

## REPORTS IN VIRGINIA

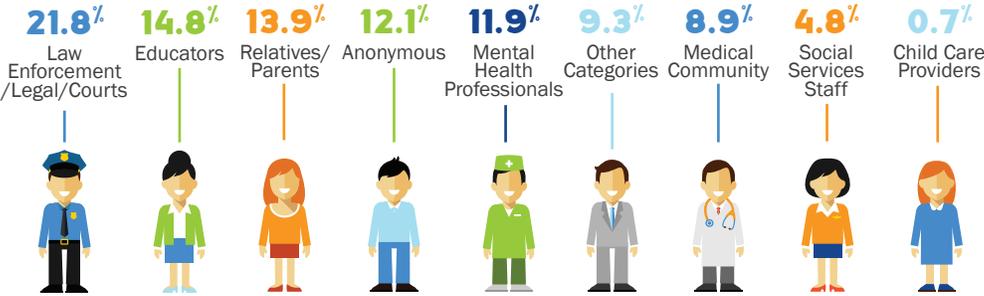
# 52,263

children were reported as possible victims of abuse or neglect in Virginia during State Fiscal Year 2021

They were participants in **30,223** approved reports that were completed by Virginia's city and county departments of social services. There were **1,320** reports of substance-exposed infants. There were **15** Human Trafficking Assessments conducted.

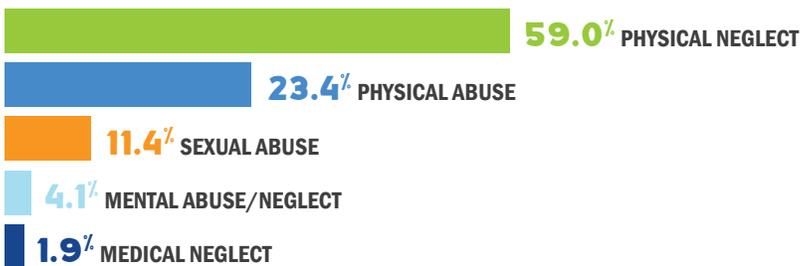
## SOURCE OF REPORTS

In SFY 2021, **76,632** persons reported suspected child abuse or neglect to local and state departments of social services\*



In SFY 2021, the sources of reports continued to be influenced by the COVID19 pandemic (i.e. virtual classrooms) as seen by a decline of almost 6% of calls by educators, and a 3.2% increase by law enforcement from SFY 2020.

## TYPES OF MALTREATMENT IN FOUNDED INVESTIGATIONS



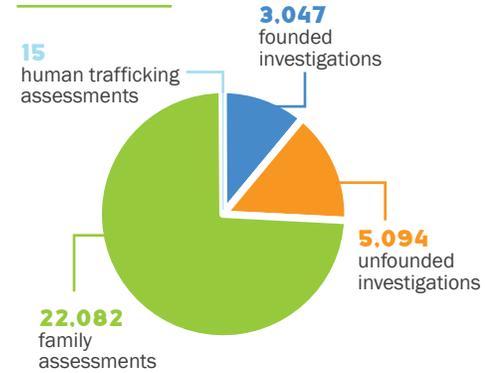
## DEATHS as of 12/15/2021

**170** valid reports of a child death due to suspected abuse or neglect

**55** children died as a result of abuse or neglect

**22** cases are pending

## REPORT OUTCOME



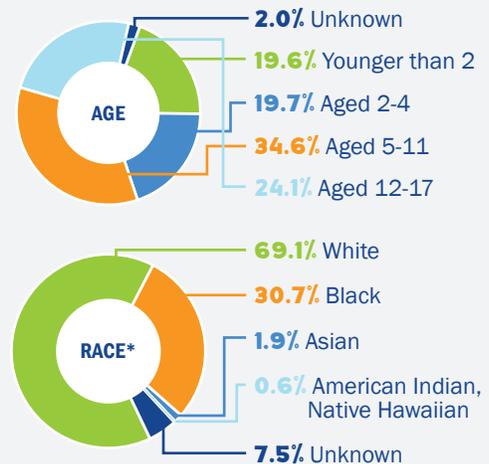
**"Founded"** means that a review of the facts gathered during an investigation met the "preponderance of the evidence" standard.

**"Unfounded"** means that a review of the facts gathered during an investigation did not meet the "preponderance of the evidence" standard.

**Family assessments** are an alternative response which includes engaging with the family to assess the strengths and needs of the children and families. No determination of "founded" or "unfounded" is made in a family assessment.

**Human Trafficking Assessments** are required when a report alleges a child is a victim of human trafficking, including sex trafficking or labor trafficking, and does not meet the validity criteria for an investigation or family assessment.

## DEMOGRAPHICS OF VICTIMS



\*This category allows for multiple responses per child and thus may exceed 100%.

**CHILD FATALITIES SFY 2018 - SFY 2021<sup>1</sup>**

Fiscal Year	Founded Fatalities	Unfounded Fatalities	Other (pending or approved)	Total
2021	55	93	22	170
2020	42*	93*	4*	139*
2019	51	89	4	144
2018	43	74	1	118

**COMPLETED REPORTS SFY 2018 - SFY 2021**

Fiscal Year	Founded Investigations	Unfounded Investigations	Family Assessments	Total Completed CPS Reports
2021	3,047	5,094	22,082	30,223
2020	3,789	6,265	23,826	33,880
2019	4,211	9,961	26,187	37,359
2018	4,154	6,836	25,867	36,857

**CHILDREN IN COMPLETED REPORTS SFY 2018 - SFY 2021**

Fiscal Year	Founded	Unfounded	Family Assessments	Total
2021	5,261	7,801	38,107	51,169
2020	5,792	7,777	38,985	52,554
2019	6,413	8,874	42,947	58,234
2018	6,485	9,723	39,047	55,255

**What was the race of children in investigations with a founded disposition compared to all investigations? SFY 2021**

Race***	Children in Founded Investigations (n=5,261)	Children in All Investigations (n= 13,062)	All Children in Virginia <sup>2</sup> (n= 1,866,420)
White	69.7%	70.1%	67.2%
Black	31.1%	29.9%	23.6%
Asian	1.2%	2.0%	6.0%
American Indian, Native Hawaiian	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%
Unknown	5.8%	7.5%	2.4%

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<sup>1</sup>Data collected from Local Departments of Social Services as of 12-15-2021; \*indicates previous year updated. Source: Virginia Department of Social Services as of 12-9-2021 and Virginia Child Welfare Outcome Reports (VCWOR) Retrieved. December 2021, Version 4.91.

<sup>2</sup>Source: Virginia Department of Health