

Children subject to child protection plans - England 2007 – 2011

Children and young people who were the subject of a Child Protection Plan (CPP) by category of abuse, years ending 31 March.

A new method of calculating these statistics was introduced in 2010. The figures are now taken from the Children in Need census.

Category of abuse	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011
Neglect	12,500	13,400	15,800	17,200	18,700
Physical abuse	3,500	3,400	4,400	4,700	4,500
Sexual abuse	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,200	2,300
Emotional abuse	7,100	7,900	9,100	11,400	12,100
Multiple	2,700	2,500	2,900	3,400	5,000
Total	27,900	29,200	34,100	39,100	42,700

- The figures for 2010 and 2011 relate to the most **recent** category of abuse assigned to the child protection plan, rather than the category of abuse as assessed when the child protection commenced.
- Figures may not add due to rounding.
- These figures include unborn children.

Children and young people who were the subject of a Child Protection Plan (CPP) by age and gender at 31 March 2011.

	Boys	Girls	All children
Unborn			738
Under 1	2,360	2,190	4,630
1 - 4	6,980	6,430	13,420
5 - 9	6,110	5,840	11,970
10 - 15	5,520	5,360	10,890
16 and over	430	580	1,010
Unknown age	10	10	30
Total	21,420	20,420	42,690

- Figures broken down by age, gender and category of abuse are based on the category of abuse as assessed when the child protection plan **commenced** (as opposed to the most recent category of abuse).

Source:

Department for Education (2011) **Characteristics of children in need in England, 2010-11, final**. DfE. Table 20 and Table 5.

Available online at <http://www.education.gov.uk/rsgateway/DB/STR/d001041/index.shtml>

Regional data (at a local authority level) is available in the Excel tables.

The Statistical Release (PDF) contains advice on how to interpret the statistics. Both are available at the above URL.

Please note:

- The compilation methods of the statistics can change from year-to-year and from region-to-region, so the figures are not always comparable.