

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

In the U.S. over **600,000** children are victims of abuse every year.¹

Abuse is commonly inflicted by parents

Of all reported cases, **77%** of them involved a parent.¹

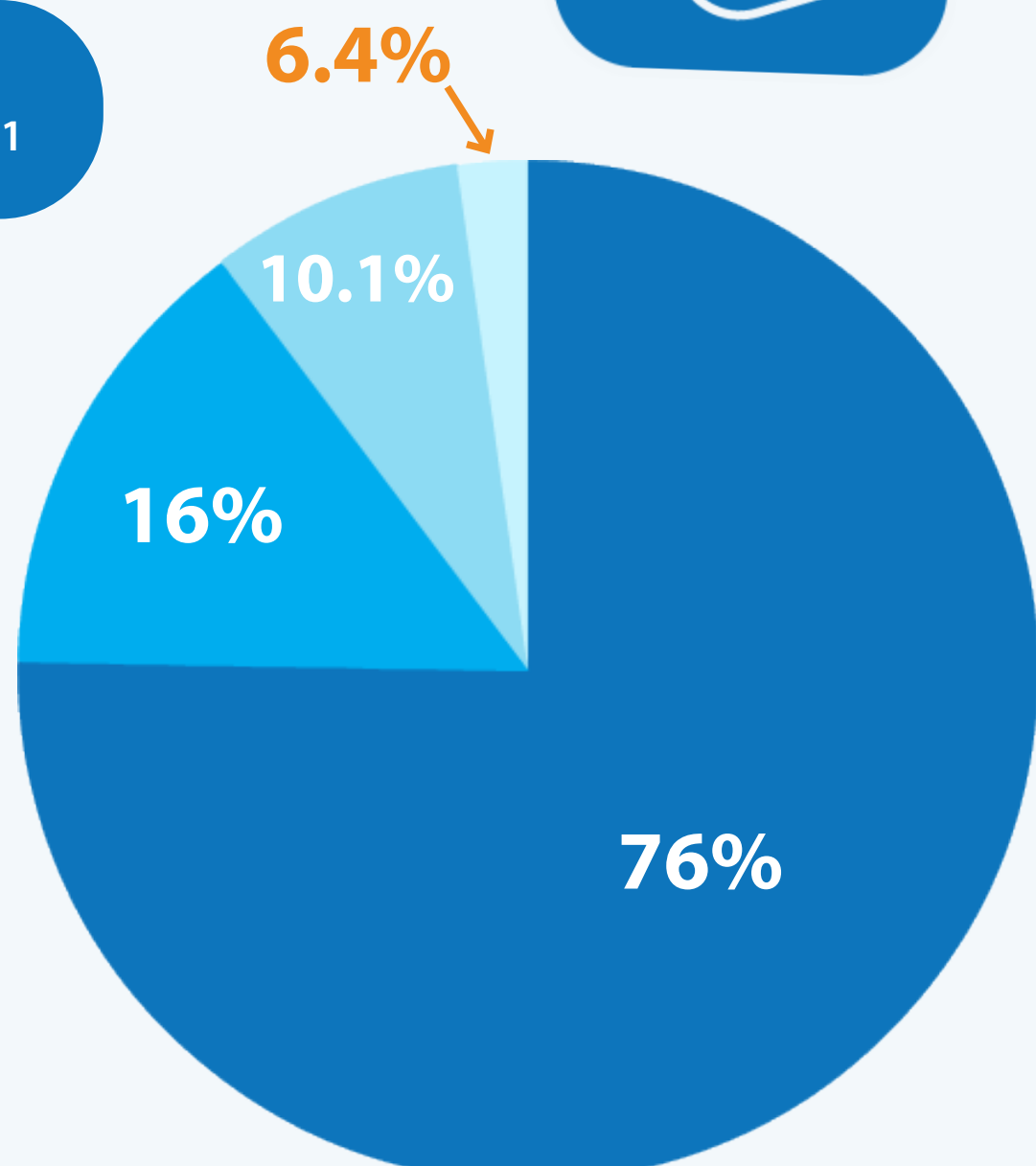
It is estimated that there are between **600** and **1,400** shaken baby cases in the U.S. every year.²



Neglect is the most common form of abuse¹

Common forms of abuse⁶:

- Neglect: **76%**
- Physical Abuse: **16%**
- Sexual Abuse: **10.1%**
- Emotional Abuse: **6.4%**



Substance abuse is neglect⁵

From 2015-2019, more than **2 million** children were cared for by a parent with substance use disorder, and more than **21 million** children lived with a parent who used illicit substances.

Abuse is often hidden³

Abuse is rarely reported to authorities. After experiencing abuse, only **2.9 million** children received help from health professionals in 2021.⁶



The effects of abuse are lifelong³

Extreme stress caused by abuse is linked to delays in early brain development that involve the nervous and immune systems.

Abuse can be fatal⁴

The 2021 national estimate shows a rate of **2.46** deaths per **100,000** children. It is estimated that **1,820** children die from abuse and neglect every year.



Abuse is 100% preventable!³

The likelihood of perpetrating or experiencing child abuse depends on certain factors.

It is important to take steps to understand what puts people at risk for abuse and how we can protect them from violence.

When children grow up in relationships and circumstances that are secure, stable, and nurturing, everyone wins.

Teach positive parenting and caregiving skills

Intervene to reduce harm

Support families socially and financially



1. <https://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/media-room/national-statistics-on-child-abuse/>

2. <https://www.aans.org/en/Patients/Neurosurgical-Conditions-and-Treatments/Shaken-Baby-Syndrome>

3. <https://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/childabuseandneglect/fastfact.html>

4. <https://www.acf.hhs.gov/cb/report/child-maltreatment-2021>

5. <https://aspe.hhs.gov/reports/children-living-parents-using-substances>

6. [https://americanspcc.org/child-maltreatment-statistics/#:~:text=37%2C361%20victims%20\(6.4%25\)%20are,every%20day%20from%20child%20abuse.](https://americanspcc.org/child-maltreatment-statistics/#:~:text=37%2C361%20victims%20(6.4%25)%20are,every%20day%20from%20child%20abuse.)