

CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT THE FACTS

OVER 396,000 REPORTS

In one year alone there were more than 396,000 reports made to child protection authorities in Australia.

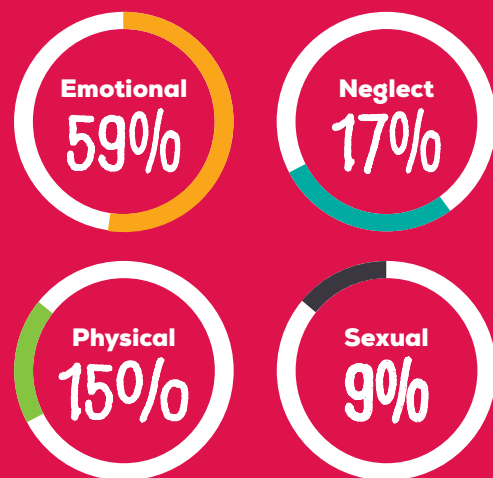
158,612 CHILDREN RECEIVING CHILD PROTECTION SERVICES




One in 35 children received child protection services, and nearly three quarters (72%) of these children were repeat clients.

EMOTIONAL ABUSE

was the most common primary type of abuse experienced by children.



MOST COMMON SOURCE OF CHILD PROTECTION NOTIFICATIONS

Police 23%	School 19%	Medical professional 13%	Family 9%
Non-Government Organisation 9%	Social worker 8%	Other 7%	

Nationally, only 0.2% of notifications came directly from the child involved.

CHILDREN UNDER 12 MONTHS were most likely to suffer abuse or neglect.

The number of children receiving child protection services in the last 5 years.

risen by 110%

ABUSED OR NEGLECTED breakdown by state

VIC	17,245	NT	1,744
QLD	5,884	TA	702
WA	4,530	ACT	277
SA	1,649		

*Excludes NSW, which provided limited data.

27% OF AUSTRALIANS are not confident they could spot the signs of abuse and neglect

1 IN 10 have admitted to ignoring a potential abuse situation and not doing anything

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children remain **8X MORE LIKELY** to have received child protection services.