



Child Sexual Abuse

An estimated 90,000 cases of child sexual abuse were substantiated in 2003.*

- Child sexual abuse constituted about 9.9% of all child maltreatment cases substantiated.

Child sexual abuse substantiations have declined markedly in recent years.

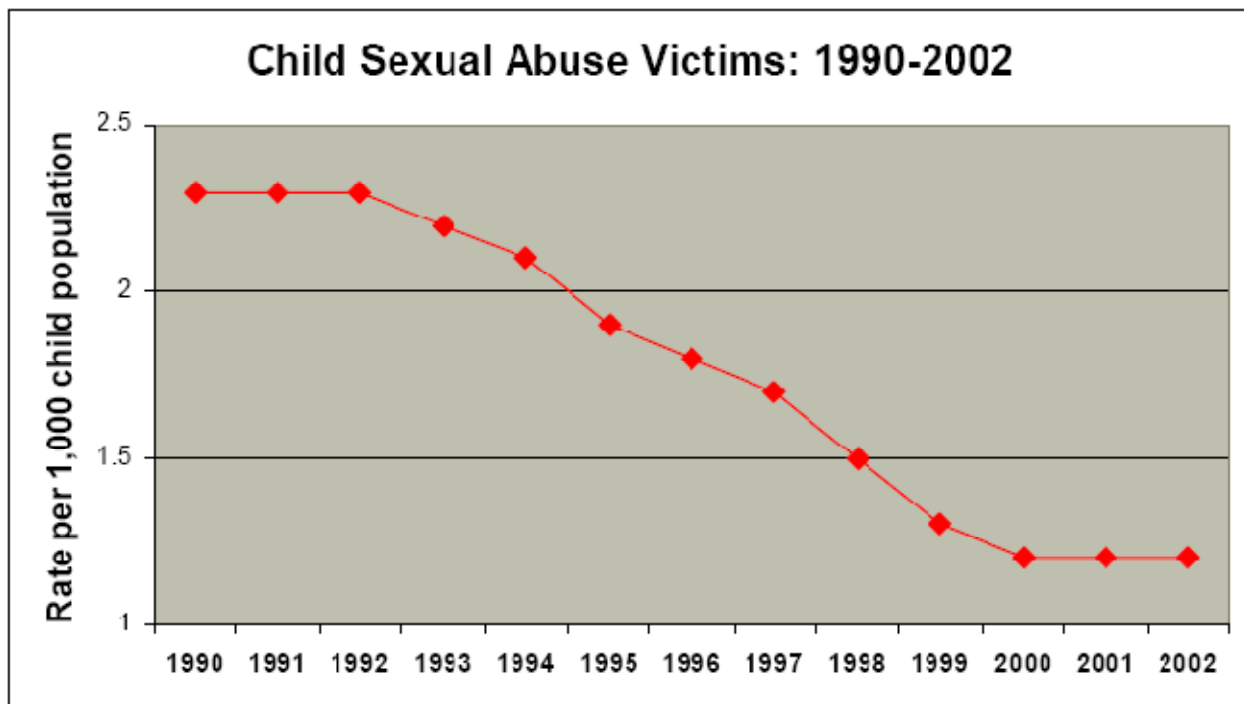
- In 1991, child sexual abuse cases were 15% of all reported cases. In 2003, child sexual abuse cases were 10% of all reported cases.
- There has been a 40% decline in the estimated number of child sexual abuse substantiations since 1992.
- There has been a 46% decline in the rate per 1,000 of substantiated cases of child sexual abuse since 1992.

Year	Estimated Number of Children	Rate per 1,000 children
1990	146,000	2.3
1991	149,000	2.3
1992	150,000	2.3
1993	147,000	2.2
1994	140,000	2.1
1995	128,000	1.9
1996	124,000	1.8
1997	117,000	1.7
1998	104,000	1.5
1999	92,000	1.3



2000	89,000	1.2
2001	87,000	1.2
2002	89,000	1.2
2003	90,000	1.2

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



*CCRC projections based on estimates from, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Children's Bureau. 1992 through 2002. *Child Maltreatment (1990 - 2000): Reports from the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System*. Washington, DC: Government Printing Office.

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