

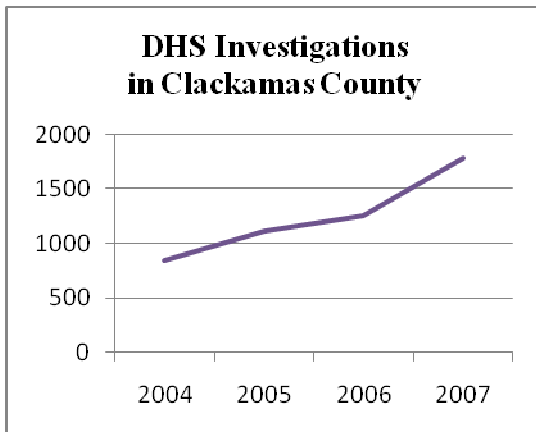
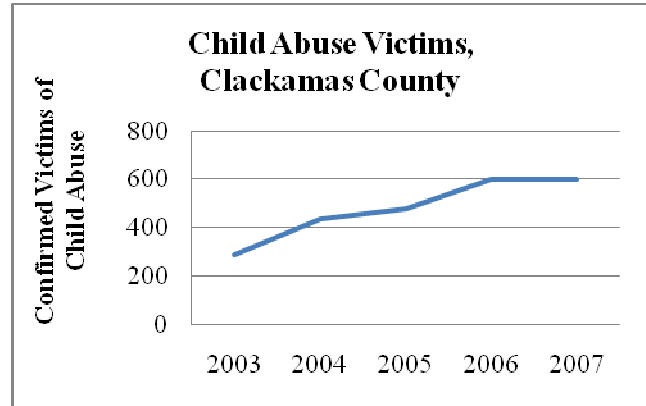
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Prevalence of Child Abuse and Neglect

Clackamas County data¹ -

- 601 children were confirmed victims of abuse in 2007. The number of confirmed child victims in Clackamas County has more than doubled since 2003.
- 42% of confirmed child abuse victims in 2007 in Clackamas County were under the age of six. 77% of victims were under the age of 13.
- Confirmed incidents of child sexual abuse in Clackamas County have increased by 400% since 2003. Confirmed incidents of neglect in Clackamas County have more than doubled in the same period.
- There were nearly 1,800 child abuse investigations by DHS child welfare workers in Clackamas County in 2007. This is more than double the number of investigations in 2004, just four years earlier.



- Suspected substance abuse was an identified family stressor in 32% of confirmed child abuse cases in Clackamas County in 2007. Domestic violence was an identified stressor in 22% of cases.

¹ Oregon Department of Human Services. *Key Status Data by County – Public, 2003 – 2007.*

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National data –

- According to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System, there were approximately 905,000 confirmed victims of child abuse and/or neglect identified in the United States in 2006.
- During Federal fiscal year 2006, an estimated 3.3 million referrals, involving the alleged maltreatment of approximately 6.0 million children, were made to CPS agencies. An estimated 3.6 million children received an investigation or assessment.²
- An estimated one out of four girls and one out of six boys will be sexually abused by their 18th birthday.³
- More than 20% of children are sexually abused before the age of 8.⁴
- An estimated 39 million survivors of childhood sexual abuse exist in America today.⁵

² *Child Maltreatment 2006: Summary of Key Findings*, Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2008.
<http://www.childwelfare.gov/pubs/factsheets/canstats.cfm>

³ <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/ace/prevalence.htm> . *ACE Study - Prevalence - Adverse Childhood Experiences*

⁴ Snyder, H N. (2000). *Sexual assault of young children as reported to law enforcement: Victim, incident, and offender characteristics*. National Center for Juvenile Justice, U.S. Department of Justice.

⁵ Abel, G., Becker, J., Mittelman, M., Cunningham-Rathner, J., Rouleau, J., & Murphy, W. (1987). Self reported sex crimes on non-incarcerated paraphiliacs. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 2(1), 3-25.