

Child protection register statistics: England 2012 – 2016

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**Children and young people who were the subject of a Child Protection Plan (CPP)
by category of abuse at 31 March**

Category of abuse	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Neglect	18,220	17,930	20,970	22,230	23,150
Physical abuse	4,690	4,670	4,760	4,350	4,200
Sexual abuse	2,220	2,030	2,210	2,340	2,370
Emotional abuse	12,330	13,640	15,860	16,660	17,770
Multiple	5,390	4,870	4,500	4,110	2,810
Total	42,850	43,140	48,300	49,690	50,310

Source:

Department for Education (2016) Characteristics of children in need in England, 2015-16. London: Department for Education (DfE). Table D4.

Available online at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/characteristics-of-children-in-need-2015-to-2016>

Please note:

- the figures relate to the initial category of abuse assigned to the child protection plan rather than the most recent category of abuse
- figures may not add due to rounding
- these figures include unborn children
- the compilation methods of the statistics can change from year-to-year and from region-to-region, so the figures are not always comparable.

Further information:

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.

Children and young people who were the subject of a Child Protection Plan (CPP) by age and gender at 31 March 2016.

Age (years)	Boys	Girls	All children
Unborn	-	-	1,080
Under 1	2,620	2,420	5,040
1 - 4	7,170	6,530	13,700
5 - 9	7,820	6,980	14,800
10 - 15	6,780	7,030	13,810
16 and over	780	1,090	1,870
Total	25,170	24,050	50,310

Sources:

Department for Education (2016) Characteristics of children in need in England, 2015-16. London: Department for Education (DfE).

Available online at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/564620/SFR52-2016_Main_Text.pdf

Figures broken down by age and gender provided to the NSPCC by the Department for Education.

Please note:

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