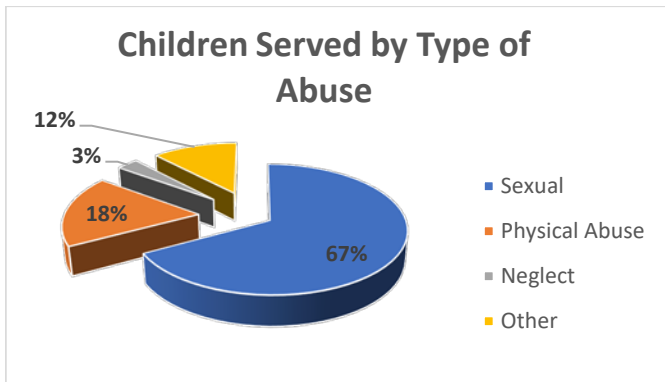
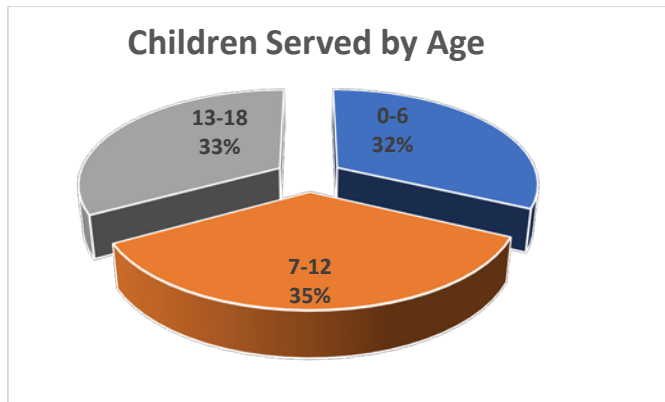




In Washington, from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, nearly **7,000** children were served through local Children's Advocacy Centers.



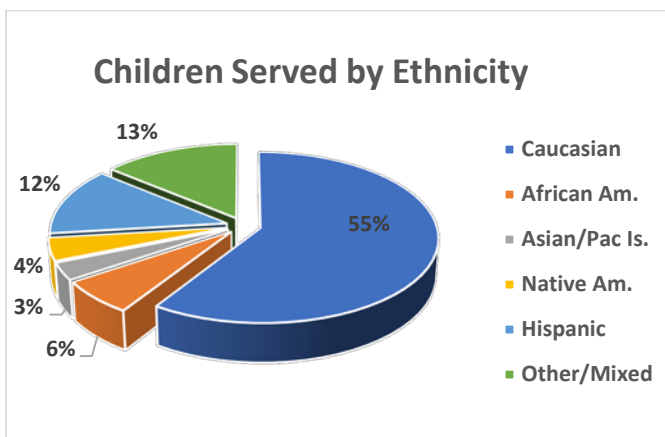
The majority (**67%**) of investigations coordinated through CACs were for sexual abuse. In addition, children were seen for physical abuse, neglect, domestic violence, and drug endangerment. Children received, as needed, forensic interviews, medical evaluations, advocacy, and therapy.



**2/3** of these children were under the age of 12.

**32%** were under the age of 6.

Nationally, the median age for reported abuse is 9 years old (Putnam, 2003). However, **more than 20% of children are sexually abused before the age of 8** (Snyder, 2000).



Children's Advocacy Centers strive to **provide culturally competent services** so that every child, and their family, feels they can come to a CAC for help. Children receiving services through Children's Advocacy Centers in Washington reflected the diversity of their communities.

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