

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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### **15-33. Reduce maltreatment and maltreatment fatalities of children.**

#### **15-33a. Reduce maltreatment of children.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS), ACF.
<b>State Data Source</b>	State data reports of maltreatment from State child welfare agencies.
<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	Adapted from 7.4 (Violent and Abusive Behavior).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	Revised baseline (see Comments). Revised target (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Rate per 1,000 population.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	12.7 (1998)
<b>Target</b>	10.2
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	20 percent improvement.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of persons under 18 years of age reported and confirmed to be victims of maltreatment by State child welfare agencies.
<b>Denominator</b>	Persons under 18 years of age.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	U.S. resident population.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	From the 1998 Summary Data Component, National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System:  [Enter the number of children who were found to be victims on maltreatment by type of maltreatment and disposition. One or more types of maltreatment can be recorded for each child victim.]  ➤ <i>Physical Abuse: Enter the number of victims of physical acts that caused or could have caused physical injury.</i>  <i>Substantiated</i> _____

Indicated \_\_\_\_\_  
In need of services \_\_\_\_\_

- Neglect or Deprivation of Necessities: Enter the number of victims who failed to receive needed care even though their care takers were financially able to do so or were offered other means to do so.

Substantiated \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicated \_\_\_\_\_  
In need of services \_\_\_\_\_

- Medical Neglect: Enter the number of victims who failed to receive the appropriate health care even though their caretakers were financially able to do so or were offered means to do so. May include perinatal exposure to drugs.

Substantiated \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicated \_\_\_\_\_  
In need of services \_\_\_\_\_

- Sexual Abuse: Enter the number of victims of sexually exploitative activities.

Substantiated \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicated \_\_\_\_\_  
In need of services \_\_\_\_\_

- Psychological or Emotional Abuse or Neglect: Enter the number of victims of maltreatment that resulted in impaired psychological functioning and development.

Substantiated \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicated \_\_\_\_\_  
In need of services \_\_\_\_\_

- Other: Enter the number of victims of other forms of maltreatment not included above. Describe these in the comments section at the end of the form.

Substantiated \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicated \_\_\_\_\_  
In need of services \_\_\_\_\_

- Unknown: Enter the number of children for whom the type of maltreatment was not recorded.

Substantiated \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicated \_\_\_\_\_  
In need of services \_\_\_\_\_

- TOTALS:

Substantiated \_\_\_\_\_  
Indicated \_\_\_\_\_  
In need of services \_\_\_\_\_

**Expected Periodicity** Annual.

**Comments** Maltreatment is defined as an act or failure to act by a parent, caretaker, other person, as defined under State law, which results in death, serious physical or

emotional harm, sexual abuse or exploitation, or an act or failure to act that presents an imminent risk of serious harm. State definitions may include additional criteria.

A child is considered to have been a victim of maltreatment if a “substantiated” or “indicated” incident of any type (including unknown type) was recorded. If a child was subject to more than one substantiated or indicated incident, she or he is counted each time.

In August 2007, the baseline was revised from 12.9 incidents per 1,000 population to 12.7 incidents per 1,000 population to match published estimates from the data source. The target was proportionately adjusted from 10.3 incidents per 1,000 population to 10.2 incidents per 1,000 population using the original target-setting method.

This objective is similar to Healthy People 2000 objective 7.4 which counted “reports” of abuse among children aged 0-17 years.

See Appendix A for focus area contact information.