

The following table ranks each county from the highest to lowest percent of children (age birth to 17) referred to Child Protective Services as victims of maltreatment and judged to merit an investigation. All counties are included in the ranking.

Percent of Child Population (0-17) Referred to Child Protection Services, 1998-2002

Rank	County	Number of Accepted Referrals (1998-2002)	Percent
1	Asotin	429	8.2%
2	Cowlitz	2,004	8.0%
3	Walla Walla	1,091	8.0%
4	Pacific	345	7.7%
5	Grays Harbor	1,270	7.4%
6	Pend Oreille	222	7.2%
7	Columbia	70	7.2%
8	Mason	714	6.1%
9	Lewis	1,063	5.8%
10	Kittitas	396	5.8%
11	Yakima	3,749	5.3%
12	Jefferson	270	5.2%
13	Klickitat	265	5.1%
14	Wahkiakum	42	4.7%
15	Kitsap	2,915	4.7%
16	Skamania	121	4.6%
17	Whitman	331	4.5%
18	Benton	1,901	4.5%
19	Ferry	86	4.4%
20	Stevens	492	4.3%
21	Skagit	1,147	4.2%
22	Lincoln	105	4.1%
23	Okanogan	446	4.1%
24	Franklin	694	4.1%
25	Whatcom	1,636	4.1%
26	Clallam	552	3.9%
27	Island	697	3.8%
28	Snohomish	6,255	3.8%
29	Spokane	3,898	3.6%
30	Pierce	6,371	3.3%
31	Clark	3,263	3.3%
32	Chelan	587	3.1%
33	Garfield	19	3.0%
34	King	11,430	2.9%
35	San Juan	75	2.8%
36	Grant	620	2.6%
37	Thurston	1,166	2.2%
38	Douglas	210	2.2%
39	Adams	83	1.5%
Washington		57,027	3.8%

Source: Department of Health and Social Services, Risk and Protection Profile for Substance Abuse Prevention