

WESTERN AUSTRALIA CHILD PROTECTION STATISTICS



Department for Child Protection
Government of Western Australia

Response to Data Request

Date: 17 December 2007
For: John Smith, FOI Coordinator
Request:

'Statistics by the relationship of perpetrators to the child victim in each category of substantiated child abuse investigated by the Department for Community Development for the financial year 2005-2006 (i.e. biological mother, biological father, step mother, step father, male stranger, female stranger and the like)'

Response:

Relationship to Child of Persons Believed Responsible for Substantiated Maltreatment 2005-06						
Relationship of Person Believed Responsible	Nature of Maltreatment					Total
	Neglect	Emotional/ Psychological	Physical	Sexual	No Suitable Caregiver	
Aboriginal kinship-male	1	0	0	1	0	2
Aboriginal kinship-female	0	0	0	0	0	0
Defacto of parent-male	7	9	25	16	0	57
Defacto of parent-female	0	0	1	0	0	1
Foster carer-female	3	4	1	1	0	9
Friend/neighbour-male	0	0	0	24	0	24
Friend/neighbour-female	0	0	1	0	0	1
Guardian-male	0	1	1	0	0	2
Guardian-female	5	5	0	0	0	10
Loco parentis-male	0	0	0	1	0	1
Other-male	0	1	3	9	0	13
Other-female	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other relative-male	3	1	2	36	0	42
Other relative-female	4	0	6	0	0	10
Parent-male	37	41	65	22	0	165
Parent-female	161	72	76	3	0	312
Sibling-male	0	0	1	10	0	11
Sibling-female	0	1	1	0	0	2
Step parent-male	0	4	19	11	0	34
Not recorded	96	32	66	63	6	263
Total	318	171	268	197	6	960

Note: The department's client database has the capacity to record multiple persons believed responsible for each child. This table shows the first recorded person believed responsible only. The person believed responsible is sometimes unknown or does not meet the criteria for recording.

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Source: CCSS snapshot nat2006 dated 4 September 2006

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Relationship to Child of Persons Believed Responsible for Substantiated Maltreatment 2007-08						
Relationship of Person Believed Responsible	Nature of Substantiated Maltreatment					Total
	Neglect	Emotional/ Psychological	Physical	Sexual	No Suitable Caregiver	
Aboriginal kinship-male	0	0	0	1	0	1
Aboriginal kinship-female	1	1	1	0	0	3
Defacto of parent-male	8	10	11	11	0	40
Defacto of parent-female	0	2	1	0	0	3
Foster carer-female	0	3	0	0	0	3
Foster carer-male	0	1	2	0	0	3
Friend/neighbour-male	0	0	1	26	0	27
Friend/neighbour-female	0	0	0	1	0	1
Guardian-male	1	5	6	0	0	12
Guardian-female	9	0	2	0	0	11
Loco parentis-male	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loco parentis-female	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other-male	0	0	2	29	0	31
Other-female	0	1	1	0	0	2
Other relative-male	2	2	1	28	0	33
Other relative-female	8	0	1	0	0	9
Parent-male	15	43	63	34	0	155
Parent-female	261	91	70	5	0	427
Sibling-male	0	0	0	8	0	8
Sibling-female	0	0	1	0	0	1
Step parent-male	0	8	18	14	0	40
Step parent-female	0	1	1	0	0	2
Unknown-male	0	0	0	3	0	3
Not recorded	316	138	99	101	35	689
Total	622	306	281	261	35	1505

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The person believed responsible is sometimes unknown or does not meet the criteria for recording
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