

Children in Substantiated CPS Investigations During SFY 2025-2026 based on the Date the Intake was Accepted for Investigation

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Reg. #	County / Office	Substantiated Investigations	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		7,358	5,939	3,837	2,935	12,724	5,910	3,811	2,900	12,634
Up	Abbeville	16	22	10	6	38	22	10	6	38
Up	Anderson	248	211	164	100	475	210	164	99	473
Up	Cherokee	117	105	73	49	227	104	70	47	221
Up	Greenville	762	713	396	274	1383	711	395	272	1378
Up	Greenwood	115	99	77	43	220	99	77	43	220
Up	Laurens	183	159	110	85	354	159	110	85	354
Up	Newberry	52	41	21	20	82	41	21	20	82
Up	Oconee	167	135	77	73	285	134	76	70	280
Up	Pickens	155	139	79	59	278	138	78	59	276
Up	Spartanburg	402	334	203	179	717	332	201	178	712
Up	Union	69	52	23	32	107	52	23	32	107
Upstate Region Total		2,286	2,010	1,233	920	4,166	2,002	1,225	911	4,141
Mid	State Office	109	82	21	64	167	81	21	64	166
Mid	Aiken	211	184	96	87	367	183	96	86	365
Mid	Bamberg	13	10	2	4	16	9	2	4	15
Mid	Barnwell	23	22	17	12	51	22	17	12	51
Mid	Chester	67	45	41	37	123	45	41	37	123
Mid	Edgefield	15	13	5	6	24	13	5	6	24
Mid	Fairfield	24	9	14	12	35	9	14	12	35
Mid	Kershaw	114	92	53	51	196	92	53	46	191
Mid	Lancaster	127	70	74	42	186	70	74	42	186
Mid	Lexington	466	337	240	200	777	337	240	198	775
Mid	McCormick	2	2			2	2			2
Mid	Richland	504	382	246	222	850	380	246	220	846
Mid	Saluda	35	27	18	20	65	27	18	20	65
Mid	York	290	210	151	109	470	210	151	108	469
Midlands Region Total		2,000	1,485	978	866	3,329	1,480	978	855	3,313
Low	Allendale	6	6	1	2	9	6	1	2	9
Low	Beaufort	114	80	74	45	199	79	74	44	197
Low	Berkeley	319	221	171	127	519	220	170	127	517
Low	Calhoun	8	8	3	2	13	8	3	2	13
Low	Charleston	679	555	378	240	1175	552	378	238	1170
Low	Colleton	65	64	38	22	124	64	37	22	123
Low	Dorchester	209	192	96	75	366	191	95	75	364
Low	Hampton	32	37	17	7	61	37	17	7	61
Low	Jasper	30	14	18	14	46	14	17	14	45
Low	Orangeburg	127	103	55	52	210	102	51	51	204
Lowcountry Reg. Total		1,589	1,280	851	586	2,722	1,273	843	582	2,703
PD	Chesterfield	74	53	33	27	114	53	30	26	110
PD	Clarendon	59	33	29	13	75	33	29	13	75
PD	Darlington	161	122	85	56	263	122	85	56	263
PD	Dillon	91	68	73	46	187	66	71	45	182
PD	Florence	190	135	127	85	347	132	126	83	341
PD	Georgetown	65	58	26	42	126	58	26	40	124
PD	Horry	546	424	253	203	884	421	249	200	874
PD	Lee	24	27	11	7	45	27	11	7	45
PD	Marion	57	39	29	25	93	39	29	25	93
PD	Marlboro	41	33	11	12	56	33	11	12	56
PD	Sumter	147	127	76	38	241	126	76	38	240
PD	Williamsburg	28	45	22	9	76	45	22	7	74
Pee Dee Region Total		1,483	1,164	775	563	2,507	1,155	765	552	2,477

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.