

## FAST FACTS ON HOMESCHOOLING AND ABUSE

### **1. Homeschoolers are not abused at a higher rate than public school students.**

**“There are no studies existing that offer credible evidence homeschoolers have a higher than average child abuse rate.”**

“Research Evidence Indicates Homeschoolers Have a Lower Child Abuse Rate Than Average”

<https://homeschoolingbackgrounder.com/research-indicates-homeschoolers-lower-child-abuse-rate-than-average/>

**“[S]chool sector is a non-issue after considering the role played by demographics...in the maltreatment of children.”**

Ray, Brian D. and Shakeel, M. Danish. (2022). Journal of School Choice. Demographics are Predictive of of Child Abuse and Neglect but Homeschool Versus Conventional School is a Non-issue: Evidence from a Nationally Representative Survey.

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/15582159.2022.2108879#d1e413>

**The OCA report is meaningless in determining numbers of abused and neglected homeschoolers.**

“[T]here is too little information presented in the report for any inference to be made.”

<https://nheld.us/uconn-statistics-experts-trash-the-document-that-started-it-all-the-child-advocates-report-urging-homeschool-regulation-in-connecticut>

**2. Seventeen percent of public school students will be sexually maltreated at some point between Kindergarten and Grade 12.** This is not a “what aboutism” claim. It is significant because the abuse is being perpetrated by the mandated reporters that regulation proponents claim will make homeschool children safe.

<https://www.gse.harvard.edu/ideas/edcast/24/10/problem-schools-are-ignoring>

**3. Higher regulation of homeschoolers has no impact on abuse rates, although it creates expensive bureaucratic paperwork for the state.**

“Regression analysis of 18 years of data from all the U.S. states found **no relationship between the degree of state control or regulation of homeschooling and the frequency of homeschool abuse.**”

Ray, Brian D. (2018) The Relationship Between the Degree of State Regulation of Homeschooling and the Abuse of Homeschool Children (Students). <https://nheri.org/degree-of-homeschool-regulation-no-relationship-to-homeschool-child-abuse/>

**4. Contact with DCF – even when no abuse is found -creates lasting trauma for children and their families.**

“Courts and legal scholarship have consistently found that CPS investigations often have significant, harmful effects on families—especially in situations where the parents or guardians have done nothing wrong.”...

“Further study has confirmed that “initial visits by CPS workers, regardless of the outcome of the case, can create lasting fear and trauma within the family.”

Kamakawiwoole, Peter (2024) 2024 HSLDA Magazine, Issue 2. “Why We Stand Firm: The Harmful Effects of CPS Investigations”

**5. In Connecticut in 2024, “[o]f the reports that were investigated, 28% had at least one substantiated allegation of abuse and/or neglect.” This means that 72% of cases investigated did not result in a finding of abuse or neglect. Seventy two per cent of the families investigated are still traumatized.**

Connecticut DCF at a Glance 2024 p4. <https://portal.ct.gov/das/-/media/das/communications/communications-list-docs/digest/digest-2023-2024/children-and-families-department-of.pdf?rev=0881f259619f496eb1dbb1001337b8ae>

**6. DCF is unable to prevent future abuse. Only 11% of the most effective services are helpful in preventing future abuse. Only 39% of CT Cases are referred to these evidence based services.**

Williams, Rodger (2026) “Why Connecticut Mandatory Reporters Do So Little To Stop Child Abuse” <https://homeschoolingbackgrounder.com/connecticut-mandatory-reporters/>