched against the CACI entries to identify any prior reports of child abuse that involve the identified suspect(s). Additionally, the DOJ provides information on an expedited basis to child protection agencies for emergency child placement and to law enforcement as a child abuse investigative tool. During calendar year 2019, the DOJ conducted 28,997 expedited search requests for investigatory purposes.

REGULATORY

The CACI regulatory functions include applicant search requests for employment, licensing, adoption, and temporary child placement.

The DOJ provides subsequent notification to licensing agencies when a new child abuse report is received and matched to an individual who has been previously licensed to have custodial or supervisory authority over a child or children.

During calendar year 2019, the DOJ responded to 8104 Adam Walsh Act out-of-state foster care and adoption requests, and 1342 citizen inquiry requests. 226,700 CACI searches were performed as a result of an applicant background check request.

DATA FACTS

- Authorized agencies submitted 7,131 reports to the DOJ for entry into the CACI (See Figure 1).
- Physical abuse is the most prevalent type of abuse. 2,323 reports were submitted representing 33% of the total reports entered into the CACI. The other types of abuse reported are as follows: mental abuse 1,437 (20%), sexual abuse 1,788 (25%), severe neglect 1,507 (21%) and willful harming and/or corporal punishment 86 (1%).
- Of the 7131 child abuse reports submitted, there were 4 reported deaths of a child. Los Angeles County submitted zero (0) of the child death reports.
- During 2019, Los Angeles County submitted 1444 (20%) of 7131 statewide total. The abuse determinations are as follows:
 - a) 495 (21%) physical abuse
 - b) 355 (25%) mental abuse
 - c) 157 (10%) severe neglect
 - d) 404 (23%) sexual abuse
 - e) 33 (38%) willful harming and/or corporal punishment. (See Figure 2)

INQUIRIES MAY BE DIRECTED TO:

California Department of Justice
Child Abuse Central Index (CACI)
P.O. Box 903387
Sacramento, CA 94203-3870

Email: CACI-inquiry@doj.ca.gov



Figure 1

**2018 CHILD ABUSE SUMMARY REPORTS
ENTERED IN THE CHILD ABUSE CENTRAL INDEX (CACI)
FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2019**

County	Total	Physical	Mental	Severe Neglect	Sexual	Harming Corporal	Deaths*
Alameda	198	67	30	27	73	1	0
Alpine	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amador	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
Butte	17	7	4	4	2	0	0
Calaveras	24	7	15	0	2	0	0
Colusa	8	1	7	0	0	0	0
Contra Costa	100	34	36	13	17	0	0
Del Norte	7	4	2	1	0	0	0
El Dorado	41	10	12	14	5	0	0
Fresno	302	92	39	75	96	0	0
Glenn	27	12	5	8	2	0	0
Humboldt	77	15	24	24	14	0	0
Imperial	20	8	1	1	10	0	0
Inyo	6	1	3	2	0	0	0
Kern	137	58	16	46	17	0	1
Kings	35	15	1	10	9	0	0
Lake	4	2	0	1	1	0	0
Lassen	27	10	10	5	2	0	0
Los Angeles	1444	495	355	157	404	33	0
Madera	25	9	5	1	10	0	0
Marin	19	3	4	7	5	0	0
Mariposa	3	1	1	1	0	0	0
Mendocino	57	24	14	13	5	1	0
Merced	83	19	28	12	23	1	0
Modoc	8	2	3	2	1	0	0
Mono	5	1	2	1	1	0	0
Monterey	65	19	19	10	15	2	0
Napa	73	13	27	12	21	0	0
Nevada	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Orange	704	153	51	307	192	1	0
Placer	56	15	27	8	6	0	0
Plumas	1	0	0	0	6	0	0
Riverside	350	159	17	26	124	24	0



Figure 1 (continued)

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County	Total	Physical	Mental	Severe Neglect	Sexual	Harming Corporal	Deaths*
Sacramento	159	88	10	29	27	5	1
San Benito	12	4	2	3	3	0	0
San Bernardino	715	317	112	109	177	0	1
San Diego	637	180	135	143	179	0	1
San Francisco	90	32	34	12	10	2	0
San Joaquin	269	95	25	54	95	0	0
San Luis Obispo	32	14	0	11	7	0	0
San Mateo	52	20	9	16	6	1	0
Santa Barbara	63	16	13	18	15	1	0
Santa Clara	164	59	64	19	22	0	0
Santa Cruz	16	5	2	6	3	0	0
Shasta	242	35	127	63	17	0	0
Sierra	2	1	1	0	0	0	0
Siskiyou	7	2	2	3	5	0	0
Solano	37	14	2	11	10	0	0
Sonoma	90	21	28	26	15	0	0
Stanislaus	263	64	51	76	71	1	0
Sutter	23	9	8	4	2	0	0
Tehama	27	10	0	8	9	0	0
Trinity	14	4	8	2	0	0	0
Tulare	39	17	7	7	8	0	0
Tuolumne	23	9	5	7	2	0	0
Ventura	141	30	11	64	23	13	0
Yolo	58	16	7	18	17	0	0
Yuba	30	4	15	9	2	0	0
TOTALS	7,131	2,323	1,437	1,507	1,788	86	4
PERCENTAGE	100%	33%	20%	21%	25%	1%	0.06%

* DENOTES THE NUMBER OF REPORTED CHILD DEATHS. THE TOTAL PERCENTAGE OF ABUSE DETERMINATIONS DOES NOT INCLUDE THE CHILD DEATH DATA.



Figure 2

**NUMBER OF CACI REPORTS SUBMITTED BY LOS ANGELES COUNTY
JANUARY 1 - DECEMBER 31, 2019**

County	Number	%	Physical Abuse	%	Mental Abuse	%
Los Angeles	1,444	20%	495	21%	355	25%
STATEWIDE TOTAL	7,131		2,323		1,437	
County	Severe Neglect	%	Sexual Abuse	%	Harming/ Corporal	%
LOS ANGELES	157	10%	404	23%	33	38%
STATEWIDE TOTAL	1,507		1,788		86	