

**ARKANSAS STATE POLICE
CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN DIVISION**



**ANNUAL REPORT
2014**

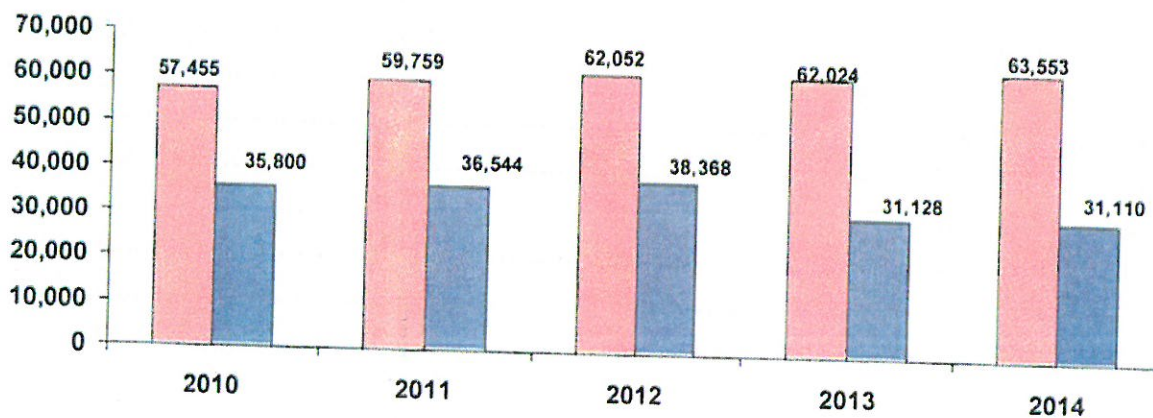
The Crimes Against Children Division of the Arkansas State Police administers the Child Abuse Hotline and the CACD Investigations Unit in accordance with Arkansas Code Annotated §12-8-501.

Child Abuse Hotline

The Hot Line Unit, which operates 24-hours a day, 7-days a week, is authorized one (1) Division Commander, one (1) Administrator four (4) Supervisors and twenty seven (27) Hotline Operators. This unit operated with an average of 24 operators during the year.

Child Abuse Hot Line operators in the Crimes Against Children Division (CACD) of the Arkansas State Police received 63,553 reports in the year 2014. Of these reports, 31,110 were accepted as legally valid allegations of abuse or neglect. They were assigned for investigation to CACD investigators or to the Arkansas Department of Human Services' (DHS) Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

The chart below reflects the total number of calls received and the total number of calls legally accepted for investigation within the last 5 years.



The following chart represents the breakdown of calls received by the Hot Line in 2014.

2014 CHILD ABUSE HOTLINE ANNUAL STATISTICS

	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APRIL</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>JUNE</u>	<u>JULY</u>	<u>AUG</u>	<u>SEPT</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
TOTAL 1-800 CALLS	4638	4191	4434	4794	4899	4362	4577	4550	5047	4852	4013	3949	54,306
TOTAL FAX OR EMAIL	874	837	785	912	903	574	553	602	869	969	658	711	9,247
<u>TOTAL CONTACTS</u>	<u>5512</u>	<u>5028</u>	<u>5219</u>	<u>5706</u>	<u>5802</u>	<u>4936</u>	<u>5130</u>	<u>5152</u>	<u>5916</u>	<u>5821</u>	<u>4671</u>	<u>4660</u>	<u>63,553</u>
ACCEPTED	2591	2404	2540	2952	2900	2340	2455	2486	2805	2922	2333	2382	31,110
DOCUMENTED OR SCREENED-OUT	1507	1370	1377	1564	1534	1171	1113	1236	1541	1590	1198	1110	16,311
REFERRAL FOR ASSESSMENT	109	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	109
DIFFERENTIAL RESPONSE	459	440	370	439	491	355	321	357	464	472	372	390	4,930
MISCELLANEOUS OR OTHER	846	814	932	751	877	1070	1241	1073	1106	837	768	778	11,093
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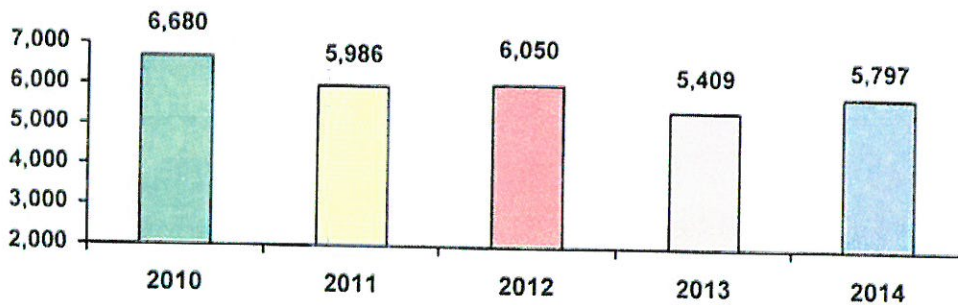
The reports accepted by the Hot Line are divided into Priority One and Priority Two categories for investigation. Priority One reports are sent to the CACD Investigations Unit for investigation. CACD adds Priority Two allegations to their investigations if warranted. There can be multiple allegations investigated during the course of one investigation.

CACD Investigation Unit

The Investigations Unit is authorized one (1) Division Commander, one (1) Investigations Administrator, ten (10) Area Supervisors and sixty-three (63) Investigators. This section operated with an average of sixty-three (63) investigators during the year.

CACD Investigations Unit received 5,797 severe abuse cases for investigation in 2014. These reports include for example: child deaths, allegations of sexual abuse, physical abuse, head trauma, burns and abandonment.

Number of Investigations Assigned



The Investigations Unit investigated 17,480 total allegations as a result of the 5,797 investigations. Seventy-two percent of the Priority One allegations involved sexually related offenses.

CACD investigators closed 5,496 cases in 2014. Of the closed cases, 2,241 (41%) were found to be 'true'. This is well above the national average of 28%.

The investigative determination of 'true' means there was a preponderance of evidence that indicated the allegation(s) was true. An 'unsubstantiated' finding means the evidence was insufficient to support the allegation(s). Investigations closed with a determination of 'true' were reported to the appropriate prosecuting attorney.

The CACD Investigations Unit is evaluated on six performance indicators of compliance with Angela R. requirements, which were spelled out in a consent decree in the 1990s during federal court proceedings. They also are a part of an agreement between CACD and DHS.

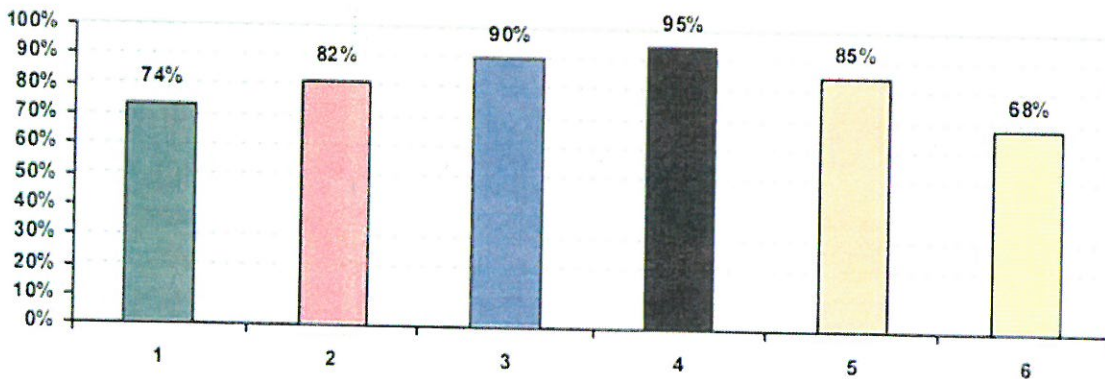
The indicators are:

1. The alleged victim(s) in Priority I reports is seen by the investigator within 24 hours.
2. The alleged victim(s) in Priority II reports is seen by the investigator within 72 hours.
3. All children in the home are seen during the investigation.
4. The alleged victim(s) is interviewed (or observed) outside the presence of the alleged offender.
5. Parents/caretakers are interviewed in all investigations.
6. Investigations are concluded within 30 days of receipt of the allegation.

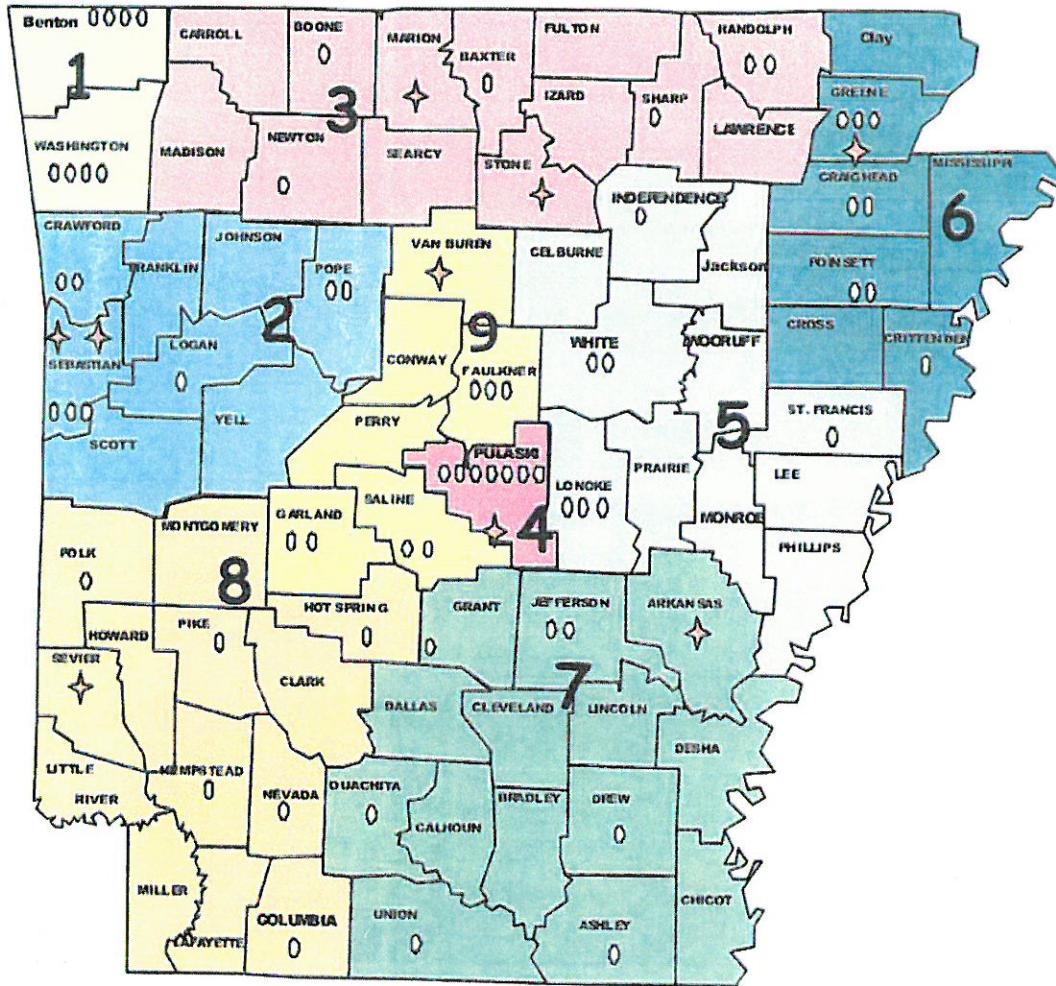
Effective August 16, 2013, Act 426 of 2013 extended the time for which investigations are to be concluded to 45 days.

By agreement with DHS, CACD is required to meet a minimum of 85% compliance in each performance indicator. The following chart shows the average compliance for the year 2014. The line numbers above are used as identifiers.

INDICATORS



Crimes Against Children Division 2014



**ANNUAL COUNTY TOTALS
2014**

AREA 1

Benton	417
<u>Washington</u>	<u>451</u>
TOTAL	868

AREA 2

Crawford	112
Franklin	32
Johnson	83
Logan	41
Pope	114
Sebastian	282
<u>Yell</u>	<u>46</u>
TOTAL	710

AREA 3

Baxter	47
Boone	103
Carroll	54
Fulton	22
Izard	21
Lawrence	51
Madison	29
Marion	23
Searcy	12
Sharp	34
Stone	19
Randolph	36
<u>Newton</u>	<u>11</u>
TOTAL	462

AREA 4

<u>Pulaski</u>	<u>668</u>
TOTAL	668

AREA 5

Cleburne	40
Lee	13
Jackson	49
Woodruff	17
Independence	77
Monroe	11
Phillips	62
Prairie	12
St. Francis	64
White	167
<u>Lonoke</u>	<u>157</u>
TOTAL	669

AREA 6

Clay	37
Craighead	227
Crittenden	112
Greene	167
Mississippi	145
Poinsett	73
<u>Cross</u>	<u>33</u>
TOTAL	794

AREA 7

Arkansas	28
Ashley	49
Bradley	21
Calhoun	7
Chicot	5
Cleveland	17
Dallas	22
Desha	15
Drew	42
Lincoln	19
Ouachita	46
Union	77
Grant	26
<u>Jefferson</u>	<u>115</u>
TOTAL	489

AREA 8

Clark	28
Columbia	41
Hempstead	41
Howard	28
Hot Spring	70
Lafayette	16
Little River	26
Miller	75
Pike	25
Polk	45
Scott	28
Sevier	21
Montgomery	20
<u>Nevada</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	489

AREA 9

Conway	38
Garland	213
Faulkner	159
Perry	23
Saline	184
<u>Van Buren</u>	<u>31</u>
TOTAL	648

TOTAL 5,797