



Child Physical Abuse

Approximately 171,000 cases of child physical abuse were substantiated in 2003.

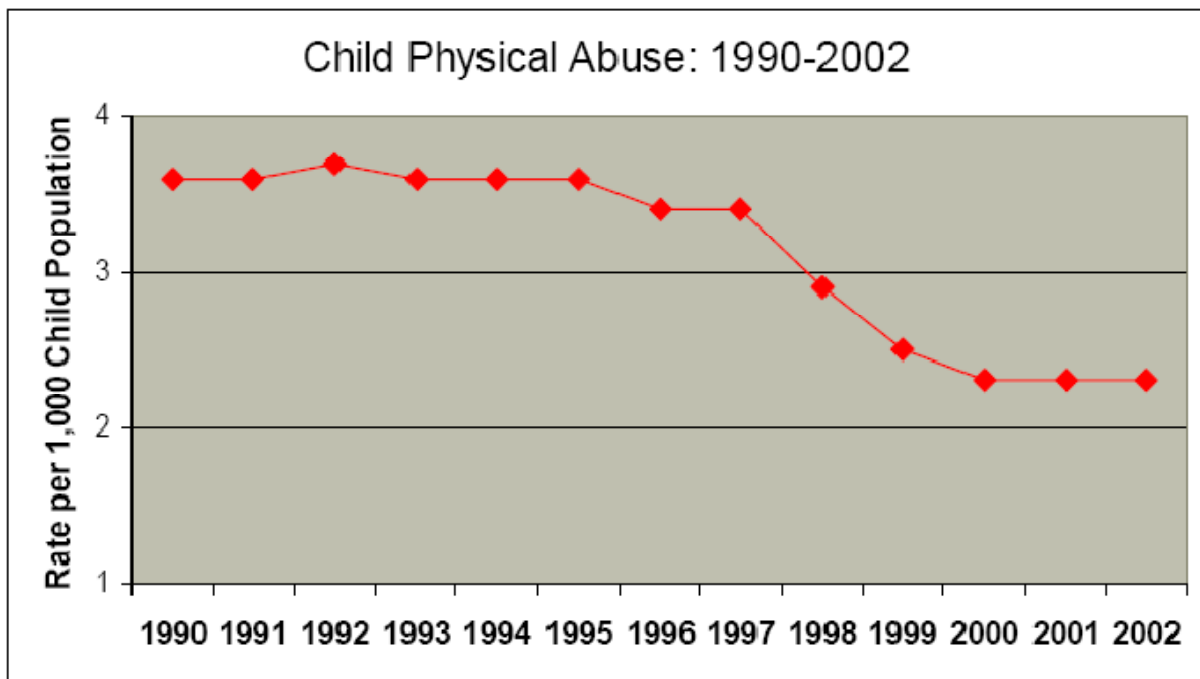
- Physical abuse constituted 19% of all child maltreatment substantiations for 2003.

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<http://www.childabuse.org/50data97.html>

- Child physical abuse substantiations have declined noticeably since the mid 1990's.
- There has been a 36% decline in the rate per 1,000 of substantiated cases of child physical abuse since 1992.
- There has been a 29% decline in the estimated number of child physical abuse substantiations since 1992.

Graph of Child Physical Abuse in the United States: 1990-2003





Year	Estimated Number of Children	Rate per 1,000 children
1990	228,000	3.6
1991	235,000	3.6
1992	241,000	3.7
1993	241,000	3.6
1994	242,000	3.6
1995	244,000	3.6
1996	238,000	3.4
1997	235,000	3.4
1998	204,000	2.9
1999	173,000	2.5
2000	170,000	2.3
2001	168,000	2.3
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2002	167,000	2.3
2003	171,000	2.3

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