Percent of Child Abuse/Neglect Reports that are Indicated (IL, 5B)

Comparative Norm:
U.S.: 25.2%

A report of child abuse or neglect is "indicated" when sufficient evidence of abuse or neglect is found by investigators. Abuse includes physical and sexual abuse and other forms of maltreatment including emotional abuse and neglect. According to the Children’s Bureau of the Administration for Children and Families, 3.2 million referrals were made to Child Protective Agencies in 2007, down from 3.3 million in 2005. Of the 2007 reports, about 62 percent were investigated and of these, 25.2 percent were indicated, a rate identical to the 2005 data.