



INDICATORS UPDATE

Child abuse: A troubling trend

The chart below shows child abuse data from the past five years, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare’s annual reports.* The number of substantiated cases remains distressingly high – the third highest in the state – while the state numbers in the same period have trended down.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
YC substantiated cases	126	145	156	148	147
PA substantiated cases	4390	4152	4162	4201	3943
YC rate per 100,000	31.0	35.0	37.1	35.1	34.6
PA rate per 100,000	35.5	33.5	33.5	34.9	31.7

* Most recent DPW report published April 2010