



Children's Safety Network

National Injury and Violence Prevention Resource Center

Cost of Child Abuse and Neglect in the United States (Year 2006 Incidence, Year 2007 Costs)							
Abuse Type	Future Earnings	Medical Care	Mental Health	Property Damage	Public Programs	Quality of Life	Total
<i>Sexual Abuse</i>	\$485,312,100	\$148,635,800	\$1,731,994,600	\$0	\$249,878,800	\$21,331,997,000	\$23,947,818,300
<i>Physical Abuse</i>	\$1,378,911,000	\$407,674,700	\$1,392,055,000	\$9,518,900	\$763,706,400	\$23,491,251,100	\$27,443,117,100
<i>Mental Abuse</i>	\$311,421,700	\$0	\$1,171,959,400	\$0	\$641,725,100	\$7,263,304,600	\$9,388,410,800
<i>Serious Neglect</i>	\$58,577,700	\$9,264,400	\$2,804,020,200	\$0	\$1,830,681,700	\$19,306,234,800	\$24,008,778,800
<i>Fatal</i>	\$3,112,828,700	\$62,642,700	\$18,003,700	\$2,926,200	\$3,570,600	\$7,885,620,900	\$11,085,592,800
Total	\$5,347,051,200	\$628,217,600	\$7,118,032,900	\$12,445,100	\$3,489,562,600	\$79,278,408,400	\$95,873,717,800

Definitions:

Medical Care includes payments for hospital and physician care, as well as emergency medical transport, rehabilitation, prescriptions, allied health services, medical devices, and insurance

Mental Health Care includes payments for services by psychiatrists, psychologists, social workers, and pastoral counselors. Also includes insurance claims processing.

Future Earnings includes wages, fringe benefits, schoolwork, and housework lost by the injured. This estimate excludes earnings lost by family and friends caring for the injured.

Public Programs include police, fire, paramedic, ambulance, and helicopter transport costs. Social services and victim assistance costs are also included in this category. It excludes mental

Property Damage and Loss is the value of property damage and of property taken and not recovered.

Quality of Life places a dollar value on pain, suffering and lost quality of life to the victim and their family. The value is computed from jury awards for pain, suffering, and lost quality of life

Source:

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