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**INTRODUCTION**

The Child Abuse & Neglect Statistics for Calendar Year 2002 reflect reports entered into the central registry by state and local child protective services agencies as required by law and the State of Nevada Regulations for the Protection of Children from Abuse and Neglect.

This report incorporates some historical information from 1989 through 2002 to demonstrate certain trends in the information provided. While no firm conclusions may be drawn from this information, some comparisons between regions and trends over time are presented.

**I. What is Child Abuse?**

Child Abuse is defined by Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) 432B.020. "Abuse or neglect of a child means: physical or mental injury of a non-accidental nature; sexual abuse or sexual exploitation; or negligent treatment or maltreatment caused or allowed by a person responsible for his welfare under circumstances which indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm. Child abuse is investigated by child protective service (CPS) agencies." (See appendix for definitions contained in statute.)

**2. Who must report child abuse/neglect?**

Any person who has reasonable cause to believe child abuse may be occurring or has occurred may report to a Child Protective Services (CPS) or law enforcement agency. Under NRS 432B.121 (1.), a person has "reasonable cause to believe" based on known facts or circumstances, events, or conditions that would cause a reasonable person to believe that child abuse has occurred or may be occurring. This must be reported by the person as soon as reasonably practicable to a CPS or law enforcement agency.

Mandated reporters are those persons, who in their professional or occupational capacities, know or have reason to believe that a child has been abuse or neglected. Mandated reporters are required to make a report immediately to a CPS or law enforcement agency. This report must be made within 24 hours after there is reason to believe that a child has been abused or neglected. There are penalties for mandated reporters when a report not received within the time limit (NRS 432B.240). Mandated reporters include the following

- Medical Professionals: physician, dentist, dental hygienist, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatric physician, medical examiner, resident, intern, professional or practical nurse, physician's assistant, psychiatrist, psychologist, marriage and family therapist, alcohol or drug abuse counselor, advanced emergency medical technician or other person providing medical services licensed or certified in this state;

- Any personnel of a hospital or similar institution engaged in the admission, examination, care or treatment of persons;
- Coroners;
- Clergymen, practitioner of Christian Science or religious healer;
- Social worker/administrator, teacher, librarian or counselor of a school;
- Any person who maintains or is employed by a facility or establishment that provides care for children, children’s camp or other public or private facility, institution or agency furnishing care to a child;
- Any person licensed to conduct a foster home;
- Any officer or employee of a law enforcement agency or an adult or juvenile probation officer;
- An attorney, unless he has acquired the knowledge of the abuse or neglect from a client who is or may be accused of the abuse or neglect; and
- Any person who maintains, is employed by or serves as a volunteer for an agency or service which advises persons regarding abuse or neglect of a child and refers them to persons and agencies where their requests and needs can be met.

Please report suspected child abuse or neglect to the office located in your area.

**Clark County Family & Youth Services**

3464 E. Bonanza Rd.  
Las Vegas, NV 89101  
702-455-5430; 702-455-5479 (FAX)

**Washoe County Department of Social Services**

P.O. Box 11130  
Reno, NV 89520-0027  
775-328-2300; 775-328-3788 (FAX)

**State of Nevada  
Division of Child and Family Services  
Field and District Offices**

**Carson City District Office**

1572 E. College Parkway  
Carson City, NV 89706  
775-687-4943; 775-687-4903 (FAX)

**Elko District Office**

3920 Idaho Street  
Elko, NV 89801-4611  
775-738-2534; 775-778-6628 (FAX)

**Fallon District Office**

1735 Kaiser Street  
Fallon, NV 89406-3108  
775-423-8566; 775-423-4800 (FAX)

**Las Vegas Field Office**

610 Belrose Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89107  
702-486-7800; 702-486-7885 (FAX)

**Pahrump Field Office**

1840 S. Pahrump Valley Blvd., Suite B  
Pahrump, NV 89048-6131  
775-727-8497; 775-727-7072 (FAX)

**III. How does CPS investigate allegations of Child Abuse and Neglect?**

Child protective agencies respond to verbal, telephone, Internet e-mail, written or other referred reports of child abuse. Anyone who believes that a child is in danger (or at risk of harm) can file a report. Reports of abuse are also referred to as “incidents” of abuse. Upon the receipt of a report of possible child abuse or neglect, child protective service agencies screen the report and may initiate an investigation immediately when the child is age 5 years of age or younger, there is high risk of serious harm to the child, or the child is deceased or seriously injured.

Some reports are referred for “information and referral” when the report is actually a request for services or when the report is within the purview of another agency.

The majority of reports are investigated and a finding is made that protects the child through appropriate intervention including placing the child in protective custody or making service contracts with the family for assessments to improve their functioning.

**IV. What happens after the investigation is complete?**

After the investigation of a report of abuse or neglect, the case findings are determined on whether there is reasonable cause to believe that a child is abused or neglected or threatened with abuse or neglect. The findings are classified into several categories (NAC 432B.170) and entered in the State Central Registry. These categories are classified into three (3) main report outcomes:

**Substantiated** The reported abusive or neglectful situation/incident is confirmed through the investigation/assessment or court process.

**Unsubstantiated** The abusive or neglectful situation was not confirmed through the investigation.

**Unknown** The receiving/investigating agency was unable to locate the alleged perpetrator and/or interview the child, there was insufficient information or evidence, or the information was too old to pursue. In some instances, these reports are false and malicious. Clark County does not use the term “unknown” as a disposition. Rather “unable to locate” (cases where the victim, family, or others cannot be located to complete an investigation) is used.

**V. Interpreting Statistics on Child Abuse and Neglect in Nevada**

Data collected for child abuse and neglect statistics comes from the Nevada Child Abuse and Neglect System (NCANS). NCANS is part of the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System (NCANDS) that is maintained by the Federal Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Families and Youth. The requirement to collect certain types of child abuse and neglect data is mandated by the Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA). In 1996, the CAPTA requirements expanded to include more data fields and elements related to response time to reports and services.

UNITY (Unified Nevada Information Technology for Youth) is the automated information system that captures Nevada's Child Welfare data. This system permits more accurate reporting of child welfare activities. The UNITY system was fully implemented in fall of 2000 and is currently being used by all child welfare agencies within the State of Nevada. Because Clark County Family and Youth Services had to enter reports into their own "Family Tracks" data system and the older "Legacy" Computer system for State reporting purposes, the 2002 data in this report is based on a combination of the older Legacy computer system (Clark County data) and the UNITY system (Washoe County & State data).

Child protection agencies may receive more than one report of abuse or neglect on a child or family. When this occurs, State regulations require the combining of similar reports. However, different types of reports on the same child or family may be entered separately into the computer system.

It is important to note that Nevada is unique in that it's law requires the establishment of separate child protection systems in counties in which the population exceeds 100,000 persons (NRS 432B.325). Hence, there are three (3) separate systems that are coordinated by the Nevada Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS):

- Clark County** All of Clark County, including all cities and other political jurisdictions located within the county.
- Washoe County** All of Washoe County, including all cities and other political jurisdictions located within the county.
- Rural Nevada** All counties in Nevada other than Clark and Washoe Counties.

While these systems all share the NCANDS database, there are variations in the way agencies screen and investigate cases. Each agency has different protocols and practices that influence the reporting of child abuse and neglect.

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Data provided in this report are used in compiling national statistics by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Children's Bureau. The publication entitled "10 Years of Reporting Child Maltreatment, 1999" reflects such data. This publication may be found at the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information by phone at 1-800-FYI-3366 or on the Internet at [www.calib.com/nnnanch](http://www.calib.com/nnnanch) or [www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb](http://www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/cb).

State of Nevada Government: [www.nv.gov](http://www.nv.gov)

State of Nevada Legislature-Contains Nevada Revised Statutes and Nevada Administrative Code: [www.leg.state.nv.us](http://www.leg.state.nv.us)

Nevada Division of Child and Family Services: [www.dcf.state.nv.us](http://www.dcf.state.nv.us)

**County Distribution of Abuse and Neglect Reports  
Calendar Year 2002**

Table 1 below presents the numbers of child abuse and neglect reports and their findings that were received by each county in Calendar year 2002.

<b>COUNTY</b>	<b>UNKNOWN</b>	<b>UNSUB-STANTIATED</b>	<b>SUB-STANTIATED</b>	<b>TOTAL REPORTS</b>
Carson City	3	408	75	486
Churchill	11	274	45	330
<b>Clark</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>6,064</b>	<b>1,912</b>	<b>8,174</b>
Douglas	3	155	41	199
Elko	1	317	38	356
Esmeralda	0	8	2	10
Eureka	0	8	0	8
Humboldt	3	74	4	81
Lander	1	68	6	75
Lincoln	0	23	7	30
Lyon	7	282	23	312
Mineral	0	36	6	42
Nye	9	281	39	329
Pershing	0	46	5	51
Storey	1	22	1	24
<b>Washoe</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>1,869</b>	<b>651</b>	<b>2,566</b>
White Pine	0	102	20	122
<b>Rural NV</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>2,104</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>2,455</b>
<b>NEVADA</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>10,037</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>13,195</b>

**Table 1. Number of Reports by County/Region: 2002**

Figures 1 through 4 on the following pages show the numeric increase/decrease in child abuse and neglect reports by type for Rural Nevada, Clark County, Washoe County and Statewide over a 14 year period.

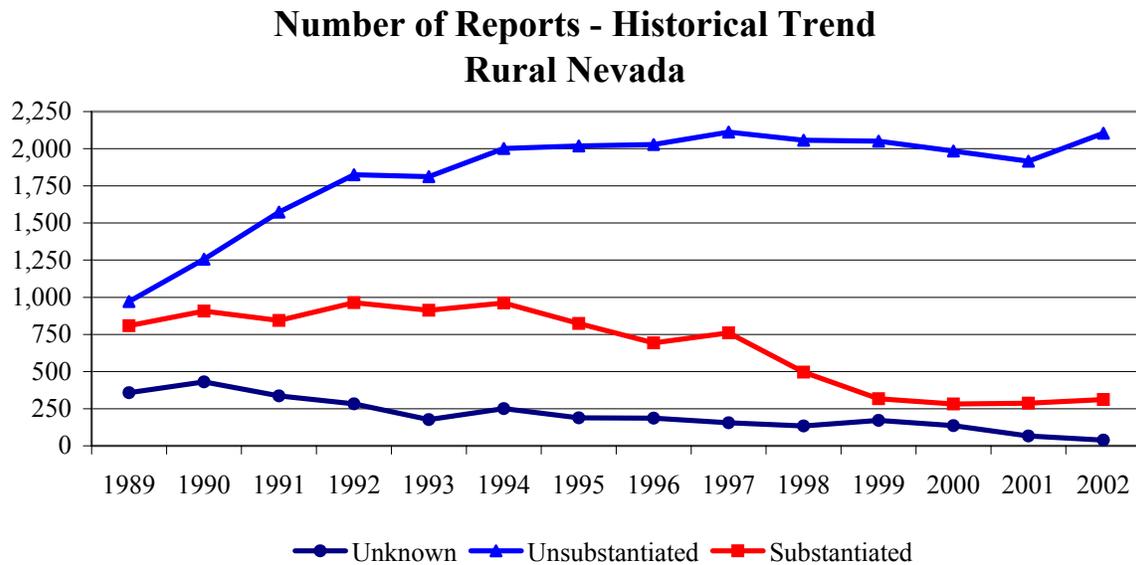


Figure 1

Year	Unknown	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Total
1989	358	972	809	2,139
1990	431	1,256	907	2,594
1991	336	1,573	844	2,753
1992	283	1,825	964	3,072
1993	177	1,812	913	2,902
1994	251	2,001	962	3,214
1995	189	2,019	824	3,032
1996	186	2,028	693	2,907
1997	155	2,112	761	3,028
1998	134	2,057	496	2,687
1999	171	2,051	317	2,539
2000	136	1,984	282	2,402
2001	66	1,916	287	2,269
2002	39	2,104	312	2,455

Table 2. Number of Reports 14 Year Trend: Rural Nevada

**Number of Reports - Historical Trend  
Clark County**

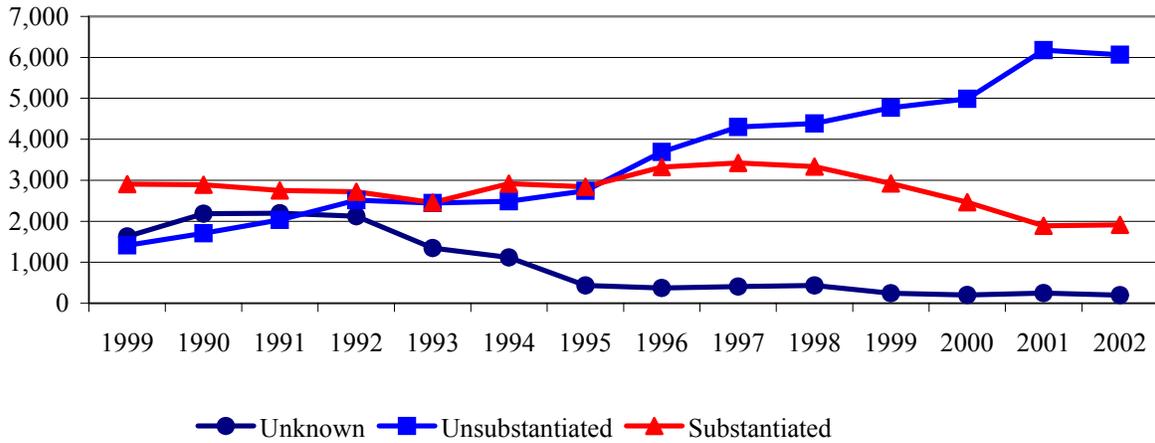


Figure 2

Year	Unknown	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Total
1999	1,628	1,414	2,907	5,949
1990	2,183	1,708	2,891	6,782
1991	2,196	2,034	2,751	6,981
1992	2,122	2,515	2,721	7,358
1993	1,345	2,445	2,457	6,247
1994	1,118	2,487	2,918	6,523
1995	434	2,742	2,840	6,016
1996	371	3,690	3,323	7,384
1997	406	4,298	3,421	8,125
1998	435	4,384	3,333	8,152
1999	243	4,769	2,920	7,932
2000	202	4,985	2,463	7,650
2001	248	6,177	1,891	8,316
2002	198	6,064	1,912	8,174

Table 3. Number of Reports 14 Year Trend: Clark County

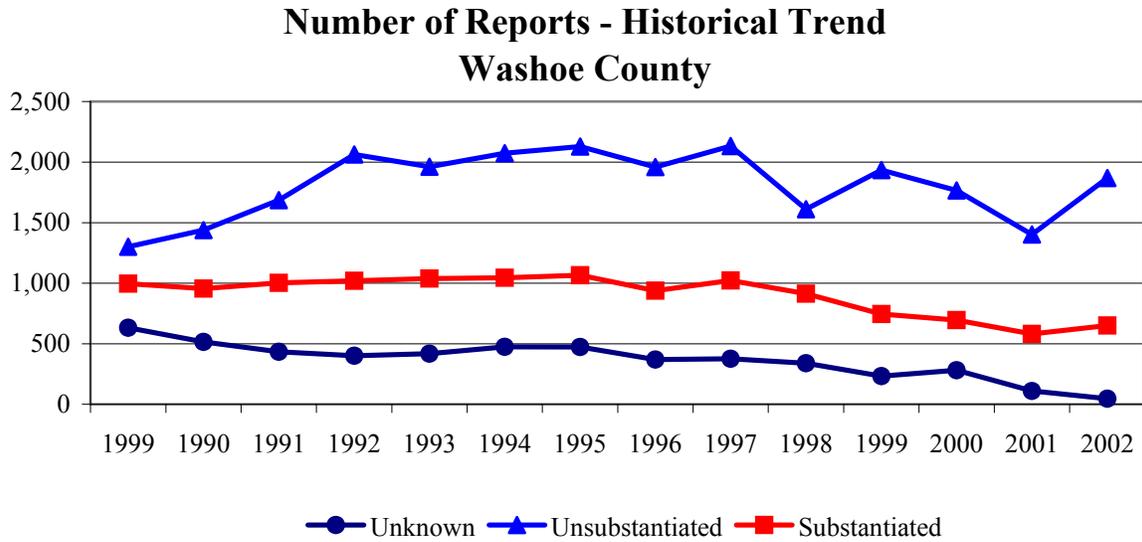


Figure 3

Year	Unknown	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Total
1999	632	1,301	996	2,929
1990	516	1,438	956	2,910
1991	435	1,687	1,002	3,124
1992	401	2,063	1,020	3,484
1993	419	1,962	1,038	3,419
1994	475	2,073	1,044	3,592
1995	474	2,129	1,065	3,668
1996	370	1,959	938	3,267
1997	377	2,133	1,022	3,532
1998	340	1,612	914	2,866
1999	233	1,934	746	2,913
2000	282	1,767	696	2,745
2001	110	1,401	581	2,092
2002	46	1,869	651	2,566

Table 4. Number of Reports 14 year trend: Washoe County

**Number of Reports - Historical Trend  
Statewide**

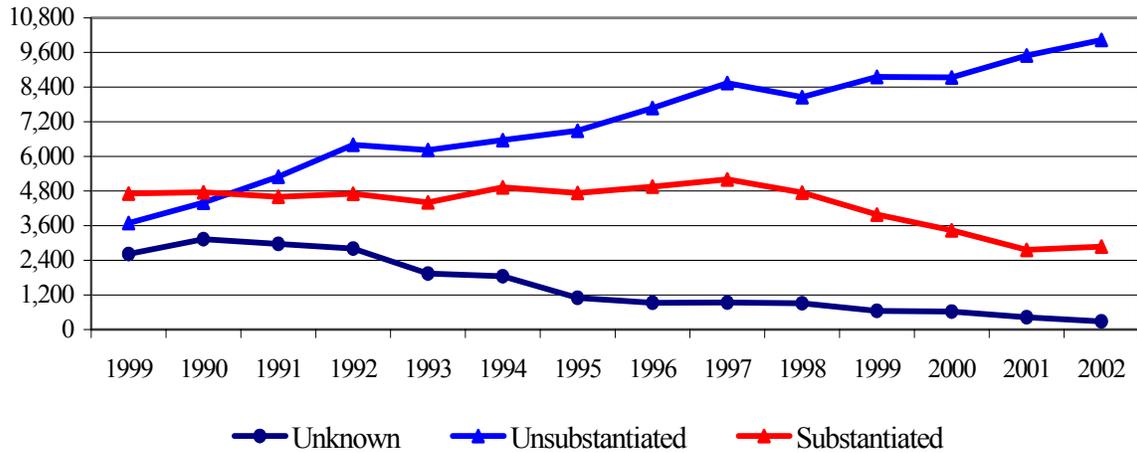


Figure 4

Year	Unknown	Unsubstantiated	Substantiated	Total
1999	2,618	3,687	4,712	11,017
1990	3,130	4,402	4,754	12,286
1991	2,967	5,294	4,597	12,858
1992	2,806	6,403	4,705	13,914
1993	1,941	6,219	4,408	12,568
1994	1,844	6,561	4,924	13,329
1995	1,097	6,890	4,729	12,716
1996	927	7,677	4,954	13,558
1997	938	8,543	5,204	14,685
1998	909	8,053	4,743	13,705
1999	647	8,754	3,983	13,384
2000	620	8,736	3,441	12,797
2001	424	9,494	2,759	12,677
2002	283	10,037	2,875	13,195

Table 5. Number of Reports 14 Year Trend: Statewide

Table 6 reflects the numerical increase or decrease in total reports from 2001 to 2002, and the percentage of increase or decrease for this period by county/region.

<b>County</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>Percent + or -</b>
Carson City	525	486	-39	-7.4%
Churchill	301	330	29	9.6%
<b>Clark</b>	8,316	8,174	-142	-1.7%
Douglas	207	199	-8	-3.9%
Elko	298	356	58	19.5%
Esmeralda	6	10	4	66.7%
Eureka	9	8	-1	-11.1%
Humboldt	106	81	-25	-23.6%
Lander	64	75	11	17.2%
Lincoln	27	30	3	11.1%
Lyon	291	312	21	7.2%
Mineral	45	42	-3	-6.7%
Nye	211	329	118	55.9%
Pershing	38	51	13	34.2%
Storey	20	24	4	20.0%
<b>Washoe</b>	2,092	2,566	474	22.7%
White Pine	121	122	1	0.8%
<b>Rural NV</b>	2,269	2,455	186	8.2%
<b>NEVADA</b>	12,677	13,195	518	4.1%

**Table 6. Increase/Decrease of Reports by County/Region: 2002**

Table 7 shows the increase or decrease in total reports from 2001 to 2002 for each Agency/District Office and Statewide Total Reports.

<b>Agency/Office</b>	<b>2001</b>	<b>2002</b>	<b>Difference</b>	<b>% + or -</b>
Carson City D.O.	1,036	1,017	-19	-1.8%
Elko D.O.	661	725	64	9.7%
Fallon D.O.	396	467	71	17.9%
Clark Co. FYS	8,316	8,174	-142	-1.7%
Washoe Co. D.S.S.	2,067	2,478	411	19.9%
Other (Pahrump)	201	335	134	100.0%
<b>NEVADA</b>	<b>12,677</b>	<b>13,196</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>4.1%</b>

**Table 7. Increases/Decreases in Total Reports by Agency/Office, 2001-2002**

## FINDINGS

Table 8 shows the findings for all cases by District Office (D.O.) or agency. The following abbreviations are used in this table:

- Court Substant.** = Court Substantiation
- Maltrt. w/svcs** = Maltreatment was found and services were provided
- Maltrt. w/o svc** = Maltreatment was found but no services were provided
- No Maltrt** = The abusive or neglectful situation was not confirmed through the investigation
- Unknown** = A determination was not made

<b>District Office/Agency</b>	<b>Court Substant.</b>	<b>Maltrt. w/svcs</b>	<b>Maltrt. w/o svcs</b>	<b>No Maltrt.</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Total</b>
Carson City D.O.	6	17	116	865	13	1,017
Elko D.O.	5	21	53	640	6	725
Fallon D.O.	15	8	40	392	12	467
Clark Co. FYS	606	1,165	141	6,064	198	8,174
Washoe Co. D.S.S.	149	92	378	1,815	44	2,478
Other (Pahrump)	20	14	29	262	10	335
<b>NEVADA</b>	<b>801</b>	<b>1,317</b>	<b>757</b>	<b>10,038</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>13,196</b>

**Table 8. Numerical Totals of Findings by District Office/Agency, 2002**

**The following are areas of DCFS field office coverage:**

**Carson City District Office has field offices in the following Counties/locations:**

**Carson City District Office**  
1572 E. College Parkway  
Carson City, NV  
(775) 687-4943

**Silver Springs Field Office**  
(Storey County)  
3959 Hwy. 50 W.  
Silver Springs, NV 89429  
(775) 577-1200

**Yerington Field Office**  
(Lyon County)  
215 W. Bridge St. Suite 4  
Yerington, NV 89447  
(775) 463-3151

**Elko District Office has field offices in the following Counties/locations:**

**Elko District Office**  
(Elko County)  
3920 Idaho St.  
Elko, NV 89801-4611  
(775) 738-2534

**Battle Mountain Field Office**  
(Lander County)  
145 E. 2<sup>nd</sup> St.  
Battle Mountain, NV 89820  
(775) 635-8172/5237

**Ely Field Office**  
(White Pine County)  
725 Avenue K  
Ely, NV 89301-2798  
(775) 289-1640

**Lovelock Field Office**  
(Pershing County)  
535 Western Ave.  
Lovelock, NV 89419  
(775) 273-7157

**Winnemucca Field Office**  
(Humboldt County)  
475 W. Haskell, #7  
Winnemucca, NV 89445  
(775) 623-6555

**Fallon District Office has field offices in the following Counties/locations:**

**Fallon District Office**  
(Churchill County)  
1735 Kaiser Street  
Fallon, NV 89406  
(775) 423-8566

**Hawthorne Field Office**  
(Mineral County)  
1000 C Street  
Hawthorne, NV 89415  
(775) 945-3602

**Tonopah Field Office**  
(Northern Nye County)  
100 Frankie Street  
Tonopah, NV 89049  
(775) 482-6626

**Las Vegas District Office supervises the Pahrump Field Office in Southern Nye County:**

**Las Vegas District Office**  
(Clark County)  
610 Belrose Street  
Las Vegas, NV 89107  
(702) 486-7800

**Pahrump Field Office**  
(Southern Nye County)  
1840 S. Pahrump Valley Blvd., Ste. B  
Pahrump, NV 89048  
(775) 727-8497

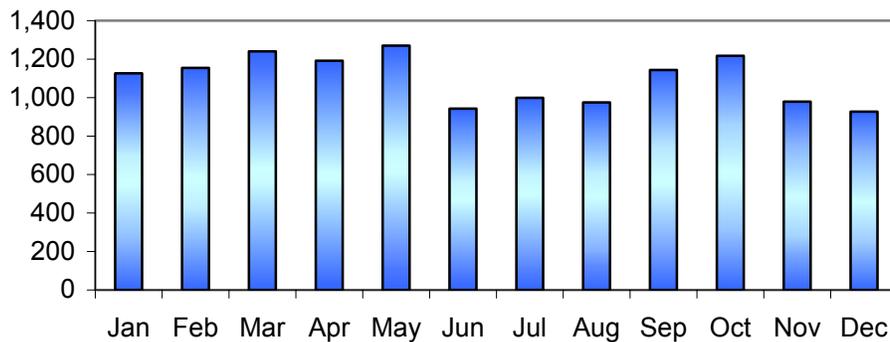
**MONTHLY TOTALS**

Table 9 reflects the totals and percentages of reports received by month for 2002.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Substant.</b>	<b>Unsub.</b>	<b>Unknown</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Annual %</b>
<b>Jan</b>	231	856	39	1,126	8.4%
<b>Feb</b>	274	860	20	1,154	8.6%
<b>Mar</b>	274	933	33	1,240	9.3%
<b>Apr</b>	246	912	34	1,192	8.9%
<b>May</b>	276	963	31	1,270	9.5%
<b>Jun</b>	224	696	23	943	7.0%
<b>Jul</b>	229	752	18	999	7.5%
<b>Aug</b>	211	744	20	975	7.3%
<b>Sep</b>	248	871	25	1,144	8.5%
<b>Oct</b>	243	954	20	1,217	9.1%
<b>Nov</b>	212	757	10	979	7.3%
<b>Dec</b>	207	710	10	927	6.9%
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,875	10,008	283	13,166	

**Table 9. Report Findings by Month: 2002**

**Child Abuse and Neglect  
Total Reports by Month: 2002**



**Figure 5**

Figure 6 reflects a three-year trend of reports received by month.

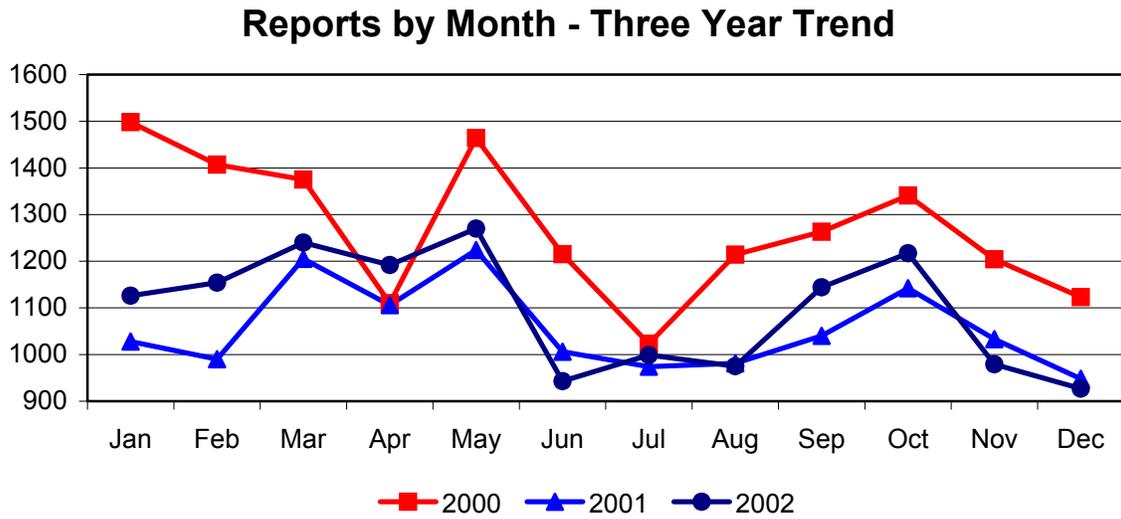


Figure 6

**REPORTERS OF CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT**

Table 10 shows the number of substantiated, unsubstantiated and unknown child abuse/neglect reports received by reporting source.

Source	Substant.	Unsub.	Unknown	Total	Annual %
Medical Pers.	364	626	27	1,017	7.6%
Soc. Svc. Pers.	228	767	30	1,025	7.6%
Law Enf. Pers.	746	1,526	42	2,314	17.2%
M.H. Personnel	48	306	3	357	2.7%
School Personnel	316	2,229	17	2,562	19.0%
Friend/Neighbor	155	1,304	62	1,521	11.3%
Victim	6	27	2	35	0.3%
Alleged Perp.	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Parent/Caretaker	91	873	19	983	7.3%
Other Relative	162	798	32	992	7.4%
Child Care Provider	25	195	3	223	1.7%
Subst. Care Provider	3	5	1	9	0.1%
Clergy	2	8	0	10	0.1%
Coroner/Med. Ex.	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Anonymous	37	427	12	476	3.5%
Juv. Probation	24	84	3	111	0.8%
Other	668	1,137	30	1,835	13.6%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2,875</b>	<b>10,312</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>13,470</b>	

Table 10. Cases Reported by Reporting Source: 2001

**Non-Professionals Reporting 2002**

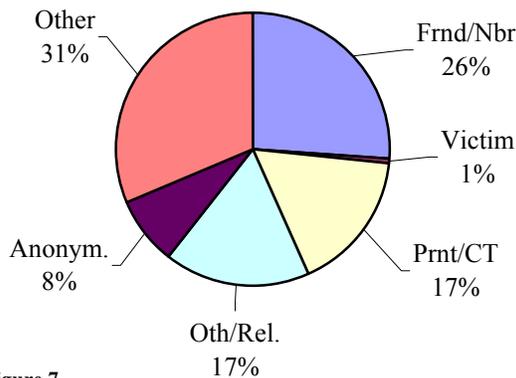


Figure 7

**Professionals Reporting - 2002**

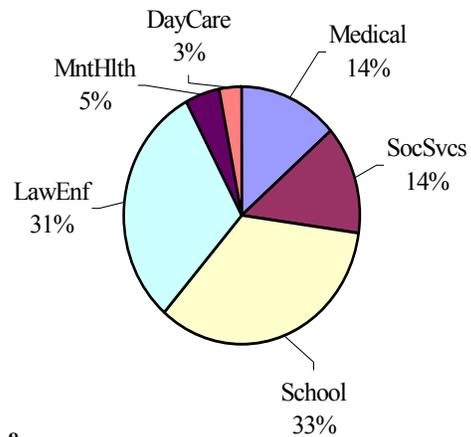


Figure 8

**SERVICES PROVIDED**

Table 11 shows the services provided for all reports for 2002 and the percentage of total reports included.

SERVICE	RURAL NEVADA	WASHOE COUNTY	CLARK COUNTY	TOTAL SERVICES	% OF TOTAL REPORTS
Investigation only	2,254	2,043	2,989	7,286	59.3%
Casework Counseling	131	266	4,940	5,337	43.5%
Emerg. Shelter Care	85	1	1,027	1,113	9.1%
Court Action Initiated	131	443	732	1,306	10.6%
Day Care	0	0	17	17	0.1%
Homemaker	37	43	54	134	1.1%
Health Related	166	113	155	434	3.5%
Mental Health Related	66	187	0	253	2.1%
Family Reunification	249	618	454	1,321	10.8%
Emerg. Assistance	0	0	235	235	1.9%
Total Svcs. Provided	3,119	3,714	10,603	17,436	

Table 11. Services Provided, Statewide: 2001

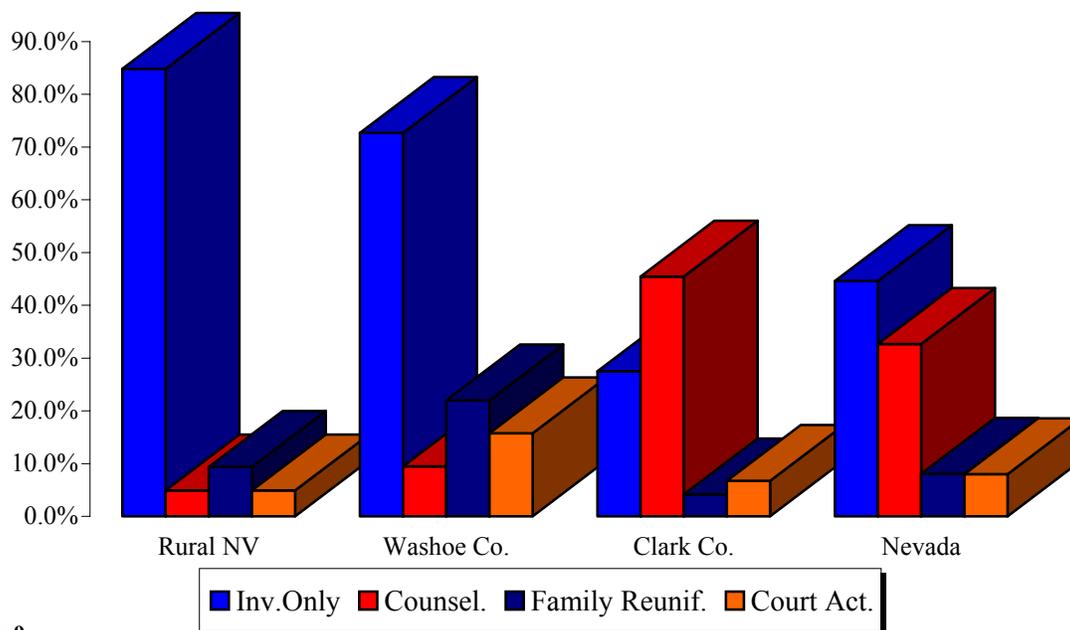


Figure 9

**PERPETRATOR INFORMATION (Substantiated Cases Only)**

Race	Sex			Total	Percent
	Male	Female	Unknown		
Caucasian	104	194	0	298	76.0%
Black	5	3	0	8	2.0%
Hispanic	12	9	0	21	5.4%
American Indian	1	6	0	7	1.8%
Asian	0	1	0	1	1.8%
Native Hawaiian	1	0	0	1	0.3%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Unknown	18	38	0	56	14.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>251</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 12. Perpetrators by Race and Sex: Rural Nevada**

Race	Sex			Total	Percent
	Male	Female	Unknown		
Caucasian	701	1125	0	1826	72.5%
Black	199	378	0	577	22.9%
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0.0%
American Indian	5	17	0	22	0.9%
Asian	0	4	0	4	0.2%
Native Hawaiian	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	36	54	0	90	3.6%
Unknown	0	0	1	1	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>1578</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2520</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 13. Perpetrators by Race and Sex: Clark County**

Race	Sex			Total	Percent
	Male	Female	Unknown		
Caucasian	211	378	2	591	62.4%
Black	11	41	0	52	5.5%
Hispanic	57	79	0	136	14.4%
American Indian	5	10	0	15	1.6%
Asian	5	6	0	11	1.2%
Native Hawaiian	2	6	0	8	0.8%
Other	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Unknown	64	69	1	134	14.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>355</b>	<b>589</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>947</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 14. Perpetrators by Race and Sex: Washoe County**

Table 15 provides a statewide breakdown of perpetrators by age. (Substantiated cases only)

<b>Age in Years</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Percent</b>
Under 18	59	1.6%
18-20	196	5.3%
21-25	662	18.0%
26-30	645	17.5%
31-35	723	19.6%
36-40	611	16.6%
41-45	410	11.1%
46-50	123	3.3%
51-55	59	1.6%
Over 55	35	0.9%
Unknown	162	4.4%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,685</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 15. Perpetrators by Age**

Table 16 shows the perpetrator’s relationship to the child for substantiated cases only.

<b>Relationship to Victim</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
Natural Parent	5,706	63.25%
Stepparent	254	2.82%
Adoptive Parent	40	0.44%
Foster Parent	18	0.20%
Parent Teen	0	0.00%
Other Relative	61	0.68%
Boy/Girl Friend	239	2.65%
Institution Staff	2	0.02%
Baby-sitter	4	0.04%
Other	2,652	29.39%
Unknown	46	0.51%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,022</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 16. Perpetrator’s Relationship to Victim**

**VICTIM INFORMATION (Substantiated Cases Only)**

Tables 17, 18 and 19 show the breakdown by region of the victim’s race and sex for 2002 Substantiated cases only.

Race	Gender			Total	Percent
	Male	Female	Unknown		
Caucasian	197	185	0	382	67.9%
Black	15	15	0	30	5.3%
Hispanic	16	27	0	43	7.6%
American Indian	11	10	0	21	3.7%
Asian	2	3	0	5	0.9%
Native Hawaiian	1	2	0	3	0.5%
Unknown	32	47	0	79	14.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>563</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 17. Victims by Race and Sex: Rural Nevada**

Race	Gender			Total	Percent
	Male	Female	Unknown		
Caucasian	1156	1231	0	2387	67.9%
Black	420	410	0	830	23.6%
Hispanic	0	0	0	0	0.0%
American Indian	26	22	0	48	1.4%
Asian	5	7	0	12	0.3%
Native Hawaiian	0	0	0	0	0.0%
Other	124	113	0	237	6.7%
Unknown	1	2	0	3	0.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1732</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3,517</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 18. Victims by Race and Sex: Clark County**

Race	Gender			Total	Percent
	Male	Female	Unknown		
Caucasian	382	354	2	738	61.1%
Black	40	36	0	76	6.3%
Hispanic	96	93	0	189	15.7%
American Indian	5	13	0	18	1.5%
Asian	4	10	0	14	1.2%
Native Hawaiian	8	7	0	15	1.2%
Unknown	89	67	1	157	13.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>624</b>	<b>580</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1,207</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Table 19. Victims by Race and Sex: Washoe County**

Table 20 provides a statewide breakdown of victims by age. (Substantiated cases only)

Age in Years	Number	Percent
0 - 5 Mo	461	9.2%
6-11 Mo	197	3.9%
1-2 Yr	867	17.3%
3-5 Yr	966	19.3%
6-9 Yr	1,109	22.1%
10-13 Yr	844	16.9%
14-15 Yr	320	6.4%
16-17 Yr	184	3.7%
Unk	60	1.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,008</b>	<b>100%</b>

Table 20. Victims by Age

Victims by Age

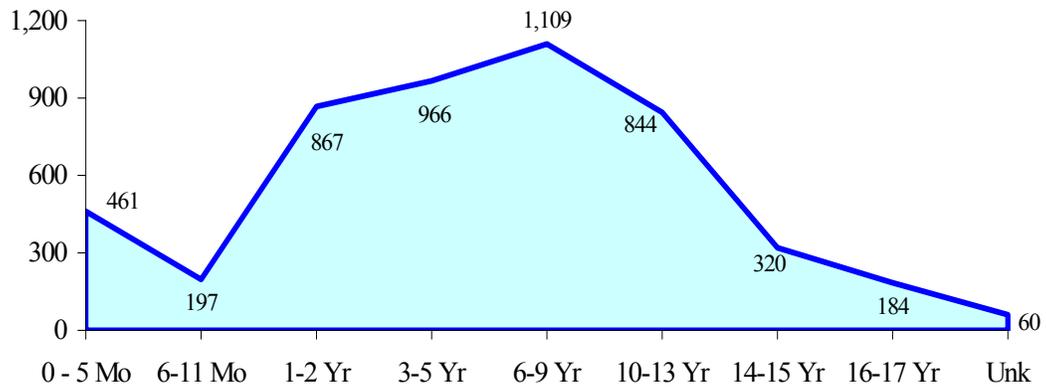


Figure 10

**TYPE OF MALTREATMENT**

Tables 21 through 24 show the specific breakdown of substantiated incidents by type of maltreatment in 2002. (See Attachment A for description of maltreatment)

<b>Type of Maltreatment</b>	<b># Incidents to Children</b>	<b>% of Total Incidents</b>
Physical Neglect	260	55.9%
Lack of Supervision	55	11.8%
Educational Neglect	4	0.9%
Medical Neglect	21	4.5%
Abandonment	14	3.0%
Emotional Abuse/Neglect	22	4.7%
Physical Abuse	65	14.0%
Sex Abuse/Exploitation	19	4.1%
Other	4	0.9%
Fatal	1	0.2%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 21. Types of Maltreatment, Substantiated Cases: Rural Nevada**

<b>Type of Maltreatment</b>	<b># Incidents to Children</b>	<b>% of Total Incidents</b>
Physical Neglect	322	7.25%
Lack of Supervision	539	12.14%
Educational Neglect	164	3.69%
Medical Neglect	44	0.99%
Abandonment	81	1.82%
Emotional Abuse/Neglect	96	2.16%
Physical Abuse	595	13.40%
Sex Abuse/Exploitation	162	3.65%
Other	2,437	54.88%
Fatal	1	0.02%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4,441</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 22. Types of Maltreatment, Substantiated Cases: Clark County**

<b>Type of Maltreatment</b>	<b># Incidents to Children</b>	<b>% of Total Incidents</b>
Physical Neglect	1,038	68.2%
Lack of Supervision	120	7.9%
Educational Neglect	10	0.7%
Medical Neglect	37	2.4%
Abandonment	27	1.8%
Emotional Abuse/Neglect	5	0.3%
Physical Abuse	220	14.5%
Sex Abuse/Exploitation	63	4.1%
Other	1	0.1%
Fatal	1	0.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 23. Types of Maltreatment, Substantiated Cases: Washoe County**

<b>Type of Maltreatment</b>	<b># Incidents to Children</b>	<b>% of Total Incidents</b>
Physical Neglect	1,620	25.20%
Lack of Supervision	714	11.11%
Educational Neglect	178	2.77%
Medical Neglect	102	1.59%
Abandonment	122	1.90%
Emotional Abuse/Neglect	123	1.91%
Physical Abuse	880	13.69%
Sex Abuse/Exploitation	244	3.80%
Other	2,442	37.99%
Fatal	3	0.05%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,428</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 24. Type of Maltreatment, Substantiated Cases: State of Nevada**

Figures 11 and 12 represent a ten-year trend of selected types of maltreatment and child fatalities from 1992 to 2002.

### Selected Types of Maltreatment

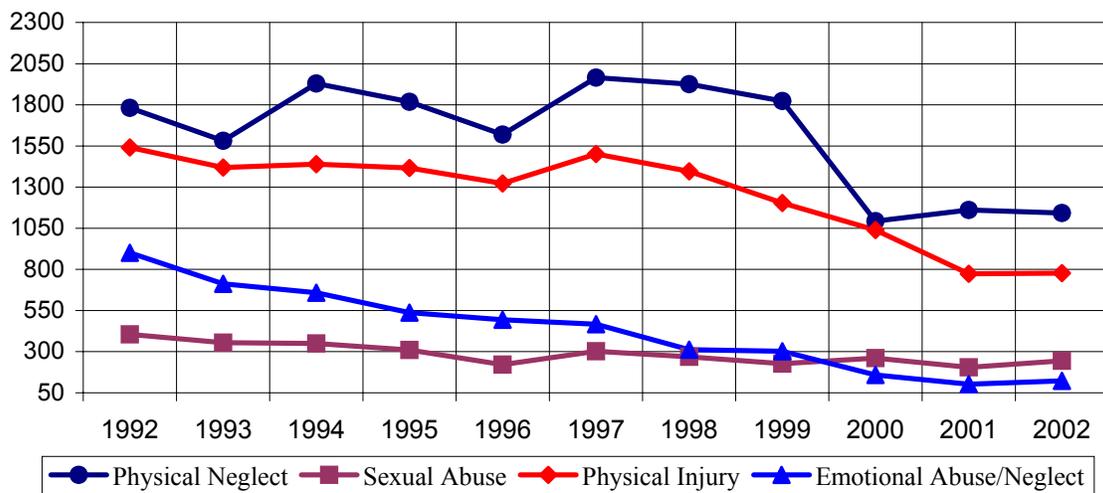


Figure 11

### Child Fatalities: 9 Year Trend

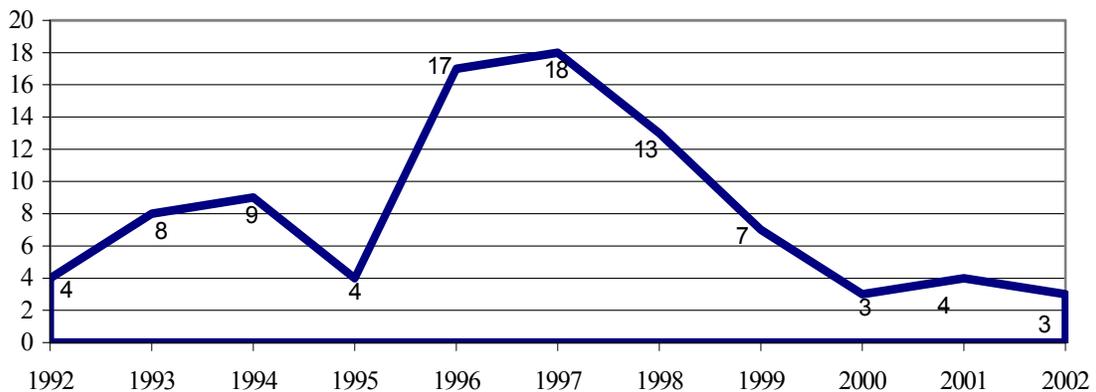


Figure 12

## FAMILY STRESS FACTORS

Factor	# of Factors	% Total Factors	% Total Reports **
Alcohol/Drug Dependency	2,298	10.0%	17.4%
Limited Intellectual	117	0.5%	0.9%
Mentally Retarded Caretaker	175	0.8%	1.3%
Mentally Retarded Child	160	0.7%	1.2%
Health Problem Caretaker	660	2.9%	5.0%
Health Problem Child	702	3.1%	5.3%
Inadequate Housing	760	3.3%	5.8%
Social Isolation	385	1.7%	2.9%
Job Related Problem	774	3.4%	5.9%
Insufficient Income	1,584	6.9%	12.0%
Transient	1,473	6.4%	11.2%
Mismanaged Income	448	2.0%	3.4%
Domestic Violence	989	4.3%	7.5%
Family Violence	267	1.2%	2.0%
Parents Cannot Cope	2,042	8.9%	15.5%
Marital Problems	1,361	5.9%	10.3%
New Baby/Pregnancy	979	4.3%	7.4%
Other Stress Factors	5,384	23.5%	40.8%
None/Unknown	2,384	10.4%	18.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>22,942</b>		

Table 25. Family Stress Factors, State of Nevada

\*\* More than one factor may be recorded in a case finding and, as a result, the number of factors does not reflect the total number of open reports, nor the number of children.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**CHILD ABUSE DEFINITIONS IN NEVADA REVISED STATUTES (2001)**

**NRS 432B.010 Definitions.** As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 432B.020 to 432B.110, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.  
(Added to NRS by 1985, 1368; A 1991, 1920; 1993, 2705; 1995, 786)

**NRS 432B.020 “Abuse or neglect of a child” defined.**

1. “Abuse or neglect of a child” means, except as otherwise provided in subsection 2:

(a) Physical or mental injury of a nonaccidental nature;

(b) Sexual abuse or sexual exploitation; or

(c) Negligent treatment or maltreatment as set forth in NRS 432B.140,

of a child caused or allowed by a person responsible for his welfare under circumstances which indicate that the child’s health or welfare is harmed or threatened with harm.

2. A child is not abused or neglected, nor is his health or welfare harmed or threatened for the sole reason that his:

(a) Parent delivers the child to a provider of emergency services pursuant to NRS 432B.630, if the parent complies with the requirements of paragraph (a) of subsection 3 of that section; or

(b) Parent or guardian, in good faith, selects and depends upon nonmedical remedial treatment for such child, if such treatment is recognized and permitted under the laws of this state in lieu of medical treatment. This paragraph does not limit the court in ensuring that a child receive a medical examination and treatment pursuant to NRS 62.231.

3. As used in this section, “allow” means to do nothing to prevent or stop the abuse or neglect of a child in circumstances where the person knows or has reason to know that a child is abused or neglected.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1368; A 2001, 1255)

**NRS 432B.030 “Agency which provides child welfare services” defined.** “Agency which provides child welfare services” means:

1. In a county whose population is less than 100,000, the local office of the division of child and family services; or

2. In a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the agency of the county, which provides or arranges for necessary child welfare services.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1369; A 1993, 2705; 2001 Special Session, 34)

**NRS 432B.040 “Child” defined.** “Child” means a person under the age of 18 years.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1369)

**NRS 432B.044 “Child welfare services” defined.** “Child welfare services” includes, without limitation:

1. Protective services, including, without limitation, investigations of abuse or neglect and assessments;

2. Foster care services, including, without limitation, maintenance and special services, as defined in NRS 432.010; and

3. Services related to adoption.

(Added to NRS by 2001 Special Session, 34)

**NRS 432B.050 “Court” defined.** “Court” means:

1. In any judicial district that includes a county whose population is 100,000 or more, the family division of the district court; or

2. In any other judicial district, the juvenile division of the district court.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1369; A 1991, 2186)

**NRS 432B.060 “Custodian” defined.** “Custodian” means a person or a governmental organization, other than a parent or legal guardian, who has been awarded legal custody of a child.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1369)

**NRS 432B.065 “Division of child and family services” defined.** “Division of child and family services” means the division of child and family services of the department of human resources.

(Added to NRS by 1993, 2705)

**NRS 432B.067 “Indian child” defined.** “Indian child” has the meaning ascribed to it in 25 U.S.C. § 1903.

(Added to NRS by 1995, 786)

**NRS 432B.068 “Indian Child Welfare Act” defined.** “Indian Child Welfare Act” means the Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978 (25 U.S.C. §§ 1901 et seq.).

(Added to NRS by 1995, 786)

**NRS 432B.070 “Mental injury” defined.** “Mental injury” means an injury to the intellectual or psychological capacity or the emotional condition of a child as evidenced by an observable and substantial impairment of his ability to function within his normal range of performance or behavior.  
(Added to NRS by 1985, 1369)

**NRS 432B.080 “Parent” defined.** “Parent” means a natural or adoptive parent whose parental rights have not been terminated.  
(Added to NRS by 1985, 1369)

**NRS 432B.090 “Physical injury” defined.** “Physical injury” includes, without limitation:

1. A sprain or dislocation;
2. Damage to cartilage;
3. A fracture of a bone or the skull;
4. An intracranial hemorrhage or injury to another internal organ;
5. A burn or scalding;
6. A cut, laceration, puncture or bite;
7. Permanent or temporary disfigurement; or
8. Permanent or temporary loss or impairment of a part or organ of the body.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1369; A 1997, 848)

**NRS 432B.100 “Sexual abuse” defined.** “Sexual abuse” includes acts upon a child constituting:

1. Incest under NRS 201.180;
2. Lewdness with a child under NRS 201.230;
3. Annoyance or molestation of a child under NRS 207.260;
4. Sado-masochistic abuse under NRS 201.262;
5. Sexual assault under NRS 200.366;
6. Statutory sexual seduction under NRS 200.368;
7. Open or gross lewdness under NRS 201.210; and
8. Mutilation of the genitalia of a female child, aiding, abetting, encouraging or participating in the mutilation of the genitalia of a female child, or removal of a female child from this state for the purpose of mutilating the genitalia of the child under NRS 200.5083.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1369; A 1991, 54; 1997, 677)

**NRS 432B.110 “Sexual exploitation” defined.** “Sexual exploitation” includes forcing, allowing or encouraging a child:

1. To solicit for or engage in prostitution;
2. To view a pornographic film or literature; and
3. To engage in:
  - (a) Filming, photographing or recording on videotape; or
  - (b) Posing, modeling, depiction or a live performance before an audience,which involves the exhibition of a child’s genitals or any sexual conduct with a child, as defined in NRS 200.700.

(Added to NRS by 1985, 1369)

**NRS 432B.121 Definition of when person has “reasonable cause to believe” and when person acts “as soon as reasonably practicable.”** For the purposes of this chapter, a person:

1. Has “reasonable cause to believe” if, in light of all the surrounding facts and circumstances which are known or which reasonably should be known to the person at the time, a reasonable person would believe, under those facts and circumstances, that an act, transaction, event, situation or condition exists, is occurring or has occurred.
2. Acts “as soon as reasonably practicable” if, in light of all the surrounding facts and circumstances which are known or which reasonably should be known to the person at the time, a reasonable person would act within approximately the same period under those facts and circumstances.

(Added to NRS by 1999, 3526)

**NRS 432B.130 Persons responsible for child’s welfare.** A person is responsible for a child’s welfare under the provisions of this chapter if he is the child’s parent, guardian, a stepparent with whom the child lives, an adult person continually or regularly found in the same household as the child, or a person directly responsible or serving as a volunteer for or employed in a public or private home, institution or facility where the child actually resides or is receiving child care outside of his home for a portion of the day.