

Department of Human Services 2018 Child Maltreatment Report key statistics

Total Maltreatment Reports	
2017	2018
84,148	86,060

Maltreatment reports are up 1.2% but completed assessments/investigations down from 47.1% to 45.2%.

Completed Assessments or Investigations by Year			
2010	2015	2017	2018
22,312	24,690	39,606	38,872

This is an increase of 16,560 or 74% from 2010 to 2018 and 57% since 2015.

Percentage of Reports Screened In		
	2017	2018
Minnesota	44.8%	43.5%
Federal DHHS Child Maltreatment Report	57.6%	N/A

The number of alleged victims with at least one completed assessment/investigation decreased in 2018 for white children, but decreased more for African American and American Indian children. (p. 14).

Number of children with completed Family Assessment or Investigation		
	Number	Percentage
White	20,608	-2.3%
African American	7,335	-4.2%
American Indian	2,869	-9.1%

The percentage of cases assigned to Family Assessment has not decreased significantly since 2009, despite recommendations by the Governor's Child Protection Task Force to use the Family Assessment track only for low risk cases (p. 20):

Percent of Cases Assigned to Family Assessment	
2009	2018
	63.1%
	58.9%

The percentage of cases assigned to an investigative track for discretionary reasons decreased significantly for African-American, American Indian, and white children p. 23 Figure 14:

Cases Assigned to Investigation for Discretionary Reasons		
	2017	2018
White	37.8%	29.4%
African American	59.2%	39.7%
American Indian	48.6%	40.6%
Total	46.4%	34.4%

The number of children per 1,000 has increased for all groups but more so for white children, indicating that disparities have narrowed somewhat.

Number of Children Per 1,000 Screened Into Child Protection			
	2015	2018	% Increase
African American	52.9	58.1	9.8%
American Indian	96.5	108.45	12.4%
White	17.6	20.79	18.1%

p. 13 shows the number of children with a completed action, assessment or investigation, decreased between 2017 and 2018:

Chang in Number Completed Family Assessments or Investigations by Race/Ethnicity between 2017 and 2018		
	Number	Percentage
African American	7,335	-4.2%
American Indian	2,869	-9.1%
White	20,608	-2.3%