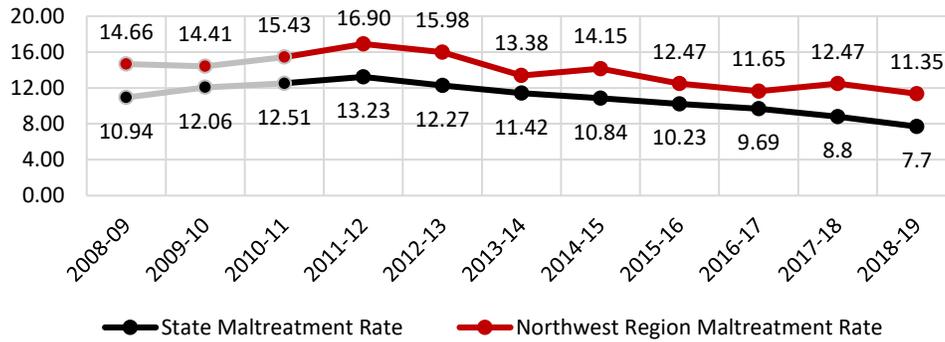


Infographic 1: Rate of Verified Maltreatment in Northwest Region and Circuits



Northwest Region Maltreatment Rate per 1,000 Children



Note: The Regional Rate was calculated by dividing the total number of verified cases in the region by the combine child populations within each circuit of the region.



Circuit 1
Maltreatment Rate

- 2008-09: 16.21
- 2009-10: 15.91
- 2010-11: 17.88
- 2011-12: 20.26
- 2012-13: 19.09
- 2013-14: 15.37
- 2014-15: 17.59
- 2015-16: 14.68
- 2016-17: 14.04
- 2017-18: 14.54
- 2018-19: 14.68**

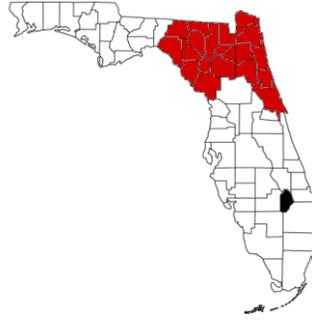
Circuit 14
Maltreatment Rate

- 2008-09: 14.56
- 2009-10: 14.79
- 2010-11: 11.81
- 2011-12: 13.75
- 2012-13: 15.26
- 2013-14: 12.57
- 2014-15: 11.06
- 2015-16: 13.39
- 2016-17: 10.57
- 2017-18: 12.1
- 2018-19: 7.65**

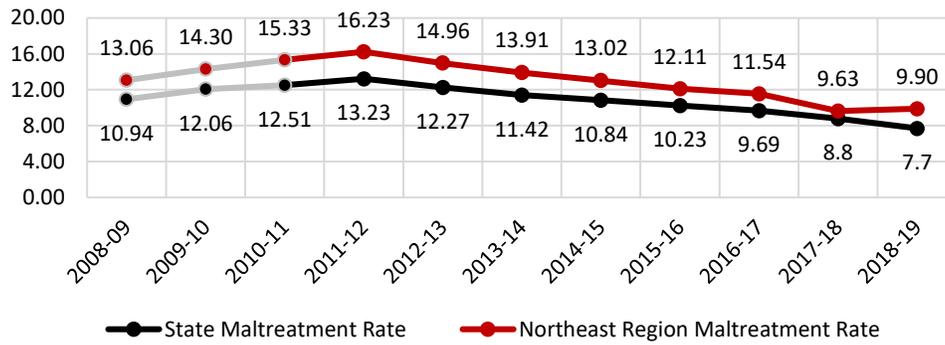
Circuit 2
Maltreatment Rate

- 2008-09: 11.61
- 2009-10: 11.11
- 2010-11: 13.33
- 2011-12: 12.81
- 2012-13: 10.45
- 2013-14: 10.02
- 2014-15: 9.73
- 2015-16: 7.35
- 2016-17: 7.72
- 2017-18: 8.36
- 2018-19: 7.41**

Infographic 2: Rate of Verified Maltreatment in Northeast Region and Circuits



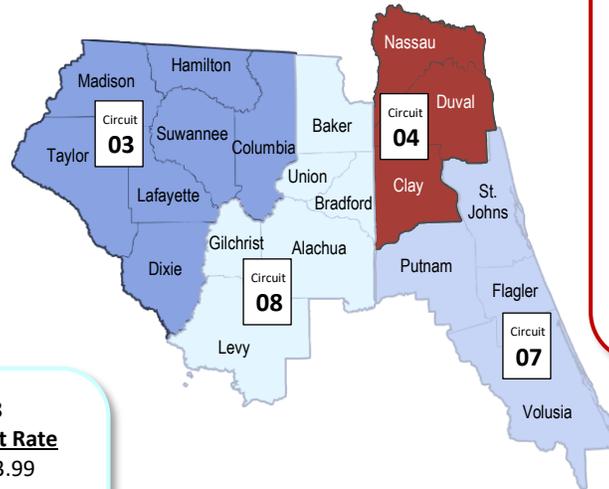
Northeast Region Maltreatment Rate per 1,000 Children



Note: The Regional Rate was calculated by dividing the total number of verified cases in the region by the combine child populations within each circuit of the region.

**Circuit 3
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 14.49
- 2009-10: 19.34
- 2010-11: 19.15
- 2011-12: 20.63
- 2012-13: 16.83
- 2013-14: 19.90
- 2014-15: 18.87
- 2015-16: 15.04
- 2016-17: 16.54
- 2017-18: 11.34
- 2018-19: 8.5**



**Circuit 4
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 11.52
- 2009-10: 12.63
- 2010-11: 13.35
- 2011-12: 14.09
- 2012-13: 13.83
- 2013-14: 13.84
- 2014-15: 12.06
- 2015-16: 10.99
- 2016-17: 11.11
- 2017-18: 10.46
- 2018-19: 9.86**

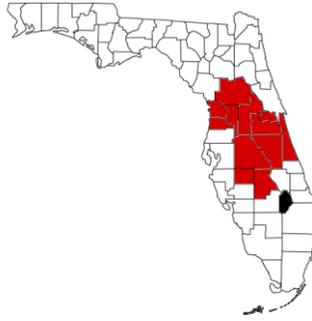
**Circuit 8
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 23.99
- 2009-10: 21.54
- 2010-11: 22.78
- 2011-12: 22.28
- 2012-13: 21.68
- 2013-14: 17.23
- 2014-15: 15.32
- 2015-16: 14.87
- 2016-17: 10.80
- 2017-18: 8.25
- 2018-19: 7.59**

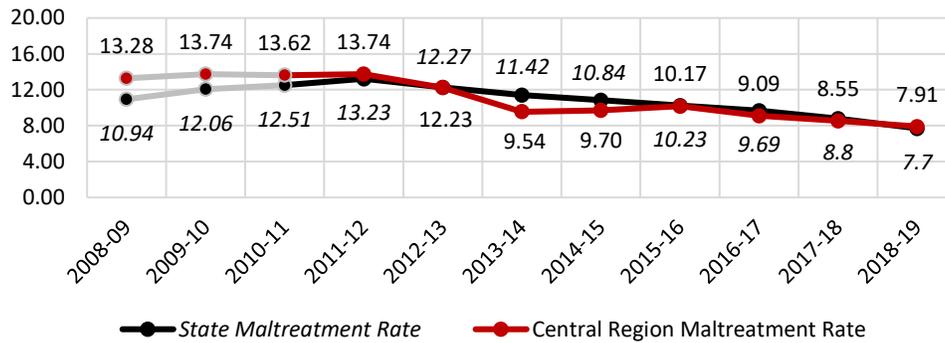
**Circuit 7
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 10.49
- 2009-10: 12.62
- 2010-11: 14.32
- 2011-12: 15.97
- 2012-13: 13.45
- 2013-14: 11.25
- 2014-15: 12.22
- 2015-16: 12.06
- 2016-17: 11.40
- 2017-18: 11.01
- 2018-19: 11.18**

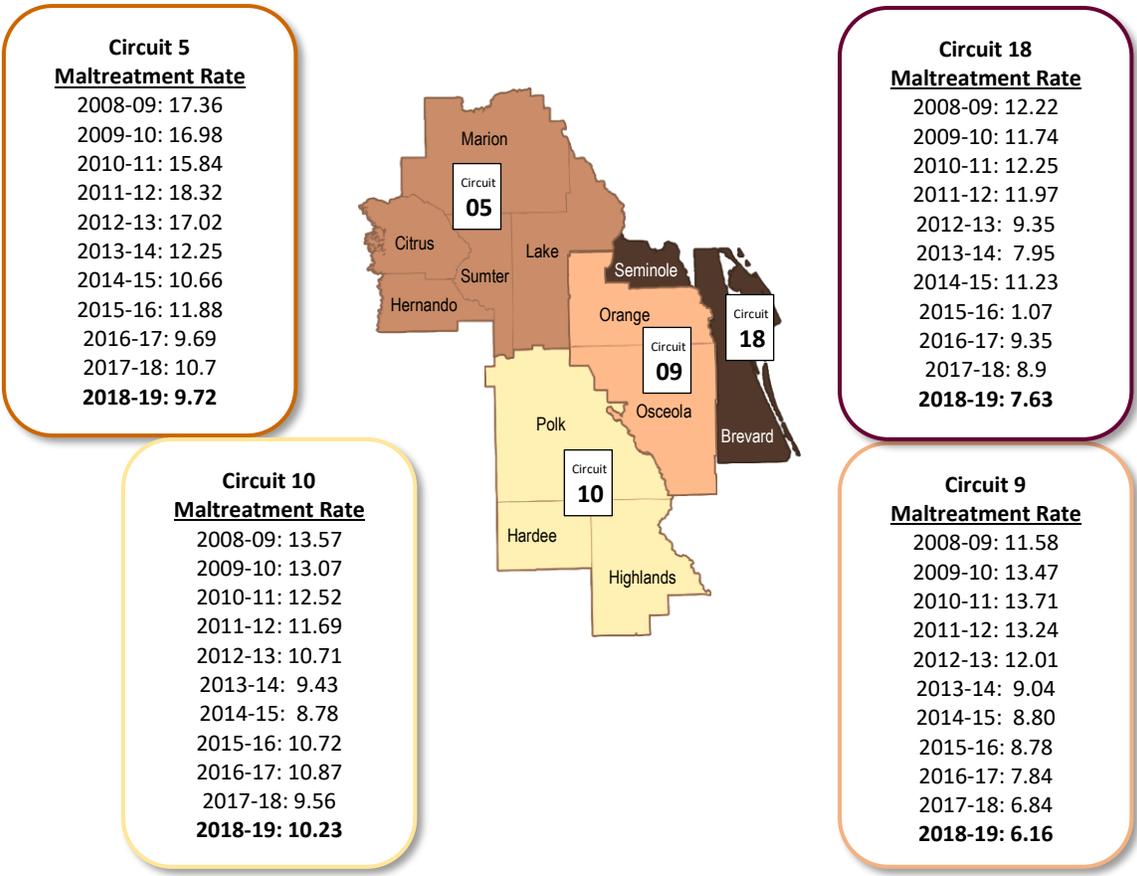
Infographic 3: Rate of Verified Maltreatment in Central Region and Circuits



Central Region Maltreatment Rate per 1,000 Children



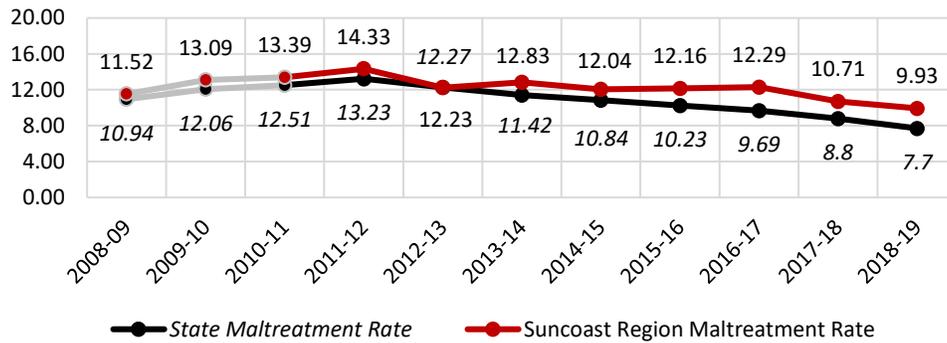
Note: The Regional Rate was calculated by dividing the total number of verified cases in the region by the combine child populations within each circuit of the region.



Infographic 4: Rate of Verified Maltreatment in Suncoast Region and Circuits



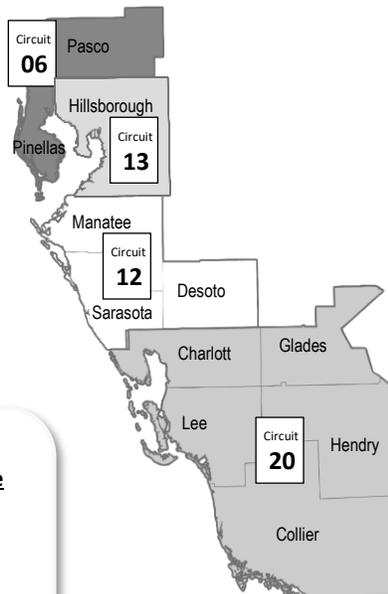
Suncoast Region Maltreatment Rate per 1,000 Children



Note: The Regional Rate was calculated by dividing the total number of verified cases in the region by the combine child populations within each circuit of the region.

**Circuit 6
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 15.25
- 2009-10: 18.64
- 2010-11: 19.29
- 2011-12: 20.31
- 2012-13: 18.77
- 2013-14: 17.92
- 2014-15: 16.02
- 2015-16: 14.66
- 2016-17: 15.63
- 2017-18: 14.26
- 2018-19: 12.94**



**Circuit 13
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 9.83
- 2009-10: 10.58
- 2010-11: 10.12
- 2011-12: 10.86
- 2012-13: 10.49
- 2013-14: 10.03
- 2014-15: 9.83
- 2015-16: 10.37
- 2016-17: 9.97
- 2017-18: 8.58
- 2018-19: 7.72**

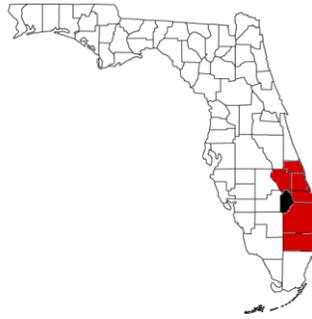
**Circuit 12
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 14.77
- 2009-10: 15.03
- 2010-11: 16.92
- 2011-12: 16.32
- 2012-13: 14.10
- 2013-14: 13.70
- 2014-15: 15.11
- 2015-16: 15.78
- 2016-17: 14.14
- 2017-18: 10.51
- 2018-19: 11.14**

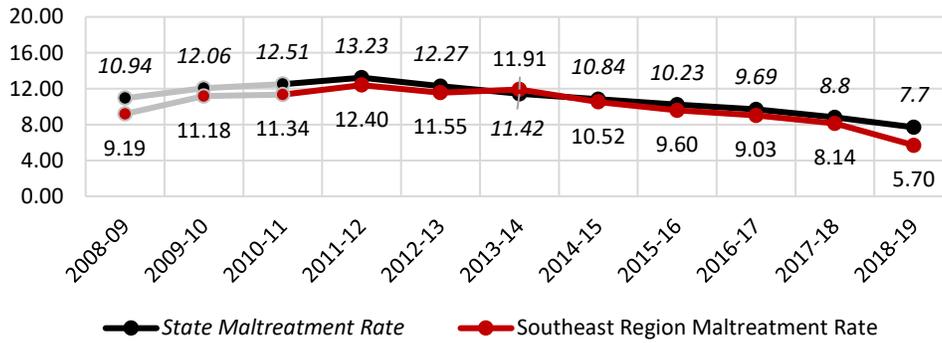
**Circuit 20
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 7.61
- 2009-10: 8.92
- 2010-11: 8.86
- 2011-12: 10.80
- 2012-13: 10.26
- 2013-14: 10.29
- 2014-15: 8.70
- 2015-16: 9.66
- 2016-17: 10.57
- 2017-18: 9.78
- 2018-19: 8.89**

Infographic 5: Rate of Verified Maltreatment in Southeast Region and Circuits



Southeast Region Maltreatment Rate per 1,000 Children



Note: The Regional Rate was calculated by dividing the total number of verified cases in the region by the combine child populations within each circuit of the region.

**Circuit 19
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 13.93
- 2009-10: 15.04
- 2010-11: 14.89
- 2011-12: 13.64
- 2012-13: 10.84
- 2013-14: 10.84
- 2014-15: 11.74
- 2015-16: 9.61
- 2016-17: 9.95
- 2017-18: 9.58
- 2018-19: 8.16**



**Circuit 15
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 9.13
- 2009-10: 10.71
- 2010-11: 10.02
- 2011-12: 10.31
- 2012-13: 9.84
- 2013-14: 11.50
- 2014-15: 7.07
- 2015-16: 5.37
- 2016-17: 5.11
- 2017-18: 5.12
- 2018-19: 4.30**

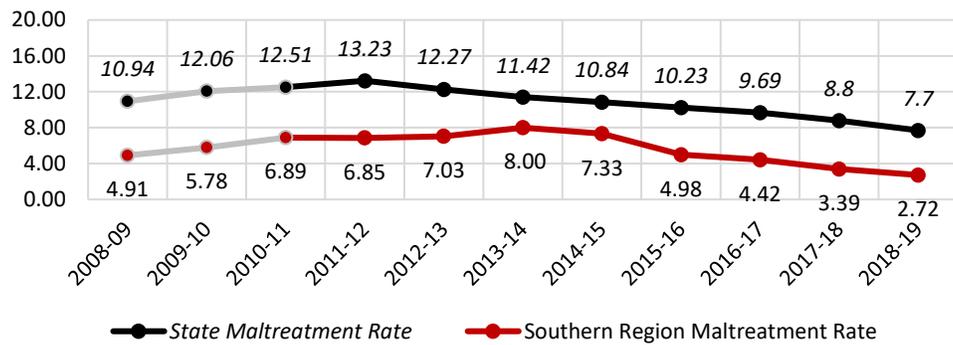
**Circuit 17
Maltreatment Rate**

- 2008-09: 7.83
- 2009-10: 10.36
- 2010-11: 11.18
- 2011-12: 13.45
- 2012-13: 12.97
- 2013-14: 12.53
- 2014-15: 12.54
- 2015-16: 12.52
- 2016-17: 11.47
- 2017-18: 9.77
- 2018-19: 5.90**

Infographic 6: Rate of Verified Maltreatment in Southern Region and Circuits



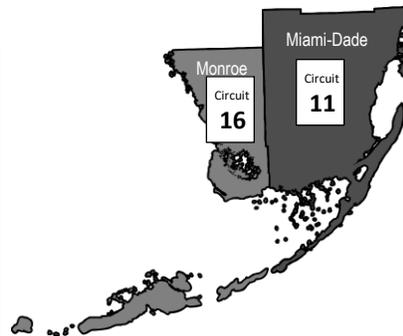
Southern Region Maltreatment Rate per 1,000 Children



Note: The Regional Rate was calculated by dividing the total number of verified cases in the region by the combine child populations within each circuit of the region.

Circuit 16
Maltreatment Rate

- 2008-09: 16.82
- 2009-10: 16.68
- 2010-11: 15.57
- 2011-12: 15.46
- 2012-13: 16.82
- 2013-14: 23.02
- 2014-15: 21.17
- 2015-16: 14.39
- 2016-17: 10.92
- 2017-18: 10.08
- 2018-19: 8.44**



Circuit 11
Maltreatment Rate

- 2008-09: 4.64
- 2009-10: 5.54
- 2010-11: 6.70
- 2011-12: 6.68
- 2012-13: 6.83
- 2013-14: 7.71
- 2014-15: 7.06
- 2015-16: 4.80
- 2016-17: 4.29
- 2017-18: 3.26
- 2018-19: 2.61**

Age Ranges with Verified Maltreatment

As shown in Chart 2 and Table 1 below, the younger the child, the more vulnerable the child is to be maltreated.

- The highest percentage of children with verified maltreatment was in the birth to four-year-old range.
- This was followed by elementary school aged children (5 – 10 years).
- **These two age groups make up 24,792 of 33,369 verifications, over 74.30% of total verifications.**
- It should be noted that there is a very small percentage difference between middle school children and high school children with verified maltreatment during SFY 2018 – 2019 (12.32% vs. 13.10%).

Chart 2: Unduplicated Counts of Children with Most Serious Finding of Verified Abuse by Age Range, SFY 2018-2019 Statewide

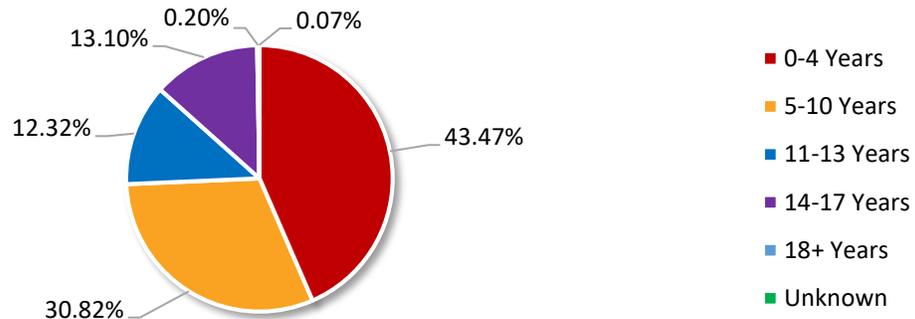


Table 1. Unduplicated Counts of Children with Most Serious Finding of Verified Abuse by Age Range

Circuit	Age of Child						Totals
	0-4 Years	5-10 Years	11-13 Years	14-17 Years	18+ Years	Unknown	
1	1005	784	330	315	2	5	2441
2	295	144	69	85	3	0	596
3	164	106	44	29	0	0	343
4	1428	852	288	320	2	2	2892
5	881	557	239	264	4	0	1945
6	1580	1130	411	365	4	2	3492
7	918	613	286	265	2	1	2085
8	260	169	61	71	2	0	563
9	1007	787	335	392	9	0	2530
10	754	562	241	279	6	0	1842
11	569	467	218	237	3	7	1501
12	686	489	209	228	2	0	1614
13	1140	830	209	301	5	0	2585
14	200	151	54	82	3	1	491
15	550	373	123	161	2	0	1209
16	34	31	18	10	0	1	94
17	1079	725	276	295	7	4	2386
18	669	485	204	238	2	0	1598
19	422	333	114	149	5	0	1023
20	867	696	283	288	3	2	2139
Statewide	14,508	10,284	4,112	4,374	66	25	33,369
Percentage	43.47%	30.82%	12.321%	13.10%	.19%	0.07%	100%

Table 4 shows the number of allegations and verifications, in duplicated counts. The three highest values in each category are highlighted in orange. A child might have been the alleged victim with more than a single allegation attributed to the same incident.

- For these children, there were 56,863 verified allegations of child maltreatment (duplicated child count).
- The highest numbers of allegations were for household violence threatens child, inadequate supervision, and physical injury.
- It should be noted that the top three most reported allegations (household violence, inadequate supervision, and physical injury) have fairly low verification rates (15.03%, 11.69%, and 5.31%, respectively).

Table 4: Allegations and Verifications of Abuse (Duplicated Child Counts), SFY 2018-2019, Statewide

Type of Abuse Allegation	Allegations	Verified	Percent of Allegations Verified
Abandonment	2,755	810	29.40%
Asphyxiation	1,993	83	4.16%
Bizarre Punishment	2,023	179	8.45%
Bone Fracture	827	180	21.77%
Burns	1,020	83	8.10%
Death	374	97	25.90%
Environmental Hazards	47,841	4201	8.79%
Failure to Protect	4,117	1928	46.83%
Failure to Thrive/Malnutrition/Dehydration	526	222	42.21%
Family Violence Threatens Child	7	N/A	0%
Household Violence Threatens Child	81,791	12,290	15.03%
Human Trafficking	1	0	0%
Human Trafficking CSEC	1,855	534	28.79%
Human Trafficking Labor	140	21	15.00%
Inadequate Supervision	73,819	8,630	11.69%
Internal Injuries	96	43	44.79%
Intimate Partner Violence Threatens	7,973	1,263	15.84%
Medical Neglect	6,608	1,359	20.57%
Mental Injury	11,679	303	2.59%
Physical Injury	54,768	2,907	5.31%
Sexual Abuse – Sexual Battery	4,103	1,092	26.61%
Sexual Abuse – Sexual Exploitation by Parent/Legal Guardian	1,098	209	19.03%
Sexual Abuse – Sexual Molestation	9,851	1,537	15.60%
Substance Exposed Newborn	5,952	1,638	27.52%
Substance Misuse	5,352	526	9.89%
Substance Misuse – Alcohol	27,743	3,842	13.78%
Substance Misuse – Illicit Drugs	50,170	8,342	16.62%
Substance Misuse – Prescription Drugs	9,132	1,538	16.84%
Threatened Harm	4,846	3,026	62.44%
Statewide	418,428	56,863	13.59%

Reasons for Removal

The Department of Children and Families' *Florida Safe Families Network* (FSFN) data system recorded the primary reasons for removal of the children entering into foster care. If a child was removed more than once during the year, all sets of reasons are included in this analysis. Of the children entering foster care in the twelve month span from July 2018 – June 2019, the reasons for removal were divided into twenty-two categories, shown in Table 5 below. A child may have more than one reason for removal noted, thus the counts in this chart will represent duplicated child counts.

- Highlighted in orange, the highest percentage of removals (26.93%) was due to Parental Drug Abuse.
- The second most cited service reason for a removal (13.39%) was due to Domestic Violence.
- The least cited reason for a child removal was Adoption Dissolution (0.01%), followed by Labor Trafficking (0.01%).

Table 5: Reasons for Removal Reported (Duplicated Child Counts), SFY 2018-2019, Statewide

Removal Reason	Number of Children	Percent
Parental Drug Abuse	8,174	26.93%
Domestic Violence	4,066	13.39%
Inadequate Supervision	3,588	11.82%
Caretaker's Inability to Cope	3,042	10.02%
Physical Abuse	2,144	7.06%
Inadequate Housing	2,115	6.96%
Incarceration of Parents	1,509	4.97%
Abandonment	1,428	4.71%
Parental Alcohol Abuse	1,173	3.89%
Medical Neglect	669	2.20%
Physical Neglect	622	2.05%
Sexual Abuse	591	1.94%
Child's Behavioral Problem	411	1.35%
Death of Parent(s)	281	0.92%
Child Drug Abuse	241	0.79%
Relinquishment	126	0.42%
Child's Disability	53	0.17%
Child Alcohol Abuse	42	0.14%
Sexual Abuse-Sexual Exploitation	34	0.11%
Comm. Sexual Exploitation of Child	13	0.01%
Labor Trafficking	3	0.01%
Adoption Dissolution	3	0.01%