

Children in Substantiated CPS Investigations During SFY 2024-2025 based on the Date the Intake was Accepted for Investigation

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Reg. #	County / Office	Substantiated Investi-gations	Children in Substantiated Investigations				Children with Substantiated Maltreatments			
			Unborn - Age 6	Ages 7-12	Ages 13-17	All Children	Unborn - Age 6	Ages 7-12	Ages 13-17	All Children
STATE TOTAL		7,024	5,947	3,726	2,681	12,371	5,904	3,704	2,644	12,269
Up	Abbeville	18	16	11	5	32	16	11	5	32
Up	Anderson	286	238	165	110	513	236	164	106	506
Up	Cherokee	84	87	44	26	157	86	43	25	154
Up	Greenville	774	754	460	319	1536	753	457	316	1529
Up	Greenwood	113	103	70	36	209	103	70	36	209
Up	Laurens	186	163	136	77	376	163	135	76	374
Up	Newberry	47	50	34	14	99	50	33	14	98
Up	Oconee	176	157	116	61	334	156	116	61	333
Up	Pickens	118	106	56	38	200	106	56	38	200
Up	Spartanburg	340	294	195	149	638	293	195	144	632
Up	Union	59	53	26	18	97	53	26	17	96
Upstate Region Total		2,201	2,021	1,313	853	4,191	2,015	1,306	838	4,163
Mid	State Office	128	89	24	51	164	82	24	51	157
Mid	Aiken	135	120	72	42	234	118	70	42	230
Mid	Bamberg	15	9	6	5	20	9	6	5	20
Mid	Barnwell	20	20	9	8	37	19	9	8	36
Mid	Chester	93	64	28	40	133	64	28	40	133
Mid	Edgefield	22	19	8	17	44	19	8	17	44
Mid	Fairfield	20	16	11	9	36	16	11	9	36
Mid	Kershaw	148	128	96	53	277	126	96	53	275
Mid	Lancaster	164	127	90	75	292	127	90	75	292
Mid	Lexington	330	232	156	117	505	231	153	116	500
Mid	McCormick	5	1	6		7	1	6		7
Mid	Richland	517	415	212	168	795	410	211	163	784
Mid	Saluda	22	13	14	11	38	13	14	11	38
Mid	York	189	177	91	59	328	177	91	58	327
Midlands Region Total		1,808	1,430	823	655	2,910	1,412	817	648	2,879
Low	Allendale	5	5	1	1	7	5	1	1	7
Low	Beaufort	122	81	69	52	202	76	68	52	196
Low	Berkeley	330	261	178	139	579	261	177	137	576
Low	Calhoun	8	6	4	6	16	6	4	6	16
Low	Charleston	640	556	323	273	1154	551	323	273	1149
Low	Colleton	69	79	45	24	148	74	42	24	140
Low	Dorchester	189	149	85	68	302	148	85	66	299
Low	Hampton	13	16	4	3	23	16	4	3	23
Low	Jasper	38	27	18	22	67	27	18	22	67
Low	Orangeburg	147	129	64	60	253	128	64	56	248
Lowcountry Reg. Total		1,561	1,309	791	648	2,751	1,292	786	640	2,721
PD	Chesterfield	70	40	34	25	100	40	33	25	99
PD	Clarendon	69	48	34	23	105	48	34	23	105
PD	Darlington	208	160	132	94	386	160	132	92	384
PD	Dillon	48	51	22	9	84	51	22	9	84
PD	Florence	167	140	90	60	290	139	88	57	284
PD	Georgetown	67	48	48	31	127	48	48	31	127
PD	Horry	487	359	235	167	766	359	235	166	765
PD	Lee	27	32	14	4	50	32	14	4	50
PD	Marion	60	52	39	30	121	52	38	30	120
PD	Marlboro	50	59	19	13	91	59	19	13	91
PD	Sumter	145	144	101	43	288	143	101	43	287
PD	Williamsburg	56	54	31	26	111	54	31	25	110
Pee Dee Region Total		1,454	1,187	799	525	2,519	1,185	795	518	2,506

Explanation of Column Headings:

o “Substantiated Investigations” – this is the number of investigations that were determined (Substantiated) to be situations in which maltreatment was being perpetrated by the parents/caregivers.

- o “Children in Substantiated Investigations” – this is the total number of children (in utero through age 17) who were members of the households counted under “Substantiated investigations” (direct victims and indirect victims)
- o “Children with Substantiated Maltreatments” – this is a subset of “Children in Substantiated Investigations”—it includes only those children in the household who were determined to be the direct victims of one or more specific Substantiated maltreatments.

Further clarification through two hypothetical examples:

1. Example 1--
 - o “Substantiated investigations” – because Household A was determined to be abusing/neglecting one or more children in the home, this household is included in the “Substantiated investigations” column
 - o “Children in Substantiated Investigations” – Household A consists of Grandma (age 50), Mom (age 30) and 4 children (ages 4, 7, 9, and 11). Therefore, 4 children are counted in this section.
 - o “Children with Substantiated Maltreatments” – the 7-year-old has serious disabilities and a report was made by the child’s specialists that medical appts. were not being kept and that the child’s life-support equipment was not being properly used or maintained. Investigation resulted in determination that Mom was medically neglecting this child. However, there did not appear to be any threat of harm to the other children, who did not have serious health issues. Therefore, only the 7-year-old is counted in this section.
2. Example 2--
 - o “Substantiated investigations” – because Household B was determined to be abusing/neglecting one or more children in the home, this household is included in the “Substantiated investigations” column
 - o “Children in Substantiated Investigations” – Household B consists of Mom (age 25) and 3 children (ages 2, 5, and 8). Therefore, 3 children are counted in this section.
 - o “Children with Substantiated Maltreatments” – Investigation resulted in determination of neglect against the mom because of the unsanitary conditions in the home as well as there being little to no food available in the refrigerator or cabinets. In addition, there was no running water present in the home. Because these conditions resulted in harm or threat of harm to all three children, all three are counted in this section.